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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Bangladesh President share views on bilateral and regional cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban Presidential House in Dhaka at 11.15 am on 8 October.

On arrival at the venue, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were greeted by President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed exchanged gifts.

Together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye were Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh U Phae Thann Oo. President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed was accompanied by Adviser to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury and high-ranking

officials.

At the meeting, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that he conveyed the message of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe to the Bangladesh President wishing him health and happiness. He also said that it is his belief that the goodwill visit would strengthen the friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries; and that at his meeting with the Chief Adviser to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh yesterday he was able to discuss matters on common interest. Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Bangladesh President exchanged views on bilateral and regional cooperation.

After the meeting, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye signed in the visitors' book and left for the hotel.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Bangladesh President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban Presidential House in Dhaka. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Bangladesh President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban Presidential House in Dhaka. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar-Bangladesh friendship, cooperation further strengthened

Myanmar and Bangladesh, two neighbouring countries, have maintained amicable coexistence between them from time immemorial. Leaders of the two states visit each other's country, thus enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, at the invitation of Dr Fakruddin Ahmed, Chief Adviser to Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, paid a goodwill visit to Bangladesh on 7 October.

During the goodwill visit, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye conferred with the Bangladeshi party led by Chief Adviser Dr Fakruddin Ahmed on 7 October evening. The meeting focused on further strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, expanding of bilateral border trade and investments and making coordination at regional and international organizations.

Chief Adviser Dr Fakruddin Ahmed hosted dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation in Dhaka on 7 October evening. At the dinner, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that the visit was intended to further promote bilateral friendship and cooperation, adding that Myanmar always paid attention to further strengthening of friendship between the two sides.

Chief Adviser to Bangladesh Caretaker Government Dr Fakruddin Ahmed said that the two countries had discussed matters on mutual interests; that an agreement on avoidance of double taxation between the two countries had been inked; and that plans were under way to sign other agreements.

Myanmar and Bangladesh are two developing countries facing same economic challenges. So, the two neighbours will be able to enjoy fruitful results if they work more closely in the border trade and investments.

It is believed that Vice-Senior General Maung Aye's goodwill visit to Bangladesh will help cement bilateral friendship and boost bilateral cooperation in the economic sector.

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People's Desire

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

Outstanding children of MWJA members awarded

YANGON, 10 Oct—The third prize presentation ceremony of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the meeting hall of MWJA on the second floor of Sapay Beikman Building on Merchant Road, here, this afternoon, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, the chairman and CEC members of MWJA, outstanding students, guests and wellwishers.

First, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsuang) made an opening address and Vice-Chairman 3 U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) explained purpose of holding the ceremony.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented medals and cash rewards to five-distinction winner Maung Wunna Zaw Min, son of U Zaw Min (Zaw Min Thwin) of Taunggyi Township, four-distinction winners Maung Ye Yint Thu, son of U Kyi Myaing (Natmauk Kyi Myaing) of Natmauk Township, Maung Zwe Win Aung, son of U Myint Zaw (Moe Zaw) of Kamayut Township and Maung Hein Win Toe, son of U Win Hlaing (Maung Yadana) of Thingangyun Township, and three-distinction winners Ma Khine Zun Thi, daughter of U Shwe Htay (Saku-Shwe Htay) of Minbu (Saku) Township, Maung Moe Thit Tun, son of U Sein Lwin (Ko Lwin Maung- Education) of Magway Township, Ma Eindra Ni Nyo Zaw, daughter



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents award to three-distinction winner Ma Khine Zun Thi. —MNA

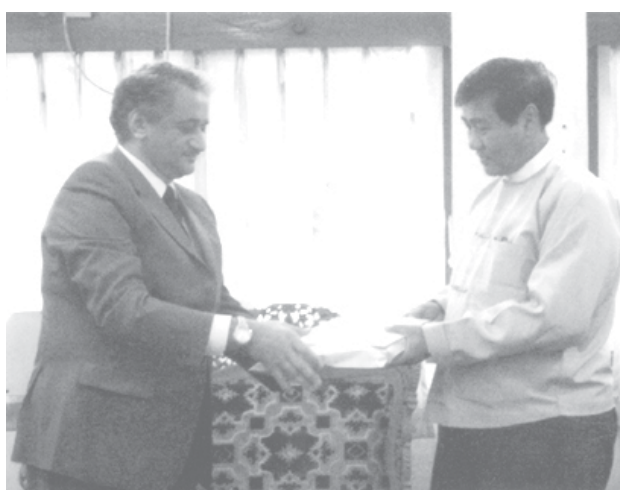
of Cmdr Zaw Min Oo (Retd) of Shwepyitha Township and Ma Barani Phyu Sin Tun, daughter of U Tun Tun Soe (Tanaingkha) of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

Afterwards, cash donation ceremony followed. MWJA Vice-Chairman 2 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepted K 420,000 donated by Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Haymar) (Alinka Wutyi), K 210,000 by CEC member Dr Tha Tun Oo (Today Media Group), K 200,000 by Joint Secretary 2 U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tekkatho) (Yangon Media Group), K 100,000 by CEC member U Khin Maung Than (Zan Zan) and K 50000 each by U Maung Maung Myint Aye (Maung Maung Myint Aye) and Joint Secretary 3 U Soe Shein (Maung Soe Htaik-Thonze) for MWJA and presented certificates of honour to them.

The ceremony came to an end after speaking words of thanks by an outstanding student.

One or two-distinction winners will be awarded through respective township MWJAs.

MNA



TCG Chairman Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu accepts cash donation presented by Pakistani Ambassador Mr Qazi M Khalilullah.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

More houses for storm victims

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr. Qazi M. Khalilullah handed over cash donation for the construction of houses for the storm victims to Chairman of the ASEAN-Myanmar-United Nations Tripartite Core Group (TCG), Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon yesterday morning.—MNA

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal in circulation

YANGON, 10 Oct—No. 11, Vol (VII) of Shwe Naing Ngan Journal came out yesterday.

Copies of the journal are on sale at the bookshop of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, and Pan Shwe Pyi bookshop. Writers may send their works to Shwe Naing Ngan Journal, the Printing and Publishing Enterprise, No. 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, (Ph: 01-382070).—MNA

10 civilians killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Oct — At least 36 militants were killed in clashes with security forces in Afghanistan, authorities said Thursday, adding that villagers had reported that 10 civilians died in rebel gunfire.

The bloodshed in clashes on Wednesday underscored a deterioration in security this year that has led to new emphasis on a political solution to a Taliban-led insurgency launched after the extremist regime was toppled in 2001.

In central Uruzgan Province, Afghan and international troops were on patrol when they were attacked with guns, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades (RPG), a statement from the US forces in Afghanistan said.

Provincial governor Assadullah Hamdam, however, quoted a lower civilian toll of six and said they were killed when a rocket aimed at troops missed its target.

"It hit a home, killing six civilians including women and children," he said.

Internet

10 dead, 50 hurt by Pakistani suicide bomb

ISLAMABAD, 10 Oct—An official says a suicide bomber attacked a group of anti-insurgent tribesmen in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border, killing at least 10 and wounding more than 50.

Government official Sher Akbar Khan says the tribesmen had gathered Friday to plan the demolition of a main militant base in the Orakzai tribal area.

"Initial reports suggest that the suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into the gathering," Khan said, adding that the death toll could rise.

Orakzai, which is near the main northwest city of Peshawar, has been one of the more peaceful tribal areas.

Also Friday, government official Jamil Ahmad accused militants of beheading four pro-government tribal



A local Pakistani tribesman shows remains of a missile near a house hit by suspected US strikes in Tappi village near Miran Shah in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, on 10 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET

elders Thursday in Bajur tribal region, the scene of the some of the heaviest fighting between Pakistani troops and insurgents.—Internet



A woman cries near a relative who was wounded in a roadside bomb attack, in a hospital in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 9 Oct, 2008. Four civilians were killed and eight others were wounded from one family in a roadside bomb attack north of Baquba on Thursday, police said.—INTERNET

Iraq: 8 dead, 22 wounded in Baghdad car bombing

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct—Iraqi police say eight people have been killed after a car bomb struck a market in a Shiite enclave in southwestern Baghdad.

