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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

## Maintenance of roads and bridges inspected

YANGON, 14 Oct—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected maintenance of roads from No. 5 Junction of Hlinethaya to Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dadaye-Pyapon road and Panhline and Twantay bridges yesterday.

He looked into repair of retaining walls of the approach road to Tawpale

Bridge and maintenance of the bridge and gave necessary instructions.

The minister also viewed old and new Bailey bridges. He told the officials concerned to make arrangements for maintenance of the existing bridge before completion of the new one on Kungyangon-Letkhokgon road.—MNA

## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Archaeological edifices in Bagan fascinating tourists

*Article, photos by Po Thaw Zin*

Now the rainy season is going to say “goodbye” to Myanmar, and it is ushering in the cold season, and so the

tourism season has set in. Myanmar is working hard to transform itself into a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Being blessed with natural resources of different sorts in abundance and possessing cultural and archaeological edi-

fices, the nation captivates tourists from around the world.

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*The Aureum Palace Resort in Bagan Archaeological Region fascinating foreign tourists.*



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Preservation of national culture through arts skills

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held for 16 years. This year the performing arts competitions will be held with four lofty objectives — Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation, keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic and turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character.

The performing arts competitions not only depict the essence of Myanmar traditional arts but promote Myanmar attributes that have deeply rooted in Myanmar traditional arts.

Traditional customs, way of life costumes and character and thoughts and arts have been existed as cultural structures among the Myanmar nationals in the course of history.

We urge the contestants to the performing arts competitions to make efforts to reveal their talented skills in arts and to enhance national character, customs and social norms of Myanmar people through preservation and promotion of national culture.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 for storm victims' fund

YANGON, 14 Oct—The work coordination meeting for holding a friendly football tournament and the third Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008, held with the intention of raising funds for storm victims, was held at meeting hall No. 1 in Aung San Stadium here yesterday morning. General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department delivered a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, General Secretary of Myanmar Football Federation Deputy Director U Bunny Tin Aung of Sports and Physical Education Department and responsible persons explained the matters on holding tournament and departmental officials made suggestions.

Afterwards, Director-General U Thaung Htaik gave a conclusion speech.—NLM

*Talks on Information and Network Security, organized by MCPA and sponsored by MCC in progress.—NLM*

## 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

### Devotees perform meritorious deeds on Abhidhamma Day

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Today is Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma) Day. Pagodas and monasteries in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe were crowded with devotees.

In the early morning, devotees and wellwishers offered fruits, alms food, lights, flowers, water and incense sticks to Datudhaya Datpaungzu pagoda in Bawga Theindi Ward in Nay Pyi Taw. Until evening, the pagoda was thronged with those who observed Sabbath, meditated, recited Abhidhamma and performed meritorious deeds. At night, the pagoda and the ministries were illuminated with lights.

At the Phaya Koezu Pagoda in Yanaung-2 Ward in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, devotees offered alms food and fruits to the Buddha image.

There were soon-offering, Abhidhamma



Shwedagon Pagoda packed with devotees on Abhidhamma Day.—MNA

Day, Pawarana, sermon and donation ceremonies at Lawkamarazein, Kokhangyo and Lawkayanhnein Pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

Similarly, famous pagodas in Yangon were crowded with devotees. At the Shwedagon Pagoda, Abhidhamma Day was observed and 5,000 lights were offered to the Sule Pagoda by wut

associations. There were devotees who performed meritorious deeds.

In the afternoon, Tipitakadhara Dhammabandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirindabhivamsa (Yaw Sayadaw) delivered a sermon at the Dhammayon on the platform of Botahtaung Kyaikday-ut Pagoda.

The 16<sup>th</sup> soon-offering ceremony was held at Maha Wizaya Pagoda.,

Variou kinds of flowers, cakes and fruits were offered to the pagoda. Abhidhamma Day was observed at Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Varadahta Datuzediya Relic Tooth pagoda (Yangon), Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Kyaikwaing Pagoda, Mailamu, Kyaikkasan, Ngahtatgyi, Chaukhtatgyi, Mogaung pagodas and Kyaikkhauk Pagoda in Thanlyin. —MNA

### MCPA gives talks on Information & Network Security

YANGON, 14 Oct—Talks on Information and Network Security, organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and sponsored by Myanmar Computer Company Ltd (MCC) for the development of information and communication technology, was held at Room No 205 of Main hall of Myanmar InfoTech building in Hlaine Township here on 11 October. Secretary of MCPA U Nyein Oo and executive U Aung Zaw Myint (MCC) gave talks on Information & Network Security with the intention of the security of business information.—NLM



### Myanmar get through semifinals

YANGON, 14 Oct—Holders Myanmar made it through semifinals, crushing Indonesia 6-0 in Group-A of AFF Women's Championship 2008 held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, at 5.30 pm.

Maing Nilar Htwe

opened the scoring in the first minute and 30 second, and Thida Oo made it 2-0 in the 25th minute. Than Than Htwe and San San Thein added in the 30<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Aye Aye Mar and Naw Ar Lo Wah Phaw scored one goal each to help win victory over Indonesia 6-nil.

In Group-A, Myanmar cruised into the semifinals as the second group leaders with 9 points from three wins and one loss.

Myanmar play against Australia, the leaders of Group-B, in the second semifinal match on 18 October afternoon.—MNA



## Kidnappings spread in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct— Five years ago, retired Air Force intelligence officer Kirk von Ackermann became the first of 39 Americans to be kidnapped in Iraq. He's still missing, his wife fearing she'll never see him again.

Besides the personal tragedy, his disappearance and those that have followed have taken on a larger significance. They mark a turning point in terrorist tactics that US intelligence officials say has produced a startling statistic: a 500 percent increase in foreigners taken hostage around the world as militants adopt the methods of the most violent figures in the Iraq insurgency.

Figures compiled by the Defence Intelligence Agency from classified and unclassified sources — provided exclusively to *The Associated Press* — show that in 2004, some 342 foreign and US hostages were taken by terrorist and insurgent organizations.

*Internet*

## US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,182

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct—As of Monday, 13 Oct, 2008, at least 4,182 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.—*Internet*

## Unknown gunmen shot dead gov't official in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Oct—Two unknown gunmen Tuesday morning shot dead a senior government official on his way to work in southern Afghan province of Kandahar, a police official said.

Matiwullah Khan, the provincial police chief said that it happened at 9 am local time (GMT0430) when two armed men came by a motorbike to the 6th district of Kandahar city, capital of Kandahar province, and opened fire at Dost Mohammad Arghistani, the provincial chief of work and public affairs department. "Arghistani and one of his bodyguards were killed on spot," Matiwullah Khan said, "their driver was also wounded in the clash."

He added that attackers ran away after killing the target and police forces had cordoned off that area and started investigations. The ill-fated official Dost Mohammad Arghistani, according to local media reports, is also the provincial head of martyrs and the disabled department.

*Internet*

## American man arrested in Pakistani border region

PESHAWAR, 14 Oct— A 20-year-old American man was arrested late Monday at a checkpoint near the Afghan border in a tribal region where Pakistani troops are fighting Taliban and al-Qaida militants, police said.

Officers were investigating what the man was doing in the border area, said one officer, Pir Shahab. The frontier region has seen months of fighting between militants and security forces and is believed to be a possible hiding place for Osama bin Laden and other foreign extremists. Shahab said the man — identified on his passport as Juddi Kenan — did not have permission to be in the region as is required by Pakistani law. He was arrested at a checkpoint trying to enter Mohmand agency, Shahab said. "He is holding an American passport, which shows him as a resident of Florida," Shahab said.

The US Embassy was in contact with Pakistani officials about the reported arrest, spokesman Louis Fintor said. He declined further comment, citing US privacy laws.—*Internet*



*Pakistani tribesmen examine a damaged car after a house was hit by a US missiles on the outskirts of Miran Shah, the main town of Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region along Afghanistan border on 12 Oct, 2008*  
**INTERNET**

## Coalition soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Oct—A soldier with US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan was killed and several others were wounded in a bomb blast in the trou-

bled south of the country, the coalition said Tuesday.

The incident took place on Monday when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device, the force said in a statement, without specifying the exact location of the blast.

The coalition did not release the nationality of the casualties pending notification of their next of kin.

The latest casualties bring the number of foreign soldiers killed in Afghanistan to 224 this year. Most of those killed have died in roadside bomb attacks.

In 2007, a total of 219 foreign soldiers were killed in the war-ravaged country.—*Internet*



*A policeman inspects a burnt vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 12 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET*

## US Marine charged with assaulting Sydney woman

SYDNEY, 14 Oct—A US Marine has been charged with assaulting a prostitute while on shore leave in Sydney last weekend, police and the US Embassy said Tuesday.

The 25-year-old man, who was not identified, was charged late Monday with assault involving "bodily harm" following an incident at a Sydney brothel on Sunday, police said in a statement.

He was released on bail. The US Embassy in Canberra said the US Navy was cooperating with the investigation and

confirmed that the man, who shipped out Tuesday, will return to Australia to face the charges in court on 10 Nov.

The Marine was one of 3,000 Marines and Navy personnel on shore leave

in Sydney after the amphibious assault ship *USS Peleliu* and guided missile destroyer *USS Halsey* arrived in the port on Friday. The ships departed Tuesday.

*Internet*



*Sharlow Majik, 8, bottom left, reacts during the funeral of her brother, Mandaean student Saif Majik, in the predominantly Shiite Bayaa district, southwestern Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 Oct, 2008.*  
**INTERNET**

## Bomb blasts kills three in southeast Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 Oct— Three people were killed and five wounded by a powerful bomb that ripped through a market in a small town in southeast Nepal Tuesday, police said.

