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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

Successful holding of election—duty of all citizens

Prime Minister attends inauguration of Leinli Bridge on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—The inauguration of Leinli Bridge on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (9) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction took place at the pavilion near the bridge in Pinlaung Township in Shan State (South) this morning.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein made an address at the ceremony and unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge.

It was also attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of

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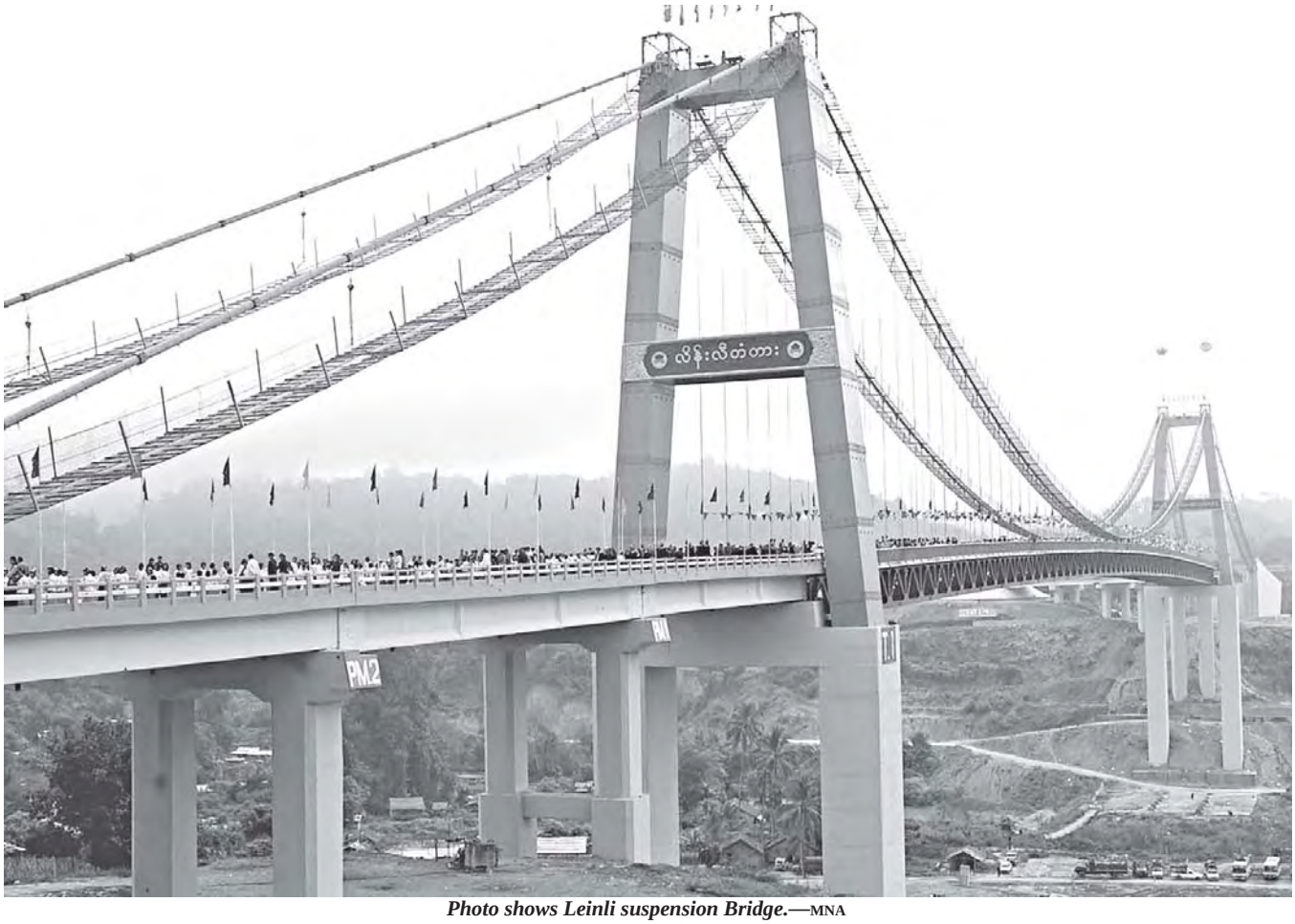

Photo shows Leinli suspension Bridge.—MNA

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The reliable Election Commission in the time of the Tatmadaw government will hold the forthcoming election in consistence with the constitution and election rules on 7 November 2010.

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POEM:

* **Towards democracy era**
  Aspire all national people
  Making systematic preparations
  Constitution was drawn
  Will last till posterity
  Truly comprehensive and enduring
  Marching to the elections

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PERSPECTIVES

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Choose good and able persons

Multiparty democracy general election will be held on a grand scale. It will go down in the annals of Myanmar history. The people will march on toward the new democratic nation with democracy administration by choosing candidates with nationalistic spirit.

An election is important for the future of the nation and the people. Casting votes in the election is fundamental rights and duty of a citizen. The people eligible for casting votes are to choose the good and able persons by effectively enjoying rights of citizen.

Casting votes in the election is to be done without fail in transition process to a democratic nation. People can enjoy democratic right by choosing candidates on their behalf to serve the interest of the State. As democracy is a system to be realized through concerted efforts of the people, all the people are to join hands in practicing democracy.

The upcoming election is the first step to shape the nation into democratic one. In this case, the ballots of the people are the most important in democratization process. Thus, all the people are to cast votes in order to place right persons in right places with farsightedness.

The respective election commissions have made systematic arrangements to see that the election is free and fair in all aspects. The people have the opportunity to freely vote for parties and candidates of their choice. Political parties and candidates have been allowed to take part in the election and to canvass for the votes in line with the respective rules and regulations.

The upcoming election is the threshold for emergence of a democratic nation. Thus, all the voter people are to go to polling stations for casting votes for the candidates who will serve the interests of the nation and the people with genuine goodwill.

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**

Commander meets officials and other ranks

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North East-Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, on 27 October, inspected road section work on Kutkai-Tarmoenye-Monesi-Tapar road and maintenance of Thanlwin River-crossing Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpar).

On 28 October, the commander met officials and other ranks and their families at Gongyan local battalion in Laukkai District and presented gifts to them.

From there, the commander looked into construction project of Laukkai-Gongyan road and Hopan-Mameinhon-Panlon road. He fulfilled the needs in meeting with officials and other ranks and their families at station hall in Hsenwi Township and looked round the station.

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Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi visiting Earth Industrial Electrical Appliances Factory in South Dagon Industrial Zone.
(News reported)
MNA

Yangon Mayor signs condolence book for the demise of Former Chairman of Government of the Russian Federation

YANGON, 5 Nov— Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin signed Condolence Book opened at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, at No 38, Sagawa Road, Dagon Township at 1:50 pm today, for the demise of His Excellency Mr. Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, Former Chairman of Government of the Russian Federation on 3 November 2010.

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YCDC Chairman Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin signs Condolence Book opened for the demise of Mr Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, Former Chairman of Government of the Russian Federation on 3 November.
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Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament concludes

Winners seen after the prize presentation ceremony of Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament.
HAN GOLF MASTERS

YANGON, 4 Nov— Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd organized the Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament 2010 (Yangon) at Myanmar Golf Club in 9th-Mile, here, yesterday morning. Responsible persons presented awards of nearest pin and longest drive and first to fifth prizes to respective winners in the divisions A and B.

The tournament was sponsored by Nivea (Men Product), Vitabiotics, Dagon Brewery Ltd, Grand Royal Premium Drinking Water, Royal Furniture, Ogawa and 9th-Mile Myanmar Golf Club.

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Policemen cry during a funeral of their colleague a day after a bomb attack in Baghdad's Jihad District on 3 Nov, 2010.

INTERNET

World Bank raises China growth outlook

BEIJING, 5 Nov— China's rapid growth is easing to a manageable pace and Beijing can do more to reconfigure its economy to promote domestic consumption and reduce reliance on trade, the World Bank said Wednesday.

Inflation that has risen steadily this year should level off and is unlikely to be a serious problem, the bank said in a quarterly China outlook.

The Washington-based bank raised its 2010 growth forecast from 9.5 percent to 10 percent and said the expansion should slow to 8.7 percent next year.

Growth eased to 9.6 percent in the three months ending in September, down from 10.3 percent the previous quarter, as the government imposed lending and investment curbs.

"We think that coming from this very strong growth, China should be able to ease into a more sustainable growth rate in the long term," said the report's main author, Louis Kuijs, at a news conference.

The outlook reflects China's status as the first major economy to rebound from the global crisis on the strength of a flood of stimulus spending and bank lending. While Washington and others are trying to shore up growth, Beijing faces the challenge of cooling inflation and restoring normal conditions.

Internet

Rocket blows up in police vehicle, kills four

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov— A rocket confiscated by authorities blew up in the back of a police pickup truck in northern Iraq on Thursday, killing four people. Police and hospital officials also said two people died in a roadside bomb explosion west of Baghdad.The deaths come just days after the Iraqi capital was hit by a series of horrific attacks that claimed more than 150 lives.

At least 91 people died Tuesday night in a string of bombings in the city's predominantly Shiite Districts while 58 died in a four-hour siege of a Baghdad church during Sunday Mass. Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki strongly condemned the assault on the Catholic church in downtown Baghdad, calling it an "evil terrorist attack that targeted our Christian brothers."