Police say 22 people have been wounded in Friday's blast. Two police officers say a car parked in the main market area of Abu Dshir. It is a Shiite enclave in the majority Sunni neighborhood of Dora.

The policemen spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

Dora is a former insurgent stronghold but security has significantly improved there over the last year.—Internet

Army says 15 killed in Darfur rebel ambush

KHARTOUM, 10 Oct—

The Sudanese Army said on Friday that 15 people were killed when Darfur rebels attacked a local government convoy with military escort in the far west of the conflict-strewn region. Rebels from the Justice and Equality Movement ambushed the convoy about 60 kilometres (40 miles) from the capital of West Darfur state, El Geneina, as it was travelling to Kulbus, further north on the border with Chad, the army said.

The identity of the dead was not immediately clear.

Fadallah Ahmed Abdallah, commissioner of El Geneina municipality, confirmed that two senior local officials were travelling in the convoy when they came under attack on Thursday afternoon, but did not identify the assailants.—Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,180

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct — As of Thursday, 9 Oct, 2008, at least 4,180 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,385 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 30,702 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.—Internet



Wounded Iraqis arrive in an ambulance at the Baquba central hospital, northeast of Baghdad following a roadside bomb. Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki vowed on 9 Oct to capture the assassins of an anti-American Shiite MP, the first lawmaker to be killed in 18 months, and ordered a top-level investigation.—INTERNET

Pakistan investigates US missile strike

ISLAMABAD, 10 Oct — Pakistani intelligence agents Friday were investigating the identities of up to eight foreigners believed killed in a suspected US missile strike close to the Afghan border.

The attack appeared to be part of a surge in alleged US assaults from Afghanistan on suspected militant targets in Pakistan that have strained ties between the two anti-terror allies.

The attack came a day after twin bombings targeting police, one in the capital and one in the northwest, killed 10 people and wounded 14, underscoring the threat posed by Islamist militants in nuclear-armed Pakistan.

The missile strike took place late Thursday on a house in the North Waziristan tribal region, according to two intelligence officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.—Internet



A man injured in a roadside blast waits to receive treatment at a local hospital in Peshawar on 9 Oct, 2008. A suicide bomber attacked police headquarters in Islamabad, warplanes killed 20 Islamist fighters in the northwest, and children died in a roadside blast on 9 Oct as Pakistan's war with militants intensified.—INTERNET



Russian soldiers drive military vehicles out of the Nadarbazevi checkpoint on 8 October. Russian forces completed a withdrawal from buffer zones around Georgia's rebel regions today, two months after a war over South Ossetia poisoned relations between Moscow and the West.—INTERNET

**Pakistan
fighter aircraft
crashes,
pilot safe**

ISLAMABAD, 10 Oct — A Pakistan Air Force (PAF) fighter aircraft crashed in the country's northeast on Thursday and there is no casualties, a PAF statement said.

The F-7 aircraft was on an operational training mission when it crashed near Sargodha district of eastern Punjab province, a PAF spokesman said in the statement.

Fortunately the pilot ejected safely from the plane.

There was no reports of loss of life and property on the ground.

Internet



Israeli mounted policemen patrol during clashes between Israeli Arab and Jewish residents of the mixed city of Acre, northern Israel, early 10 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

**China's iron ore, steel prices may
fall further**

BEIJING, 10 Oct— China's Ministry of Commerce on Thursday said the prices of iron ore and steel products have fur-

ther room for slide following recent retreat.

Prices of domestic iron ore were at 1,200 yuan (176 US dollars) per ton at the end of September, 12.4 percent lower than a month ago on slumping shipping rate, the ministry said.

Prices of steel on average last month slid 5.9 percent month-on-month to 5,670 yuan (830 US dollars) per ton. The slide was because of falling production costs and weaken demand in economic slowdown.

Domestic iron ore supply is sufficient as the closures and production cuts in some steel mills have reduced demand for iron ore, it added.

Four leading steel makers, including Shougang Group, Hebei Iron and Steel Group, Shan-

dong Iron and Steel Group and Anyang Iron and Steel Group, will slash 20 percent of their production this month amid slack domestic demand and dropping steel prices, Monday's China Securities Journal reported. —Internet



Workers walk in front of the P-51 oil rig of Brazil's state-run oil company Petrobras, in Angra dos Reis, Rio de Janeiro recently. Four miles under the ocean's surface off Brazil's lush coast lie billions of barrels of recently discovered light crude, a treasure set to transform the country into an oil superpower.—INTERNET

**North Korea preparing to
restart atomic facility**

VIENNA(Austria), 10 Oct — North Korea moved closer Thursday to relaunching its nuclear arms programme, announcing that it wants to reactivate the facility that produced its atomic bomb and banning UN inspectors from the site.

The US said the moves did not mean the death of international efforts to persuade the North to recommit to an agreement that offers it diplomatic



This file photo is a satellite image provided by Space Imaging Asia of the Yongbyon Nuclear Center, located north of Pyongyang, North Korea.

INTERNET

and economic concessions in exchange for nuclear disarmament.

Despite the gloomy implications of North Korea's moves, they could be a negotiating ploy: The year needed to start its reprocessing plant could be used to wrest more concessions from the re-

gime's interlocutors.

John Bolton, who has served as US ambassador to the United Nations and US undersecretary of state in charge of the North Korean nuclear dossier, suggested the North's tactics were working.

Internet

**Russia says no plans to sell
missile systems to Iran**

MOSCOW, 10 Oct— Russia has no plans to provide Iran with the S-300 anti-aircraft missile defence systems, a Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

"We have repeatedly said that we do not plan to supply those types of weapons to countries located in volatile regions," spokesman Andrei Nesterenko was quoted as saying by the RIA Novosti news agency.

Such a move would "run contrary to both Russia's foreign policy and its interest in maintaining stability in different regions," said the spokesman.

"Any country can decide to purchase some types of Russian weapons, but we made decisions at the top political level," he said, adding that decisions are based on the need to maintain a balance of forces and regional security.

Internet

**Syrian forces clash with terrorists
in Palestinian refugee camp**

DAMASCUS, 10 Oct — Syrian security forces clashed with suspected terrorists in a Palestinian refugee camp, south of Damascus, killing at least one of them, the independent Damaspost website reported Thursday.

According to the report, Syrian security forces exchanged fire with the suspected terrorists in Yarmouk refugee camp, the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Syria, about 15 km south of the capital, killing at least one and wounding and then arresting another.

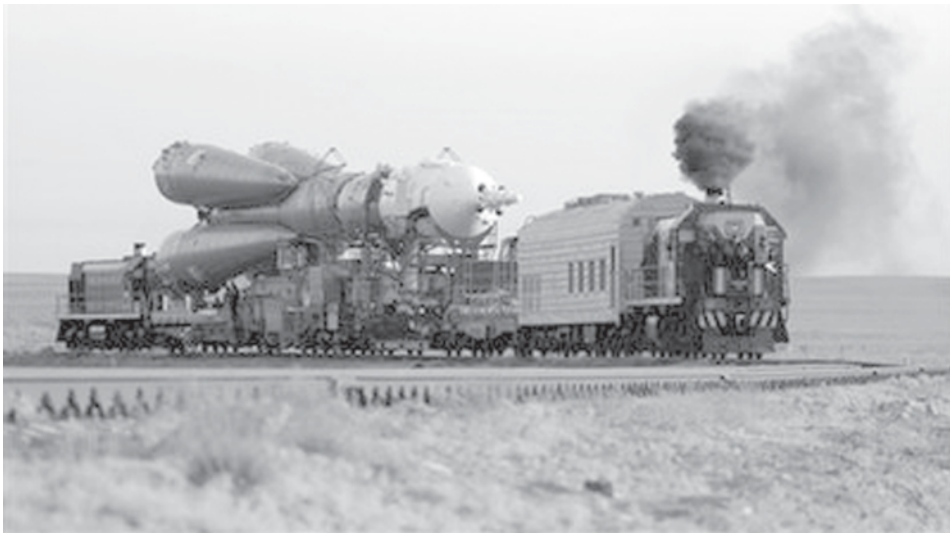
The report quoted witnesses as saying that one of the suspects was carrying an explosive belt, but security forces managed to control the situation.

