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Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

YANGON, 8 Oct—At Ngwesin Pale Milch Cow Farm at Laydauntkan Village of Mingaladon Township this morning, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint heard reports on breeding of 500,000 milch cows in the country, daily production of milk and distribution of 19 vaccines for animal (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Ngwesin Pale Milch Cow farm at Laydauntkan village in Mingaladon Township.—MNA

Thriving teak plantations on Bago Yoma

As forests are conserved systematically by our ancestors, over half of the nation’s area is thickly covered by forests. Teak grows well in Bago Yoma. The long-term plan is well under way for greening Bago Yoma with the aim of greening the region and enhancing the socio-economic status of local people.

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Thriving one-year-old teak plantation established in 2007 at South Nawin forest reserve in Paikkhaung township, Pyay District.
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**Strive for development of rural areas**

The government has been implementing the tasks for development of rural areas in which most of the population reside. Urban and rural areas as a result have developed in tandem.

Transport and communications for the rural people have become easier as new roads linking village to village and rural and urban areas and a large number of bridges crossing rivers and creeks are being built. Moreover, new basic education schools, affiliated schools, basic education high schools and self-reliant rural libraries have been built and electric power for rural areas has also been supplied.

Station hospitals and rural dispensaries that provide health care services have also been opened. Thuyethanein station hospital, paediatric ward, new village basic education middle school (branch school) were opened on 4 October in Waw township, Bago Division, with the contribution of wellwishers and the ministry concerned.

Similarly, two new 16-bed station hospitals in Paunglaung region and Kyinchaung Village in Kayan Township were opened in September. With the opening of such hospitals public health care services can be provided to the local people.

Safe drinking water is now available in 78 townships in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions as the government has carried out drinking water supply tasks on a wide scale in those areas.

Education, health and social standards of the rural people have gradually improved with the active participation of the local people, wellwishers and other social organizations in the implementation of the government’s rural development tasks.

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**Designated places for holding 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions inspected**

**Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint inspect theaters and convocation hall on Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus, MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Oct—Chairman of the leading committee for organizing 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Vice-Chairman of the leading committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint together with officials of the committee and sub-committees inspected preparation for holding the competitions at Golden Jubilee Hall of University of Veterinary Science, Consortium Halls of Forest Research Department, University of Agriculture and Agriculture Research Department, theaters and convocation hall on Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus and the hall of No. 7 Transit Centre this afternoon.

The commander and the minister looked into preparation for accommodations for contestants, members of the board of judges and observers at hostels and mess at No 7 Transit Centre.—MNA

**Three villages get new school buildings**

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Oct—The opening ceremony of a new building for Basic Education Primary School was held in Thalakkalay Village, Pyapon Township, on 5 October. Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing attended it. The minister and wellwishers presented school bags, exercise books and others to the school children.

The minister and party also attended the opening ceremony of a new building for Basic Education Primary School in Kyangintumyaung Village and presented bags, exercise books and stationery to the school children. The minister visited health care services in the village provided by Gain group.

A similar ceremony was held in Thaleikchaungpya Village. At the ceremony, U Daniel Win, donor of new school building, handed over related documents to the township education officer and donated school uniforms, stationery and rice.—MNA

**Talks given on improvement of living standards of women**

Yangon, 8 Oct—Talks on improvement of living standards of women, organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, was held at the Kanaung Hall of the industrial zone 1 management committee of Hlinethaya township, Yangon North District this morning. It was attended by responsible persons of MWAF, Chairman U Myat Thin Aung of Hlinethaya Industrial Zones Management Committee, staff of factories and guests. Daw Aye Aye, leader of the working group for improvement of living standard of women of MWAF gave a speech on the occasion. Deputy group leader Pro-rector of Yangon Institute of Economics Daw Khin May Hla (Retd) gave talks on the aims and objectives of MWAF and Director Daw Thin Thin Mya of Attorney-General’s Office on laws on women. Chairman U Myat Thin Aung presented gifts to leaders and members.—NLM
Bombs exploded outside the Iraqi capital's tightly guarded Green Zone as US Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte wrapped up a visit focusing on a controversial military pact.—INTERNET

**Bombs hit near Baghdad Green Zone as US official visits**

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct — Two powerful bombs exploded just outside Baghdad's tightly-guarded Green Zone on Tuesday as US Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte was due to address reporters inside, an AFP correspondent said.

An Iraqi military officer said at least one soldier was wounded in the explosion.

Witnesses said a limpet-type magnetic mine had been used in the first attack against the armoured vehicle which was parked at a security checkpoint leading to the Green Zone. Several cars were damaged and firefighters put out the flames before they could spread to other cars.

Outside the Green Zone, soldiers fired in the air to keep motorists and pedestrians away from the bombed area.

The first blast targeted an Iraqi armoured vehicle, and a car bomb went off minutes later at a nearby car park opposite the foreign ministry, on the edge of the Green Zone where Iraq's government and the US embassy are located.

The attacks in the central Salhiyah neighbourhood of Baghdad came despite a tight security cordon and stepped-up checks on vehicles and followed a spate of bombings in the Iraqi capital last week.—INTERNET

**Afghans refugees flee Pakistan war zone**

ISLAMABAD, 8 Oct — Afghan refugees ordered out of a Pakistani war zone begged Tuesday for bus fares and flowed over the border into their homeland, worsening a humanitarian crisis resulting from an Army offensive against Taliban militants, officials said.

Pakistan has told 50,000 Afghans to leave the Bajur tribal region, accusing them of links to militants that used the remote and impoverished area as a base for attacks on both sides of the frontier.

