

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe looks into progress of milch cow breeding, dairy products industries



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

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
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Thriving teak plantations on Bago Yoma

Article & Photos by Nyi Nyi Tun (MNA)

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 Paukhaung township, Pyay District.



PERSPECTIVES

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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. Thuyethamein 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 Kyinichaung 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.

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

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 Thalaikkalay 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



Group Leader Daw Aye Aye gives speech at talks on improvement of living standards of women.—YCDC

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 MWAFF, 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 MWAFF 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 MWAFF 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 explosions which went off in quick succession.

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.

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 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*

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.

US and Iraqi security forces have been conducting major offensives against extremist Sunni

and Shiite militiamen in the province and some other provinces.

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

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.

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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. 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 said.

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*



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

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.

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A Russian soldier removes radio equipment at the checkpoint in the Georgian village of Karaleti, some 90 km (56 miles) west of Tbilisi, on 7 Oct, 2008. Russia accused Georgia on Monday of trying to sabotage a French-brokered ceasefire by mounting a series of violent attacks on Russian targets across the region, but Tbilisi said the allegation was baseless. —XINHUA

Presidential election begins in Maldives

MALE, 8 Oct—The first-ever multi party presidential election began Wednesday in the Indian Ocean archipelago of Maldives with six candidates contesting the presidency.

The incumbent President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who has been the president since November 1978, will run for the presidency representing the Dhivehi Rayyithunge Party (Maldivian People's Party).

Other candidates are Maldivian Democratic Party's Mohamed Nasheed, Islamic Democratic Party's Umar Naseer, Social Liberal Party's Ibrahim Ismail, Jumhooree Party's Qasim Ibrahim and independent candidate Hassan Saeed.

Internet



A general view from the Shanghai World Trade Centre building shows a skyline in the centre of Shanghai in this 30 Sept, 2008 file photo. Shanghai, China's most populous city and an aspiring global financial centre, is also among the world's most vulnerable urban areas to a rise in sea levels as global warming melts polar ice.—INTERNET

18 feared dead as Nepali plane catches fire

KATHMANDU, 8 Oct—A Nepal Yeti Airlines domestic plane on Wednesday morning caught fire while landing at Lukla airport in the east of Nepali capital Kathmandu, and 18 might have been dead, said the Lukla airport authority.

“Altogether there were 19 people on board, pilot and stewardess included, most of them were foreign tourists,” an official in the Lukla airport told Xinhua reporter, “and 18 might have died while the other is in serious condition but still breathing.” —Internet

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 Angra dos 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.—Internet

Moderate quake shakes Japan's Kanto region

TOKYO, 8 Oct — A moderate quake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.6 jolted Japan's Kanto region, said the Japan Meteorological Agency Wednesday.

The epicentre of quake, which occurred at 3:07 pm local time (0607 GMT), was some 80 km underground in northwest Chiba Prefecture, the agency said.

Obvious shocks were felt in most buildings in Tokyo and its vicinity.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to property. And no Tsunami warning was issued.

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People place a virgin at a temple during Durga Puja festival in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, on 7 Oct, 2008. The virgin is regarded as a symbol of purity.

XINHUA

Turkish jets bomb Kurdish targets in Iraq, Turkey

ANKARA, 8 Oct—Turkish warplanes bombed suspected Kurdish rebel positions in northern Iraq and southeast Turkey early Tuesday in retaliation for an attack that killed 17 soldiers, the Turkish military said.

Turkey's Prime Minister indicated that the country could be preparing to launch new cross-border ground operations.

The military said fighter jets attacked 21 rebel positions in Iraq's Avasin Baysan region and

Turkish mountains bordering Iraq in the fourth round of airstrikes since Friday's attack.

In February, Turkish ground troops crossed into Iraqi territory for a weeklong operation against the rebels.

“If there is a need, necessary measures will be taken at the right time and place in the most effective way, as in the past year,” Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in a speech to his party's lawmakers in parliament.

“Iraq is our neighbour and the people there are our brothers, our relatives. If there is the need, an operation will not target the civilians or Iraq's integrity.”

Rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, fired mortar rounds and artillery from Iraq at a military outpost in a Turkish valley Friday, sparking the deadliest battle between Turkish troops and Kurdish rebels in eight months.