Internet

Policemen arrest a suspected militant during a raid operation at an area south of Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad on 4 Nov, 2010.

INTERNET

Leaders of Colombia, Venezuela seek improved ties

CARACAS, 5 Nov— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos agreed Tuesday to strengthen ties through energy projects as they sought to improve relations and leave behind recent bitter disputes. They agreed to resurrect plans for a natural gas pipeline stretching from Venezuela to Central America and also revived a proposal to build an oil pipeline from Venezuela's oil fields to Colombia's Pacific coast.

Venezuela's state oil company will resume fuel sales to Colombian border states and Chavez invited Colombian oil company Ecopetrol to seek a deal to pump oil in Venezuela's crude-rich Orinoco River basin.

Internet

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, right, waves to journalists as Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos looks on after a welcoming ceremony at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela, on 2 Nov, 2010.

INTERNET

In this 13 Oct, 2010 photo, a worker installs a new layer on an advertisement board showing skyscrapers.—INTERNET

Report says Arab world faces worsening water crisis

BEIRUT, 5 Nov—The Arab world, one of the driest regions on the planet, will tip into severe water scarcity as early as 2015, a report issued on Thursday predicts. By then, Arabs will have to survive on less than 500 cubic metres of water a year each, or below a tenth of the world average of more than 6,000 cubic metres per capita, said the report by the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED).

"The Arab world is already living a water crisis that will only get worse with inaction," the report says, adding per capita supply has plunged to only a quarter of its 1960 level. Rapid population growth will further stress water resources. According to UN projections, the Arabs, who now number almost 360 million, will multiply to nearly 600 million by 2050. Climate change will aggravate matters. By the end of this century, Arab countries may experience a 25 percent drop in precipitation and a 25 percent increase in evaporation rates, according to climate change models cited in the report.

"As a result, rain-fed agriculture will be threatened, with average yields estimated to decline by 20 percent," it says. Thirteen Arab countries are among the world's 19 most water-scarce nations. People in eight Arab countries already have to make do with less than 200 cubic metres a year each.

MNA/Reuters

Cuba says all 68 on board died in plane crash

HAVANA, 5 Nov—All 68 people on board an Aero Caribbean plane were killed when it crashed in mountainous central Cuba on Thursday after issuing an emergency call, a Cuban Government website said on Friday.

"There were no survivors in airline accident," www.cubadebate.cu said in a headline that topped a list of the passengers and crew on the ill-fated plane.

The Civil Aeronautics Agency said there were 40 Cubans on board, including seven crew members, and 28 foreigners. The foreigners came from 10 countries.

A photograph on the website showed flames rising from the shattered remains of the plane — an *ATR-72-212* twin turboprop built by ATR, a joint venture of Europe's EADS and Italian group Finmeccanica.—*MNA/Reuters*

Costa Rica landslide kills 20 people

SAN JOSE, 5 Nov—A landslide caused by heavy rain killed 20 people in Costa Rica on Thursday as President Laura Chinchilla considered declaring a national emergency to help the coffee-growing nation deal with widespread flooding. The National Emergency Commission said 15 people remained missing after rains overnight loosened a swathe of Cerro Pico Blanco, a mountain popular with hikers and rock climbers, causing the mudslide that buried poorly constructed houses. Chinchilla told a conference earlier on Thursday the disaster was one of the worst the Central American nation had confronted. "It has been a great national tragedy," she said.

Rescuers searched for survivors in San Antonio de Escazu, where shanty homes are mixed in with stately dwellings belonging to foreigners drawn to its trails and wooded areas. Over 1,300 people in the capital and along Costa Rica's Pacific coast were moved to shelters to flee the flooding prompted by rains pelting the country this week. —*MNA/Reuters*

World stocks gain as Fed word on stimulus awaited

In this 1 Nov, 2010 photo, Thomas Bishop, left, talks with a fellow specialist.—INTERNET

BANGKOK, 5 Nov—World stocks were mostly higher Wednesday as markets digested news that Republicans gained control of the House in midterm US elections and attention refocused on the Federal Reserve's plans to stimulate the world's biggest economy.

Oil prices rose above $84 a barrel amid expectations the Fed's upcoming announcement could further weaken the dollar and boost demand for crude. In currencies, the dollar fell against the yen and the euro.

European bourses rose in early trading. Britain's FTSE 100 was up less than 0.1 percent to 5,759.42. France's CAC-40 was up 0.3 percent to 3,875.82, and Germany's DAX rose 0.1 percent to 6,661.46.

Stock market futures in the United States were little changed as election results streamed in. Dow futures were down less than 0.1 percent to 11,145. Standard and Poor's 500 Index, the market index that most professional investors follow, was down 0.5 point, or less than 0.1 percent, at 1,192.20.

Among Asian shares closing higher was Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, which climbed 2 percent to 24,144.67.

South Korea's Kospi rose 1 percent to 1,935.97 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 climbed 0.5 percent to 4,722.6.

Internet

US jobless claims up, productivity caps inflation

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov—New US claims for jobless aid rose last week and a strong rebound in productivity in the third quarter showed emplo-yers wringing more output from current workers rather than hiring.

US business productivity rose at a stronger-than-expected 1.9 percent annual rate, the Labour Department said on Thursday, leading to a surprise dip in unit labor costs, a closely watched gauge of inflation pressure.

The data came a day after the Federal Reserve launched a programme to buy an additional 600 billion US dollars worth of government bonds out of concern over lofty unemployment and the risk slowing inflation could lead to a down-ward price spiral that could shackle the economy.

"The big picture is that firms are trying to squeeze every ounce out of the workers they have and this is one reason they feel no need to hire," said Cary Leahey, an economist at Decision Economics in New York.

The govern-ment's closely watched monthly employment report, to be released on Friday, is expected to show anemic jobs growth in October.

MNA/Reuters

Battle begins in business-software square-off

OAKLAND, 5 Nov—A battle between two of the world's biggest makers of business software hinges on the value of a trove of millions of stolen customer-support documents.

In its first pitch to a federal jury Tuesday, Oracle Corp said archrival SAP AG's plundering of password-protected Oracle websites dealt a $2 billion blow to Oracle's business.

The attacks on Oracle's resources at times seemed ham-handed.

Oracle said an SAP subsidiary, Tomor-rowNow, created bogus accounts to get access to walled-off Oracle websites. Once inside, Oracle said, TomorrowNow deplo-yed computer programmes that powered through page after page of support documents, "scraping" and saving the contents of those pages as they went.

Internet

Is GM really worth as much as Ford right now?

DETROIT, 5 Nov—If investors pay what General Motors hopes to get for its stock in a planned IPO, they'll have to buy the logic that the company's stock-market value should be similar to its closest competitor, Ford Motor Co. But Ford is making far more money these days and its US market share is rising while GM's is falling and its new management team has little auto industry experience.

Ford's market value — calculated by multiplying its current share price by the total number of shares outstanding — is almost $50 billion.

A GM logo is seen at a General Motors used car dealership at the Troy Motor Mall August 2010.
INTERNET

GM's total would be close to that if it is successful in selling a portion of its shares in an initial public offering later this month somewhere between $26 and $29 a share. That price range was confirmed Monday by three people briefed on the sale who asked not to be named because a formal announcement has not yet been made.

But is GM really worth as much as Ford right now? Ford has been working on a rebuilding plan for five years. It earned $1.7 billion in the third quarter, its sixth consecutive quarterly profit. It also managed through the financial downturn without taking taxpayer money, a big plus in the minds of American car buyers who increasingly are choosing its new cars and trucks.

General Motors Co is still in the early stages of its restructuring, having emerged from bankruptcy protection just 16 months ago. The company has had four CEOs in less than two years, and still must find a way to pay back more than $50 billion in taxpayer money it took to help survive the economic downturn. It has only posted profits in the last two quarters, totaling $2.2 billion.

Internet

BMW astonishes with 11-fold jump in quarterly profit

FRANKFURT, 5 Nov—The world's leading luxury car maker, BMW, reported a huge leap in third-quarter net profit on Wednesday as recovering global markets snapped up its saloons (sedans) and sports utility vehicles.

Net profit at the world's leading luxury car maker, BMW, leapt 11-fold in the third quarter of 2010.
INTERNET

BMW said its net profit leapt 11-fold from the equivalent figure last year, to 874 million euros (1.2 billion dollars), and stood by its sales target for this year and profitability targets for 2012.

"Strong demand for our models, a high-value model mix and the group's strong sales position on international automobile markets resulted in above-average earnings," a statement said.

Analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires had forecast a slightly more modest gain of 914 percent to 791 million euros.

Sales in the quarter rose by 35.6 percent to 15.9 billion euros from 11.76 billion, exceeding the 14.27 billion euros expected by analysts.

Like many premium automakers, BMW suffered a heavy slump in 2009, though it still managed to post profits.

Core earnings at the German group this time around climbed to 1.19 billion euros from 55 million in the third quarter of 2009, but missed an average analyst forecast of 1.25 billion euros.

BMW said the group still planned to sell more than 1.4 million vehicles this year, and was aiming for a profit margin of between eight and ten percent for its core auto activities in 2012.

It also forecast "a significant increase in group pre-tax earnings for the full year 2010," but did not provide a detailed figure.