Other Arab media reported more casualties, saying four suspects were killed and a Syrian security guard injured in the clashes.

Calm has returned to the street of the refugee camp, said the reports.

No official statement has been issued to confirm the clashes.

Internet



The Russian Soyuz TMA-13 space ship that will carry new crew to the international space station is transported to the launch pad at the Russian leased Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 10 Oct, 2008. The rocket is scheduled to blast off on 12 October.—INTERNET

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

More tainted meat products found at Canadian food plant

OTTAWA, 10 Oct—Four new tainted meat products were found at the Toronto food plant recently after its listeria-tainted meat caused 20 deaths in Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced Thursday. The Maple Leaf facility reopened on 17 Sept after it was shut for several weeks following the cross-Canada listeria outbreak. The four positive samples were found in 2,700 products that were tested on 29-30 Sept. The

strain found in the most recent tests is different from the one that triggered the shutdown.

Maple Leaf Foods President Michael McCain said Thursday the finding was no surprise as *Listeria* bacteria exist in any food plants and can never be eliminated.

“While this plant has undergone intensive sanitization, we will never eliminate (the *Listeria* bacteria). It exists in all food plants, all supermarkets and presumably all

kitchens,” he told a Thursday news conference in Toronto.

CFIA and Maple Leaf officials are investigating the findings, he said.

He stressed that having four positive samples out of 3,850 “is exceptionally low. During the outbreak that occurred in August, the bacterium was found” in large amounts, across multiple product lines, multiple products, in high doses, and was linked to illness.”

Xinhua



People play a new game by Japanese video content provider Koei Co at Sony Corp's PlayStation booth during a media preview of the annual Tokyo Game Show in Chiba near Tokyo on 9 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Indonesia to plant 100 mln trees in a month

JAKARTA, 10 Oct—The Indonesian government plans to plant about 100 million trees within a month's time starting 28 Nov as part of its programme to mark the centennial of National Awakening, a cabinet minister said here Thursday. “President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will declare 28 Nov as Indonesia's Planting Day. As part of the 100 years of National Awakening celebrations, about 100 million trees will be planted across the country,” Antara news agency quoted Forestry Minister MS Kaban as saying.—Xinhua

China confident, capable of overcoming economic challenges

BEIJING, 10 Oct—Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan said on Thursday the country is fully confident and capable of overcoming the current economic difficulties, vowing to work closely with other countries to safeguard stability of the global financial market.

Wang, in his meeting with former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, said China has already taken relevant measures to face up to the turbulences of the interna-

tional financial market.

As the largest developing country and a rising market, China's priority is to well handle its own problems, he said.

He believes China has great potential in domestic market and economic growth, adding the country would continue to take measures to maintain the stable and relatively fast economic development.

“The Chinese government is to strengthen coordination with other countries to face up to the

global crisis and promote the stability of the global economic and financial market,” Wang told Schroeder.

He appreciated the former German Chancellor's contribution to cementing bilateral ties. Regarding both countries as important trade, investment and technical cooperation partners, Wang said to further facilitate bilateral trade cooperation complies with the fundamental interests of both sides.—Xinhua



Workers pack the dinosaur fossil to be donated to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, in Lufeng World Dinosaur Valley, southwest China's Yunnan Province on 9 Oct, 2008.—XINHUA

GM shares down to 58-year low

BEIJING, 10 Oct—General Motors Corp shares plunged to their lowest level since 1950, according to media reports Friday. This happened as concerns was enhanced that the auto industry decline that started in the US was spreading. Moreover,

it was warned by a leading forecaster — JD Power and Associates — global auto demand could “collapse” in 2009.

GM shares fell as much as 33 percent to 4.65 dollars Thursday, driving its market capitalization to its lowest level since

1929, California-based Global Financial Data said. At its low, GM's market capitalization stood at 2.6 billion dollars as against a market capitalization of about 4 billion dollars in March 1929 before the stock market crash that preceded the Great Depression.

JD Power and Associates, a forecaster used by many in the auto industry to plan out their own outlooks, warned that “no region was immune to financial turmoil,” and the mature auto markets were hit more severely than the emerging ones.

GM's decline was one factor that contributed to a sharp slide in the Dow Jones Industrial Average which went down to below 8,600 Thursday on panic sell-off.

Xinhua

Financial crisis to “increase” mental illness

BEIJING, 10 Oct—The global financial crisis is likely to cause increased mental health problems and even suicides as people struggle to cope with poverty and unemployment, the World Health Organization warned Thursday.

Hundreds of millions of people worldwide are already affected by mental problems such as depression and bi-polar disorders and the current market meltdown could exacerbate feelings of despair among people vulnerable to such illnesses.

The United Nations agency said the impact could be especially marked for those living in low and middle income countries where access to treatment is often limited.—Xinhua

Google-sponsored satellite sends first image

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct — A Google-sponsored satellite has beamed its first picture back to Earth in a successful test of a camera that will supply images for the Internet giant's free online map and navigation services.

The high-resolution color image from GeoEye-1, which was launched on 6 September from a US air force base in California, was of a university campus in Pennsylvania, satellite operator GeoEye Inc said in a

statement.

The Dulles, Virginia-based company provided a link to the image at its website: www.geoeye.com/CorpSite/gallery/Default.aspx.

The picture of the Kutztown University campus was taken on Tuesday while the satellite was in a 423-mile-high (681 km) orbit over the East Coast of the United States, GeoEye said.

GeoEye-1's main client is the US government's mapping arm, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, but Google is a major sponsor of the 500-million-dollar satellite and has exclusive commercial rights to its images.

Internet

4-year-old kills himself with mother's police gun

SAN JUAN(Puerto Rico) , 10 Oct — A 4-year-old boy accidentally killed himself with his police-officer mother's gun as she dropped her children off at school, police said Thursday. The gun apparently fell between the two front seats of the car as the mother leaned over to comb her daughter's hair.

The 35-year-old mother is a sergeant with the San Juan police department and her statement will be taken in more detail when she is ready, Commissioner Hilton Cordero said.

Her autistic son, Jeremy Marcano, got out of his booster seat, picked up the gun and shot himself in the face, Commander Jose Marrero Rivera told The Associated Press.

Marrero said he did not know where Brenda Lee Cotto had the gun before it fell. Police did not comment on whether the boy's autism was a factor.

The shooting occurred inside the car as the officer prepared to drop off two of her four children, Marrero said. Her 5-year-old daughter and 2-year-old toddler were in the car, but her 11-year-old son already had gotten out to buy something to eat, police said. — Internet

Obama opens 5-point lead on McCain

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct — Democrat Barack Obama has opened a 5-point lead over Republican rival John McCain in the White House race and expanded his support among women voters, according to a Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby poll released on Friday.

Obama leads McCain 48 percent to 43 percent among likely US voters in the national poll, up slightly from a 4-point advantage for Obama on Thursday. The poll has a margin of error of 2.9 percentage points.

Obama's edge among women, an important swing voting bloc in the November 4 election, grew from 9 to 12 points. Obama also gained among Hispanics and young voters and leads by 10 points among independents.

Obama's edge has expanded amid intensifying



Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama greets supporters at a campaign rally in Dayton Dragon Stadium in Dayton, Ohio on 9 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

economic fears as financial markets have tumbled this week. Half of the polling, conducted Monday through Thursday, was done after Tuesday's second presidential debate.

"Obama is benefiting from the terrible economic news and what was seen to be a relatively poor debate

performance by McCain," pollster John Zogby said.

McCain, 72, a former Navy fighter pilot and Vietnam prisoner of war, fell behind Obama among voters with a member of the military in their family. The Arizona senator runs even with Obama among voters older than 65.—Internet

Thousands of al-Sadr supporters mourn lawmaker

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct — Thousands of supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr have taken part in a procession in Baghdad to mourn the killing of a Sadrist lawmaker.

The crowd walked on

Friday through the Shiite district of Sadr City behind a car carrying the casket of politician Saleh al-Auqaيلي.

Al-Auqaيلي was traveling in a convoy with other Shiite lawmakers on Thursday

when a roadside bomb struck it in eastern Baghdad. He died later at a hospital.

One of al-Sadr's aides read out a statement from the cleric mourning al-Auqaيلي as a martyr. The statement called on the Iraqi govern-

ment to investigate the killing.