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The Chinese government holds a grand ceremony on Wednesday to honour organizations and individuals for their contribution to relief work after the 12 May earthquake.—XINHUA

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 earth-

quake, 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 na-

tion 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. *Xinhua*

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 4.1percent at an annual rate, down from the first quarter’s 5.2 percent growth pace. *Xinhua*

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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.—XINHUA

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. *Xinhua*

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.—*Xinhua*

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 (SOFA) 2008. “Current policies tend to favour producers in some developed countries over pro-

ducers in most developing countries. The challenge is to reduce or manage the risks while sharing the opportunities more widely,” said the director-general.—*Xinhua*

A staff member attends the photo exhibition at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, on 7 Oct, 2008. XINHUA



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.”
Internet

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 Quttami was quoted as saying.
Internet

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.

Rapid economic development and universal education since China adopted the reform has helped fuel the need for more information sources. Under the market economy, hundreds of publishing houses and newspapers have taken steps to restructure management systems into corporations listed on the stock market.—*Internet*



An undated photo provided by Ford Motor Co, of a MyKey. Starting next year, Ford Motor Co will roll out a new feature, controlled by a computer chip in the key, that allows parents to limit the car’s speeds to 80 mph and set a maximum volume for the audio system on some 2010 models.—INTERNET

NEWSALBUM

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.



The team points out the bones of the 85-million-year-old meat-eating dinosaur *Aerosteon riocoloradensis*, meaning “air bones from the Rio Colorado,” to visitors in Mendoza Province, in this handout photo from 1996. Scientists have unearthed the remains of the large meat-eating dinosaur with a breathing apparatus much like a modern bird, fortifying the link between birds and dinosaurs and helping to explain the evolution of birds’ unique system of breathing.

People look at a 1948 MG TC during the 2008 Schweppes Africa Concours d’ Elegance vintage cars and motorcycles show in Kenya’s capital Nairobi on 28 September, 2008.



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 glumly concede a cultural shift away from the sport.



File photo shows greyhounds compete during a race at Wonderland Greyhound Park in Revere, Mass. In the upcoming November 2008 election, Massachusetts voters will decide if greyhound racing will be retained or eliminated in the state.



Zha Taishan displays his cultivated calabash in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China’s Gansu Province, on 28 Sept, 2008. Zha Taishan used biotechnology to cultivate various shapes of calabash, making the plant into the artworks.

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 yet that who is responsible for that bomb explosion. The September-16 issues of the newspapers stated that such terrorist groups as KNU, ABSDF and VBSW had sent some bombers into Myanmar since 10 September to commit terrorist acts. The press conference held on 7 September disclosed that in the early September 2008, authorities managed to expose a lot of explosives meant for launching bomb attacks

in the nation carried by the New Generation for Democracy under the arrangements of those terrorist groups in border areas. Therefore, it can be guessed who was responsible for the bomb explosion.

Why do the groups in disguise of democracy activists target innocent people?

Can they enjoy democracy through bomb attacks? No way! Terrorism and democracy are totally different from each other. Democracy is a system in which the supreme power is held completely by the people. If asked, every citizen will reply that they protest against terrorist attacks and bomb blasts, and they want to lead a peaceful life with security and stability.

If bomb attacks had been designed to oust and at least tarnish the image of a government, the Bush Administration would have brought down since September 2001, following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in the US that killed thousands of people. Due to the September 11 attacks, the Bush regime won the public support at the unprecedented level and the tragic event touched the hearts of the whole global community. Similarly, Pakistan has come under several large-scale bomb attacks recently, but that does not lead to the downfall of PPP government. So, the reason is illogical.

Then, why do those claiming themselves to be democracy activists target ordinary people?

The first reason is to get funds through terrorist attacks they launch, inspired by their selfishness. Among the bomb blasts, the bomb attacks on Shwepyitha followed the agreement reached on 1.5 million kyats; and that on the public video lounge in Kyaukkyi, on 100,000 kyats. Surely, there must be a certain amount of money fixed for the bomb attacks that took place in Maha Bandoola Park. So, the people know well whether they are democracy activists or mercenaries out to kill people.