Internet

Orade CEO Larry Ellison talks during his keynote address at Oracle Open World in San Francisco, California.
INTERNET

WellPoint profit edges higher

NEW YORK, 5 Nov—Health insurer WellPoint Inc (WLP.N) posted slightly higher net income on Wednesday, helped by administrative cost controls, and raised its full-year forecast for profit and membership.

Net income rose to $739.1 million, or $1.84 per share, from $730.2 million, or $1.53 per share, a year earlier.

The largest US health insurer by membership projected net income of "at least" $6.60 per share for 2010, or at least $6.45 excluding items. It previously projected at least $6.30.

Internet

Google was in 'significant breach' of data law

LONDON, 5 Nov—Google violated Britain's data protection laws when its Street View mapping service recorded data from private wireless networks, the country's information commissioner said Wednesday.

The American Internet search giant will escape any fines, however, so long as it pledges not to do it again.

Google Inc drew international outrage after it emerged that its Street View cars, which take street-level photographs to illustrate the company's popular mapping service, had also been scooping up e-mails, Internet addresses and passwords from unencrypted wireless networks. Scotland Yard recently said it would not launch a criminal inquiry into the beach, which the company has described as inadvertent.

Information Commissioner Christopher Graham was recently given the power to levy fines up to 500,000 pounds (about $800,000) for serious violations, but he said in a statement that the "most appropriate and proportionate regulatory action" would be to seek a written assurance from Google that the breach would not be repeated and conduct an audit of the company's data protection practices.

The company based in Mountainview, California said in a statement that it "was profoundly sorry" for the breach, adding that it had since worked to improve its internal controls.

"We did not want this data, have never used any of it on our products and services, and have sought to delete it as quickly as possible," the statement said.

Internet

In this 2 March, 2010 file photo, a woman decorates a camera car of Google at the CeBIT in Hannover.
INTERNET

Court hears arguments on violent video games

In this image released by Rockstar Games, a scene is shown from 'Grand Theft Auto IV: The Lost and Damned'.
INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov—The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed sympathy for a California law that aims to keep children from buying ultra-violent video games in which players maim, kill or sexually assault images of people.

But justices seemed closely split on whether the restrictions are constitutional.

The high court has been reluctant to carve out exceptions to the First Amendment, striking down a ban on videos showing graphic violence to animals earlier this year.

California officials argue that they should be allowed to limit minors' ability to pick up violent video games on their own at retailers because of the purported damage they cause to the mental development of children. Some justices appeared to agree.

"We do not have a tradition in this country of telling children they should watch people actively hitting schoolgirls over the head with a shovel so they'll beg with mercy, being merciless and decapitating them, shooting people in the leg so they fall down," Chief Justice John Roberts said.

Internet

Kinect aims to please, but price could be a hurdle

NEW YORK, 5 Nov—Caryn Bailey, a 32-year-old blogger and mother of two, is impressed with Microsoft's new Kinect game-control system. But she already owns the Wii from rival Nintendo, and she's not ready to shell out hundreds of dollars to switch.

That's the challenge Microsoft Corp faces as it begins selling the long-awaited system on Thursday ahead of the lucrative holiday season. To succeed, Kinect will need to exude the kind of iPad-like magic that defies frugality and gets people spending to experience something new, even as they cut back elsewhere in the uncertain economy.

By all accounts, Kinect is loads of fun. The black, rectangular device, used in conjunction with Microsoft's Xbox 360 console, goes just below your TV screen and senses all the activity in the living room.

Using a 3-D camera, depth sensors and voice-recognition software, it recognizes your face, voice and gestures as you move around and talk, without requiring you to hold a controller or wear a headset. Kinect removes the last barrier between you and the screen: the remote.—*Internet*

***In this 31 Oct, 2010 photo, eleven-year-old Michael McKoy of Charlotte plays the Kinect for XBOX 360.—*INTERNET**

Advent Energy owners deny talks with Indian group

NEW DELHI, 5 Nov—The owners of Advent Energy denied a report Wednesday that India's state-run energy group ONGC was in talks to buy the Australian explorer as the fast-growing country seeks new fuel sources abroad.

India's *Economic Times* newspaper had said Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) was leading a consortium of Indian groups in talks to buy a 25-percent stake in the unlisted company in a deal that could be worth a billion dollars.

"Commentary in the media in India on formal discussions between Advent Energy Ltd and a consortium of Indian state-run energy firms, regarding talks to acquire a 25-percent stake in Advent for one billion, is incorrect," its owners said in statements.

India's growing dependence on energy imports has led the government to urge state-run groups to step up efforts to make overseas acquisitions.

However, none of the big Indian state-run groups has been able to seal a deal in the past 18 months as they suffer competition from their financially stronger Chinese rivals.—*Internet*

An Indian service station employee refuels a gas-powered auto-rickshaw in New Delhi.
INTERNET

Zoo Atlanta giant panda gives birth to third cub

File photo show Giant Panda mother Lun Lun, right, eats bamboo as her cub Mei Lan explores her new habitat at Zoo Atlanta.
INTERNET

ATLANTA, 5 Nov—A giant panda at Zoo Atlanta has given birth to her third cub, the only panda birth at a US zoo so far this year.

Zoo officials say Lun Lun (loon loon) gave birth to the cub at 5:39 am on Wednesday in a specially prepared birthing den.

Zoo Atlanta is one of only four US zoos with the endangered animals. The others are in San Diego, Memphis and Washington, DC.

Lun Lun was inseminated with sperm from her partner, Yang Yang (yahng yahng), in June after the two failed to mate. The couple's previous cubs were Mei Lan (may lahn), born in 2006, and Xi Lan (she lahn), born in 2008. Researchers estimate only 1,600 to 3,000 of the endangered species remain in the wild and another 200 in captivity.—*Internet*

Successful holding of election…

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Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials, engineers and staff, members of social organizations, local people and guests.

In his address, the Prime Minister said a one-way old bailey bridge that can withstand 13-ton loads was located in the place of already-opened bridge across Paunglaung Creek in the past. The old bridge was often flooded due to heavy rains and transportation was poor in consequence.

Leinli Bridge that can withstand 75-ton loads was built while upgrading Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road. Thanks to the new bridge, Pinlaung has direct land access to Nay Pyi Taw, enabling local people to travel from Shan State (South) and Kayah State to Nay Pyi Taw at any time. Besides, they will have easy access to all parts of the nation via Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

Smooth transport is a fundamental requirement not only for regional but also for national development. As it is also an essential infrastructure in building a modern and developed nation, the government has built railroad and road networks covering the whole nation.

In addition, the government has been constructing river and creek crossing bridges one after another. The Leinli Bridge is 1760 feet long and it is the sixth of above 180-foot facility in Shan State (South), thus representing the potential for a modern, developed nation. The new bridge will surely contribute to better transport as well as, transportation of goods to Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Mon State, Kayin State and border areas in a short time. The government has replaced old bridges with better ones, and has constructed bridges over rivers and creeks one after another to overcome natural barriers between one region and another. So far, the Union has seen 249 above 180-foot bridges.

Now, there are eight bridges spanning the river Ayeyawady, compared with only one bridge "Innwa" in the past. Construction of Sinkhan Bridge, Pakokku Bridge, Malun Bridge, Nyaungdon Bridge and Yadanatheinga Bridge are underway.

Previously, national brethren had kept themselves aloof from others due to natural barriers, which are no more now thanks to better transport. Better transport has led to narrowing of development gap between one region and another and improvement in per capita income and socio-economic status of local people. With smooth transport, national unity has been further cemented.

After its assumption of State's duties, the State Peace and Development Council put Our Three Main National Causes in the fore and gave top priority to State stability and community peace and national unity. In the meantime, it has been making efforts to improve the transport sector, which is essential for improving socio-economic status of the people, fortifying relations and cohesion between national races and transforming the nation into an industrialized one.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at the ceremony.

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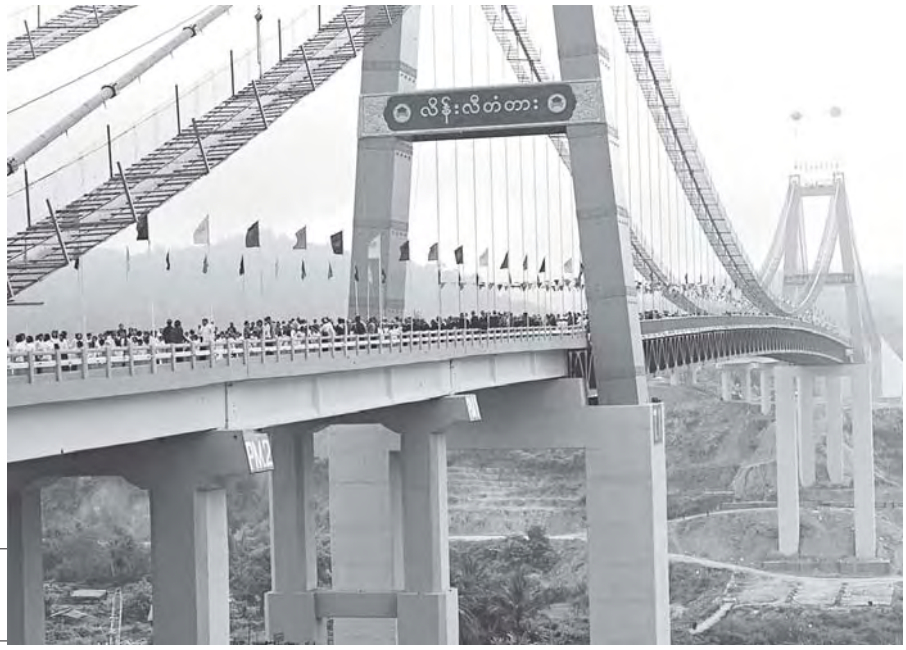

Photo shows Leinli suspension Bridge.