US officials concerned about the escalating insurGENCY in Afghanistan have praised the military operation in a region that has been touted as a possible hiding place for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.—INTERNET

**Female suicide bomber kills nine in northeast of Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct — A woman suicide bomber blew herself up on Wednesday outside a court in Baquba, the capital city of the volatile province of Diyala, killing nine people and wounding 21 others, a provincial police source said. The attack occurred around midday when a woman wearing an explosive-belt blew herself up among a crowd of people at the entrance of the city court, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The powerful blast also destroyed several nearby civilian cars and buildings in the city, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border, has long been stronghold for al-Qaida in Iraq network.—INTERNET

**US soldier, Iraqi policeman killed in northern Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct — One US soldier and one Iraqi policeman were killed in overnight shootout in the city of Mosul, the US military said on Tuesday.

The incident took place after midnight when a local family reported to the Iraqi police that a suicide bomber entered their house and the family fled, a military statement added.

US and Iraqi forces approached the house where they received small-arms fire from the suspected al-Qaida militant, the statement said.

The troops then called in air support and an aircraft dropped an ordnance on the house destroying it, the statement added.

In separate incident, a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden vehicle into a US military patrol in the al-Borsa neighbourhood in western Mosul, killing two Iraqis and wounding ten others, a local security source said.—INTERNET

**A policeman who was wounded in a bomb attack lies in a hospital in Baquba, 65km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 8 Oct, 2008.**—INTERNET

**A Pakistani family, fled from troubled area of Bajur, sits in their makeshift shelter at a camp set up by authorities in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 7 Oct, 2008.**

**Residents walk past a damaged armoured vehicle after a mortar attack in Baghdad on 7 Oct, 2008. Two blasts struck outside Iraq's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday as visiting US Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte prepared to hold a Press conference in the Green Zone compound nearby, Reuters reporters at the scene said.**—INTERNET

**A woman suicide bomber killed nine in northeast of Baghdad**

**US and Iraqi security forces have been conducting major offensives against extremist Sunni and Shiite militiamen in the province and some other provinces.**

**Female suicide bomber kills nine in northeast of Baghdad**

**Internet**
US budget deficit hits new record

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — The US federal budget deficit hit a new record of 483 billion dollars in the 2008 fiscal year which ended on 30 Sept, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated Tuesday.

The new record of budget deficit followed last year’s 162-billion-dollar red ink and exceeded the previous all-time high of 413 billion dollars set in 2004.

With the economy in a slump, the CBO said Tuesday, revenues dropped by almost 2 percent in the just-completed fiscal year.

Corporate income receipts posted a big decrease of nearly 18 percent, while individual income tax revenues declined by 1.6 percent, according to the nonpartisan CBO.

The latest figures for 2008 are more than 30 billion dollars higher than the CBO’s estimates issued last month and almost 50 billion dollars more than what the Bush administration predicted in July.

In the last fiscal year, the federal deficit dropped by 34.4 percent to 162 billion dollars, a five-year low since an imbalance of 159 billion dollars in 2002, reflecting faster growth in government revenues than spending.

Brazilian President criticizes IMF for lack of action amid financial crisis

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Oct — Brazil’s President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva criticized on Tuesday the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for lack of action in the midst of the international financial crisis.

“When Brazil or Argentina faced a crisis, IMF always came to give tips and tell what to do or not to do. Where is the IMF now?” the president asked.

In a speech to 3,000 metallurgical workers in the city of Angrados Reis, southwest of Rio de Janeiro state, President Lula denied vehemently the existence of a package of anti-crisis measures in the country, affirming that the financial crisis will not reach Brazil.

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US consumer credit declines for first time in over decade

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—US consumer credit dropped at an annual rate of 3.7 percent in August, the first decline since January 1998, the Federal Reserve reported Tuesday.

The 3.7 percent decline, or 7.88 billion dollars, followed a revised 2.4 percent growth rate in July and surprised analysts who had been expecting an increase of 5.25 billion dollars for August.

Consumer borrowing, which the Federal Reserve defines as all loans not secured by real estate, totalled 2.58 trillion dollars at an annual rate in August.

For August, consumer borrowing in revolving loans, a category that includes primarily credit card debt, fell by 0.8 percent at an annual rate, in contrast to an increase of 5.0 percent in the previous month.

Demand for nonrevolving credit used to finance cars, vacations, education and other things, meanwhile, plunged by 5.4 percent, compared with a 0.9 percent gain in July.

The central bank’s report also showed that US consumer credit in the April-to-June period had been revised to an increase of 4.1 percent at an annual rate, down from the first quarter’s 5.2 percent growth pace.

AirAsia bids good-bye to Boeing

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Oct—Malaysia’s low cost carrier AirAsia bid good-bye to Boeing aircraft in Malaysia as its remaining Boeing 737 made its last flight on Tuesday. The aircraft carrying passengers from Kota Kinabalu, capital of Malaysia’s eastern state of Sabah, to the Low Cost Carrier Terminal, some 70 kilometres south of here, was greeted by AirAsia Group chief executive officer Tony Fernandes.

AirAsia said that the retirement of the B737 marked “the dawn of a new millennium” for the company as it now fully operated on an all Airbus 320 fleet for its Malaysian operation. AirAsia started its services since December in 2001 with mere two B737s. As of December 2007, AirAsia became the largest airline customer of Airbus 320 with a total order placement of 225 A320s. The company said that the A320 was reputed for its high reliability and low operating costs and it had gradually phased out its original fleet of Boeing 737s recently to make the way for the new and more fuel efficient A320s.

Chinese leaders visit May quake exhibition

BEIJING, 8 Oct—President Hu Jintao and other Chinese leaders including top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao on Tuesday visited an exhibition which pays tribute to victims of the May earthquake in Sichuan Province and the nation’s concerted efforts to assist the disaster-stricken areas. Photos and videos showing the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquake, as well as items that were used to rescue victims drew attentions of the leaders.

They were also briefed on how the people from all walks of life had made donations and contributions to help the earthquake-stricken areas recover from the country’s worst disaster in the past 30 years. Carrying on the great spirit displayed in the quake rescue and relief efforts, the nation would be able to overcome all difficulties on its way of development, Hu said during his visit.