The second reason is that they are not brave enough, but merely coward ones, so they are troubling the people. 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. So, the people will be disgusted with such an awkward play. Likewise, the drama of neo-Sonuttho and his lackeys in which different tune and different dances are presented at the same time will face protests of the audience applause.

Translation: MS

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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.

Lt-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 Myathida 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.

Lt-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 distilled milk, strawberry milk, orange milk and grape milk and supplies them to shops and department stores.—MNA

Production lines of Pathein Glass Factory supervised

YANGON, 8 Oct—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung arrived at Pathein Glass Factory of Myanma 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 Winthuzar shop (Pathein) 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 of the Union of Myanmar, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand was held at Myat Taw Win Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

In his speech, Minister for Transport Maj-

Gen Thein Swe said that Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation (JCCCN) of four countries in upper reaches of Mekong River is undertaking its tasks with momentum for development of Greater Sub-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



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 Shwemantaung Golf Course in Mandalay on 21 and 22 October. The golfers must enlist Myanmar Golf Training Range and Shwemantaung Golf Course in Mandalay, dialing 01-651374 and 09-2037671.

The qualifying events will be held through St Andrew and regional golf regula-

tions. 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

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gives speech at the opening ceremony of Annual Evaluation Workshop on Hospital Performance at Central Level.

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



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.

MNA



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein receives Managing Director Mr Zhang Mingye and party of XJ Group Corporation of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

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,

here, yesterday.

At Myaungdaga sub-power station in Hmawby Township, the minister viewed completion of Kamanat (Bago)-Myaungdaga (Hmawby) 230 KV power grid. At the briefing hall, the minister met with personnel of the companies who are constructing the power grid.

The minister and party inspected installation of No. 186 pylon of the 230 KV power line and supply of power.—MNA

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



Signing ceremony on Siemens Stream LAB Total Laboratory Automation System in progress.—MNA

Good deed

Good is the doing of that deed, having done which one does not repent and the result of which one experiences with delight and with a happy mind.

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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-Phayangasu 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-Myingyan railroad section and substitution of concrete sleepers in the place of old ones on Thazi-Myingyan 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-Taungdwingyi-Kyaukpadaung railway section and Kyetshar bridge crossing Yin creek between Natmauk and Layain railway stations.

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Myanma 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 the 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

Irrigated crops thriving in Pale, Salingyi Townships

NAYPYITAW, 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.

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

Next, the minister inspected construction of Pyinnya 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. MNA



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



Paddy plantations seen at Phaunggata village in Salingyi Township. 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



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.

MNA

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. 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.

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1971 Mandalay medical students to hold get-together

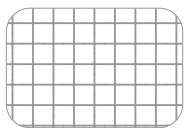
YANGON, 8 Oct— Medical students who had attended Mandalay Medical University in 1971 will hold the fourth respect paying ceremony at Myanmar Medical Association on 31st street between 70th and 71st

streets in Manalay on 30 January, 2009. The committee for holding the ceremony has made arrangements to invite all medical students far and near. Those wishing to

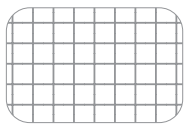
donate cash may contact Dr Maung Win, Dr Ye Lwin, Dr Aung Kyaw Soe and Dr Ko Ko Gyi of Mandalay (Tel-02-62202, 09-2000211, 09-2004060, 09-2002882, 09-2000490). MNA

Thriving teak plantations on Bago Yoma

Article & Photo by Nyi Nyi Tun (MNA)



Teak plants seen at Nursery.



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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



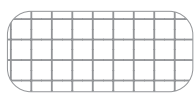
Photo shows systematic nurturing of saplings at teak plantation.

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 Paukhaung Township and 3000 acres of teak plantation in Kyauktaga Township in Bago Division in addition to 5000 acres in Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division.

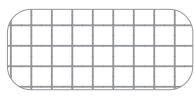
In an interview with Director of Pyosithu Trading Co Ltd U Yan Naing Lwin at Plot No. 50 of South

Nawin Forest Reserve in Paukhaung 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;



A ranger nurturing teak saplings.



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 Paukhaung 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

(Myanma Alin: 7-10-2008)



Bago Yoma Mountain Ranges short-cut to teak plantation of Phyo Si Thu Trading Co Ltd in Paukhaung Township.