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Successful holding…

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The government is pouring huge funds into short- and long-term projects for transport networks and communication networks across the nation to transform national road networks into national economic corridors.

Thanks to better transport, one can now travel from Putao in the northern part to Kawthoung in the southern part of Myanmar easily, and people can travel by car at any time from Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the eastern part to Sittway in the western part.

The bridge is one of the facilities for development of the Union. Likewise, progress in all aspects can be witnessed in States and Regions including border areas. In Myanmar history, unprecedented sound foundations can be seen in the time of the State Peace and Development Council. The government carries out sector-wise development by adopting 12 political, economic and social objectives for emergence of peaceful, modern and developed democratic new nation that all the people aspire, for ensuring growth of national economy, and enhancing standards of education, health and social sectors. As development momentum could not be equal in all States and Regions based on economic strength, natural resource strength, production strength and living standard, the government strove for narrowing the development gap among the parts of the Union. Nation-building task is to be undertaken with momentum for gaining good results and development based on present situation.

Due to carrying out nation-building tasks in all sectors, roads, bridges, railroads, health care facilities and human resource infrastructures have emerged in all parts of the Union including border areas. Myanmar is blessed with plenty of natural resources. Emphasizing on agriculture sector, the country achieves food sufficiency and contributes to regional food sufficiency. Time has come to build a modern and developed industrialized nation by sustaining development in the agriculture sector and by improving infrastructures.

In making preparations for handing over the sound foundations to new generations to enable the future nation to stand tall among the global countries, it is necessary to place emphasis on possessing national strength with constant development of industry, science and technology sectors for strengthening of economy in the respective regions and development of national economy.

In implementing seven-step Road Map of the State for peaceful transformation from old to new system that will shape the discipline-flourishing democratic new nation all the people aspire, the Multiparty Democracy Election which is the fifth step of the Road Map will be held on 7 November.

Successfully holding the election which is the prestige and integrity of all the citizens and the State is the duty of all citizens. As such, all the people are to carry out the tasks of successfully holding the election in their respective sectors not to tarnish the images of the State and the people.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister stressed the need to maintain the bridge for its durability, to try hard in their works for improvement of their social-economic status and to participate in all sectors for successfully holding the election. Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo made a speech. He said thanks to Leinli Bridge, Shan and Kayah States will enjoy fruits of better transportation and speedy flow of commodities. He thanked the government and the Ministry of Construction for construction of Leinli Bridge and urged the local people to maintain the bridge for its durability.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that the 274-feet-high-bridge was built at a cost of 3.476 million in foreign currency plus K 14,500 million. In the past there was over 200-mile journey from Nay Pyi Taw to Pinlaung through Pyinmana-Meiktila-Aungban-Pinlaung road. But now the distance is only 70 miles, the minister said. U Sai Naw Kham of Pinlaung spoke words of thanks.

After the Prime Minister and party have taken the positions, the commander, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo formally opened the bridge.

The Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photo together with those present. The Prime Minister then unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it.

After the ceremony, they strolled along the bridge.

Leinli Bridge is located at mile post No. 42/5 on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road near Leinli Village of Pinlaung Township, Shan State (South).

The facility is of steel truss suspension bridge. The bridge is 1760 feet long with 1000 feet long main bridge and approach bridges each 380 feet long. The motor way is 28 feet wide flanked by three feet wide pedestrian. The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads. The already-opened bridge is a substitute for the old one-way bailey bridge that withstood 13-ton loads in the past.—*MNA*

***Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils stone inscription of Leinli Bridge.*—MNA**

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and party stroll along the bridge.

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***Commander Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Minister U Tin Naing Thein, Minister U Khin Maung Myint and Minister U Maung Oo formally open Leinli Bridge.*—MNA**

Myanmar's election will be free and fair

Po Yaychan

Having seen several elections, Myanmar has encountered varieties of evil consequences of elections. Myanmar had never witnessed (democratic) elections in the time of the colonialists. Chosen to the parliament were only consultant ministers to the British governor. So, it was under complete influence of foreigners. There were so many restrictions on the voting right and the right to stand for election. Therefore, such unfair elections are not put on the list of democratic elections that reflect the desire of Myanmar people.

Despite the rule of the British, Myanmar people's independence struggles picked up momentum, thus pressurizing the British governor grant permission to General Aung San at the helm of independence movements to form a consultant council (Myanmar interim government). So, the nation got closer to the goal of independence. That called for formulation of a constitution to be designed to enable the representatives elected by vote of the people to effectively exercise State's sovereign power (the power to promulgate laws in the public interest, the power to rule the country in line with those laws, and the power to put law offenders on trial). So, a constituent assembly election was convened in 1947 to coordinate independence movements and draw a constitution.

The election was held in the reign of the British government but under the aegis of General Aung San, head of the Myanmar Patriotic Army which was a household name for its fine tradition of anti-colonialist movements, anti-Fascist resistance and independence struggles. General Aung San steered the AFPFL (Anti-Fascists People's Freedom League) formed to launch attacks with massive participation of the public for independence. The entire people firmly believed that the nation would soon regain independence thanks to the leadership of General Aung San, and the strength of the AFPFL and the people in combination. Therefore, in the 1947 constituent assembly election, the people expressed massive support for all the AFPFL candidates (except seven Communist candidates) nominated by General Aung San. In the election, there were no vote rigging, murders or threats.

Myanmar regained independence on 4 January 1948, and Burma Communist Party, Pyithu Yebaw (White Yebaw) and Red Flag Communists went underground shortly thereafter. KNDO (Kayin) attempting with the abetment of the West bloc to secede from the Union, MNDO (Mon), Mujahit, and KMT (nationalist Chinese) troops that had fled from China and invaded and occupied eastern Shan State with the abetments of CIA of the US sparked multicoloured insurgency. Many members walked out of the AFPFL. After the demise of General Aung San, the AFPFL was no longer popular among the people.

In such alarming situations, the AFPFL extended its rule to 1952 by making amendments to the constitution three times, instead of holding an election due to take place in June 1949 in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. Myanmar saw a parliamentary general election in 1952, an election in 1956, and two elections held under the arrangements of the AFPFL government. Yet, pocket armies of AFPFL (Pyusawhti, militia, defence, reserve police force, and special police) committed the murder of nine men (killed in Minhla and Sitkwin), and massacre in Sitaung-aing Village, Myeik.

The election was held for three separate sessions in order that every AFPFL representative could be elected in another election if they were not elected in an election. The election was completely rigged. They dishonestly arranged the results of the election. District commissioners under the influence of AFPFL were appointed as officials for district elections. Only after being kept for many days, were the ballot papers counted. One way or another, they deterred voters who were in support of Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta (opposition) from casting votes. In the meanwhile, insurgents (Communists) made death threats to residents of villages in order that the latter would vote for Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta. The book "Towards Fair Multiparty Democracy Election" written by the chairman of the election commission Saya Che (Naingngan Gonyi Grade I) and published by Aung Sit The Publishing House, the books published by opposition party Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta, the-then newspapers and documents on the election tribunal feature all the dishonest arrangements for election results.

After the ruling AFPFL government split into many factions, Socialist Party in disguise of AFPFL was broken into two groups: Nu-Tin (Clean AFPFL) with U Nu, who was not a member of Socialist Party but who could not bear the situations of losing power at all, and Thakin Tin; and Swe-Nyein (Stable AFPFL) led by U Ba Swe and U Kyaw Nyein. They were aggressive to each other. With the intention of taking one jump ahead of their rivals, members of Clean AFPFL smuggled forces and weapons into Yangon, so the situation was on the verge of a bloodstream. Worrying that a battle between two Socialist facts was in the horizon, U Nu resigned from the party as Prime Minister on 28 October 1958, and handed power to General Ne Win to hold a free and fair election following restoration of State stability. Taking over power at a parliamentary conference, General Ne Win's Caretaker Government launched measures to restore stability, and held an election in February 1960.

At the conference of commanding officers in Yangon in 1959, General Ne Win said that the Tatmadaw government would hold a free and fair election, instructing senior military officers and high-ranking officials not to interfere in and to be neutral in the election in order that not only the people but also servicemen would be able to vote for the candidates they favoured. (read contemporary publications for more details)

Stable AFPFL, Clean AFPFL and Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta were major contenders in the election in February 1960. In the run-up to the election, U Nu of Clean AFPFL offered religious incentives in canvassing for votes. Burma Communist Party that went underground issued announcements to canvass for votes and made armed threats to many villages for Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta to come to power. About 10 military commanding officers, hard-cores Socialist Party, with attachments to Stable (Swe-Nyein) AFPFL also dishonestly arranged the election results, made threats and committed election rigging. Only when the winning party Clean AFPFL (Pa-Hta-Sa) submitted reports on dishonest arrangements to change election results by some commanding officers, did the commander-in-chief of defence services know about that. Later, the offenders were sacked from the Tatmadaw. The head of the Tatmadaw and the whole armed forces served as an upright judge, so the prime minister of Pa-Hta-Sa praised General Ne Win and the Tatmadaw (Caretaker Government) at the parliamentary session on 4 April 1960. Commanding officers, reserve police and commanding officers of special police forces who were in support of Stable AFPFL were widely slammed in the 1960 election. Bo Tet Myint, who supported Stable AFPFL, killed six people who were canvassing for votes to Clean AFPFL, which was later known as the murder of six people.