"We have information that three people were killed in Chandranigahapur but I have no details," police official Ramesh Thapa said from Gaur, about

75 km (45 miles) southeast of Kathmandu.

The region has been the focus of protests over the last year from ethnic groups demanding more autonomy from Nepal's highland cultures.

Local television channels said the victims were a woman and two children.—*Internet*





*The Collaborators, a group of aerobatic airplanes from Team Oracle and Team Fusion, perform manoeuvres over San Francisco ahead of Fleet Week, in San Francisco, California on 9 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Iran scraps gas projects to push pipeline plans

TEHERAN, 14 Oct—Iran is to scrap a number of liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects in order to expand its capacity to export gas by pipeline, the oil ministry’s Shana agency reported on Monday.

“The country’s LNG projects whose contracts have been signed will be implemented. But we prefer to expand our gas exports capacities by pipeline,” deputy oil minister for planning affairs, Akbar Torkan, was quoted as saying.

“We prefer to change unsigned (LNG) projects to gas exports plans via pipeline,” he said.

Iran has drafted several long-term LNG outlines to export 83 million tonnes of liquefied gas from its giant reserves, the second largest in the world after Russia.

But the costly projects have lingered for lack of investment and have been hampered by political obstacles.

The costly LNG technology has only been mastered by a few foreign companies, whose investments in the Islamic republic have not been expanded in recent years.

Western governments have pressured firms to cut their ties with Iran over the country’s controversial nuclear programme, which world powers fear could be aimed at seeking atomic weapons — a charge vehemently denied by Teheran.

*Internet*



*The Iranian oil refinery of Mizdeh near the Iraqi border.—INTERNET*

## N Korea renews UN access to nuclear site

VIENNA, 14 Oct— North Korea declared Monday that it will resume shutting down its nuclear programme and allow UN experts to monitor the process, including making sure the plant that produced plutonium for its test bomb remains disabled.

The moves, revealed by the International Atomic Energy Agency, were a strong indication that Pyongyang was making good on its pledge to return to a deal with the US, Russia, China, South Korea and Japan meant to strip it of its weapons-enabling nuclear programme.

Pyongyang announced Sunday it would resume dismantlement in line with the deal offering political and energy rewards in exchange, after the US removed North Korea from its list of states sponsoring terrorism.—*Internet*

## Cuban lawmakers request world’s support against US sanctions

HAVANA, 14 Oct— Cuban lawmakers on Monday requested their counterparts across the world to demand the US Congress and government lift the country’s economic sanctions imposed on Cuba almost 50 years ago.

In a statement on Monday, the parliament of Cuba said that in the last 16 consecutive years, the United Nations has approved resolutions against the US sanctions,

but Washington “with its usual arrogance, has disclaimed the express mandate of the international community”.

The parliament said that recently, hurricanes Gustav and Ike cost Cuba 5 billion US dollars in damage, but the White House reiterated that it would lift the ban under no circumstances.

“That policy clearly typifies the international crime of genocide which

soon will reach half century,” the statement said.

Also on Monday, US activist Pamela Ann Marti, member of the US Support Movement to Cuba, said in Havana that the policy of her country toward the island country “is a horror.”

In a declaration to local radio stations, Marti said that the government of Washington must respect the Cuban people and authorities.—*Internet*

## Houston TV station helicopter crashes, two dead

CONROE, 14 Oct— A pilot and television camera operator died Monday when their helicopter crashed near Houston on the way to cover a news story.

KTRK, an affiliate of ABC, reported the helicopter it had leased was flying to the scene of a shooting when it crashed in a state forest near Conroe, on the northern edge of Houston’s suburbs.

Local stations showed video of burning trees and a pile of debris made up of pieces of the helicopter. The station’s SkyEye logo was partially visible on one piece. “All of us at KTRK-TV are deeply saddened by the tragic accident involving SkyEye 13 and our hearts go out to the families of the pilot and the photographer,” station spokesman Tom Ash said in a statement.—*Internet*



*State troopers investigate the scene of a helicopter crash in a heavily wooded area in the WG Jones State Forest on 13 Oct, 2008, in Conroe Texas.—INTERNET*

## Wildfires force frantic evacuations near LA; two die

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct— Two huge wildfires driven by strong Santa Ana winds burned into neighbourhoods near Los Angeles on Monday, forcing frantic evacuations on smoke- and traffic-choked highways, destroying homes and causing at least two deaths.

Around sunset, residents were warned to stay on alert during the night and winds more than 60 mph were forecast. Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

More than 1,000 firefighters and nine water-dropping aircraft battled the 4,700-acre Marek Fire at the northeast end of the San Fernando Valley, and the 5,000-acre Sesnon Fire at the west end.

Winds blew up to 45 mph with gusts reaching 70 mph at midday. They were forecast to diminish in the evening before roaring over 60 mph after 11 pm. “This fire has the real potential of moving from where it is now ... as far as Pacific Coast (Highway),” said Los Angeles County Fire Chief P Mi-

chael Freeman.

Residents downwind were warned to remain alert into the night. “It can go from here to the ocean in a matter of two to three hours,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Authorities confirmed more than three-dozen mobile homes burned at the Marek Fire, and 19 structures — some of them homes — were either damaged or destroyed by the Sesnon Fire. Commercial sites burned in both fires.

*Internet*



*A hillside burns near homes in the Villagio development in the Los Angeles area. One person was killed and thousands were evacuated as a series of wind-driven wildfires swept across California, forcing firefighters onto the defensive as they scrambled to halt the flames.—INTERNET*



## China, Singapore pledge to work more closely



*Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang (R) meets with visiting Singaporean Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA*

BEIJING, 14 Oct—China and Singapore on Monday vowed to share their respective experiences on development and collaborate in more areas.

Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang met with Singaporean Minister for

Defence Teo Chee Hean in the central government compound Zhongnanhai in downtown Beijing.

Li reviewed the sound bilateral relations since the two nations forged diplomatic ties in 1990, citing their fruitful cooperation in

trade, investment, urban construction and environmental protection, among others. Commenting on the global financial turmoil, Li said China would make great efforts to keep its economy on the right track, which would help stabilize the world economy.

“China will implement a flexible and prudent macro-economic policy, strive to expand domestic demand, particularly the demand for consumption, and ensure the stable and relatively fast growth of its economy.” On ties with Singapore, Li said China valued the bilateral friendly and mutually beneficial relation.—Xinhua

## China starts building railway linking SW inland to south port city

GUILIN, 14 Oct—China on Monday began construction on a major regional railway to connect the less-developed south-western inland Guizhou Province with the southern Guangdong Province, one of the country's economic powerhouses.

The 857-km line starts from Guizhou's provincial capital, Guiyang, running southwards through Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and ending in the port city Guangzhou, Guangdong's capital.

The new line is designed to be a double-track electrified railway and will allow trains to travel at 200 km an hour.

With an estimated cost of 85.8 billion yuan (12.6 billion US dollars), the Guiyang-Guangzhou line is scheduled to be complete and operational in six years.

The line is expected to have a daily capacity of 100 passenger trains and an annual capacity for goods transportation of 35 million tons.

Xinhua



*Guests lay a foundation at the inauguration ceremony for the construction of Guiyang-Guangzhou High-speed railway in Guilin, south-west China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 13 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA*

## S Korea's 3 major business groups bid for Daewoo Shipbuilding

SEOUL, 14 Oct—POSCO, Hanwha Group and Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea's three major business groups, submitted their final bids Monday to acquire a controlling stake in Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co, the state-run Korea Development Bank (KDB) said.

GS group, which had formed a consortium with POSCO, suddenly declared its withdrawal after the final submission citing the differences in opinion between the two companies (GS and POSCO).

KDB, which holds 31 percent stake in Daewoo Shipbuilding and manages the sale, said it will select a priority negotiator for Daewoo Shipbuilding as early as 25 Oct after reviewing the proposals.

KDB CEO Min Euoo-sung said the ability to help Daewoo grow into a global player is one of the major factors to be considered.

He said that Daewoo was worth 8 to 9 trillion won (6.5 to 7.5 billion US dollars) including the management premium.

Xinhua

## Danger persists despite terrorists arrest in North Lebanon

BEIRUT, 14 Oct—Lebanese Interior Minister Ziad Baroud has said that the breakthrough in arresting members of an extremist “terrorist cell” in North Lebanon, responsible for three attacks on the Lebanese army, “does not mean the threats have been eliminated”, As-Safir daily reported Tuesday.

“The security agencies remain on alert,” Baroud said after the meeting of the military's security council, which convened to evaluate and discuss steps to be followed in tracking down all the cell members.

According to the report, six suspects were arrested Sunday in a joint operation between the Lebanese Army and internal security forces (ISF) in the northern city of Tripoli. But the mastermind of the operations and a leading figure in the group Abdul-Ghani Jawhar was able to escape from his sister's house in Tripoli when the Army troops were entering the street to arrest him.—Xinhua

## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

### Chinese shares up 1.21% in morning session

BEIJING, 14 Oct—Chinese shares ended 1.21 percent higher in the morning session on Tuesday following rises in overseas markets sparked by global efforts to stem the financial crisis.

The Shanghai Composite Index closed at 2,098.66 points, up 25.09 points or 1.21 percent from the previous close.

The smaller Shenzhen Component Index ended at 6,684.34 points, up 112.76 points or 1.72 percent. —Xinhua

### Hong Kong stocks finish 4.39% higher at midday

HONG KONG, 14 Oct—Hong Kong stocks rose 715.67 points, or 4.39 percent, to close Tuesday's morning session at 17,027.83.—Xinhua

## China, Russia unveil boundary markers for eastern section of boundary

FUYUAN, (Heilongjiang), 14 Oct—China and Russia held a ceremony at Heixiazi Island on Tuesday to unveil the boundary markers for eastern section of China-Russia boundary.