The Sadrists oppose negotiations for a security agreement that would extend the presence of US troops in Iraq beyond this year.

Internet



A young man performs acrobatics at The First China Beijing International Cultural and Creative Industry Expo in Beijing, China. Some 1,500 cultural and creative enterprises from China and overseas are taking part in the event.



A red-tail boa constrictor is on exhibit at the Butantan Institute in Sao Paulo. The Butantan Institute in a biomedical research centre specializing in snakes and produces antivenin to save people from snake bites. Antitoxins against spider and scorpion bites are also produced at the institute.

NEWSALBUM

Group nabbed after fine paid with marked bills

A group of suspected thieves in Kern County may need to learn the concept of "unmarked bills." A restaurant known as The Homestead in the high desert town of Inyokern had a tradition of customers hanging dollar bills on its walls, usually inscribing them with messages and other distinguishing details.

Last week a man used 10 of the bills, some with the word "Homestead" on them, to pay a court fine, and a clerk immediately recognized them, Sheriff's Sgt Tyson Davis said Monday.

Donald Dejarnette, 34, and four others have been arrested on suspicion of lifting \$8,000 worth of the bills from the restaurant's walls, authorities said.

Rat bite wakes NY firefighter sleeping at station

An upstate New York fire department smells rats after one of the rodents bit the nose of a dozing firefighter. Glens Falls acting Mayor John Diamond says the firefighter awoke Saturday with a pain and saw blood and "two little spike marks" on his nose. Officials say the firefighter has been given a tetanus shot and antibiotics and is back on the job.

The fire station will be on a reduced schedule as an exterminator and state health officials work to remedy the apparent rat infestation. Meanwhile, the station's sleeping and dining quarters are closed.

Bear relocated for stealing honey in Montana

Far from the Hundred Acre Wood, a Montana grizzly bear was relocated for soothing the 'rumbly in his tumbly' by stealing honey from commercial hives. State bear management specialist Mike Madel says it was surprising that the 4 1/2-year-old bear had wandered as far away as Simms, about 20 miles east of the Rocky Mountain Front.

In the fall, black and grizzly bears are constantly searching for food before they den for the winter. Madel figures that's what brought the bear to the Simms area.

"The local chokecherry crop is not very good, spotty at best," said Madel, who works for the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. "I'm guessing he was following the chokecherries along the Sun River and found some beehives." Beehives closer to the Front are protected by electric fencing, but those near Simms



are not, Madel said.

Officials received the first report of a bear raiding a beehive. A snare was set up after more beehives were raided and the bear was caught the next night.

Man cited for allegedly buying beer for young sons

A father who bought a beer for his 4-year-old son at the Fond du Lac County Fair and shared it with the boy's 2-year-old sibling was cited after becoming belligerent when he was approached by police. A woman working at a beer tent last July told an officer she thought the man was joking when he asked

for two beers — one for him and another for his 4-year-old son.

When he was questioned by an officer, he told him it's legal for underage children to drink in Wisconsin, as long as they're with their parents. The officer countered that the boys weren't old enough to know what they were drinking.

Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh hosts dinner in honour of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye speaking at the dinner. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Chief of Army Staff of the Bangladesh General Moeen U Ahmed and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace

and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at Senakunja

Guesthouse of Dhaka Cantonment at 8 pm on 8 October.

Together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife at the dinner were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and delegation members, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador, the Myanmar military attaché and officials. Together with General Moeen U Ahmed and wife were senior military officers and guests.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and delegation members and General Moeen U Ahmed and the guests enjoyed dinner. After the dinner, General Moeen U Ahmed extended greetings.

Next, General Moeen U Ahmed and wife presented souvenirs to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered a speech. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife also presented souvenirs to General Moeen U Ahmed and wife.

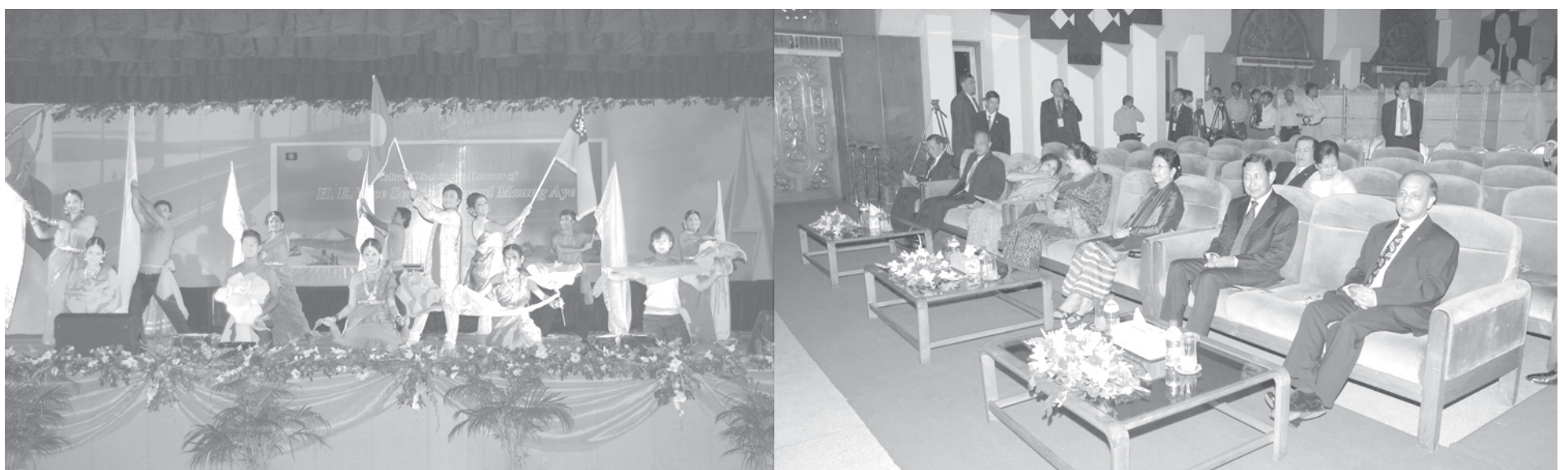
Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party and General Moeen U Ahmed and party were entertained with a variety of cultural dances of Bangladesh.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and General Moeen U Ahmed and wife had documentary photos taken and they presented bouquets to the cultural dance troupe.

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Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed speaking at the dinner. —MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San enjoy variety of cultural dances of Bangladesh at Senakunja Guesthouse. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye lays wreath at National Mausoleum in Savar of Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye arrived at Savar National Mausoleum in Dhaka at 8.35 am on 8 October.

They were welcomed by Adviser to the Ministry of Home, Shipping and Liberation War Affairs Maj-Gen MA Matir and officials.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye laid a wreath and paid tribute at the National Mausoleum.

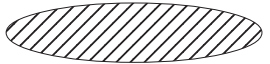
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye signed in the visitors' book of the mausoleum.

Later, he planted a commemorative tree at the National Mausoleum.—MNA

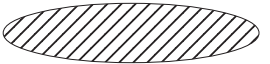


Vice-Senior General Maung Aye grows a commemorative tree at National Mausoleum.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye lays a wreath at Savar National Mausoleum in Dhaka. —MNA



Longest bridge in Myanmar under constant maintenance

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence on 4 October gave an inaugural speech and awarded the outstanding students at the prizes presentation ceremony at Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected Myine Yadana four-story market.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials, Maj-Gen Tha Aye viewed completion of pre-stressed concrete sleeper factory (Mottama) under the Ministry of Rail Transportation and Padonma Soap Factory in Paung Township. While in Paung Township, he looked into thriving paddy plantations and paddy harvesting. At

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), he inspected maintenance of the bridge and flow of Thanlwin River.

In Hpa-an, Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivered addresses at the Kayin State Secure and Smooth Transport Work Coordination Meeting at Kayin State SPDC Office and attended the prize presentation ceremony of Kayin State at Zwegabin Hall. He paid homage to member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Indariya of Mebaung Monastery and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vajiyabuddhi of Nyaungbintha Monastery.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Thaton along Hpa-an-Thaton road.—MNA

Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence presents award to an outstanding student. —MNA



Embassy staff pay respects to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct— Ambassador of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh U Phae Thann Oo, Military Attache Col Thein Lwin and their wives, embassy staff and Myanmar trainees who are in Dhaka paid respects to Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at 6.20 pm on 8 October.