From 1974 to date, the nation saw elections for four times under the arrangements of the Revolutionary Council and the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party government. At that time, the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party served as the one party government according to the 1974 constitution approved by 90.19 percent of the voters. In the election pattern, a voter had to put his ballot for a party into the white ballot box if he was in faour of the representatives nominated by the party, or into the black ballot box if he was not. At the time, the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party was the most popular in the nation, so only the representatives it had nominated were elected. There were some objection votes. So, there were no tragedies or rigging in the election.

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The reliable Election Commission in the time of the Tatmadaw government will hold the forthcoming election in consistence with the constitution and election rules on 7 November 2010. Every voter can vote freely in a polling booth. They just have to put their ballot papers into the ballot boxes in front of others.

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Po Yaychan

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The Tatmadaw government organized the 1990 election. It did not interfere in it. The election was held in the absence of a constitution. So the election was, like the 1947 election, merely a constituent assembly designed to write a constitution. Of the 238 parties, 93 parties stood for election. The Tatmadaw assigned duties to the election commission to ensure a free and fair election.

However, such foreign radio stations as BBC, VOA, and AIR meddled in the election. They unjustly canvassed for votes. In addition, insurgents underground made armed threats to and squeezed the people to cast votes for the candidates the former favoured. Some foreign diplomats who did not honour the diplomatic ethics interfered in the election for the candidates they were in support of. Many elements launched movements as pro-democracy activities for a repeat of 8-8-1988 disturbances. The winners claimed that the election was free and fair. If in doubt, anyone can observe the tribunal records or files heard at Yangon High Court at No. 1, Pansodan Street, after the election, regarding the complaints lodged by many parties.

In the times of 1952 and 1956 elections, many people did not have national registration cards yet. Taking full advantage of that weak point, some people drew ballot papers several times by telling who they were and cast votes several times. In a case in Pyinmana, a person was arrested with 45 ballot papers in his pocket. According to the situation, a person could put a large number of ballot papers into the ballot box. In the 1960 election, voters were checked with their national registration cards. (However, many cases of rigging could not be prevented.)

In the election held on 27 May 1990, every voter had to show their national registration cards. In it, ballot paper system was used instead of poll card system. A voter had to make a seal in the square box shown against the name of the candidates they were in favour. In some cases, seals were not clear, and in some cases, seals were too inky, which were cancelled. No one had opportunity to rig the election. When polling station hours were over, ballot papers were counted in front of the candidates. The Tatmadaw was neutral and made sure that the election was free and fair.

The referendum (2008) was held in the time of the State Peace and Development Council (Tatmadaw) government. A voter had to submit his citizenship scrutiny card to draw a ballot paper, enter a polling booth and put a tick if he favoured or a cross if he did not vaour the draft constitution. Then, he had to put it into the ballot box in front of others. Before the polling station was opened, some persons who were already in the station were invited to witness that the ballot boxes were empty and set in places where the boxes were easily visible to comers. After the voting process was over, last comers were invited to a place where ballot boxes were opened and ballot papers were counted. Then, the papers were classified and put on record, put into sacks and sent to the superior election commission. Diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon, and representatives of UN agencies were invited to the referendum for their firsthand experience. They came to know that the referendum was fair.

The reliable Election Commission in the time of the Tatmadaw government will hold the forthcoming election in consistence with the constitution and election rules on 7 November 2010. Every voter can vote freely in a polling booth. They just have to put their ballot papers into the ballot boxes in front of others. Before that, they have to fold the ballot papers in half in order that others including the returning officer cannot know for who voters have voted. Ballot boxes will be set in clearly visible places. As soon as the polling station is opened, ballot boxes will be opened and proved that they are empty. Only then, will the ballot boxes be closed. Then, voted ballot papers will be put into the boxes. When the polling station is closed at 4 pm, ballot papers will be counted in front of the candidates or their representatives. Then, ballot papers will be classified, registered and put into respective sacks. Then, signs will be put and the sacks will be sealed. If an unauthorized person approaches the site, he will be clearly visible to bystanders outside the polling station. If so, security members will debar him from advancing. And the representatives of the candidates can object such suspicious acts. Only ballot papers that carry the signature of the returning officer will be counted in order that fake ballot papers cannot be put into the ballot boxes. A law has been promulgated to prohibit anyone from canvassing for votes in the area 500 yards radius of the polling station.

On 18 October 2010, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe invited resident representatives of UN agencies, foreign diplomats and journalists to Nay Pyi Taw and make clarification to the voting process so that the visitors would see that the election will be free and fair. Out of pessimism and negative attitude, certain elements are claiming that they do not think that the upcoming election will be free and fair. There are so many profound evidences of elections of other countries. But, I'd rather make no comments on them because they are the concerns of the nations concerned. I am confident that upcoming Myanmar's election will be record free and fair.

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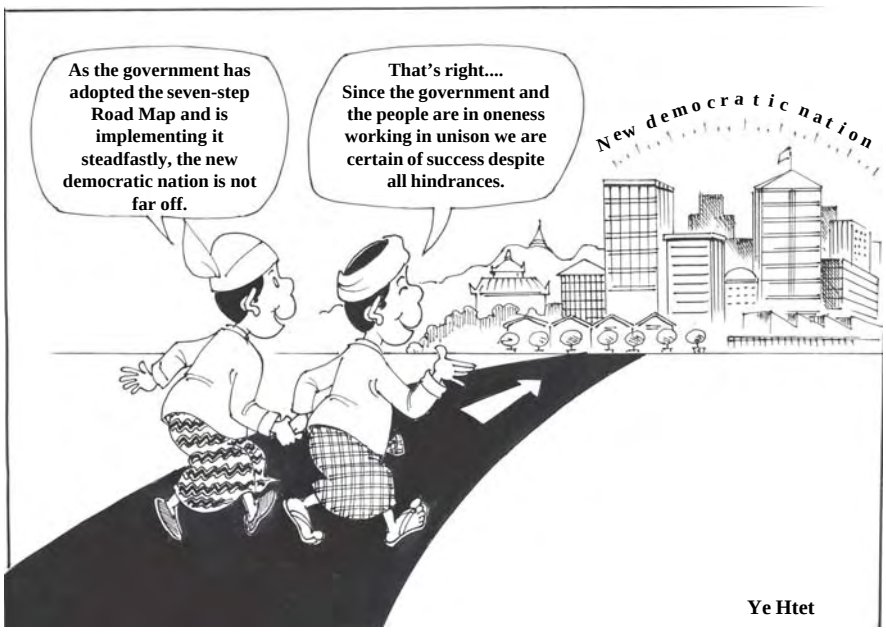

POEM:

The future of Union

*** Towards democracy era**
Aspire all national people
Making systematic preparations
Constitution was drawn
Will last till posterity
Truly comprehensive and enduring
Marching to the elections

*** Citizens of this country**
Glory of milestone
Equal rights for making choices
Voting is constructive
In mind people know
And cast votes they all
History they are writing

*** On air comes instigation**
Saboteurs and destructionists
Conspiracy they are making
As all going against their want
People distinguish between right and wrong

*** All the people**
Conviction they have
Adding awareness in mind
Will go to polling stations
Cast votes en masse
So happy they are

*** Will cast votes for our cause**
In mind our own goal
Whole nation will vote
Progress and prosperity
For the future of Union

Lu Nyein Thit (Trns)

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views sites chosen for construction of stadiums. — MNA

Plans underway to build international...

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Funded by FIFA, permission for construction of Football Academy (Upper Myanmar) was granted on 10-acre area next to the Sports and Physical Education Institute. One international-standard football stadium, one sports stadium, one swimming pool, one velodrome ground, one sepak takraw stadium, one weight lifting centre, one bowling alley, one shooting range and tennis courts will be constructed in the remaining area.

President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw gave a supplementary report on construction of the international-standard football stadium.

The construction of the National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) is being implemented with the aim of improving Myanmar's sports standard and hosting Asian Games as well as SEA Games in the future.