Ambassador with the Chinese Foreign Ministry Zhao Xidi and Vladimir Malyshev, deputy director of the Russian Foreign Ministry First Asian Department jointly unveiled the boundary markers.

Representatives from the two countries' departments of foreign affairs, national defence, public security and localities also attended the ceremony.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry and Russian Foreign Ministry on Tuesday also confirmed, through an exchange of notes, that the additional protocol between China and Russia on the eastern section of the China-Russia Boundary as well as its appendix have officially taken effect.

Xinhua



*Russian college students dance during the Sino-Russia Culture & Art Festival for College Students in Heihe College in Heihe, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 13 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA*

## Strong earthquake jolts eastern Greece

ATHENS, 14 Oct—A strong earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale jolted northeastern Greece early Tuesday morning, with no immediate report of damage and injuries. The quake, recorded at 5:06 am local time, struck in the sea region of the coastal town of Mantoudi, Evia Island. Two smaller earthquakes took place a few minutes later. People in the capital city of Athens felt the strong shocks. Seismologists predicted many more aftershocks would follow.—Xinhua



## Israel seals off West Bank for holiday

JERUSALEM, 14 Oct—Israeli security forces on Monday sealed off the West Bank for the upcoming Sukkot festival, Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said in a statement.

The IDF said it regards the week-long holiday, which is also known as the festival of Tabernacles and starts Monday evening, as a highly sensitive time, during which

it will be “on higher alert.”

Till midnight 21 Oct, the West Bank will be closed, and “the passage of those in need of humanitarian and medical aid, as well as other specific requests” will be allowed with special permits, said the Army. The Jewish state routinely imposes a general closure upon the Palestinian territory during holidays and festivals, includ-

ing Rosh Hashana, or the Jewish New Year’s Day, two weeks ago and Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, last week.

Sukkot is a festival that commemorates the 40 years Jews spent in the desert living in temporary huts in biblical times. Many Israelis build sukkahs, or huts, to live or eat in to mark the holiday.

—Internet

## Jordan: two-state solution basis for peace between Palestinians, Israelis

AMMAN, 14 Oct—Jordan’s king Abdullah II said Monday the two-state solution will remain the basis for any future move in negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis.

The king made the remarks during a meeting with the European Parliament President Hanz-

Gert Pottering, who is in Jordan to take part in meetings of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA).

The king stressed the importance of continuing international efforts to advance the Middle East peace process.

Europe has a central role to keep the momentum in the peace process, he added.

MPs from the EU and Jordan gathered on the shores of the Dead Sea from 11 to 13 October for meetings on Middle East peace process among other issues. —Internet

## 23 killed in bus crash in NE India

GAUHATI, 14 Oct—Police say an overcrowded, speeding bus has crashed into a stationary truck in northeastern India, killing 23 people and wounding 44 others. The bus was carrying labourers to work before dawn Tuesday in the Dhubri district of India’s Assam state, some 185 miles west of the state capital, Gauhati.

Dhubri police chief Parthasarathi Mahanta says the bus was carrying 67 passengers when it hit the truck, which was hauling potatoes. —Internet



Founder and CEO of iMemories, Mark Rukavina holds up a photo of his family on his iPhone and behind him and online video appears at iMemories corporate headquarters facility on 13 Oct, 2008, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The iMemories company converts videotape, old home movies motion pictures, film, vinyl or pictures into high quality digitized formats. —INTERNET

## Two US tourists killed in parachute accident in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 14 Oct—Two US female tourists were killed and another sustained a grave injury in a parachute incident on a beach in the Mexican Caribbean region, Mexican authorities said Monday.

According to a statement issued by the General Prosecutor’s Office of Justice (PJGE) in the state of Quintana Roo, the accident occurred Sunday when the ropes used to lift the parachute on the boat broke in the area of Mayan Riviera.

The bodies were found on the beach of Akumul and another tourist was rescued in the sea before being sent to a hospital.

The victims were identified as Lisa Smith and Margaret Jake Beaman and the survivor was Soly Vhrig.

They are aged between 35 and 40 and resided at the Pladium Kantena hotel.

Investigation revealed that the hotel staff ordered the parachute services for the tourists.

—Internet

## NEWSALBUM

### Teen OK after being impaled by deer antlers

A 16-year-old teenager is recovering after falling and impaling himself on a set of deer antlers in Carter Lake, Iowa. Todd Reynolds’ grandmother said the teen was climbing through a window in her home Wednesday after locking himself out when he fell onto the antlers.

The antlers stabbed him in the back and just missed his spine.

The grandmother, Jeanne Reynolds, said the antlers were on the floor. She had saved them from a deer that her car crashed into some years ago.



Endangered Great Green Macaws are seen in a captive breeding centre in Rio Segundo de Alajuela, Costa Rica. Experts are meeting this week in Costa Rica to establish a strategy for saving the rare birds, numbering around 200 in Costa Rica and 3,800 worldwide, according to the Tropical Studies Organization.



A woman reacts as Nissan Motor Co’s robotic car ‘BR23C’ follows her during a demonstration at the annual CEATEC 2008 home electronics tradeshow in Chiba near Tokyo on 30 Sept. Based on joint research with the Research Centre for Advanced Science and Technology at University of Tokyo, the biomimetic robotic car moves like bumblebees which don’t run into things so that it can avoid colliding with obstacles.

## Tenants: landlord used dead cats to push us out

Tenants of a Brooklyn building said their landlord came up with a new idea for how to kick them out: Let the smell of the cats out of the bag. Dead cats, that is.

The stench from the carcasses did catch the tenants’ attention — but they stayed and sued.

One tenant, Daisy Terry, told a City Hall news conference on Sunday it was so bad she had to hold her nose coming down the stairs.

The building in Brooklyn’s Bushwick neighbourhood was purchased last year by a company listed in court papers as Heskell. A call to Heskell Properties in Manhattan was not immediately returned.

Terry said the landlord used the dead cats to try to push out rent-stabilized tenants.

## UK student wins over \$12 mln in lottery

An 18-year-old British student won 7 million pounds (about 12.68 million US dollars) in a lottery draw, but her dog bit her on the bottom when she screamed so loudly from excitement, according to British media reports Thursday.

The teenager, Ianthe Fullagar, living in Cumbria, northern England, said: “At first I thought I had matched three numbers, so I couldn’t believe it when I realized I had the five main numbers plus one Lucky Star.

“My mum called the National Lottery Line and it was only then that I realized I had won a share of the jackpot. We were both screaming so loudly that my dog, Brock, didn’t know what was happening and bit me on the bottom.

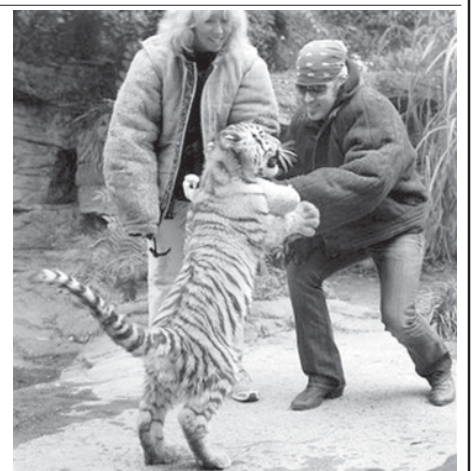
I didn’t know what to do with my ticket, so after hiding it in my bra and jewelry box, I settled for my gym bag until it was confirmed I was a winner.”

## Calif lapdogs can stay just that in moving cars

Hollywood celebrities can continue to drive with animals nestled in their laps.

Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger is vetoing a bill to fine motorists \$35 for sharing the driver’s seat with lapdogs or other animals. Republican Assemblyman Bill Maze says the practice is distracting. He introduced the bill after seeing a woman driving with three dogs on her lap.

Schwarzenegger says he’s signing only bills that are “the highest priority for California.” And a lapdog ban isn’t one of them.



Country Western singer Billy Ray Cyrus, right, pets his namesake, four-month-old Amur Tiger Billy Ray along with lead keeper Kathy Suthard, at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium during a visit.





The postcard depicting 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

## Momauk gets digital auto exchange

YANGON, 14 Oct—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 11 October inspected thriving paddy fields in Waingmaw Township. Kachin State and rubber plantations near Nansanyan Village.

Next, the minister proceeded to Daw-

phonyan General Administration Department where he met with departmental personnel and local people and gave instructions on boosting the per acre of paddy and fulfilled the requirements of rural education.

After that, the minister attended the opening of a new digital

auto exchange in Momauk and looked into machines installed in the station.

At the office of Momauk Township Peace and Development Council, the minister met with townsenders and departmental personnel and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visits the digital auto exchange of Momauk.—MPT

## More members from State/Division teams arrive

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—More managers and contestants from State/Division teams to the 16<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performance Arts Competitions to be held in Nay Pyi Taw for the third time, arrived here by train today.

Judges, contestants and members from Kayah State led by U Sein Daing

arrived at 6 am; from Kayin State led by U Saw Htar Lon, at 8.30 am; from Sagaing Division led by U Tin Than Win at 8.40 am; and from Mandalay Division led by U Ye Aung Myint at 3.30 pm.

They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw station by Police Lt-Col Htun Ohn, Chairman of the

Organizing, Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee and members, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Peace and Development Council U Win Htay and members, members of social organization and were accommodated at the guesthouse.