World Post Day 2008

(9 October 2008)

Message from the Director General of the Universal Postal Union

A postal sector resolutely looking towards the future

Today, billions of parcels, letters and express items are sent by post to people all over the world. Goods or important documents, migrants' remittances to their families, newspapers and books...the list goes on.

Despite predictions of their demise not so long ago, postal services are alive and well and now more relevant than ever. E-mail and the Internet have not replaced them, but have instead created new opportunities. We live at a time where the different means of communication complement each other. The postal sector provides a precious service, not only to anyone who buys or sells online, but also to people not yet able to make full use of the new technologies and for whom the mail is a vital link with the outside world. With growing international and inter-regional trade, the development gap between postal services around the world needs to be narrowed so that businesses and individuals can benefit more from them.

By adopting a new world postal strategy, the countries attending the 24th Universal Postal Congress in Geneva last July and August gave themselves a road map for the sector's future development. This new strategy encourages market growth and the interconnection of networks, and promotes tighter governance in the sector.

Specific goals call for postal services to be better positioned in an environment characterized by stiffer competition, globalization, market liberalization and the rapid growth of new technologies. The road map adopted by the UPU encourages operators to provide a faster, more reliable service in order to always better meet the needs of all users, private customers and businesses alike. The UPU's priorities over the next several years will include strengthening universal service, quality of service, modernization of payment services, implementation of an addressing policy (an address is an essential component of everyone's identity), the environment and sustainable development.

Today, on World Post Day, I call upon all member countries of the Universal Postal Union and universal postal service operators to make a firm commitment, with all other postal sector players, to modernizing postal services so that they can continue to contribute fully to economic and social development.

These objectives conform to the policy objectives and priorities of the United Nations. It is worth recalling that the UPU this year is proudly celebrating its 60th anniversary as a United Nations specialized agency. Since 1948, the postal sector has contributed in meaningful ways to the noble mission of the United Nations — assisting development, reducing poverty and the digital divide, promoting health, environmental protection and sustainable development, to name just a few.

Owing to their universality, postal services provide a link between people all over the globe. This is especially important at a time when millions of people do not enjoy the right to communication.

In a constantly changing world, postal services make it possible to establish and maintain this contact and this link, both of which are vital.—UPU

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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 on 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

North Korea fires
missiles into sea

SEOUL, 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 take a hard and defiant line, analysts have said.

"We understand North Korea fired two 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 defence officials would not confirm the report.—MNA/Reuters

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Drive with care

Toyota to downgrade
profit estimate

TOKYO, 8 Oct—Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor Corp is planning to downgrade its earnings forecasts for the year to March 2009 amid the global financial turmoil, according to reports.

Toyota's operating profit for the year to March is expected to tumble around 40 percent from the previous year to about 1.3 trillion yen (12.8 billion dollars), falling short of a 1.6 trillion yen projection as the worldwide financial crisis dampens auto demand, the Japanese business daily Nikkei reported on Wednesday.

Toyota may fall short of its global sales target of 9.5 million units this financial year and could see sales fail to reach its current 25 trillion yen projection, it said, without citing sources.

The mass circulation Yomiuri Shimbun reported that Toyota will downgrade its full-year profit forecast, largely due to dwindling sales in the United States.

Officials were not immediately available for a comment on the reports.

In August, Toyota was forced to put off its goal of becoming the world's first automaker to sell more than 10 million vehicles in a year due to slowing demand. It slashed its 2009 calendar year sales forecast to 9.7 million vehicles, down from a previous target of 10.4 million.—Internet

Don't use cold drugs
in kids under four

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Oral cough and cold medicines sold over the counter should not be used in children younger than 4 years old because of the risk of rare complications linked to inappropriate use, manufacturers said on Tuesday. Most problems occurred in children who were given the wrong dose or who took the medicine accidentally, the Consumer Healthcare Prod-

ucts Association (CHPA), which represents Procter & Gamble Co, Novartis AG and other big drugmakers, said.

"We're doing this out of an abundance of caution," the group's president, Linda Suydam, said.

"Research shows that dosing errors and accidental ingestions — not the safety of the ingredients themselves when properly dosed — are the leading causes of rare adverse events in young children," the group said in a statement. The association said it made the decision in consultation with the US Food and Drug Administration, which last week held a public meeting to weigh the controversial use of such products in children. Manufacturers have maintained that non-prescription cough and cold products are safe when used as directed.