State and Communist Party leaders Jia Qinglin, Li Changchun, Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, He Guoqiang and Zhou Yongkang also visited the exhibition at the Military Museum of the Chinese People’s Revolution in Beijing.

French old China hand: All Chinese will live a better life

PARIS, 8 Oct—“China’s reform and opening-up is marvelous. It improved the living standard of the Chinese people. I believe all the Chinese will live a better life if the policy remains unchanged,” said female French teacher Delphine Signe, a old China hand, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

Ms Delphine Signe, 34, used to live in China for six years. In her words, she is an authentic French who can speak Chinese and has a Chinese name Dai Fengyi. Now, she works as a Chinese-language teacher in several middle schools of the Rennes city in east Brittany region, northwest France.

Dai started to learn Chinese at the age of 13. She got her bachelor’s degree of Chinese at London University. Between 1997 and 2006, Dai lived off and on in China for six years.

Talking about China’s reform and opening-up, Dai said of her biggest impression: “It does not come easy.”

It is not easy for China, a most populous country in the world, to make such tremendous achievements through reform and opening-up, she said.

This certainly united the efforts of tens of thousands of unsung heroes, she added.

FAO calls for review of biofuel policies, subsidies

ROME, 8 Oct—Biofuel policies and subsidies should be urgently reviewed to preserve the goal of world food security, protect poor farmers, promote broad-based rural development and ensure environmental sustainability, said a UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report on Tuesday.

“Biofuels present both opportunities and risks. The outcome would depend on the specific context of the country and the policies adopted,” said FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf Tuesday when presenting the FAO’s new edition of annual publication, the State of Food and Agriculture (SOFIA) 2008. “Current policies tend to favour producers in some developed countries over producers in most developing countries. The challenge is to reduce or manage the risks while sharing the opportunities more widely,” said the director-general.

A Chinese woman looks at the milk products on sale at a supermarket in Hangzhou in east China’s Zhejiang Province on 8 Oct., 2008.
Syrian troops gather on Lebanese border

Syrian soldiers are seen near vehicles and tents they erect as part of their troop buildup on the Syrian side along Lebanon’s northern Abboudiyeh border crossing, Lebanon, on 7 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Abboudiyeh (Lebanon), 8 Oct — A few tents and trucks dotting a green hill across the river are about all that is visible of a Syrian troop deployment on Lebanon’s northern border — a buildup that has raised concerns of a possible Syrian incursion.

There was no sign Wednesday that the Syrian troops were preparing to cross the border. Syria says the deployment — first made public several weeks ago — is aimed at preventing smuggling from Lebanon.

But the United States and some anti-Syrian politicians in Beirut have warned that Syria could attempt an incursion, a concern raised especially after a 27 Sept car bombing in Damascus killed 17 people.

In Washington, Deputy State Department spokesman Robert Wood on Monday said, “Any intervention by Syrian troops into Lebanon would be unacceptable.”

UAE to build unified health database

Abu Dhabi, 8 Oct — The health authorities of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will build a unified health database in the coming years that will provide physicians and patients with equal access in the Gulf country, local newspaper Khaleej Times reported on Wednesday.

The UAE Ministry of Health (MoH) will build the database named Hospital Information System (HIS) in phases, according to the report. HIS will link all 14 MoH hospitals and 68 affiliated clinics across Dubai and the northern Emirates by October 2011 in the first phase, and will include private hospitals at a later stage.

“This is a pioneering project and is in line with the world’s most advanced public healthcare regimes,” health minister Humaid Al Qattami was quoted as saying.

China has more newspapers and magazines

Beijing, 8 Oct — There are ten times as many Chinese newspapers and magazines than there were 30 years ago. That’s when the country adopted the reform and opening-up policy.

Figures from the General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP) show there were 186 newspapers and 930 magazines in China in 1978. Today, the country has 2,081 newspapers and 9,363 different magazines.

In the meantime, official figures show China has some 600 publishing houses producing nearly 300,000 kinds of books. That’s a dramatic increase from the 105 publishers of the past that produced only 10,000 different books.

Two threats to dog racing: Mass vote, low interest

Voters in Massachusetts will soon decide whether greyhound racing should continue there, though the real question might be whether the once-popular sport dies a quick death or a slow one.

Across the country, the legions of blue-collar fans the industry relied on have been lured away by casinos, lotteries, online gambling and other forms of betting.

Track owners fighting the proposed ban fiercely oppose claims that the dogs are mistreated. But animal-welfare issues aside, others involved in greyhound racing grudgingly concede a cultural shift away from the sport.

Mexican gunmen steal five small planes from airfield

Around 20 gunmen on Tuesday stormed an airfield in the northwestern state of Sinaloa and stole five small planes, the federal Attorney General’s office said in a statement.

The gunmen broke into the airfield at dawn, tied up a police officer on guard, filled the planes with fuel and flew away, the statement said. The five Cessna planes were grounded earlier this year by the Air Force for the former’s alleged violation of civil aviation and airport laws.

Saboteurs in disguise of democracy activists

Hlaing Aung

In his essay “Politics and the English Language”, well-known writer George Orwell of the early 20th Century states many terms that have become meaningless after being often misused by politicians. It says such terms as “freedom”, “democracy” and “justice” are used so often in a dishonest way that they have lost their original meaning.

Some unscrupulous people have come to exploit several terms considered to be noble by many people. In my opinion, nothing is more abhorrent than saboteurs’ attempt to conceal their inhumanity by using such noble words in all dishonesty.

Many anti-government groups in Myanmar often and variously use those words. Some of those groups are subversive elements to the core. Those destructive elements are talking big, but stooping very lowly in practice, thus mangling many terms carrying noble meaning.

I learnt from last press conference that the leader of Human Rights Defenders and Promoters (HRDP) was behind the recent bomb attacks in Shwepyitha. The most fundamental human right is to continue to survive and to be guarded against violent murders. They claimed themselves to be members of HRDP, then why did the leader attempt to kill innocent people?