MNA



## Programming Course (Java) to be opened

YANGON, 14 Oct—With the sponsorship of British Software Engineer, the Yoma Technologies will conduct Programming Course (Java) and Java Programmer Course on 3 November and Java Professional Developer Course (Project) on 24 November.

Programming Course (Java) includes Computer Programming concepts, Introduction to Programming using Java, programming logic & control structures, Recursion and Algorithms

and introduction to Object Oriented Programming (OOP).

Java Programmer Course covers Object Oriented Design and UML, core Java/J2SE (collections, I/O, inner class, generics, etc), Java swing API for GUI, Exceptions and Exception Handling techniques, Introduction to Relational Databases and SQL and Java Databases Connectivity (JDBC).

Java Professional Developer Course (Project) includes Software Development Lifecycle,

Object Oriented System Analysis and Design, Software Architectures, Component Based Development, Software Engineering Best Practices and a practical software development project to apply all of the above.

Those wishing to attend the courses are to contact Yoma Technologies, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline University Campus, Yangon (Tel 652264 Ex-15 or 703230) or Web: [www.yomatechnologies.com/training](http://www.yomatechnologies.com/training) for further information.—MNA

## Talks on “The Best Brands in Myanmar” on 18 Oct

YANGON, 14 Oct—Under the arrangements of Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs’ Association and with the

sponsorship of Yangon Directory, U Moe Kyaw (MMRD) will give talks on “The Best Brands in Myanmar” at Thiri Annawa hall of MFF on

Bayint Naung Road, west Gyogon in Insein Township here on 18 October. Those interested may attend the talks.

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## New Crew, Space Tourist Arrive at Space Station

Moscow, 14 Oct—A Russian Soyuz spacecraft carrying American space tourist Richard Garriott and a new crew for the International Space Station docked at orbiting laboratory early Tuesday, where three astronauts were eagerly awaiting their arrival inside.

The Soyuz TMA-13 spacecraft docked flawlessly at an Earth-facing port on the station’s Russian-built Zarya control module at 4:26 a.m. EDT (0826 GMT)—a few minutes earlier than planned — as both

spacecraft flew high above Kazakhstan, where the Soyuz launched space-ward on Sunday.

“We have capture!” said Expedition 18 flight engineer Yury Lonchakov, who commanded the Soyuz docking under the call sign “Titan” and launched alongside Garriott and new station

commander Michael Fincke.

Garriott is paying \$30 million for a 10-day trek to the space station under a deal between Russia’s Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) and the Vienna, Va.-based firm Space Adventures.

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## Holiday-makers enjoy Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw)



*A clever dog jumping over hurdles at animal show—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — The 612-acre Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) lies near Yezin dam beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway. It is an open zoo formed with mountains and landscapes. Today, Abhidhamma Day, a public holiday, holiday-makers in group elephants, bears, monkeys, dogs and snakes. They also enjoyed the funny performances of gibbons. Thousands of visitors went round the



*Elephants entertaining the public at Nay Pyi Taw Zoo.—MNA*

was opened on 1 April 2008. Unlike Yangon Zoological Gardens and Yadanabon Zoological Gardens (Mandalay), it or in family fed the animals at the zoo and took a rest there. The visitors watched animal shows of wonderful zoo happily. At night, the zoo was illuminated with colourful lights. MNA



*Girls dancing with snakes.—MNA*

## Anagarika Upasaka U Sein Tin to be honoured

YANGON, 14 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of conducting Buddhavamsa exhibitions staged in townships at home and abroad by Sanantana Dhamma Palaka Association will be held along with the honouring of Anagarika Upasaka U Sein Tin, who has played a leading role in the process, at Maha

Santi Sukha Monastery in Tamway Township, here, at 3 pm on 22 November 2008. Those who share duties with him in the exhibitions and those who have contributed their services at the association throughout successive periods are invited to the ceremony. For further details, contact U Kyi Min (Ph:

535251, 526276), U Kyaw Khin Myint (372467, 246077), U San Myint (565292), Dr Hla Tun (09-5014040, 251,489), U Aung Win (385,127), U Deva Muni (09-5123579, 380178), U Soe Win (242751), Sandi Press), U Maung Thein (09-5040733), U RK Arnandar (09-5000453, 200090).

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*A monkey show attracts a large number of visitors.—MNA*



*Holiday-makers enjoying performances of clever animals.—MNA*

## Inter-State and Division U-18 Track and field Tournament concludes

YANGON 14 Oct—Final matches and prize presenting ceremony of Fourth Inter- State and Division U-18 Track and field Tournament 2008 took place at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) here this morning. After the events, General-Secretary of Central Working

Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw L Khun Yi presented the prizes to each winner of first-placed Bago Division in women's 400-m relay, second-placed Yangon Division and third-placed Magway Division. Afterward, on behalf of the Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee the Minister

for Sport, Secretary-General of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sport and Physical education Department U Thoun Htaik presented the Championship Shield (women) to Bago division and Championship Shield (Men) to Mandalay division.—MNA



# Archaeological edifices in Bagan fascinating tourists

*Article, photos by Po Thaw Zin*



**Myanmar captivates tourists not only from Asia but also from Europe and Latin America.**

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Myanmar is worldwide well-known for its tourist attractions including Bagan Archaeological Region, a large repository of artistic architectural works, cultural heritage, along with scenic natural beauties; the lifestyle of local people of Inlay region who row boat with legs and build floating houses in Inlay Lake, a lake in a hilly region; archaeological edifices; and hospitality of its people.

Bagan is a major tourist attraction and tourists should visit Bagan without fail during their stay in Myanmar. It was established more than 1000 years ago, so a tourist can observe a variety of ancient artistic works and archaeological buildings alongside pagodas, temples and stupas of successive periods in a single place of Bagan.

In Bagan, tourists, from a pagoda, can enjoy breathtaking scenery of glittering pagodas, stupas and temples, scenic natural

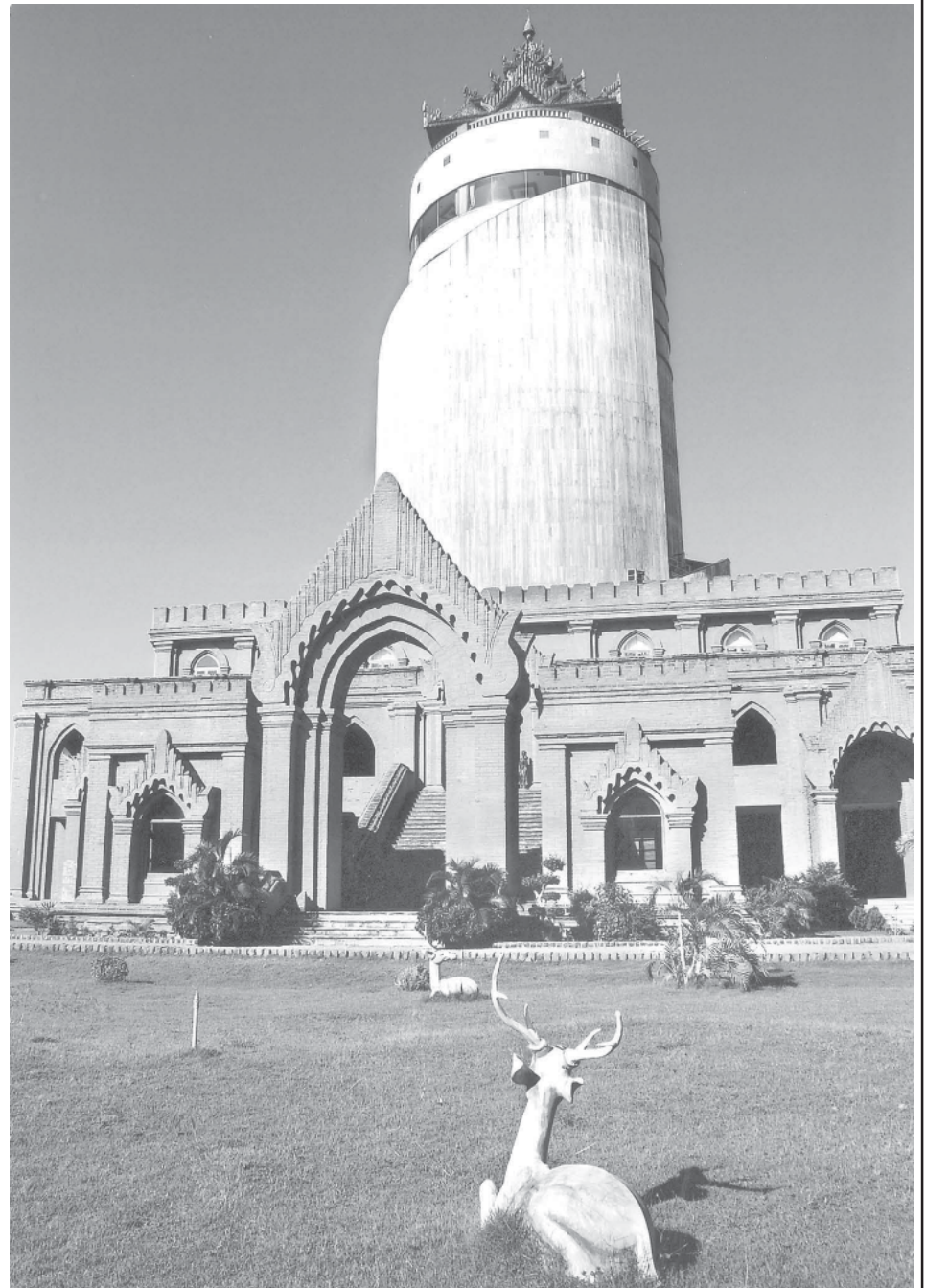
beauties, and the dawn and sunset with the green and lush mountain range in the background.