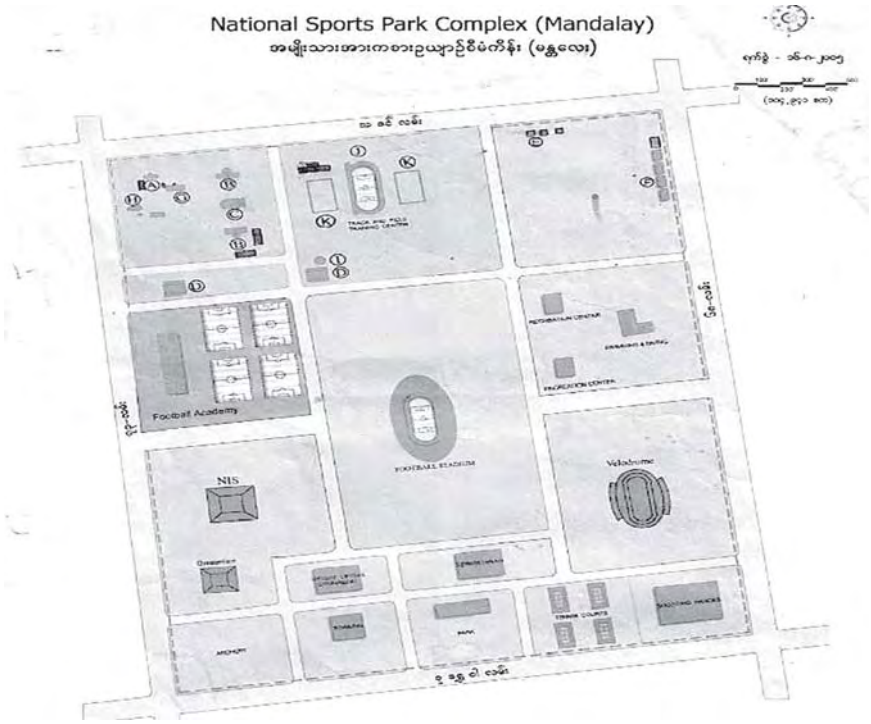

Photo shows layouts of stadiums to be constructed in National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay).—MNA

International-standard football stadium in National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) project.
MNA

The Secretary-1 said that to uplift sports standard and to host SEA Games and Asian Games, two international-standard football stadiums are being constructed in Nay Pyi Taw and Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) is being upgraded into modern one. On completion of sports facilities in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay, Myanmar will be able to host Asian Games in a classy manner. He urged the officials to mind for safety of spectators, and to systematically construct the National Sports Park Complex with full facilities.

The Secretary-1 coordinated for construction of an international-standard football stadium in Mandalay due to insufficient seating capacity at Bahtoo football ground which is currently hosting the MNL League. The Secretary-1 viewed the layout of the international-standard football stadium and gave necessary instructions.

After inspecting the sites chosen for construction of the stadiums, the Secretary-1 left the football academy for Nay Pyi Taw and arrived back here in the evening.

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Plans underway to build international...

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The stadium in the National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) will be built between 68th Street and 73rd Street and between Ngushwewah Street and Thazin Street in Chanmyathazi Township in Mandalay Region.

The stadium, which will be able to hold 30,000 fans will be 16265 square metres wide running track with 294,27 square metres-wide football pitch. The height of its structure will be 23.5 metres.

Showroom, office, meeting hall, clinic, dressing room, VIP room, cafetaria, press room, bath room, mega stores, training room, library and offices for referees and coaches will compose the ground floor of the stadium.

Offices, meeting halls, coach rooms, bath room, and restrooms will be included on its first floor.

CCTV room, control room, VIP room, cafetaria, TV room, radio room and light and sound control room will form the second floor.

Football academy, tennis grounds, shooting range, body fitness centre, swimming pool, velodrome, archery range, weight lifting centre, sepak tekraw ground, and bowling alley will be built in the stadium.

The construction of the National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) is being implemented with the aim of improving Myanmar's sports standard and hosting Asian Games as well as SEA Games in the future.

Mandalay currently has Ba Htoo and Aungmyay Mandalar stadiums, but both of which do not meet the seating capacity for local matches.

On completion of the park, it will be able to hold domestic games conveniently.

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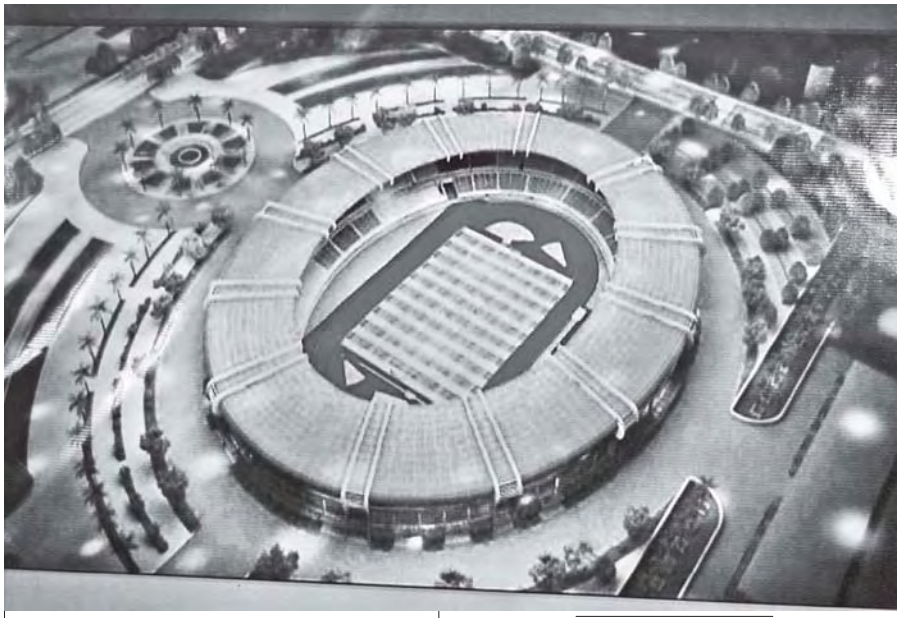
***Photo shows scale model of international-standard gymnasium of National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay).*—MNA**



***Scale model of stadium included in National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay).*—MNA**

Scale model of swimming pool at National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay).

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Civilian wounded in mine blast in Htantabin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— A mine planted by insurgents in Kyaukkyee Pauk Village in Htantabin Township, Bago Region exploded at 3:30 of 31 October, leaving one civilian seriously wounded.

Zaw Min Tun, who lives in Kyaukkyee Pauk Village, Htantabin Township, Bago Region, stepped on the mine near Yaukthawa Creek while searching wood with his companions.

The victim lost his right foot and was transferred to Taungoo Hospital from Htantabin Hospital. He is now receiving treatment at Taungoo Hospital.—*MNA*

Instructions to be followed in voting process

1. Try to know your serial number of ballot list in order to cast vote without any delay.
2. Voting process can be quick by giving your serial number of ballot list to the ballot list inspector.
3. Put a tick in the box next to the candidate and the symbol you want to choose on your ballot paper.
4. Do not sketch or write anything on your ballot paper, except putting a tick.
5. Do not sketch anything impossible to decide whether it is a tick or cross on your ballot paper.
6. Make sure that your ballot paper is not torn.
7. Put the ballot paper you have put a tick on into the ballot box concerned.

Notable points to avert having votes cancelled

Election Rule 66 (c) states that the following types of ballot papers shall be cancelled.

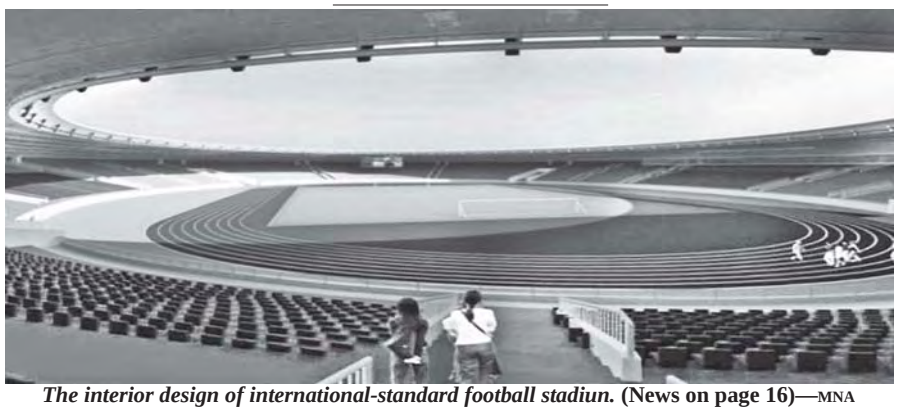
(1) A ballot paper that does not have the seal of the commission
(2) A ballot paper that does not have the signature of the returning officer
(3) A ballot paper with more than one tick to favour more than one candidate
(4) A ballot paper with no tick
(5) A ballot paper with an unclear tick
(6) A ballot paper the returning officer decides to be a fake one
(7) A ballot paper with a mark designed to hint
(8) A torn-up ballot paper

To amplify the provisions on cancelled votes for the knowledge of voters,

(1) A voter must put a tick in the square box shown against the name of the candidate he favours.
(2) If a voter puts at least two ticks or crosses in square boxes shown against candidates, the ballot paper is cancelled.
(3) A vote with no tick is cancelled.
(4) If a ballot paper carries only one mark in a box, but the mark is not clear enough to decide whether it is a tick or cross, it is cancelled.
(5) However, if a vote is cast with one tick to favour only one candidate, it can be deemed to be a firm vote even if the tick is in the square box, or it passes through the line of the square box, or it is put diagonally or horizontally, or it has a bent line at its end or not.

To decide whether a ballot paper is valid or invalid is up to the returning officer. Candidates to hluttaws, their election representatives, and the representatives of a polling station are allowed to check the cancelled votes. The reason why a vote is cancelled will be put on record with the designated form.