But doctors and consumer advocates have called on the agency to reject use of the medicines in children as old as 12. They argued the products have never been proven safe and effective, making any risk too great to give them to children.—Internet



Penguins, front, which had been kept at an animal rehabilitation centre, are seen onboard a Brazilian Navy ship in Rio de Janeiro, on 7 Oct, 2008. More than 30 penguins that mysteriously washed up on Brazil's equatorial beaches were sent to Rio Grande do Sul state to be released into the ocean.

INTERNET



Workers at a palm oil plantation in Serdang Bedagai, North Sumatra province.—INTERNET

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

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.

Gonaives, 152 kilometres north of Port au Prince, is one of the most affected areas. Almost one third of local residents lost everything, according to authorities.

Earlier official reports said that Hanna and Ike had devastated more than 100,000 houses in Haiti, and among them 22,000 were completely destroyed.—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.

Previous studies 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 the arteries of young,

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

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

A burnt tree lies down on a road along the Amazon rainforest, 270 km far from Tailandia, in Para, northern Brazil. Indigenous leaders in five Amazonian nations, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Indonesia on Wednesday demanded a larger say on how best to manage tropical forests to fight climate change.

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

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.”

INTERNET



SPORTS

Trapattoni recalls Duff for Cyprus qualifier



Newcastle United's Damien Duff

DUBLIN, 8 Oct — Damien Duff is back in the Republic of Ireland squad for next week's World Cup qualifier against Cyprus after missing last month's games against Georgia

and Montenegro.

The Newcastle midfielder has recovered from a knee injury and was named in coach Giovanni Trapattoni's 22-man squad for the tie at Croke Park here on 15 October.

But Steve Finnan, Steven Reid and Stephen Kelly have not been selected because of fitness problems.

There is a return to the squad too for Scunthorpe keeper Joe Murphy, who will provide the back-up to Shay Given and Dean Kiely.—*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



Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka 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 a 5-1 lead.

A double-fault cost him the game as he served to level the match, but he broke Wawrinka again in the next game to secure the set on his fourth set point.

Internet



Nikolay Davydenko of Russia returns a backhand to Florent Serra of France during their match at the ATP Kremlin Cup men's tennis tournament in Moscow. Davydenko won 6-1, 7-5 in one hour 18 minutes.—*INTERNET*



San Jose Earthquakes goalie Mike Graczyk, centre right, punches the ball out of danger next to CD FAS, of El Salvador, forward Oswaldo Mendoza, centre left, in the first half of a friendly soccer match in Santa Clara, Calif, on 7 Oct, 2008. San Jose won 2-1.—*INTERNET*

Total debts in England more than 3bn pounds: FA

LONDON, 8 Oct — FA chairman Lord Triesman on Tuesday said English football had total debts of more than three billion pounds (3.9 billion euros) and warned of its danger to the well-being of the sport.

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 un-



Premier League chief executive Richard Scudamore

marked 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."

Internet

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 32 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.

Internet

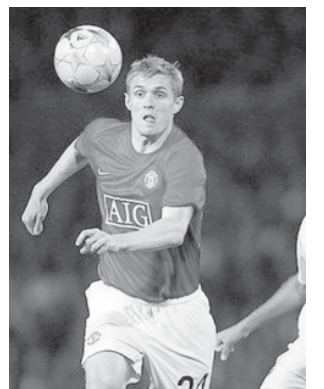
Scots go for Fletcher as skipper

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



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Thomson suffered an ankle injury in Sunday's 1-0 defeat by St Mirren.

The loss of Miller is the most serious blow to Burley's plans with the forward's club, Rangers, having decided that he should have an injection to treat a hamstring injury.

Internet

1.5 million dollars up for grabs at Australian Open tennis



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.—*INTERNET*

SYDNEY, 8 Oct — 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.

Tennis Australia said on Wednesday that the singles 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.

Internet

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 1.2 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), Ganesha (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 Jalili, 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."