Bagan Archaeological Region with an acre of 19 square miles has more than 2000 pagodas, stupas and temples and more than 800 religious mounds. It had cultural civilization especially from 11<sup>th</sup> Century to 13<sup>th</sup> Century.

The buildings of cultural heritage have been maintained and renovated in the course of the history of the nation. Bagan Archaeological Museum and the ancient palace of King Anawrahta enhance the archaeological value of Bagan.

Therefore, the majority of the tourists to Myanmar embrace the opportunities to visit Bagan and observe the archaeological edifices and enjoy natural beauties. And they buy local goods and souvenirs there.

Of the hotels in Bagan-NyaungU Region, the Aureum Palace Hotel Resort in Min Nan Thu Village in NyaungU Township is of different style. Its traditional style and decorations draw the attention of the visitors. It gets the statues of the four heroes of Bagan Period at the entrance. It is all furnished with wicker works and floral motif



**Nan Myint Tower, from which a tourist can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Bagan sunset.**

works of traditional designs.

From the Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, a visitor can enjoy a panoramic view of natural

beauties, pagodas and green and lush mountain ranges on the banks of the Ayeyawady River in the background. Moreover, tourists can enjoy the beauty of the sunset from Mt. Tant-kyei. In the compound of the resort is an island-like bungalow in the lake.

The Nan Myint Tower enhances the reputation of the resort. From the tower, visitors can enjoy scenic views of Bagan Archaeological Region and its surrounding areas and the dawn and the sunset. With the use of a pair of powerful binoculars, they also can enjoy the views of the four tooth relic pagodas: the Shwezigon, the Tant-kyei Taung, the

Turin Taung, and the Lawka Nanda at the same time. The 198-foot-high Nan Myint Tower was built on 7 July 2003 and the project was completed on 8 April 2005. It was inaugurated on 10 April the same year.

Myanmar draws the attention of tourists for its natural beauties and cultural heritage, which lure the tourists for the next visits. Visitors recognize the stability, peace and development of Myanmar. Therefore, all are duty-bound to improve the nation's tourism industry to increase more arrivals of tourists.

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**Hotels with traditional decorations in Bagan Archaeological Region impress tourists.**



# Delta schools lively with activities

Maung Tin Hlaing (Hotel and Tourism)

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people. In that regard, the Ministry of Education has made arrangements for directors-general, division education officers, principals and education staff to constantly supervise education plans in the storm-ravaged areas, thus making a good headway.

The arrangements of the government, assistance provided by entrepreneurs and well-wishers, and collaborative efforts of education staff have led to timely reopening of the basic education schools in the natural disaster-hit areas. During a trip to Kyon-ma-ngay and storm-devastated areas, I witnessed schoolchildren extending a helpful hand in reconstructing roads and bridges. So far, 294 out of 296 high, middle and basic education schools in Ngapudaw Township; 282 out of 282 in Mawlamyinegyun Township; 352 out of 355 in Labutta Township; 246 out of 248 in Pyapon Township; 196 out of 196 in Kyaiklat Township; 199 out of 199 in Dedaye

Township; and 351 out of 351 in Bogale Township have been reopened, accounting for 1920 out of 1927. Students of the schools that have not been reopened yet are attending classes in nearby schools.

The plans the Ministry of Education is pursuing are designed for ensuring continuous learning of all the students. I noticed that students were studying hard in the subjects, and teachers, working hard to help achieve the national education goal. Now, all the ravaged educational institutions, offices and buildings in the 26 townships in the divisions have been reconstructed.

The reopening of the schools in the catastrophe-devastated areas is mainly due to the guidance of the Head of State, the close supervision provided by Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein over reconstruction and development tasks; concerted efforts of officials concerned from various ministries, constant in-



structions of related ministers and local authorities in the division; hard work of responsible persons and preservation of fine traditions by education staff.

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Reconstructed Basic Education

High School No. (2)

in Dedaye

Township.



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects a Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton field at Hnawbin Village in Apyauk village-tract in Thazi Township.  
MNA

## Cotton growers in Thazi urged to boost production

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with local cotton growers at Hnawbin village in Apyauk village-tract in Thazi township on 11 October.

The minister looked into fruits and yielding of cotton sprout of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plants of cotton grower U Kyaw Khin, cotton plants and weeding work at the cotton farm of cotton grower U Bo Wa.

Next, the minister and party met with peasants of Gontaung village (South) in Thazi township and looked into supply of irrigation water from Gontaung dam and called for boosted production of agriculture produce.—MNA

## Ye Nwe generates 123 mln kwh...

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operating of panel, turbine generators and switch yard at the ground floor of the station. Afterwards, the

minister left instructions in meeting with staff.

The minister inspected tail race channel and operating of turbines.

Ye Nwe hydropower station is installed with 25 Megawatt and can generate 123 million kwh per year.—MNA

## Minister attends forest and environment affairs meetings in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of National Commission for Environmental Affairs Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived back here on 12 October after attending the fourth meeting of agreement on transnational haze among ASEAN nations, the 11<sup>th</sup> Informal Meeting of ASEAN Ministers of Environment Affairs, the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3 Meeting of Ministers of Environment Affairs and the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of East Asia Summit Ministers of Environment Affairs held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 8 and 9 October.

On 7 October morning, the minister and party visited wood-based furniture factory in Hanoi.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung met with Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Due Phat at the latter office and discussed matters related to cooperation in forest and environmen-

tal affairs, especially in wood-based industries and exchange of technology in forest sector.

After that, the minister met with Vice-Chairman of Timber and Forest Products Association Dr Nguyen Ton Quen and party and discussed matters on forest development, flourishing of wood-based industries and marketing of timber with Myanmar.

On 8 October, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the fourth meeting of agreement on transnational haze among ASEAN nations and discussed matters on reducing slash and burn practice and conservation of peat land areas.

In the afternoon, the minister attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Informal Meeting of ASEAN Ministers of Environment Affairs and discussed matters related to efforts of Myanmar in environmental conservation.

On 9 October, he attended the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3

Meeting of Ministers of Environment Affairs and discussed matters on continued cooperation in forest and environmental conservation.

In meeting with Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs of Japan Mr Takemoto Kazu, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung discussed matters on construction of the forest development training school in Nay Pyi Taw, greening of arid zone with the help of JICA, resetting of mangroves and dispatching of more scholars.

Next, the minister attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of East Asia Summit Ministers of Environment Affairs and made a speech on the occasion.

At 8.30 pm on 8 October, the minister attended the prize-presentation ceremony of Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) in which Director-General U San Lwin accepted the ESC award won by Taunggyi of Myanmar.—MNA



## More than 80% of urban Chinese minors are Internet users

BEIJING, 14 Oct—A sampling survey released on Tuesday revealed about 85.6 percent of Chinese minors between nine and 16 were Internet users.

Released by China Youth Social Service Centre (CYSSC), the survey found about 90 percent of minors living in cities had used the Internet, while the proportion in urban areas was 70 percent.

CYSSC, China Youth University for Political Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

(CASS) jointly conducted the survey of 7,700 minors, as well as their parents and some teachers, in 10 major cities including Beijing, Shanghai and Chongqing from August to December 2007.

The survey was conducted amid reports that more and more Chinese minors were alleged Internet addicts which worried their parents and brought much problems to themselves.

According to the survey, 82.6 percent of minors had their own

blogs and more than 80 percent had taken Internet courses. More than half enjoyed online chatting and 71.9 percent used the Internet as a method to acquire news.

About 58 percent regarded entertainment as the main purpose to use the Internet and only 6 percent specified using the Web for communication and making new friends.

In addition, the survey found the minors had different favourite places to use the Internet.

Xinhua



*A Topol RS-12M mobile missile is on display at the Artillery Museum in St Petersburg on 14 Oct, 2008. Russia test-fired two ballistic missiles and bombed a dummy town at the weekend, but analysts said the show of military preparedness was for domestic consumption and not a Kremlin warning shot to the West. The missile was installed in the compound of the museum on Tuesday.—INTERNET*



*Russia's Vladimir Kramnik, left, and the world champion Viswanathan Anand from India look on prior to the first game of the Chess World Championship between Kramnik and Anand in the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn, Germany, on Tuesday, 14 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Three NATO soldiers killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Oct—Three soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed Tuesday when their vehicle was struck by a roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan, said an ISAF statement.

However, it did not disclose any further information by saying it is ISAF policy to not release the nationality of any casualty prior to the relevant

national authority doing so.

International troops, mostly from US, have been deployed and stationed in the unrest eastern provinces fighting militant activities and helping reconstruction there.

No one or individuals have yet to claim responsibilities for the incident while Taliban insurgents, who frequently carried out similar attacks against interests of Afghan government and international troops, have recently vowed to intensify their assaults all over the country before the coming winter.

Meantime, Afghan Defence Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak said Tuesday the year of 2008 has been the bloodiest year for insurgent violence in Afghanistan since the fall of Taliban regime since 2001.

Xinhua

## Roadside bombing kills nine, injures six civilians in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Oct—A roadside bombing Tuesday morning hit one mini-bus in southern Afghan province of Uruzgan killing nine people and wounding six others, all civilians, said a provincial police official.

Juma Gul Humat, the provincial official, told Xinhua it happened at 9 am local time (0430 GMT) when a mini-bus carrying civilians from village to Dihrawud district was struck by roadside mines in the main road.

"Nine people including two children were killed on spot and six others were injured, all of them civilians," Humat said.

The police chief blamed "the enemy of Afghanistan", a phrase usually indicates Taliban insurgents, was behind the bloodshed.