First, embassy staff and their families and trainees led by Ambassador U Phae Thann Oo and Military Attache Col Thein Lwin

paid respects to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San in accord with Myanmar traditions and custom.

Next, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo briefed embassy staff and their families and trainees led by Ambassador U Phae Thann Oo and Military Attache Col Thein Lwin on the purpose of the goodwill visit to the People's Republic of Bangladesh by the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, cooperation

between the two countries, diplomatic ethics and political development of the nation. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented gifts to the embassy staff and their families.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San present gifts to embassy staff and their families.

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Daw Mya Mya San and party visit Sena Paribar Kallyon Shamiti (SPKS) in Dhaka



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, visits Sena Sahayak School at Dhaka Cantonment in Dhaka. — MNA

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, enjoys entertainment of cultural dance troupe. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party, arrived at Sena Paribar Kallyon Shamiti (SPKS) of Dhaka Cantonment in Dhaka, the People's Republic of Bangladesh at 10 am on 8 October. They were welcomed there by wives of senior military officers of the People's the Republic of Bangladesh.

At the meeting hall, Patron of SPKS Mrs Begum Naznin Moeen, wife of the Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh, greeted Daw Mya Mya San and held discussions with her. After that, they exchanged gifts.

Afterwards, Daw Mya Mya San and party visited the Sena Sahayak School where children of the school presented pictures they drew to Daw Mya Mya San. Next, Daw Mya Mya San and party presented gifts to the children. At the meeting an official briefed Daw Mya Mya San and party on the salient points of the school.

After looking into women domestic functions of the school, Daw Mya Mya San signed in the visitors' book and had a group photo taken together.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visit Military Institute of Science and Technology of Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and officials, visited Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) in Dhaka of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 8 October afternoon.

On arrival at the MIST, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed by

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) in Dhaka.
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Commandant of MIST Maj-Gen Abdul Wadud and senior military officers.

At the meeting hall, the Commandant explained the purpose and establishment of the

institute, selection of trainees, providing the courses and academic matters and replied to queries raised by the Myanmar delegation members.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the MIST commandant exchanged gifts. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party posed for documentary photos

together with the Bangladeshi commandant and senior military officers.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visited the

computer aid lecture hall and the water resources engineering laboratory. After signing the visitors' book, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left for the hotel.—MNA

YCDC upgrades transport facilities of Yangon



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence addresses work coord meeting for development and beautifying of Yangon. — MNA

YANGON, 10 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a work coordination meeting for development and beautifying of Yangon at the City Hall, here today.

He made a speech on the occasion and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint gave a presentation

on beautifying and development work.

Next, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on work being done by Yangon City Development Committee

and future tasks. And those present took part in the meeting, which ended with the concluding remarks by Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

As from 2 October, the 12 groups of YCDC will upgrade 12 roads in downtown Yangon including the roads of the four districts in the division.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers and departmental officials.

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Myanmar crash Malaysia 7-0 in AFF Women's C'ship

YANGON, 10 Oct—The AFF Women's Championship 2008 continued in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam this evening.

In the Group (A) match, Defending Champion Myanmar Women's Team edged out Malaysian Women's Team 7-0.

The winning goals for the Myanmar team came from Aye Nanda Hlaing at 7th and 26th minutes, Mai Nilar Htwe at 27th minute and San San Thein at 41st minute in the first half. Mai Nilar Htwe added two more goals to her team at 49th and 75th minutes and Moe Moe Wah scored the seventh goal for Myanmar at 76th minute.

On 12 October evening, Defending Champion Myanmar Women's Team play against Laotian Women's Team.—MNA

Dy Minister tours villages in Mogaung Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe visited Nannkhwin, Pwintbyu, Kondangyi, Pinndaw, Eingyingon, Thike-

wahgon, Ohnbaung, Nammana and Taungni, Manywet, Pyunthonelon, Hsahmaw, Einnbaung and Aungtha villages and Kanhla, Myataung and Namatee villages in

Mogaung Township, Kachin State on 6, 7 and 8 October. The deputy minister met with local people and fulfilled the requirements on regional development tasks.—MNA

Implementing of Myanmar's largest hydropower project Yeywa with added momentum

Article & Photos: Maung Maung



The Minister and the Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 look into Yeywa Hydropower Project.

(from page 16)

Of these hydropower projects, Yeywa Hydropower Project being implemented in Mandalay Division is the largest hydropower project in the country. According to the facts and figures collected in 2005, the mass of embankment being built at the above project was the third biggest and its height stood fifth in the world.

Among the completed hydropower projects and those under construction, Yeywa Hydropower Project can generate the largest capacity of electricity.



Workers pouring out their ardent efforts in implementing Yeywa Hydropower Project.

Indeed, Yeywa Hydropower Project is different from other projects. The dam of the project is built roller compacted concrete dam or RCC dam type. It can be said that Yeywa Hydropower Project is the first-ever RCC Dam type in Myanmar.

With the aim of preventing inflow of river water into the construction site of the power plant in

the rainy season, installing the belt conveyors that will carry RCC concrete from the concrete mixture to the construction site and blocking the flow of water from the spillway to the power station on completion of the project, a 568 feet long, 50 feet wide and 121 feet high separation wall was built at the dam. Construction of the separation wall was for the first time in the world.

Such significant hydropower project is being implemented by No. 2 Construction of Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 on Myitnge River near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles from Mandalay.

Water catchments area of Myitnge River is 10,890 square miles. There are 33 inches rainfall (Mandalay Camp) and 12.1 million acre-feet of inflow water in the area. To prevent the waste of water, the 2,264 feet long and 433 feet wide Roller Compacted Concrete Dam was built to store 2.114 million acre-feet of water at the highest level and 1.304 million acre-feet of water at the stable level. As such, the dam will have 14,589 acre-feet of water or 23 square miles

in the rainy season.

The surplus water can be drained out from a 448 feet wide ogee-type ungated spillway installed with 56 feet wide and 39 feet high outlets.

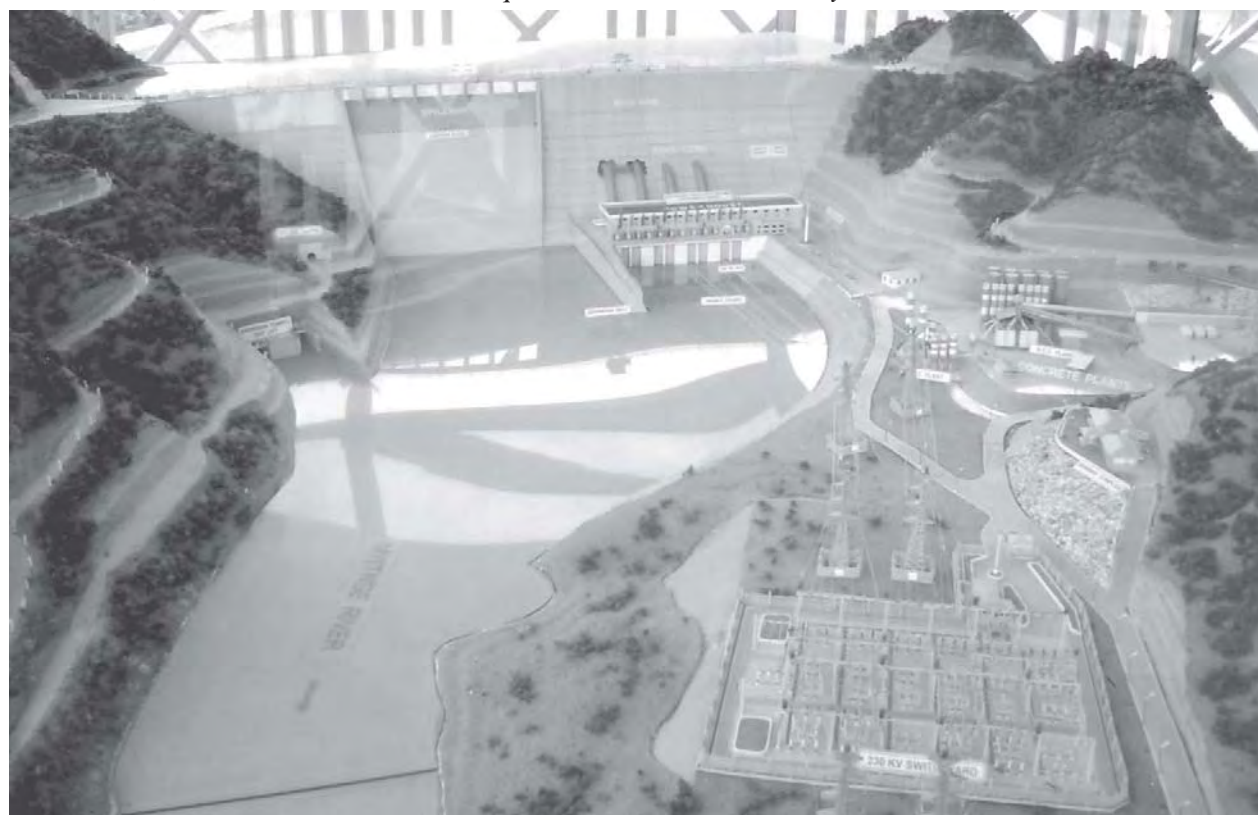
At present, the State leaders are providing money, machinery and fuel assistance to the projects for timely completion of the construction works.