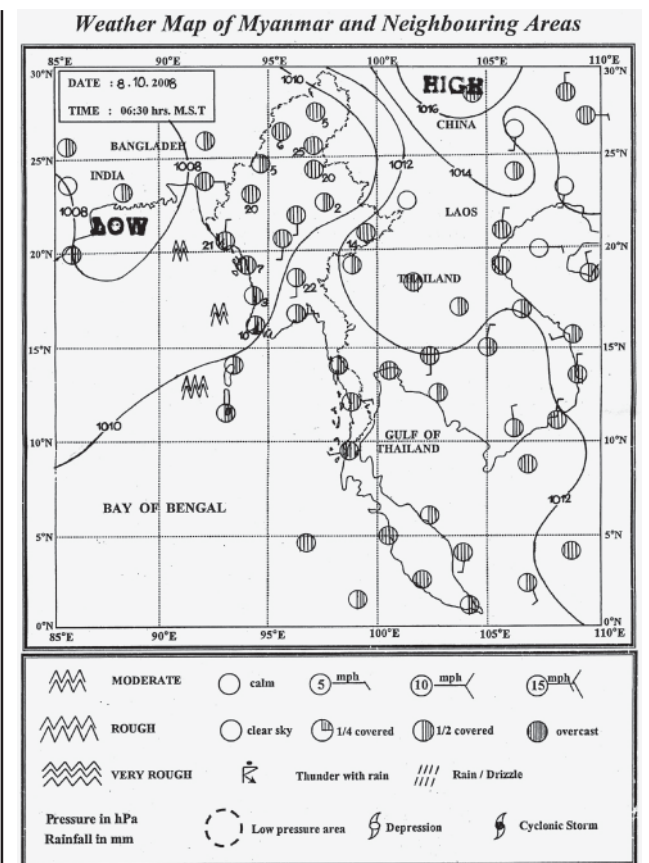
The United States and other Western powers suspect Teheran is seeking a nuclear bomb under cover of its civilian nuclear programme. Iran, the world's fourth-largest oil producer, denies it has any such intentions, saying it only wants to generate electricity.

MNA/Reuters



Share trader Thomas Holler reacts on share price development on the trading floor of the Frankfurt stock exchange, on 8 October, 2008.

INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 8 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr 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, Myitkyina (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 sunshine 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.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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



Thursday, 9 October
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Cute little dancers

7:50 am

5. Song of national
races

8:00 am

6. “ကျန်းမာသန်ထွား
ညာထံမြင့်မား”
(မင်းရာဇာ၊ မျိုးစန့်ကျော်၊
တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်(ကုမုဒြာ)

8:10 am

7. Musical programme

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်
မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊
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(ကာလပေါ်တေး/
ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး)
(အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်)
(အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance variety

4:20 pm

3. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား
ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:40 pm

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
ခုတ်ယူရန် (မြန်မာစာ အထူး
ပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:05 pm

7. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

5:15 pm

6. “သတိနဲ့ယှဉ်အသိနဲ့ပြင်”
(အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊
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ဆောင်းနင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊
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(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

5:25 pm

7. Musical programme

5:35 pm

8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

5:30 pm

9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်
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(အမျိုးသား)

6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:45 pm

15. မုန်တိုင်းလွန်ကာလ
မြင်ကွင်းသစ်များ(အပိုင်း-၂)

6:55 pm

16. မူဟန့်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

7:10 pm

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ကုန်သွယ်မုန်တိုင်း”

(အပိုင်း-၁၅)

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား”

(အပိုင်း-၃၅)

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

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*



Maj-Gen Tha Aye looks into preparing of salt farm at Panga saltern in Thanbyuzayat Township.—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).

MNA

Current Concepts: Traumatic Wound Infection on 12 Oct

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Microbiology Society of Myanmar Medical Association will hold a symposium on “Current Concepts: Traumatic Wound Infection” on 12 October from 9 am to 12 at Auditorium (A), Myanmar Medical Association, on Theinbyu Road here.

All those interested are invited to attend the symposium. Registration can be made from 10 am to 4 pm at the Department of Microbiology, University of Medicine-1, Lanmadaw Township, University of Medicine-2 and the Department of Microbiology, Defence Services Medical Academy, or on the day of the symposium.— *MNA*

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Saboteurs in disguise of democracy activists

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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 Mourinho backs Italian Serie A.