Humat said those mines were planted days ago targeting Afghan and international troops patrolling around the area.

Xinhua

## 50,000 Filipino workers feared to lose jobs in US

MANILA, 14 Oct—At least 50,000 Filipino workers in the United States may be laid off due to the worldwide economic crisis, Philippine Vice President Noli De Castro said on Tuesday.

There are more than 8 million Filipinos working overseas, some one-third of whom live in the United States. Others are concentrated in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Europe.

The overseas Filipino workers, called "modern-day heroes" of the country,

remit billions of dollars back to their families. The remittances act as a cornerstone for the national economy.

De Castro, also presidential adviser on overseas Filipino worker, said the government is looking for ways to cushion the impact of a possible influx of Filipino migrant workers back to the country.

Labour agencies are finding alternative sources of livelihood to substitute for the jobs that the Filipinos might lose abroad, said the Vice President.

"We cannot just neglect our duty to help our modern-day heroes after they lose their jobs abroad. We have to find them alternative means of livelihood even on

temporary basis or at least while there is global economic crisis," De Castro said.

The government is exploring and opening new job opportunities in other stable markets such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Guam, he added.

Xinhua



*A vehicle trudges its way through the waterlogged street in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 14 Oct, 2008. Monsoon rain hit the island in recent days flooding 12 cities and counties and causing two dead in the region. —INTERNET*

## Nicaraguan police seize large amount of cocaine

MANAGUA, 14 Oct—Nicaraguan police seized 200,000 pills of cocaine and arrested four drug dealers in the capital city on Monday, police said.

The drug dealers hid the cocaine pills in the interlayers of two car's gas tanks and tried to drive them north into Honduras.

Three of the drug dealers are Hondurans and the other one is a Nicaraguan.—Xinhua



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In respect of : Int'l class 14, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings, pendants, brooches, chains, pins, diadems, medallions, cufflinks, tie clips; jewelry, imitation jewelry; watches, clocks, chronometers, watch straps; jewelry and watch cases made of precious metals, trays and ashtrays of precious metals, cigarette boxes of precious metals, napkin rings of precious metals; shoes ornaments (of precious metal).

In respect of : Int'l class 16, bond paper, illustration paper, gift wrapping paper, writing paper, envelopes, gift cards, occasion cards, postcards, blank cards, scratch pads, paper boxes, paper boards, posters, greeting cards, cardboard boxes, pictures, anniversary books, recipe books, picture books, guest books, drawing books, telephone number books, calendars, photograph albums, exercise books, photographs, erasers, magnetic boards, pencil sharpeners, pens, pencils, pencil cases, pen cases, office requisites namely punches, glue for stationery or household use, artists' pastels, paint brushes, paper cutters, paperweights, paper fasteners, file folders, document holders, desk sets, desk top organizers, paper bags, general purpose plastic bags, paper bathmats, paper ribbons and paper bows, paper cake decoration, decorative paper centerpieces, paper doilies, paper handkerchiefs, paper table cloth, paper napkins, paper mats, paper towels, paper tray covers, food wrappers, paper filters for coffee makers.

In respect of : Int'l class 18, handbags, luggage, shoulder bags, beach bags, clutch bags, all purpose sports bags, attache cases, school bags, tote bags, shoe bags for travel; travelling bags, credit card cases, document cases, passport cases, cosmetic cases sold empty, keycases, knapsacks, rucksacks, briefcases, purses, wallets, travelling

trunks, suitcases, umbrellas, parasols, walking sticks.

In respect of : Int'l class 20, chairs, tables, benches, deckchairs, armchairs, furniture partitions; armchairs, tables for meeting rooms, desks, typing desks, drawers, sofas, writing desks; wardrobes, cupboards, beds, shelves, chests, of drawers, file cabinets, umbrella stands, furniture namely chests, tea carts, footstools, seats (furniture), mirror stands, mirrors, book cases, clothes hangers, doors for furniture, furniture frames, non-metal window frames, window blinds, window shades, chair legs, table leaves, arm rests, decorative wall plaques not of textile; plastic stoppers and lids, cushions, pillow, mattresses, beds for household pets, hand fans, shopping baskets, picture frames, trays not of metal, towel dispensers not of metal, clothes hooks not of metal, mannequins, cradles, plastic and wooden sculptures; non-metal door handles and knobs, non-metal window handles, non-metal key holders, non-metal ladders.

In respect of : Int'l class 21, empty perfume atomizers, plastic bath racks, soap boxes, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, shaving brushes and brush stands, cosmetic brushes, hair brushes, shoe brushes, shoe horns, shoe trees or stretchers, shoe polish applicators without shoe polish; fitted vanity cases, comb cases, hair combs, sponge holders, toilet tissues holders, house hold sponges, powder puffs, towel bars and rings, wash basins, grills, confectioner's decorating bags, serving spoons, slotted spoons, basting spoons, mixing spoons, cutting boards, bread boxes, cake servers, casseroles, strainers, sieves and collanders all for household use, cookery molds, cookie cutters, cruets not of precious metals for oil and vinegar, garlic presses, pepper grinders, non-electric griddles, graters, spatulas, whisks, ice cube molds for refrigerators, kitchen ladles, lemon squeezers, non-electric juicers, scoops, salt and pepper shakers, bowls, cannister sets, containers for food, insulating jars, pitchers, pots, vases, gravy-boats, covers for dishes and pots, butter dishes, napkin holders, toothpick holders, non-electric kettles, non-electric coffee percolators, non-electric pressure cookers, frying pans, cooking pots, plates, serving platters, saucepans, saucers, soup tureens, serving trays not of precious metals; seltzer bottles, caviar coolers, cocktail picks, cocktail shakers, decanters, beverage stirrers, swizzle sticks, funnels, bottle openers, cork screws, cups, jugs, mugs, drinking glasses, dust bins, ironing boards and shaped covers therefor, cloth brushes, lawn sprinklers, gardening gloves, pails, wastepaper baskets, non metal decorative boxes and plates, non-electric candelabras not of precious metal, candlesticks not of precious metals, flower pots, flower pot holders; glass, stained glass, unwrought glass, decorative crystal prisms; earthenware, crystal.

In respect of : Int'l class 24, fabrics for the manufacture of clothing articles; lining fabric for shoes, fabric for boots and shoes; cotton fabrics, gauze fabrics, quilts, curtains, textile wall hangings, textile tapestries, cloth flags, felt cloths, bath linen, fabric table runners, textile place mats, dish mats and carafe mats, bed linen, towels, face cloth napkins, washcloths, fabric handkerchiefs, table linen, coasters, pillow cases, napkins, kitchen towels, mosquito nets, bed and table covers.

In respect of : Int'l class 25, pullovers, gloves, cardigans, jerseys, neckwear, sweaters, socks, stockings, tights, trousers, leggings, skirts, jackets, jerkins, shirts, vests, waistcoats, jumpers, track suits, blouses, blousons, jeans, sweat pants, gym suits, knickers, pants, shorts, T-shirts, sweat

shirts, suits and dresses, overcoats, coats, anoraks, rain coats, belts, suspenders, loungewear, underwear, beachwear, sleepwear, footwear, work shoes and boots, shoe parts, non-slipping devices for shoes and boots, metal fittings for shoes and boots; headwear.

In respect of : Int'l class 26, shoe hooks, shoe laces, shoe ornaments not of precious metals, shoe eyelets, shoe buckles.

In respect of : Int'l class 28, action skill games, action target games, board games, card games, coin-operated video games, electronic dart games, parlor games, party games, role playing games, playing cards, baby multiple activity toys, children's multiple activity toys, construction toys, electric action toys, infant toys, inflatable toys, mechanical toys, musical toys, pet toys, plush toys, pop up toys, printing toys, pull toys, punching toys, push toys, squeeze toys, stuffed toys, talking toys, transforming robotic toys, water squirting toys, wind-up toys, sleds, snow rackets, snow boards, skis, monoskis, waterskis, ski bindings, ski poles, ski cases, tennis rackets, tennis balls, table tennis bats, roller skates, ice skates, golf clubs, golf balls, basketballs, basketball backboards, skateboards, sport balls, exercise bars, exercise machines, surf boards, windsurf boards, sportsman fishing bags, archery equipment, elbow, hand and shin pads for athletic use; Christmas tree decorations (except confectionery or illumination articles).

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## Vietnam faces three major challenges to reduce poverty

HANOI, 14 Oct—Vietnam, who has made remarkable achievement in poverty reduction over the past decades, is facing three challenges to make further progress, the UNDP reported here on Monday.

The report, from United Nations Development Programme in Vietnam, is presented to a Roundtable Meeting held by Viet-

namese Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs on Monday, ahead of the International Day for the Poverty Eradication which falls on 17 October every year. "Firstly, extreme poverty remains heavily concentrated geographically and among ethnic minority groups in Vietnam," according to the report. Secondly, widening economic and social disparities have started to hurt ordinary Vietnamese.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three dead, seven missing in S-W China coal mine accident

CHENGDU, 14 Oct—Rescuers recovered three bodies from Sunday's coal mine explosion in southwest China's Sichuan Province, a provincial work safety bureau official said on Monday. Seven miners are still missing.

The accident happened at 12:50 pm at the Xingfu Coal Mine in Hongqiao Township, Yibin City, when 21 miners were working underground, the official said. Eleven miners escaped on their own. Rescue efforts to find the seven still missing, continue. According to preliminary estimates, more than 230 tons of coal and 5,000 cubic metres of gas erupted in the explosion. No word yet on a cause.—MNA/Xinhua



**Cars run on the Second Ring Road in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Oct, 2008. A new traffic restriction went into effect officially in Beijing on Monday, which is expected to help sustain the hard-won smooth traffic and good air quality during the Olympic Games.—INTERNET**



## Software thwarts mobile phone chatting while driving

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct —A Canadian company has unveiled software crafted to prevent people, particularly mobile device-loving teenagers, from making telephone calls or text-messaging while driving.