Likewise, the Minister for Electric Power No. 1, the deputy minister and officials are supervising the project tasks. Therefore, the project has come into shape to a significant degree.

On completion, the power plant of the project installed with four 197.5-megawatt generators will produce electricity with the use of water from the dam through four 22 feet diameter and 492 feet long pre-stressed steel pipelines. A total of 790 generating capacities of the turbines will generate 3,550 million kilowatt hours annually.

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A scale model of Yeywa Hydropower Project.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAPHAN VOY NO (67) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.10.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S WONG SAMUT OCEAN
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Pirates leave the merchant vessel MV Faina (not shown) for the Somali shore, while under observation by a US Navy ship, in this picture taken on 8 Oct, 2008 and released on 9 October.

INTERNET

Ship carrying cement hijacked off Somalia's coast

MOGADISHU , 10 Oct — A Somali official says a ship carrying cement to the East Africa country has been hijacked, after NATO joined a growing international force to protect vessels off the perilous coast. Ali Abdi Aware, foreign minister of the semiautonomous region of Puntland, says the ship was hijacked late Thursday and its crew is believed to be Syrian and Somali.

NATO said on Thursday it would send seven ships to the treacherous waters where pirates are negotiating the release of the MV Faina, a Ukrainian ship hijacked two weeks ago.

Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off Somalia's coast this year but the MV Faina has drawn the most international concern because of its dangerous cargo — 33 tanks and other heavy weapons.—*Internet*

Volvo cars to lay off more than 3,000 employees

STOCKHOLM, 10 Oct— Swedish Volvo Cars said Wednesday that it was to cut more than 3,000 jobs after a big loss on declining sales. The jobs include about 2,700 workers in Sweden and 600 positions overseas. Meanwhile, contracts with about 700 consultants will also be cancelled, according to an announcement from Volvo headquarters in the Swedish second largest city

Gothenburg.

“These are difficult times for the car industry in general, including Volvo. These actions are necessary for creating a new and sustainable Volvo Car Corporation, a company with more focused operations and structure,” Volvo Car President and Chief Executive Stephen Odell said in a statement.

“The unstable economic environment has resulted in a very unpredictable situation, and the downturn in the global car industry is more drastic than expected,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua



The model of Japan's next generation individual combat system is on display at the Ministry of Defence in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 8 Oct, 2008.

XINHUA

Scores dead in Sri Lanka fighting

COLOMBO, 10 Oct—Sri Lanka troops backed by fighter jets have moved deeper into Tamil Tiger territory in the island's north, killing 39 rebels, the defence ministry said on Friday. The military lost two soldiers during heavy clashes on Thursday across several northern fronts, a ministry statement said.

The air force said fighter jets carried out

three bombing missions Friday over the Tiger-controlled Kilinochchi area, attacking a communication centre and what it described as a training camp for suicide bombers.

Sri Lanka's agriculture minister, Maithripala Sirisena, escaped an assassination attempt on Thursday when a female suicide bomber attacked his convoy, killing two people and

injuring six others.

The minister was not hurt, but the vehicle carrying his secretary was damaged in the attack and the deputy agriculture minister, Siripala Gamlath, was among those injured. Sri Lankan troops are hoping to take control of Kilinochchi which has been the rebels' administrative centre for the past decade.—*Internet*



Military personnel conduct investigations at the site of a suicide bomb explosion in Boralwega-muwa, about 15 kilometers (9 miles) from the capital, Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 9 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET

Ecuador expels Brazilian construction company

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Oct—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa announced on Thursday the definitive expulsion of Brazilian construction company Odebrecht, a senior government official said.

The announcement came one day after the President rejected an offer by the company to end a contract dispute. “The President ceded enough, but it seems this company is used to doing whatever it wants and that the government cannot accept it,” Strategic Sectors Minister Galo Borja told a news conference.

Correa threatened to expel Odebrecht from Ecuador after a hydroelectric plant built by the company had suspended its operation for a year due to technical problems.—*MNA/Xinhua*

22 die in Thailand bus crash

BANGKOK, 10 Oct— At least 22 people were killed and 24 others injured Friday when a bus packed with passengers crashed in eastern Thailand, police said. The bus was traveling down a steep road with numerous curves when the vehicle slammed into a hillside in Prachinburi province, said police Maj Suchart Yaemsak.

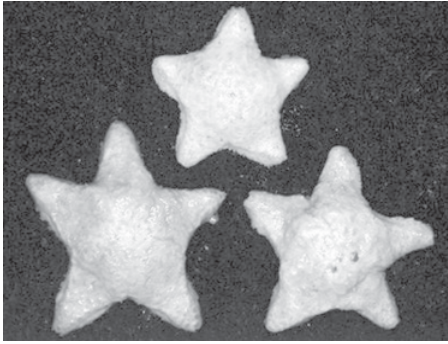
“Initial investigation shows that the bus might have had a break failure and could not stop on the steep road,” Suchart said.

The death toll was expected to increase since a number of the injuries were severe, the police officer said.—*Internet*



Buses in Bangkok. At least 19 people were killed and more than 50 injured Friday when a bus carrying university students crashed in eastern Thailand.—INTERNET

Hundreds of new marine species discovered



A new species of Marginaster seastar. Hundreds of new marine species and previously uncharted undersea mountains and canyons have been discovered in the depths of the Southern Ocean, Australian scientists said Wednesday.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 10 Oct— Hundreds of new marine species and previously uncharted undersea mountains and canyons have been discovered in the depths of the Southern Ocean, Australian scientists said Wednesday.

A total of 274 species of fish, ancient corals, molluscs, crustaceans and sponges new to science were found in icy waters up to 3,000 metres (9,800

feet) deep among extinct volcanoes, they said. The scientists mapped undersea mountains up to 500 metres high and canyons larger than the Grand Canyon for the first time, the government's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) said.

The finds were made in marine reserves 100 nautical miles south of the Australian island of Tasmania during two CSIRO voyages in November 2006 and April 2007 using new sonar and video technology as well as seafloor sampling. Announcing the discoveries in the Tasmanian capital Hobart, CSIRO scientist Kate Wilson said more was known about the surface of Mars than the depths of the world's oceans.

"In Australian waters, for example, more than 40 percent of the creatures brought to the surface by our scientists on a voyage of discovery have never been seen before," she said.

A total of 123 underwater mountains were found, said CSIRO specialist Nic Bax, noting they were home to thousands of deep-sea animals.—*Internet*

Ginseng jabs kill three in Yunnan

LONDON, 10 Oct—Three people have died in south-western China after receiving an injection of Siberian ginseng extract.

The deaths, announced on China's health ministry web site, occurred in Yunnan province after six hospital patients received the injections. It said sales and use of the ginseng extract had been suspended.

The ministry is also trying to dampen fears about melamine poisoning of milk, which has killed four babies and made

thousands ill in a months-long scandal.

It said that 10,666 babies remained in hospital receiving treatment for renal problems caused by the melamine contamination of baby milk formula.