International-standard bowling alley included in the project. **(News on page 16)**—MNA



The interior design of international-standard football stadiun. **(News on page 16)**—MNA

International-standard tennis court included in the project. **(News on page 16)**

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Healthcare treatment activities continue in Giri storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—A medical team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin of Health Department of the Ministry of Health made the field trips to Koyanpyin rural healthcare centre and Laundarate clinic of storm-hit Myebon Township on 3 November where they provided healthcare for 187 patients and carried out sanitation tasks.

Likewise, the medical teams provided healthcare to 321 patients in Laundarate Village of Myebon Township. An eight-member specialist team of Yangon General Hospital also gave medical treatment by mobile hospital-ship along the riverbank.

Thirty-three members of regional medical team went to Myebon and Pauktaw townships to deal with healthcare treatment for storm victims.

Other medical teams also gave treatments to storm victims in Kyaukpyu Township.—*MNA*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (21611)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (21611) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Kenny Chesney returns to road with Zac Brown Band

NASHVILLE, 5 Nov — Kenny Chesney is returning to the road with a vengeance. Country music's top touring draw of the decade announced Thursday he will co-headline nine stadium dates next year with the Zac Brown Band, pairing two top road acts.

Chesney had sold more than a million tickets a year for eight consecutive years before taking 2010 off. He filled up his time by making two movies and completing his new album, "Hemingway's Whiskey," which debuted at No. 1 in September.

The singer admitted to feeling the lure of the road while away, but the four-time winner of entertainer of the year from both The Country Music Association and The Academy of Country Music thinks the time off will improve the show his fans see next spring and summer. *Internet*

Kenny Chesney performs at the 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. Country music's top touring draw of the decade announced on 4 Nov, 2010 that he will co-headline nine stadium dates next year with the Zac Brown Band, pairing two top road acts. **INTERNET**

A police bomb disposal expert carries equipment before destroying a suspicious package returned by the French embassy to a delivery service was destroyed, in central Athens, on 4 Nov, 2010. **— INTERNET**

Greece: Suspect package returned, destroyed

ATHENS, 5 Nov — Bomb disposal experts destroyed a suspicious package returned by the French embassy Thursday to a delivery service in central Athens, following a spate of mail bombings that targeted embassies and European leaders.

Police said the latest package contained a small amount of explosives and was destroyed by controlled explosion. They said an erroneous return address on the package was for the Greek Orthodox Church. In Paris, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero confirmed the suspect package was returned by the embassy in Athens. Valero said the "conditions" by which it reached the embassy appeared suspicious but did not elaborate.

Police were also inspecting packages Thursday at a private delivery company's sorting office outside Athens.The latest incidents occurred despite a large-scale operation involving police, the post office and private mail companies to re-examine thousands of parcels. *Internet*

Spanish authorities inspect 10-year-old mom's home

MADRID, 5 Nov— Spanish authorities say social workers have inspected the home of a 10-year-old Romanian girl who gave birth last week to determine whether her baby is being properly cared for. Authorities in the small southern city of Lebrija also arranged a doctor's appointment to make sure the young mother and infant are doing well.

In a statement Thursday, city officials said they are investigating when the pregnant child arrived in Spain and why she had not seen a doctor in Lebrija before showing up last week at a hospital to give birth. The birth shocked Spaniards and created an international sensation.

Authorities did not give details about the modest apartment where the 10-year-old girl is living with her mother, but the mayor of Lebrija was quoted as calling it "humble."— *Internet*

Applications for jobless aid rise sharply

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — The number of people seeking jobless benefits jumped sharply last week, after two straight weeks of declines. The Labour Department said on Thursday that initial claims for unemployment aid rose by 20,000 to a seasonally adjusted 457,000 for the week ending on 30 Oct.

Wall Street analysts polled by Thomson Reuters had expected a smaller rise. The increase comes after claims fell in four of the previous five weeks. Those drops had brought claims to their lowest level since July and raised hopes the job market was improving. Instead, claims have risen back above the 450,000 level they have fluctuated around all year.

They will need to drop below 425,000 to signal sustained job gains. The weekly applications for unemployment benefits are volatile, but are considered a real-time snapshot of the job market.

They reflect the pace of layoffs and indicate whether companies are hiring. The four-week average of claims, a less volatile measure, rose by 2,000 to 456,000. *Internet*

Job seekers join a line of hundreds of people at a job fair sponsored by Monster.com, in New York. The Labour Department said on 4 Nov, 2010, **— INTERNET**

Struck gas line caused Boston home blast

BOSTON, 5 Nov—A utility official says a home in Boston exploded after construction crews accidentally struck a natural gas line.

Homeowner Michael Burns told reporters that no one was home Wednesday morning when the blast occurred. There were no reports of injuries, but people in about 40 homes in the neighbourhood were ordered to evacuate.

NStar spokeswoman Caroline Allen says the explosion happened after a contractor for the Boston Water and Sewer Commission who was installing a water main at an intersection in the Hyde Park neighbourhood hit the gas line. Gas was released into the home, which was flattened. There were no visible flames but a plume of smoke rose from the wreckage.— *Internet*

Deutsche Telekom results underscore iPhone effect

People walk past a Deutsche Telekom logo at a high-tech fair in Germany. German telecommunications operator Deutsche Telekom disappointed investors with third-quarter results on Thursday, and spotlighted the impact on earnings of smartphones such as Apple's iPhone. **— INTERNET**

FRANKFURT, 5 Nov — German telecommunications operator Deutsche Telekom disappointed investors with third-quarter results on Thursday, and spotlighted the impact on earnings of smartphones such as Apple's iPhone.

Deutsche Telekom reaffirmed its underlying operating profit target for 2010 thanks in part to stronger domestic revenues and reported a 7.9-percent rise in quarterly net profit to 1.035 billion euros (1.46 billion dollars).

The group said it would make an adjusted core operating profit of 20 billion euros for the year as a whole, but its shares fell sharply in midday trading.— *Internet*

Sharp to launch two 3D Android Handsets

TOKYO, 5 Nov — How do you feel about the idea of a 3D display on a phone? Having to wear a pair of special glasses to be able to enjoy 3D content on a mobile phone doesn't sound very practical, but Sharp has a solution in the way of two glasses-free 3D Android handsets.

Bearing the names Galapagos 003SH and 005SH, both handsets sport 1GHz Snapdragon CPUs, Android 2.2, and a 3.8-inch 3D-capable display with 800 x 480 pixel resolution. The main difference between the two phones is the full QWERTY keyboard on the 005SH, but 003SH makes up for it with a slightly better camera, a 9.6 megapixel model capable of recording 720p video, while 005SH sports a (still formidable) 8-megapixel camera.

With 3D currently being all the rage in the world of video entertainment, the technology will inevitably start spilling into the world of smartphones, which - in today's world of handsets with large touch screens - are just as much mobile entertainment platforms as they are phones. While we don't know much about the 3D capabilities of Sharp's upcoming devices, a glasses-free 3D display sounds like the right path in the context of smartphones. — *Internet*

Mourinho returns to Milan as big guns eye last 16

PARIS, 5 Nov—Jose Mourinho's return to the San Siro will highlight Wednesday's Champions League action which could see his Real Madrid advance to the last 16 with a win over AC Milan as Arsenal, Chelsea and Bayern Munich also bid to seal their place in the knock-out stages.

AC Milan's Ronaldinho (centre) and teammates, seen here warming up during a training session.—INTERNET

Mourinho led city rivals Inter Milan to the title last season and with three games left in the group stages his star-studded side, who currently have nine points and sit top of Group G, have a chance to qualify for the last 16.

Real Madrid have never won at the San Siro but will sew up qualification with a second straight win over the Rossoneri, and could do so as group leaders if Dutch side Ajax fail to win at bottom-placed French team Auxerre.

Internet

Barcelona held by defiant Danes

COPENHAGEN, 5 Nov—A Claudemir strike saw Copenhagen draw 1-1 with Barcelona and it means that the winners of Champions League Group D will be decided in the final two matches.

Barcelona travelled to Denmark with the intention of securing qualification for the next round but they found it difficult against a battling Copenhagen, a point behind them.

Lionel Messi gave the visitors the lead but it was short lived as Claudemir equalised from the next attack.

The Catalan side came into the game on the back of an emphatic 5-0 win over Sevilla domestically which keeps them a point behind leaders Real Madrid.

Internet

FC Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (R) shoots to score in front of FC Copenhagen's Swedish defender Mikael Antonsson.—INTERNET

Soldado brace sets up Valencia's Rangers romp

Valencia's forward Roberto Soldado (R) celebrates his goal with Valencia's forward Aritz Aduriz.—INTERNET

MADRID, 5 Nov—Spain forward Roberto Soldado scored a brace as Valencia defeated Rangers 3-0 at the Mestalla Stadium on Tuesday to boost their chances of reaching the knockout stage of the Champions League.

Soldado, a 10-million-euro summer signing from Getafe, scored his first Champions League goals for Valencia on 32 and 69 minutes with Tino Costa adding a late third to inflict a first defeat of the season on Walter Smith's side.

"I am happy with the goals and an important Champions League win for us," said Soldado. "This (playing in the Champions League) is one of the big reasons I signed for Valencia.—*Internet*

Redknapp tells rivals to keep hands off Bale

LONDON, 5 Nov—Harry Redknapp warned Europe's top clubs to keep their hands off Gareth Bale after the Tottenham winger underlined his growing reputation by inspiring a 3-1 win over Inter Milan in the Champions League.