Aegis Mobility describes DriveAssist as “advanced call management technology” that essentially creates virtual personal secretaries to intercept calls or text messages intended for mobile telephones in moving cars.

DriveAssist software detects when phones are moving at automobile speeds and then tells callers that the person they are trying to reach is driving. Callers are invited to leave messages or call-back numbers.

The service will also tell callers, presumably parents or employers, where the person they are trying to reach is located by using satellite navigation technology in devices or orienting based on cell signal towers being used.

People can bypass the service and be connected to drivers by indicating calls are emergencies.

DriveAssist is negotiating with telecom carriers to make the service available on a monthly subscription fee basis.—*Internet*

## Scientists identify virus causing three deaths in South Africa, Zambia

GENEVA, 14 Oct — Preliminary tests by scientists showed that the virus causing three deaths recently in South Africa and Zambia belongs to the same family as Lassa fever, according to a report released by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday.

Scientists in South Africa and the United States are still going on with their research so as to learn more about the virus, WHO said.

Investigation began after an office employee of a safari tour company in Zambia died on Sept. 14 in a hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa, two days after being transferred from Zambia. Two medical workers who had cared for the patient also died in early October after showing similar symptoms including fever, headaches, diarrhea and muscular pain, WHO reported.

The UN agency said a fourth case has now been confirmed, with a nurse who had close contact with one of the earlier cases becoming ill and being admitted to hospital in South Africa.—*Internet*

*An attendee views an organism through a microscope during the 13th International Biotechnology Symposium and Exhibition kicked off on Monday in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 13 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET*



## Vietnam reports dengue fever cases in central province

HANOI, 14 Oct — Vietnam's central Nghe An Province has reported about 687 cases of dengue fever so far and local health officials are worried the disease will spread further, the *Vietnam News* reported on Tuesday.

Mosquitoes are the main cause of the disease, which is dangerous for babies and overweight children. It can lead to respiratory and digestive problems, the provincial health department said.

The local weather and living conditions has created favourable breeding environment for mosquitoes, according to the department.

*Internet*



*Picture taken in 2007 shows a crane lifting a Hapag-Lloyd container out of the river Rhine after a container ship lost its freight. Germany's TUI decided on Sunday to sell its container shipping line Hapag-Lloyd for 4.5 billion euro (6.0 billion dollars), allowing it to focus solely on tourism, according to a statement. —INTERNET*

## Drinking alcohol associated with smaller brain volume

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — The more alcohol an individual drinks, the smaller his or her total brain volume, according to a report in the October issue of US journal *Archives of Neurology*.

Brain volume decreases with age at an estimated rate of 1.9 percent per decade, accompanied by an increase in white matter lesions, according to background information in the article. Lower brain

volumes and larger white matter lesions also occur with the progression of dementia and problems with thinking, learning and memory.

Moderate alcohol consumption has been associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease; because the brain receives blood from this system, researchers have hypothesized that small amounts of alcohol may also attenuate age-related

declines in brain volume.

Researchers from Wellesley College, Mass., and colleagues studied 1,839 adults (average age 60). Between 1999 and 2001, participants underwent magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and a health examination. They reported the number of alcoholic drinks they consumed per week, along with their age, education and other factors.

*Internet*

## Therapy helps hard-to-transplant get a new kidney

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — Nearly one in three patients who need a kidney transplant may never get one because their bodies are abnormally primed to attack a donated organ. Now doctors are trying new ways to outwit the immune system and save more of those so-called “highly sensitized” patients — often with

kidneys donated by living donors, considered the optimal kind.

“I feel very lucky. Our son saved my life,” said Cynthia Preloh of Arlington, Va., after an unusual combination of blood cleansing and a cancer drug allowed her to receive a kidney from her son that her body otherwise would have

destroyed.

It's promising work that comes as the nation's kidney distribution system is beginning a major overhaul. Together, the two efforts aim to make a long-needed dent in the years of waiting it can take to get a kidney transplant.

That's crucial, because “your chance of getting successfully transplanted decreases with time,” says Dr Keith Melancon of Georgetown University Hospital, Preloh's surgeon and a leader in the small but growing field of incompatible kidney transplants.

*Internet*



*Tibetan wild asses (or kiang) live beside the Qinghai-Tibet railway in Hol Xil, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 11 Oct, 2008. — INTERNET*



# SPORTS

## Ballack injury doubt for Germany ahead of Wales clash

BERLIN, 14 Oct — Germany captain Michael Ballack is an injury doubt for Wednesday night's World Cup qualifier against Wales after damaging a calf muscle, it was announced on Monday.

Ballack scored Germany's second goal in their 2-1 win over Russia on Saturday in Dortmund during their Group Four qualifier, but picked up the injury to his right calf late in the game.



Germany's midfielder Michael Ballack, seen here, celebrating the victory over Russia on 11 Oct, 2009, is an injury doubt for Wednesday night's World Cup qualifier against Wales after damaging a calf muscle, it was announced on Monday.—INTERNET

He informed the German Football Federation (DFB) medical staff at noon on Monday and sat out training in Duesseldorf on Monday as a precautionary measure.

A decision on whether Ballack plays will be taken in the run-up to kick-off in Moenchengladbach, but Germany coach Joachim Loew expects his team to pick up three more points with or without their captain.—Internet

## Man Utd's Park boosts S Korea against UAE

SEOUL, 14 Oct — In-form Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-Sung will return to boost South Korea against UAE on Wednesday as they seek their first win of the last Asian round of 2010 World Cup qualifying.

Park and Borussia Dortmund defender Lee Young-Pyo, who were unavailable for the opening 1-1 draw with North Korea, are both recalled as South Korea look to kick-start their campaign here.

The pair, who have combined for 170 caps, will anchor the Korean squad, which needs to beat the winless UAE to bolster its hopes of reaching their seventh consecutive World Cup.

The Koreans, who reached the 2002 World Cup semis, beat Uzbekistan 3-0 in a friendly on Saturday in a rare goal spree in front of their home fans.

South Korean head coach Huh Jung-Moo said the victory was encouraging but admitted his squad still has some work to do.

Internet



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## Cautious tennis ace Federer makes no promises in Madrid return



Roger Federer of Switzerland, seen here in September 2008, was making no promises Monday as to how long his sudden return to tennis would last this season, saying he's only looking as far ahead as this week's Madrid Masters.—INTERNET

MADRID, 14 Oct — Roger Federer was making no promises Monday as to how long his sudden return to tennis would last this season, saying he's only looking as far ahead as this week's Madrid Masters.

Less than a fortnight after withdrawing from Stockholm to rest, the world number two faces a first-round clash on Wednesday night in Spain against Czech Radek Stepanek as the Swiss tests the waters on his fitness.

"The season was long and I felt very tired, I needed some rest," he said by way of explanation for his break after the Davis Cup in September.

"But I'm still not sure how much I need. I took the time off, trained again (in Dubai) and looked at how I felt." The 27-year-old with 13 grand slam titles evidently liked what he saw after the pause: "I'm feeling good enough now to win this event, so I came here and will play.—Internet

## Romania revival will earn Domenech reprieve - media

PARIS, 14 Oct — Raymond Domenech, who is set to have talks with French football authorities over his future, will keep his post after France's draw against Romania, according to sports daily L'Equipe on Monday.

The coach, under heavy pre-match scrutiny in light of France's dismal showing at Euro 2008 and a poor start to World Cup qualifiers, looked all but out of a job after the first 20 minutes against Romania on Saturday.

Two early goals from Florentin Petre and Dorin Goian stunned a flat-footed France side, as a worried-looking Domenech ominously paced the sidelines.—Internet



France national football team coach Raymond Domenech, seen here during a training session in Clairefontaine and who is set to have talks with French football authorities over his future, will keep his post after France's draw against Romania, according to sports daily L'Equipe on Monday.—INTERNET

## Lippi to take part in anti-racism film

ROME, 14 Oct — Italy coach Marcelo Lippi has volunteered to take part in an anti-racism and anti-fascism film aimed at schoolchildren, its director Moni Ovadia said Monday.

Outspoken Ovadia asked Lippi to speak about the Holocaust during the film, and revealed that the coach had been eager to participate.

"He seemed a generous man to me and he seemed perfect for the role, unpaid of course, not just for his popularity amongst young people but also for his clarity of speech," said Ovadia.

"It will be a strong message and Lippi is a star not because of what he does but because of who he is. Because of the way he speaks and the ideas he has, he can easily reach out to people's hearts and minds.

Internet

## West Ham keeper Green pulls out of England squad

LONDON, 14 Oct — West Ham United stopper Robert Green on Monday pulled out of England's squad for Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Belarus.

Green's withdrawal means that England will have only two keepers, David James of Portsmouth and West Brom's Scott Carson, for the tricky trip to Minsk.

The Hammers number one played no part in Saturday's 5-1 hammering of Kazakhstan, with James starting the match and Carson named as the substitute goalkeeper.

England sit top of Group Six and are hoping to maintain a 100 percent winning streak against Belarus, after also beating Croatia and Andorra.

Internet



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## Hantuchova and Mauresmo crash out of Zurich Open tennis

ZURICH, 14 Oct — Russia's Maria Kirilenko upset eighth-seeded Slovak Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 6-2 on the opening day of the Zurich Open here Monday, as former world number one Amelie Mauresmo crashed out.