Some parents are taking legal action against the manufacturer at the centre of the scandal, the Sanlu Group, and the state quality supervision body.

The ginseng injection was manufactured by Wandashan Pharmaceutical, based in the

north-eastern Chinese province of Heilongjiang.

Siberian ginseng is often used in China to treat heart disease and thrombosis. The six patients suffered "serious ill effects" including chills, vomiting and sudden drops in blood pressure after receiving the injections at the Number Four People's Hospital in Honghe prefecture on Sunday. Some went into a coma. Three of the six died on Monday, official media reported two days later.

Internet

Warmer world threatens "Happy Feet"

BEIJING, 10 Oct— More than half the colonies of Antarctica's penguins, including emperor penguins made famous by the Hollywood film "Happy Feet", face decline or are

in danger of being wiped out if the world warms by 2 C, a report says. Rising temperatures in coming decades would lead to less sea ice in the Southern Ocean surrounding Antarctica and fewer nesting sites and feeding grounds for penguins, global conservation group WWF said in the report "2 C is Too Much".

"The problem is very serious. Antarctica and the Arctic are the most threatened regions from climate change," Juan Casaveros, WWF's Antarctic Climate Change Coordinator, said yesterday.

"In the Antarctic Peninsula, the temperature has risen 2.5 C in the past 50 years, which is five times faster than the global average," he said on Barcelona, Spain, where

the report was released at this week's International Union for Conservation of Nature congress.

Global temperatures have already risen on average by about 0.6 C since the Industrial Revolution, mainly through the burning of fossil fuels. The report said unless nations slash carbon emissions, the world would warm by an average 2 C in less than 40 years.

But temperatures near the Poles have already risen much faster, leading to dramatic melting of glaciers on the Antarctic Peninsula, off the bottom of South America, and sea ice at the North Pole.

"The situation is quite critical because in the past 50 years, the emperor penguin population has decreased by 50 percent in all of Antarctica," Casaveros said.—*Internet*

GPS could save airlines time and fuel

CHICAGO, 10 Oct— A World War II-era air traffic network that often forces planes to take longer, zigzagging routes is costing US airlines billions of dollars in wasted fuel while an upgrade to a satellite-based system has languished in the planning stages for more than a decade.

The \$35 billion plan would replace the current radar system with the kind of GPS technology that has become commonplace in cars and cell phones. Supporters say it would triple air traffic capacity, reduce delays by at least half, improve safety and curb greenhouse gas emissions.

An Associated Press analysis of federal and industry data found that if the new system were already in place, airlines could have saved more than \$5 billion in fuel this year alone.

Internet



A girl cooks in a refugee camp for families affected by flooding from recent storms in Cabaret, Haiti, on 9 Oct., 2008. —INTERNET

Hackers using fake YouTube pages to attack computers

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Oct — Computer security specialists warn that hackers are using fake YouTube pages to trick people into opening their machines to diabolical software.

A deceptive YouTube attack evolving as it spreads on the Internet is part of a growing trend of hackers to prowl popular online social networking communities in which people trustingly share web links and mini-programmes.

"We are seeing tools like this not just for YouTube, but for MySpace, Facebook, America Online instant messaging ...," Trend Micro software threat research manager Jamz Yaneza told AFP on Thursday.

"All the various social networking sites have been hit with some page or another." Hackers using the YouTube attack send people links to what are said to be must-see snippets at the Google-

owned video-sharing website.

The links, instead, connect to convincingly realistic replicas of YouTube pages and tell people that a software update is needed to view a requested video.

Agreeing to the update lets the hacker install malicious software that could log keystrokes, steal data, or even take over people's computers, according to David Perry of Trend Micro.

Internet



A blacktip shark, Carcharhinus limbatus, in an undated photo. Scientists using DNA testing have confirmed the second-known instance of 'virgin birth' in a shark — a female Atlantic blacktip shark named Tidbit that produced a baby without a male shark.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Heskey back in fashion for England

LONDON, 10 Oct — Emile Heskey is back in demand for England after a long spell in the shadows but the Wigan forward insists he never felt like he had gone out of fashion.

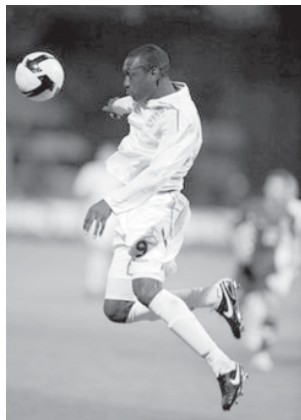
Heskey was the unsung hero of England's stunning 4-1 victory over Croatia in last month's crucial World Cup qualifier in Zagreb.

The former Liverpool star linked impressively with Wayne Rooney and gave Croatia's defenders a torrid time with his combination of power and poise in his first start for coach Fabio Capello.

It was just like old times for Heskey, who formed an equally impressive little and large partnership with Michael Owen during Sven Goran Eriksson's reign.

Heskey was eventually discredited by Eriksson as

a combination of poor form and Rooney's emergence took its toll. But, with Capello showing little faith in Owen, there is a vacancy for a foil to Rooney and Heskey grabbed his chance with both hands against the Croatians.—*Internet*



Emile Heskey, who is back in demand for England after a long spell in the shadows but the Wigan forward insists he never felt like he had gone out of fashion.—INTERNET

Hull is for heroes as minnows thrive in Premier League



Hull City's Brazilian player Geovanni (2nd R) is mobbed by teammates after scoring on 5 Oct. Ten years ago, Hull City were propping up the entire English football league with 91 other teams separating them from the summit of the top flight.

INTERNET

HULL (England), 10 Oct — Ten years ago, Hull City were propping up the entire English football league with 91 other teams separating them from the summit of the top flight.

Incredibly, a decade later, the unfashionable team from the humble

northern coastal town, are third in the Premier League, with only Chelsea and Liverpool above them. But it was a different story on October 9, 1998.

Then Hull were beaten 2-1 at home by Cardiff, a loss which left them a point adrift at the bottom of the old Third Division. Within weeks they had fallen nine points behind and relegation to the Conference was on the cards.—*Internet*

Nishikori fairytale continues in Sweden



Kei Nishikori of Japan returns a forehand to Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia during their second leg Stockholm Open ATP tennis tournament in Stockholm. The Japanese teenager won 6-1, 1-6, 7-5.—INTERNET

STOCKHOLM, 10 Oct — Japanese teenager Kei Nishikori opened another chapter in his fairytale 2008 when he reached the Stockholm Open quarter-finals on Thursday by downing Slovakian veteran Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 1-6, 7-5.

The 18-year-old, who will tackle Croatian second seed Mario Ancic for a place in the last four, is fast becoming a sporting hero back home which is desperate for a tennis revival a decade and a half after Shuzo Matsuoka reached the Top 50.—*Internet*

Jankovic beats pain, Davydenko breezes into Moscow tennis quarters

MOSCOW, 10 Oct — World number one Jelena Jankovic of Serbia battled through the pain barrier on Thursday to beat Russian Vera Dushevina and advance to the quarter-final of the Kremlin Cup, a 2.4-million-dollar joint ATP and WTA event.

But there was no such trauma for the ATP event's top seed, Nikolay Davydenko of Russia barely breaking sweat as he dispatched Spaniard Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 6-1, 6-1.

Jankovic, 23, dropped the first set and was 2-0 down in the second before receiving on-court treatment and gaining her



Jelena Jankovic of Serbia returns a forehand to Vera Dushevina of Russia during their match at the WTA Kremlin Cup women's tennis tournament in Moscow.—INTERNET

composure to win 6-7 (6/8), 6-3, 6-2, her fourth win over Dushevina in their five head-to-head meetings.—*Internet*

Scots should aim for the top says Robson



Scotland midfielder Barry Robson.—INTERNET

GLASGOW, 10 Oct — Scotland midfielder Barry Robson believes George Burley's side should set their sights on finishing on top of their World Cup qualifying group. The Scots recovered from the shock of their opening defeat against Macedonia with a victory in Iceland and Robson sees no reason why they can't

carry that momentum into Saturday's clash against Norway at Hampden Park. A victory over Norway would keep Scotland in touch with group leaders Holland ahead of their crucial meetings later in the qualifying campaign and Celtic star Robson insists his team should be looking to take the automatic place in the 2010 World Cup finals.