The group under the name of Karen National Union blasted a public video lounge in Kyaukkyi recently, leaving many people dead and injured, and some of them were Kayin nationals and children. They claimed their acts to be movements for liberation of Kayin nationals, but they are killing people of their own national race, which has baffled me.

Again I learnt that a time bomb went off in the corner of Maha Bandoola Park on 25 September and injured some innocent people. It has not been clear who is responsible for that bomb explosion. It is a very coward act of the saboteurs to attack the people on the buses, at bus-stops, and public recreation centres such as entertainment places, and video lounges.

However, bombers are, indeed, just pawns on the political chessboard. They can make only one move and capture one piece at one time, but they will be sacrificed first, if necessary. They killed many lives for meagre sum of money. But, when the cases were exposed, the ones who were arrested were none but they themselves.

In a chess game, pawns have to make sacrifices for powers: bishops, knights, rooks, and queens to be in better position. After the bomb blasts, bombers are always in a state of panic until they are under arrest. After they are arrested, they will have to face death penalties, or life sentences.

The groups behind the terrorist plots are provided substantially with hundreds of thousands of kyats after having a terrorist plot carried out. And they can be promoted in the anti-government groups under the names of democracy movements. They are ready to seize opportunities to plunder if there is a political unrest, stemming from terrorist acts, in the nation.

These men too are just powers taking positions under the command of their Western masters. All of them are the pieces that are exchanged if there is power advantage, and sometimes they are sacrificed for the masters to escape from crises. Many lackeys of alien powers have met their tragic ends. They are under the protection of alien powers so long as they are useful, but are sidelined when they are no longer useful.

In the jakata “Hsaddan Elephant King”, the queen, the king and hunter Sonuttho pursued the common goal of gaining the tusks of king of elephants Hsaddan. Of the three, the hunter disguised himself as a hermit, wearing a robe, to kill the elephant. Certain big powers who are desperate to put their targeted nations under their domination on the pretext of impressive terms of “democracy”, “human rights”, and “freedom”, groups of axe-handles dancing to the tune of their masters, and the saboteurs who are never reluctant to kill the people of their own race in response to the cash offers made by the groups are shouting “democracy” and “human rights” but in practice, they are trying to devastate the mother country, and committing terrorist acts. They are using beautiful words to conceal their misconduct and deceive the people. So, I would say I abhor them even more than hunter Sonuttho who disguised himself as a saint.

However much an ogre disguised himself as a human prince wearing a head-dress of a prince, he can no longer conceal the character of an ogre just as he gets smell of blood. Similarly, however much Western bloc’s media are playing the tune of a duet dance, the performers will perform ogre dance just after they get out of the curtain.

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Li-Gen Myint Swe looks into progress of milch cow...

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infectious diseases presented by Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and breeding of milch cows in Yangon Division and manufacturing of dairy products, artificial insemination, quality control of milk and conducting of training courses by Secretary Dr Khin Hlaing of Myanmar Milk and Dairy Products Dealers Association.

Li-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need to produce import-substitute dairy products and inspected sample materials for artificial insemination, 19 vaccines for animal infectious diseases, papers of the training courses, breeding of milch cows and manufacturing of dairy products for the market.

Ngwesin Pale Milch Cow Breeding and Dairy Product Industry commenced its tasks with 16 milch cows in 1999. At present, the industry sends 1,400 viss of milk daily produced from 105 milch cows and 500 cows in advance payment to the market.

At WALCO Dairy Product Industry of Worldwide Agro-Livestock Co Ltd in Myayntha Ward of Mingaladon Township, they looked into production of milk, yoghurt, cream, cheese and margarine.

Above dairy product industry has been purchasing 600 viss of milk from Shwepyitha, Mingaladon, North Okkalapa and Taikkyi townships since 1995 and supplying the demands of dairy products to sale centres, department stores and hotels.

Li-Gen Myint Swe proceeded to Super Cow Milch Cow Breeding and Dairy Product Industry in Ward 3 of Shwepyitha Township. He inspected production process of the milk products.

The industry commenced its functions in 2003 and won the Milch Cow Breeding Award at the ceremony to mark the 2004 World Food Day. At present, a total of 600 milch cows are being bred at the industry and manufactures the disguised milk, strawberry milk, orange milk and grape milk and supplies them to shops and department stores.—MNA

Golf qualifying events 15-16, 21-22 Oct

YANGON, 8 Oct—Under the supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation, the Myanmar Professional Golfers Association and Myanmar Senior Professional Golfers Association will jointly organize the Senior Qualifying and Pro Qualifying Event at two venues. The qualifying will include the Pro Qualify, Teaching Pro and Senior Qualify.

The first round will be held at Ngwethawta Golf Course of Yangon City Development Committee on 15 and 16 October. The men’s amateur golfers must be between 0 to 12 handicaps. Those wishing to take part in the Senior Qualifying Events must be above-50 years old on 15 October. The golfers are to enlist at the Myanmar Golf Training Range at 9th mile, Kyaukyedwin Road in Mayangon Township, on 12 October. For further information, may dial 01-651374 and 09-2037671.

The second round will take place at Shwemantaw Golf Course in Mandalay on 21 and 22 October. The golfers must enlist Myanmar Golf Training Range and Shwemantaw Golf Course in Mandalay, dialing 01-651374 and 09-2037671.

The qualifying events will be held through St Andrew and regional golf regulations. Those who will be qualified in the Pro Qualifying Events are to attend the refresher course for golf rules and regulations. Those who are qualified in the Teaching Pro are to attend the trainer course. The certificate will be issued to those who passed the trainer course. —MNA

Production lines of Pathin Glass Factory supervised

YANGON, 8 Oct—Minister for Industry U Aung Thaung arrived at Pathin Glass Factory of Myanmar Ceramics Industries on 4 October and inspected production process of glass and storage of finished goods. He gave construction on exceeding the target of the factory.