Although Rafael van der Vaart, Peter Crouch and Roman Pavlyuchenko scored the goals that killed off the European champions at White Hart Lane on Tuesday, it was a formidable display from Bale that laid the groundwork for a night to remember for the north London club.

Bale had served emphatic notice of his prodigious talent by scoring a hat-trick in Spurs' 4-3 defeat against Inter in the San Siro two weeks ago, but Rafael Benitez's team clearly hadn't heeded the warning.

The 21-year-old, who joined Spurs from Southampton in 2007 after becoming the youngest player to represent Wales aged 16, was unstoppable as he made a mockery of Maicon's reputation as one of the best right-backs in the world.—*Internet*

Tottenham Hotspur's Gareth Bale (left) vies with Inter Milan's Lucio during their UEFA Champions League.—INTERNET

Man Utd eye last 16 after Bursaspor rout

Manchester United's Darren Fletcher(R) celebrates with Gabriel Obertan after scoring against Bursaspor.
INTERNET

BURSA, 5 Nov—Manchester United virtually assured themselves of a place in the Champions League knockout rounds here Tuesday with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Turkish side Bursaspor.

Second half goals from Scottish midfielder Darren Fletcher, Gabriel Obertan and Bebe sealed victory for United, who now lead Group C by three points from Valencia with two games remaining.

Fletcher put United on course for the win after rifling a low finish past Dimitar Ivankov in the 48th minute at the Bursa Ataturk Stadium.

Internet

Ten-man Monaco held by Bordeaux

MONACO, 5 Nov—Monaco failed to arrest their slump in form as they were held 2-2 at home by Bordeaux here on Tuesday in a match originally postponed on Sunday because of appalling weather in the region.

The point was not enough to lift the 2004 Champions League finalists out of the bottom three and leaves them with just one win in their last 11 league matches with their two goals ending a goal drought in the league stretching back six games.—*Internet*

Bordeaux's forward Yoan Gouffran (L) vies with Monaco's goalkeeper Stephane Ruffier.—INTERNET

Tiger Woods has one last chance for PGA Tour win

SHANGHAI, 5 Nov—No longer No 1 in the world, Tiger Woods said on Wednesday that hasn't changed how he sees himself or what he's trying to do at the HSBC Champions.

"I come to the event to win the event," Woods said. "I haven't won an event in about a year. I've gone through periods like this before in the past. In order to become No 1 in the world, I've won golf tournaments. It's something I haven't done, and it's a matter of going out there and competing and winning."

The HSBC Champions, which starts Thursday at Sheshan International, is the only World Golf Championship he hasn't won.—*Internet*

Tiger Woods of the US smiles upon arrival for a news conference for the Shanghai HSBC Champions golf.—INTERNET

Lyon denied as Benfica go for the knockout

Benfica's midfielder Fabio Coentrao (R) celebrates after scoring against Lyon during their Champions League.—INTERNET

LISBON, 5 Nov—A double from Fabio Coentrao inspired Benfica to a 4-3 Champions League win over Lyon on Tuesday, relaunching the Portuguese side's last 16 bid and ending Lyon's hopes of acquiring the point they needed to make the knockout stage.

Brazilian Alan Kardec opened the scoring for Benfica after 20 minutes, with Portuguese international Coentrao grabbing the first of his two goals just after the half hour.

Javi Garcia lit up the Stadium of Light to give the hosts a 3-0 lead at the interval, and a fourth came from Coentrao on 67 minutes.

Such is Lyon's precarious predicament at home that some Lyon fans unfurled a banner calling on coach Claude Puel to resign.

Internet

Holder Novak Djokovic, seen here in October 2010, led the way with a 6-4, 6-2 defeat of recent training partner Ernests Gulbis as the bulk of Serbia's Davis Cup squad made it to the second round of the Swiss Indoors on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Tennis ace Djokovic cruises as Serbs savour future Cup final

BASEL, 5 Nov—Holder Novak Djokovic led the way with a 6-4, 6-2 defeat of recent training partner Ernests Gulbis as the bulk of Serbia's Davis Cup squad made it to the second round of the Swiss Indoors on Tuesday.

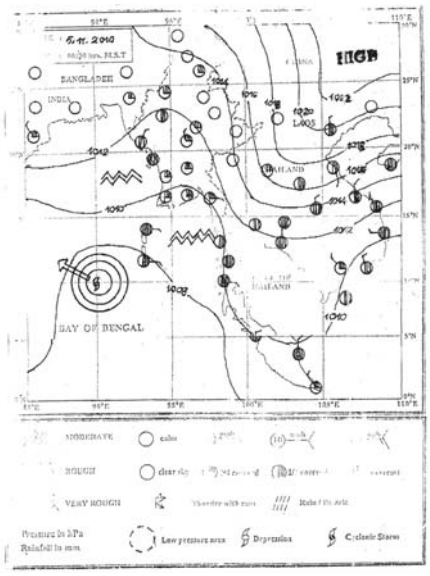
World number three Djokovic had practised last week in Geneva with the Latvian, with whom he grew up at tennis school in Munich, and used the fresh experience on court to roll to victory, his third of four in their series.

Gulbis was broken in the final game and ended his exit with a double-fault after 71 minutes and four breaks of serve.

Internet

SPORTS

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 5th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperature in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (6°C) below November average temperatures in Kayah State, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperature in Kachin State and Mandalay Region and about November average temperature in the remaining States and Regions. The siginficant night temperatures were Namhsam (6°C), Heho (7°C) and Haha (8°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfalls were Kawthong (0.12) inch and Htilin (0.10) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 4-11-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 5-11-2010 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-11-2010 was (74%). Rainfall on 5-11-2010 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 4-11-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 5-11-2010 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-11-2010 was (65%). Total sunshine hours on 4-11-2010 was (10) hours.

Rainfall on 5-11-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 4-11-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the depression over the Southeast Bay of Bengal has move west wards and it is centered at about (540) miles Southeast of Chennai (India). It is likely to intensify further and forecast to move West Northwest wards. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in South Bay West central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 6thNovember 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrese of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-11-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Weather Outlook For Second Weekend Of November 2010: During the coming wekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

US astronaut Scott Kelly, crew member of the mission to the International Space Station, ISS.

INTERNET

Astronauts cast early ballots from space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 5 Nov—Red states. Blue states. And now voting from a weightless state.

The three Americans orbiting the planet on Election Day have cast their ballots.

Space station astronaut Scott Kelly voted Sunday via a secure e-mail system. Douglas Wheelock and Shannon Walker also voted recently 200-plus-miles up. Kelly said Tuesday it was an "honour and a privilege" to vote from the International Space Station.

As for the six shuttle astronauts headed soon to the space station, they voted back home in Houston before heading to NASA's Florida launch site last week. Discovery is scheduled to lift off Wednesday.

Texas legislators passed a bill in 1997 allowing astronauts to vote from orbit. Space station residents have taken advantage of that many times since.

Internet

Myanmar TV

Saturday,
6 November
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:10 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am
6. Poem Garden

8:20 am
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:30 am
8. Musical Programme

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Teleplay (Traffic)

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game For Children

11:50 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

1:20 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

1:40 pm
6. TV Drama Series

2:40 pm
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

2:50 pm
8. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Cultural Dances

4:30 pm
4. Song Of National Races

4:40 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -(First Year) (Botany)

4:55 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

5:10 pm
8. Documentary

5:30 pm
9. Game For Children

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Yindagomae

6:40 pm
13. TV Drama Series

7:45 pm
14. '' How to Cast Vote'' (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon)
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. Documentary
20. Cartoon Series
21. TV Drama Series
22. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn
23. Dispensing Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(6-11-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (6-11-10 09:30 am ~ 7-11-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Caves of Myanmar
* News
* Secret Places for Yummy Food (Episode-6)
* News
* Seven Special Stops around Inlay Lake
* News
* Wedding Fair ''2010''

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Caves of Myanmar
* News
* Secret Places for Yummy Food (Episode-6)
* News
* Seven Special Stops around Inlay Lake
* News
* DEMO's Birthday
* Music Gallery
* News
* ''Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association''
* News
* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
* Exquisite Silver Jewellery
* News
* Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
* Myanmar Movies "Pure Love"

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Plans underway to build international-standard football stadium in National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) project to host Sea Games, Asian Games

Secretary-1 holds discussions on implementation of the project

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo held a discussion about construction of an international-standard football stadium in National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) project in Mandalay Region this morning.

The Secretary-1 together with Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and officials left here and arrived at Football Academy in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay. They were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint, Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and officials.

The sports minister explained that in accord with the instruction of the NOC to uplift the national sports, a project to construct the National Sports Park Complex (Mandalay) in upper Myanmar was drawn. A plot covering 184.94 acres of land between Thazin and Ngushwewah streets, between 68th and 73rd streets in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay was chosen to construct the complex. Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) was opened on 50-acre plot of that ground in 2002.

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SPDC Secretary-1 Myanmar National Olympic Council Chairman Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views layout of international-standard football stadium.
MNA

Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced that according to the observations at 5.30 pm MST today, Depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal is centered at about (530) miles Southeast of Chennai (India). It is likely to intensify and forecast to move West-Northwest wards. The present stage of the Depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar Coasts. Under the influence of the Depression, squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Delta, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.—*MNA*