Internet

Federer to return for Madrid Masters

MADRID, 10 Oct — World number two Roger Federer, who withdrew from this week's Stockholm Open, will be back on the ATP tour for the Madrid Masters this month, organisers announced Thursday.

"It's definitely great news to be able to count on the presence of Roger Federer for another year," said the director of the tournament Manolo



Roger Federer of Switzerland.

Santana. "He is a great champion and one of the favorites for the title."

Federer won the Madrid Masters in 2006 and was a finalist in 2007 in the event, which this year begins on Saturday with qualification matches and ends on 19 October.

Last week, the Swiss national announced his withdrawal from the Stockholm Open, saying he wanted to take a break from tennis but hoped to return before the end of the year.

"I feel fortunate to be healthy again, but I want to remain at the top of the game for many more years to come and go after the number one ranking again," he said in a statement to organisers of the Swedish event.

Internet

Hjorth, Redman lead Longs Drugs Challenge

DANVILLE (Calif), 10 Oct — Nearly five months pregnant, Sweden's Maria Hjorth shot a 6-under 66s on Thursday for a share of the first-round lead with Michele Redman in the LPGA Tour's Longs Drugs Challenge.

"It affects me a little bit," said Hjorth, ranked 12th in the world.

"Sometimes my body gets a little bit slow and my hands get quicker than my body. Today, a few shots I pulled them a little bit left. Other than that it doesn't really affect me too much. I've been feel-



Maria Hjorth, of Sweden.

ing really good throughout the whole thing so far. I'll keep on playing until I feel I can't anymore."

Hjorth matched Redman with seven birdies and a bogey on a sunny day at Blackhawk Country Club. In-Kyung Kim and Mikaela Parmlid were tied for second at 67.

Internet

Green shoots 62 to lead Texas Open

ANANTONIO, 10 Oct — Nathan Green got off to a rocky start Thursday in the Texas Open. It ended up jump-starting the best round of the Australian's PGA Tour career.



Nathan Green, of Australia.

"I didn't feel really good before the round started and then on the first hole I snapped my drive. It hit a rock and bounced back in the fairway," Green said. "From there, everything went pretty well."

Winless in three seasons on the PGA Tour, Green birdied nine of the first 16 holes before dropping a stroke on the par-3 17th and closing with a par for an 8-under 62 and a two-stroke lead over Olin Browne and Paul Claxton.—*Internet*

Syria frees two illegally entering American journalists

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct— The United States said on Thursday two American journalists detained by Syrian security authorities for illegal entry have been released.

The two released Americans, Holli Chmela and Taylor Luck, are in “good shape”, and “now in the US Embassy” in Damascus, the capital of Syria, State Department spokesman Gordon Duguid said.

Prior to their release, Chmela, 27, and Luck, 23, were detained and

interrogated by Syrian police because they crossed into Syria with the help of smugglers.

On Wednesday, the US Embassy in Beirut said in a statement that the two Americans, who are journalists working for the *Jordan Times*, have not been heard from since leaving their hotel in Beirut on 1 October.

The United States has long been accusing Syria of supporting terrorist groups, and of meddling in Lebanese affairs, a charge denied by Syria.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazilian police arrest 18 for drug trafficking, murder

RIO DEJANEIRO, 10 Oct— Brazilian police on Thursday arrested 18 people involved in drug trafficking and murder in the northeastern and midwestern regions of the country.

A total of 65 federal police joined in the operation, which took place in several cities, news reports said.

The gangs bought cocaine from Bolivia and distributed it in Brazil, using a transportation company as a front, Alexandre Lucena, a local federal police chief, was quoted as saying.

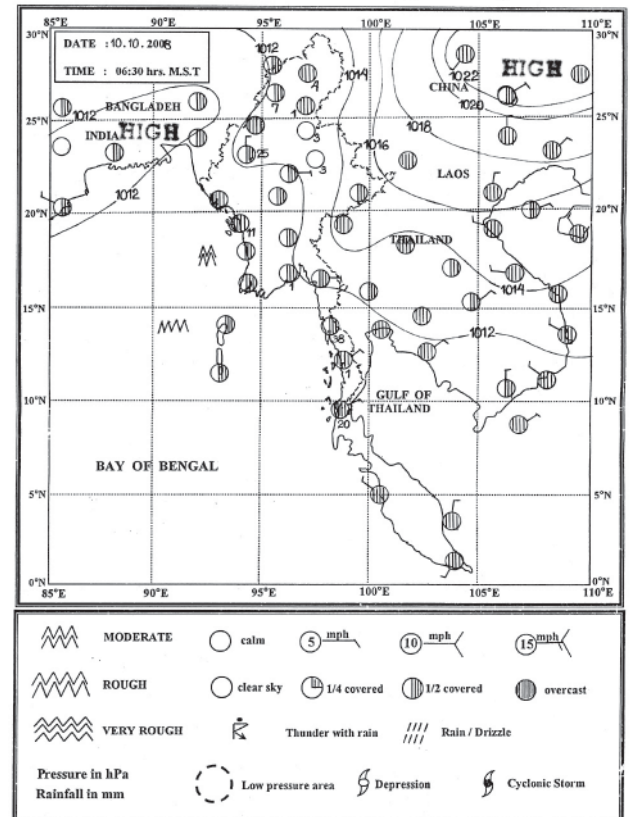
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Dozens of special shaped balloons prepare to lift off as part of the special shapes rodeo at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque on 9 Oct, 2008. More than 600 balloons registered for this year's nine-day event.

INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 10 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States. Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (1.50) inches, Kalaywa (0.98) inch, Kawthong (0.79) inch and Katha (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-10-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 10-10-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-10-2008 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 9-10-2008 was (5.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-10-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye, and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (98.70) inches at Mingaladon, (109.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (127.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours. MST on 9-10-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11-10-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather outlook for second week of October 2008: Thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Yangon Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 11 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. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Dance of national races

8:00 am

6. Musical programme

8:10 am

7. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊

အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:20 am

3. Games for Children

11:45 am

4. Round up of the Week's TV local News

12:40 noon

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာကုဋေကုဋာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

1:25 pm

6. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

2:10 pm

7. “ပတ္တလားပိညဉ့်”

(အောင်မြင်မှု၊ စောနိုင်

(ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ညီကျော်၊

ခင်ဦးသာ၊ ဝမ်းပုံ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-

ထူးအောင် (မြမြင်းမိုရ်)

2:30 pm

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

2:45 pm

9. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

4:30 pm

4. Songs for uphold national spirit

4:40 pm

5. Games for Children

5:00 pm

6. ဆင်းရဲတနာအထွက်ကောင်း စပါးစိုက်ကြံ့ခိုလား (အပိုင်း-၁)

5:10 pm

7. မြန်မာလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

5:20 pm

8. ရာသီပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

5:50 pm

9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) (အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:50 pm

13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:55 pm

14. ဧရာဝတီတိုင်းလမ်းကွန်ရက် တည်ဆောက်ရေး

7:05 pm

15. Musical programme

7:15 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သယံဇာတနေဝင်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“လူယောင်ဆောင်သော

ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး”

(အပိုင်း-၂၉)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Bangladesh Chief of Army Staff discuss friendly ties, cooperation



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed at Dhaka Cantonment.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at Dhaka Cantonment at 9.30 am on 8 October.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thauung Aye.

Their meeting focused on friendly ties and cooperation between the armed forces of two countries. After the meeting, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh exchanged gifts. Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye signed in the visitors' book.

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Implementing of Myanmar's largest hydropower project Yeywa with added momentum



Photo shows an aerial view of Yeywa Hydropower Project being implemented by No. 2 Construction of Hydropower Implementation Department under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 on Myitnge River near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles from Mandalay.

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Electric power is essential for the State and the people and it is playing a key role in building a modern and developed new nation.

In line with the instructions of the State leaders, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 is implementing the medium- and large-scale hydropower

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projects across the nation with added momentum day and night by seeking renewable water resources and spending a large sum of funds.

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- * For the health of babies
Mother's milk the best
- * If mother's milk is not
sufficient
Cow or goat's milk can be used
- * Always boil the milk
The best for health