The factory produces 30 tons of glass of various sizes—from 3mm to 8mm thick. Visiting Winthazayar shop (Pathin) on Strand Road in Pathein Township, the minister instructed service personnel to ensure constant supply of popular goods.—MNA

Meeting of Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation commences

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The Meeting of the Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation (JCCCN) of four countries in upper reaches of Mekong River was held today to discuss its tasks with momentum for development of Greater Mekong Region. While developing infrastructures of Mekong River and flotillas, priority is to be given to environmental conservation.

The meeting will continue tomorrow. The meeting will discuss maintenance of waterways of Mekong upper reaches, port tax for vessels running upstream of Mekong River and transport of oil and oil products. Also present at the meeting were delegates of four member countries, departmental heads of the Ministry of Transport, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises who are members of the joint committee of Myanmar, the principal of Marine Institute of Technology and observers.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers speech at Meeting of Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation of four countries in upper reaches of Mekong River.—MNA

Annual Evaluation Workshop on Hospital Performance at Central Level opens

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The opening ceremony of the Annual Evaluation Workshop on Hospital Performance at Central Level, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning, with an address by Meeting Chairman Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

The workshop will continue tomorrow. Deputy directors-general, directors, medical superintendents at central level, those from hospitals at state and division level and heads of district health department participated in the meeting.—MNA

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gives speech at the opening ceremony of Annual Evaluation Workshop on Hospital Performance at Central Level. —MNA
**Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese guests**

**NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct**—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received a five-member delegation led by Managing Director Mr Zhang Mingye of XJ Group Corporation of the People’s Republic of China at the ministry here yesterday.

They cordially discussed timely completion of the industrial projects being jointly undertaken by the Ministry of Industry-2 and XJ Group Corporation.

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**Functions of Myaungdaga Power Station looked into**

**YANGON, 8 Oct**—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivered an address at the opening of Basic English Proficiency Course 1/2008 at the head office of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board.

Installation of laboratory automation system signed

**YANGON, 8 Oct**—Lion Myanmar International Co Ltd and Yangon Liver and Cadiac special clinic centre (30th Street) held a signing ceremony for installation of Siemens Stream LAB Total Laboratory Automation System at the special clinic centre, at Traders Hotel, here, this afternoon.

Director Dr Nay Min Myo Thein of Lion Myanmar International Co Ltd, Liver Specialist Dr U Khin Maung Win of the special clinic and CEO Mr George Chan of South Asian Siemens Health Care Diagnostics gave speeches.

Facts about the Siemens Stream LAB Total Laboratory Automation System were explained and the agreement signed.

The Yangon Liver and Cadiac special clinic centre (30th Street) is a first-ever clinic that will apply the fully automated clinical laboratory system in Myanmar. Lion Myanmar International Co Ltd distributes diagnostic materials for laboratories in Myanmar and it is sole agent of Siemens Health Diagnostics Co Ltd.

The special clinic has been performing treatments of liver and cardiac diseases with the use of modern machinery since 1999.—MNA

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**Upgrading tasks of railroads under inspection**

**NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct**—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than, at the briefing hall of Pyawbwe-Phayangau railway construction project in Lintsinkon village of Pyawbwe township, met with officials and gave instructions on operational matters on 6 October.

After giving instructions, the minister inspected progress of carrying out railway work between Lintsinkon and Pyawbwe, and Pyawbwe and Kyette and provided railway workers to cash assistance.

Next, the minister looked into land preparation on Pyawbwe-Yanaung-Natmauk railroad section with the use of heavy machinery, the chosen site to build Letpanchaung railway line crossing bridge between Yengan village and Yanaung and the chosen site to build a railway station near Yanaung town.

The following day the minister oversaw upgrading tasks on Thazi-Meiktila-Myintyan railroad section and substitution of concrete sleepers in the place of old ones on Thazi-Myintyan railroad section and provided cash assistance to railway workers.

Afterwards, the minister attended to the needs for the arrangements to extend Phattaw railway station yard and build the passengers’ lounge.

At the briefing hall of Yin creek bridge (Natmauk) construction project of Public Works near Yin creek, the minister met with officials and local townsenders and gave necessary instructions.

The minister, en route to Layain railway station, inspected progress of carrying out maintenance tasks of railway lines and bridges on Nay Pyi Taw-Taukawnpadaung railway section and Kyetshar bridge crossing Yin creek between Natmauk and Layain railways stations.

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**Myanmar Port Authority issues warning of hightide**

**YANGON, 8 Oct**—The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.18 feet to 21.00 feet high above datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 14 October to 18 October 2008. That it is not serious because the high tide has reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2006 and 2007, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA
Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects paddy plantations at Phaunggata village in Salingyi Township.—MNA

Irrigated crops thriving in Pale, Salingyi Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan heard reports on availability of water at Kandaunt Dam in Pale Township. Sagaing Division presented by Assistant Director U Zaw Min Naing of Construction 4 of Irrigation Department at the dam on 5 October. After giving necessary instructions to the officials, the minister looked into thriving farmlands in the irrigated area and cordially greeted local farmers.

Next, the minister inspected construction of Pynnya Pandaing self-reliant library at Kyartat village in Salingyi Township and gave necessary instructions. The minister also looked into thriving long staple cotton model plantation which were grown using natural and chemical fertilizers at Kyunphobin village and paddy plantations grown at farmlands that have been transformed from crop lands through river water pumping system at Phaunggata village in Salingyi Township, and greeted local people.

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Thriving long staple cotton model plantation seen at Kyunphobin village in Salingyi Township.—MNA

Computer Competitions to be held

YANGON, 8 Oct—Hailing the 10th anniversary of Myanmar Computer Federation and Computer Associations the Application Development Competition for computer professionals will be held on 19 October, ICT product and services competition for computer entrepreneurs on 5 November and Educational competition for computer enthusiasts on 5 November. Those wishing to compete are to send products and projects to the office of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneur’s Association on 29 October as the last date. For more information, contact MCF office Ph-652307, 652276 and 652238.

Book titled “What am I?” comes out

YANGON, 8 Oct—A book titled “What am I?” compiled by Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department has been in circulation. The book carries a total of 19 letters to May Lay which mostly include food for thought for teenagers and those in their twenties and thirties and ideas to keep pace with changes and developments.

It is available at Naing Book Stall of No. 22, Pansodan Street, Yangon (Tel: 254270, 0950 34507) at K 1200 per copy.

Hlawga Park opens on Thadingyut Fullmoon Day

YANGON, 8 Oct—Hlawga Park of the Department of Forestry opens from 8 am to 4 pm daily. For enabling the people to take relaxation and recreation happily, the Park will remain open on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (14 October) from 8 am to 5 pm.

1971 Mandalay medical students to hold get-together

YANGON, 8 Oct—Medical students who had attended Mandalay Medical University in 1971 will hold the fourth respect paying ceremony at Myanmar Medical Association on 31st street between 70th and 71st streets in Mandalay on 30 January, 2009. The committee for holding the ceremony has made arrangements to invite all medical students far and near.

Those wishing to donate cash may contact Dr Maung Win, Dr Ye Lwin, Dr Aung Kyaw Soe and Dr Ko Ko Gyi of Mandalay (Tel-02-62202, 09-2000211, 09-2004060, 09-2002882,09-2000490).

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In that regard, reforestation, conservation of forests, protection of forests through the forest law, establishment of forest plantations in catchment areas of dams and reservoirs that have been built for agricultural purpose are being launched on a wider scale.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State as to the forest sector that the basic resources of the nation are land, water and forest plus favourable weather; that deforestation leads to land degeneration and climatic changes; that conservation of forests is therefore primary and systematic measures should be taken in extraction and sale of timber as it is a main source of income for the nation, permit was granted to the public to set up private teak plantations so as to reduce the slash and burn farming, to create job opportunities for local people, to fulfill the demand of wood, bamboo and forest products that are needed in daily life and to ensure environmental conservation. Grasping that opportunity, Phyo Si Thu Trading Co Ltd is extensively engaged in establishing 1700 acres of teak plantations in Paukkhaung Township and 3000 acres of teak plantation in Kyauktaga Township in Bago Division in addition to 5000 acres in Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division.

In an interview with Director of Pyothu Trading Co Ltd U Yan Naing Lwin at Plot No. 50 of South Nawn Forest Reserve in Paukkhaung Township, he said that the establishment of the plantation has created job opportunities for local people and enhanced their socio-economic status; that 300 acres out of the targeted 1700 acres have already been put under teak saplings and that the already grown teak plantations are now thriving, for necessary assistance was provided by the Forest Department.

In an interview with Manager U Hla Thaung of the company, he said that they made a field trip together with officials concerned in February 2007 to set up the teak plantation; that they made all necessary preparations including land preparation from the third week of February to the second week of March; that they successfully grew altogether 54,000 on 100 acres in July 2007, and 108,000 on 200 acres in 2008; and that weeding, soil preparation and fertilizing are carried out according to the set standard.

Staff Officer of Paukkhaung Township Forest Department U Win Myint also gave an account that the Forest Department is ready to give a helping hand to those desirous of setting up private teak plantations in terms of supervision and cultivation techniques while head of farmers U Tin Lwin related that local people are now enjoying higher socio-economic status, especially in education and health with the emergence of teak plantations.

That the emergence of teak plantations in different regions including Bago Yoma will surely contribute to regional development and enhancing the socio-economic status of local people.

Translation: TS

(Myanmar Alin: 7-10-2008)
North Korea fires missiles into sea

SEUL, 8 Oct—North Korea has fired two short-range missiles into the Yellow Sea, a news report said on Wednesday, in a move likely aimed at dialing up tension as global powers try to have it abide by a nuclear disarmament deal. The North fired the missiles into the Yellow Sea on Tuesday as a part of routine military training, South Korea’s Yonhap news agency cited an unidentified government official as saying.

The North, however, has a history of timing its missile launches to periods of increased tension in the region in saber-rattling bids aimed to show that it is ready to launch to periods of increased tension in the region on its own. "We understand North Korea fired short-range missiles in the afternoon of (October) 7th into the Yellow Sea," Yonhap quoted an unidentified South Korean official as saying. "North Korea declared a no-sail order in the (Yellow Sea) before the missile launch," the official said. South Korean defense officials would not confirm the report.—MNA/Reuters

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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Israel arrests nine Palestinians in West Bank

RAMALLAH, 8 Oct—Israeli forces arrested nine Palestinians in the West Bank Sunday night and Monday morning, Palestinian security sources said. Among the detainees was a senior Islamic Jihad commander who was arrested in northern West Bank city of Jenin, the sources added. Other detentions were reported in cities of Hebron, Bethlehem and Nablus. The commander, Naji Naza, was arrested near his house after Israeli special forces ambushed him, said a spokesman for the movement’s military wing al-Quds Brigades.—MNA/Xinhua

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Hurricanes kill about 1,000, injure 500 in Haiti in last two months

HAVANA, 8 Oct — Hurricanes Hanna and Ike have brought heavy casualties to Haiti in the last two months, leaving around 1,000 people dead and 500 injured, the Haitian Civil Defence (DC) said Tuesday. Nearly 800 corpses were found, while the authorities said 310 people remained missing, possibly buried by collapsed buildings or mud-rock flows, according to reports reaching here from Port au Prince.

The hurricanes injured a further 500 people, who have not received proper medical treatment due to a lack of hospital resources, the DC added. The DC also said hundreds of thousands of Haitians have been made homeless and they desperately need food, drinking water and places to sleep.

Some 121 people under observation for unknown illness in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 8 Oct — Some 121 people who came into contact with three people who died of an unknown kind of viral hemorrhagic fever remain under observation although all appear fine, South African doctors said on Tuesday.

Doctor Lucille Blumberg of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases said while the illness was currently “controlled”, doctors would have to wait for 21 days before they could possibly declare it contained.

Twenty one days is the period doctors believe the illness could still move from exposure to incubation to manifestation. — Internet

Earth’s animal and plant species are vanishing at unprecedented rates, evidence that the planet is facing a tsunami of mass extinction. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is releasing on Monday the famous “Red List.”

Red wine may lower lung cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Moderate consumption of red wine may decrease the risk of lung cancer in men, according to a report in the October issue of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

“An antioxidant component in red wine may be protective of lung cancer, particularly among smokers,” said Chun Chao, a research scientist at Kaiser Permanente, a health care organization based in California, in the United States. Chao analyzed data collected through the California Men’s Health Study, which linked clinical data from California’s health system with self-reported data from 84,170 men aged 45 to 69 years. Researchers obtained demographics and lifestyle data from surveys computed between 2000 and 2003, and identified 210 cases of lung cancer.

Researchers measured the effect of beer, red wine, white wine and liquor consumption on the risk of lung cancer. Adjustments were made for age, race, education, body mass index and some other factors. Among the study participants, there was on average a 2-percent lower lung cancer risk associated with each glass of red wine consumed per month. — Internet

Occasional smoking might also impair arteries

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Even occasional cigarette smoking might impair the functioning of human’s arteries, according to a recent study by the University of Georgia.

Earlier official reports have shown damages of the arterial function among people who smoke regularly, said Kevin McCully, the co-author of the study, published in the early online edition of the journal Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology.

However, what’s surprising about his finding is that even occasional smoking (less than a pack a week) could impair people’s arteries, McCully said in a statement on Tuesday.

The study used ultrasound to measure how arteries of healthy adults respond to changes in blood flow and it showed that the arteries of occasional smokers were 36 percent less responsive to changes in blood flow than the non-smokers.

After the occasional smokers underwent their initial test, they smoked two cigarettes and had their arteries re-examined. — Internet

Tropical Storm Marco hits Mexican coast, 2,000 evacuated

MEXICO CITY, 8 Oct — Tropical Storm Marco Tuesday hit Mexico’s Gulf coast with high winds and heavy rains, forcing the evacuation of some 2,000 people from high-risk areas.

The storm flooded coastal highways and brought heavy rains to the city of Veracruz, where authorities closed schools and set up 22 shelters with accommodation for 150 people each.

Some 2,000 people living along riversides, lagoons or near the coasts of Mexican Gulf were evacuated. Authorities said that some 400,000 people had been affected by the flooding and that 800 towns were inundated.

INTERNET
Top seed falls in Vienna Open
tennis opener

VIENNA, 8 Oct --- Top seed Stanislas Wawrinka was beaten 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) by German qualifier Philipp Petzschner in the first round of the Austrian Open here on Tuesday.

Petzschner, ranked 125, placed his Swiss opponent under pressure right from the start, breaking to lead 2-1 when a strong return forced Wawrinka to net a forehand. But Petzschner then dropped his own serve to love, and although he broke again to lead 3-2 he once more failed to hold his next service game.

Tenth-ranked Wawrinka went on to claim the tiebreak, but Petzschner continued his strong challenge in the second set. His ability to mix up his game and pressure Wawrinka with his returns quickly earned him the first set.

The four big clubs — Manchester United, Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool — are believed to account for about a third of that amount, he added.

Speaking at the Leaders in Football conference at Stamford Bridge, Triesman and Premier League chief executive Richard Scudamore voiced opposing views on the dangers of foreign ownership - one of the sport's most contentious issues - and whether the rules needed tightening up.

Triesman said: "Transparency lies in an unmarked grave. We now have a position where it is very hard to track things. It is not transparent enough and we don't know if we are able to track it, if the debt is held by people who are financially secure or not. "More and more clubs are in trouble, with a number of owners leaving abruptly."

Top seed Davydenko into
Kremlin Cup tennis second round

MOSCOW, 8 Oct — Nikolay Davydenko of Russia advanced to the second round of the 2.4-million-dollar ATP and WTA Kremlin Cup here on Tuesday, beating Frenchman Florent Serra in straight sets.

Davydenko, fifth in the ATP rankings, came through 6-1, 7-5 in one hour 18 minutes to record his second win over Serra in their third head-to-head meeting.

Davydenko, 27, broke early for a 3-0 lead. He increased his advantage with another break in the sixth game to lift himself one set up in 22 minutes.

No big serves were produced in the second set before the 11th game as Serra attempted to pull level. But Davydenko managed to make the deciding break and go on to win the set and the match, sealing victory with a backhand cross.

"The courts here are relatively slow and I think Florent (Serra) experienced certain problems in the opening set," Davydenko said.

Scots go for Fletcher as skipper

GLASGOW, 8 Oct — Darren Fletcher will lead Scotland into battle with Norway on Saturday after the Manchester United midfielder was handed the captain's armband for the World Cup qualifier.

Fletcher, who will be winning his 40th cap on Saturday, got the nod in the absence of regular captain Barry Ferguson and Celtic defender Stephen McManus.

"Darren has been an outstanding player for Scotland for a number of years," Scotland boss George Burley said of the 24-year-old.

Burley's preparations have been hit by the loss of Kenny Miller, Kris Commons and Kevin Thomson to injury. Both Miller, who is a first-choice striker when fit, and Commons have hamstring problems while Rangers midfielder

1.5 million dollars up for grabs
at Australian Open tennis

MELBOURNE, 8 Oct — Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic poses with the 2008 Australian Open winners trophy, in January. The singles winners at next year's Australian Open will each take home 1.62 million dollars (1.11 million US), according to organizers, as they announced a 22 million dollar prize pool.

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Tennis Australia said on Wednesday that the single prizes had increased by more than 18 percent, from the 1.37 million dollars won in January by Novak Djokovic and Maria Sharapova.

Overall prize money had risen from 20.6 million dollars, they said.

World No.1 Rafael Nadal, who has yet to reach the final of the Australian Open, will head to Melbourne for the first Grand Slam of the year along with three-time champion Roger Federer, tournament director Craig Tiley said.

The 2009 Australian Open will take place at Melbourne Park from 19 January to 1 February.

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40 injured in mid-air incident in West Australia

Canberra, 8 Oct — Up to 40 people were injured when a passenger jet carrying more than 300 people made an emergency landing near Exmouth in West Australia following a mid-air incident Tuesday afternoon.

Sergeant Greg Lambert from the Western Australian Police said the Airbus A320 owned by Australia’s largest airline company Qantas landed safely at 1:35 pm WST (0535 GMT) at Learmonth Airport near Exmouth after a mayday call.

He said up to 40 people were injured during a mid-air incident, but the nature of the mid-air incident is unknown, according to a report by Australian Associated Press.

Emergency services and medical staff were at the airport.

An emergency services worker said paramedics had boarded the Qantas aircraft and were tending to the injured. — MNA/Xinhua

Financial crisis had killed six in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, 8 Oct — The financial crisis in the US has claimed a whole Indian family of six when an unemployed man killed his wife, three sons and his mother-in-law before fatally shooting himself after suffering serious losses in the stock market collapse.

Karthik Rajaram (45), who once made more than 1 million US dollars in a London-based venture fund, was found dead in his Porter Ranch home here along with his wife Subasri (39), mother-in-law (70) and three sons Krishna (19), Ganesh (12) and Arjuna (7). Authorities believe Rajaram killed his family and himself after seeing his finances wiped out by the stock market collapse, Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday. “To us it appears to be a financial stake; a crisis situation that this man became embroiled in over the past few weeks,” police said. — MNA/PTI

Iran says six powers “unreasonable” in nuclear row

Teheran/Berlin, 8 Oct — Iran has accused six major powers of “unreasonable behaviour” over its disputed nuclear programme, but the European Union said on Tuesday it would stick to a dual approach combining diplomacy with the threat of sanctions.

Teheran’s accusation was contained in a letter from its top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalali, that was delivered to European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana on Monday.

“It’s a letter that in a way complains about our policy but our policy is clear. It’s a double-track approach,” Solana told Reuters in Berlin on Tuesday.

Asked whether the letter would make negotiations with Iran more difficult, Solana replied: “It’s just a letter.”

The United States and other Western powers suspect Teheran is seeking a nuclear bomb under cover of its civilian nuclear programme. Iran, the world’s fourth-largest oil producer, denies it has any such intentions, saying it only wants to generate electricity. — MNA/Reuters

Weather

Wednesday, 8 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hrs MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Mon and Kayah States, Mandalay, Yangon and Bago Divisions, scattered in Ayeyawady Division fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (5.16) inches, Mawlaik (2.36) inches, Myikyina (1.10) inches, Katha and Kyauktaw (1.06) inches each and Sittway (1.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-10-2008 was 79%.

Total sunshines hours on 7-10-2008 was (4.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-10-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (98.70) inches at Mingaladon, (109.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (127.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 8-10-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-10-2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas. Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Share trader Thomas Holler reacts on share price development on the trading floor of the Frankfurt stock exchange, on 8 October, 2008. — INTERNET
Regions along Ye-Panga railroad making progress

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and departmental officials on 2 October presented cash to the medical funds of the Station Hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Than at Kyaungywa village in Ye Township.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye and the commander offered cash and provisions to the Sayadaw of Dhamma Rakkhita Monastery in the village.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with servicemen and their families at the hall of local battalion in the Regions along Ye-Panga railroad making progress village and officers and other ranks and their families at the hall of local station in Ye.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye left Ye by train for Panga Station and viewed sun-dried salt farms, preparation for production of salt, thriving rubber plantations, condition of railroads and replacement of sleepers along the railroad.

After hearing reports on production of salt and raw industrial materials from sun-dried salt and production process presented by the managers at Panga salt industry of Myanma Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected salt farms at Panga salt industry.—MNA

White Cane Day walking race 15 Oct

YANGON, 8 Oct—The 17th Yangon Mayor’s Cup Walking Race to mark the International White Cane Day will be held on 15 October on a grand scale.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the race may contact the secretary of organizing committee (Ph: 251986), the chairman of prize presentation committee (Ph: 251417), Dagon Township Development Affairs Committee Office (Ph: 224797), Latha Township Development Affairs Committee Office (Ph: 371260) and Kyauktada Township Development Affairs Committee Office (Ph: 373284).

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Deepest-living fishes caught on camera for first time

ABERDEEN, 8 Oct—Scientists filming in one of the world’s deepest ocean trenches have found groups of highly sociable snailfish swarming over their bait, nearly five miles (7,700 metres) beneath the surface of the Pacific Ocean. This is the first time cameras have been sent to this depth.

“We got some absolutely amazing footage from 7,700 metres. More fish than we or anyone in the world would ever have thought possible at these depths,” says project leader Dr Alan Jamieson of the University of Aberdeen’s Oceanlab, on board the Japanese research ship the Hakuho-Maru.

“It’s incredible. These videos vastly exceed all our expectations from this research. We thought the deepest fishes would be motionless, solitary, fragile individuals eking out an existence in a food-sparse environment,” says Professor Monty Priede, director of Oceanlab.—Internet

Mourinho believes in Italian job

MILAN, 8 Oct—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho believes Italy’s Champions League contingent are ready to challenge the English dominance of recent years.

The Premier League has provided three out of four semi-finalists in Europe’s elite club competition for the past two seasons, including Mourinho’s Chelsea in 2006-07.

Eventual winners Manchester United and Chelsea fought out the first all-English final in Moscow last May, and the early signs are that the big four - which also includes Liverpool and Arsenal - are likely to make the knockout stages once again this season.

Having yielded four winning teams in eight years up to 1996, Serie A has been forced to play second fiddle to first Spain’s La Liga and now the Premier League in the Champions League.—Internet

Inter Milan coach Jose MourinhoBacks Italian Serie A.