There was little to separate Kirilenko and Hantuchova in the first set of a match that rarely rose above the ordinary, as many of the games were closely fought and play went to deuce 16 times.

After breaks in the first two games, Hantuchova fought off five more break points until, with the Slovak leading 5-4, both players called for a medical time-out.

When play resumed, Kirilenko claimed the next five games to take the opening set and lead 2-0 in the second. Hantuchova then broke to level at 2-2, but the more aggressive Kirilenko swept the final four games to clinch her one hour 50-minute victory.—Internet

## Injured Viduka keen for Australia return

BRISBANE, 14 Oct — Injury-hit Newcastle United striker Mark Viduka says he still wants to help Australia reach the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, reports said here Tuesday.



Injury-hit Newcastle United striker Mark Viduka, seen here in March 2008, says he still wants to help Australia reach the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

INTERNET

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The 33-year-old target man, who is here for treatment on his troublesome Achilles tendon injury, has not played club football this season and last appeared for Australia at the 2007 Asian Cup.

"Of course I want to play for Australia again — it's something that's never out of my mind," Viduka told the Daily Telegraph.

"But it's a step-by-step process and the first stage is to get back playing for my club again. I don't want to rush anything.

Internet



## China, Russia to boost trade investment

Moscow, 14 Oct — China and Russia will further promote trade and economic cooperation while bilateral trade volume is expected to exceed 50 billion US dollars this year, senior trade officials of the two countries said here Tuesday.

China and Russia will carry out a series of big projects in fields such as civil aviation, space exploration, energy

machinery, said a statement issued after talks between visiting Chinese Minister of Commerce Chen Deming and his Russian counterpart Elvira Nabiullina.

The two countries will also expand trade in machinery and electronic products sectors, encourage two-way investment, push forward regional co-operation, speed up cooperation in infrastructure construction, timber and resources processing industries as well as in logistics.

The top trade officials also pledged to enhance coordination in solving

problems raised in market access and trade, and create a sound climate for increasing two-way investment, said the statement.

China proposed the two sides to strengthen cooperation in regard to customs in a bid to facilitate trade, which Russia welcomed.

According to Chen, closer cooperation between China and Russia bears even more extraordinary significance at the moment when the world's financial markets are troubled by the credit crunch.

MNA/Xinhua

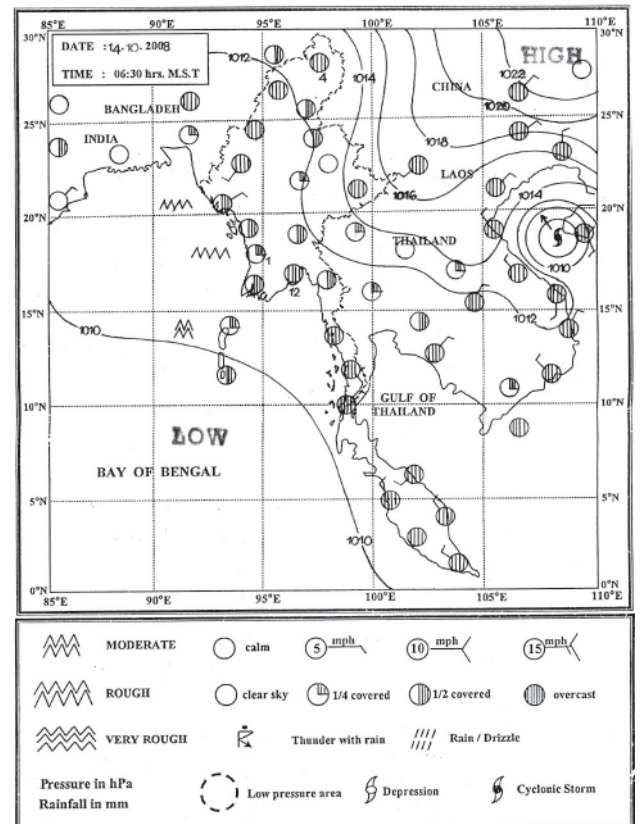
## Two trams crash in Milan

ROME, 14 Oct— Two trams crashed in the Italian northern city of Milan Monday, injuring 25 people.

A so-called “jumbo” tram went the wrong way, apparently because of a points error, and crashed head-on into a smaller, older tram, according to Italian television reports. Both vehicles were severely damaged in the accident but none of the injured — the two drivers and 23 passengers — was seriously hurt.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 14 October, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, fairly widespread in Yangon Division, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, isolated in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (2.21) inches, Ye (1.49) inches, Kengtung (0.95) inch and Pyinmana (0.82) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-10-2008 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 14-10-2008 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-10-2008 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 13-10-2008 was (7.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-10-2008 was (0.52) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (100.87) inches at Mingaladon, (111.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (130.43) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 13-10-2008.

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

**Special feature:** According to the observation at (09:30) hr MST today, tropical depression over South China Sea is centred at about 200 miles North wards of Danang (Vietnam). It is forecast to move Northwest direction.

**Forecast valid until evening of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy 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 Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-10-2008:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-10-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-10-2008:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

## Cargo flow to Gaza reduced in 4th month of ceasefire

GAZA, 14 Oct— Israel decreased flow of cargo into the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip this month after a relative improvement shows since an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire took effect in Gaza in June, according to the Palestinian Trade Centre (PalTrade) on Tuesday.

The amounts of goods allowed into Gaza have shrunk due to the frequent closure of the crossings since the beginning of October, PalTrade said in a report.

Internet



Students dressed in traditional costumes attend a reception for a youths exchange group from all over China at the chancellery in Berlin on 14 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET



Wednesday, 15 October  
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်၊ ယောဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. မြန်မာ့ကြွယ်ကြွယ်ကျေးဇူးအက

7:50 am

5. Musical programme

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. Dance of national races

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial songs

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Classical songs

4:30 pm

4. “မနိုင်သောအရုံး”

(ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ အရိုင်း၊ ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ကင်းကောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

6. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:10 pm

8. Musical programme

5:20 pm

9. ရွှေယံစုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

10. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:50 pm

14. ထက်မြက် ဖျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

15. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

8:00 pm

16. Local news

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ “သုက္ကသာမဏတော်ဆုကြီးပြိုင်ပွဲ” (ပထမဆုံး) (မောင်ညွှတ်ဝင်းနှင့် အဖွဲ့) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)



## Ye Nwe generates 123 mln kwh per year

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. (1) Col Zaw Min inspected inflow of water to Ye Nwe dam at the main embankment of Ye Nwe hydro power station, about 2.5 miles west of Myochaung village in Kyaukdaga Township this morning. The minister gave instructions on maintenance of sluice gate.

The minister inspected running of No. 1 and No. 2 machines, (See page 10)



- \* 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

Minister for Electric Power No. (1) Col Zaw Min at Ye Nwe hydro power station, about 2.5 miles west of Myochaung village in Kyaukdaga Township.—MNA

## Delta schools lively with activities

*Maung Tin Hlaing (Hotel and Tourism)*



*The basic education high school in Hainggyikyun has been reconstructed and students are pursuing education there.*

Human resource development lies in the centre of equitable development of all sectors essential for national development. It is very heartening to note that today plans are well under way in various fields for raising the education standard of the nation.

The recent storm hit hard seven townships in Ayeyawady Division; Ngapudaw, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Dedaye and Bogale, levelling a large number of school buildings.

Reconstruction work is ongoing in the division to better the living conditions of local people than before the storm occurrence, and the plan has begun to yield fruitful results in a short time. The plan focuses on expediting the regeneration of the ravaged areas, rehabilitating the school activities, and elevating the social and economic standards of local

(See page 10)

## 10<sup>th</sup> MGC Junior Golf Open Championships 2008 on 30, 31 Oct

YANGON, 14 Oct—The 10<sup>th</sup> MGC Junior Golf Open Championships 2008, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, will be held at Myanmar Golf Club (9<sup>th</sup> mile) on Pyay Road here on 30 and 31 October.

The contests are categorized into (10-12) aged class, (13-15) aged class, (16-20) aged class and (10-18) aged class in women's contest.

Prizes will be sponsored by Myanmar Golf Association, companies, associations and donors.

Those wishing to participate in the contests are to register at MGC (9<sup>th</sup> Mile) no later than 28 October.

Registration needs to be done in advance. For more information, contact MGC Ph-661702 and 665531.—MNA

## Vieira claims Fabregas can challenge 'World's Best' Gerrard

LIVERPOOL 14 Oct—Former Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira has rated Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard as the world's best and Gunners' Cesc Fabregas as the Reds' captain's challenger.

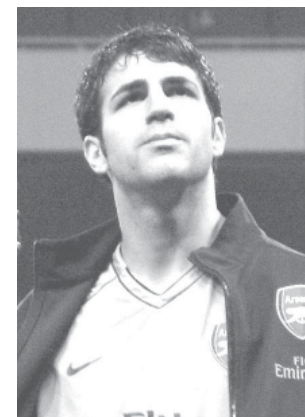
France international midfielder Vieira, who plays for Inter Milan, is convinced that England star Gerrard is the best player in world football despite the 28-year-old's growing concerns over his international performances.

"The best midfielder I would say is Steven Gerrard. I really rate him as a player and as a man. I think he is still one of the best," Vieira told skysports.com.

In the meanwhile, Fabregas has blossomed into a fine central-midfield player following his move to Arsene Wenger's side in 2003 from Barcelona's youth setup. The 21-year-old Spain international playmaker has, however, been linked with a move back to his homeland in recent times.

And Vieira, 32, acknowledges the rise of Fabregas, who he believes can challenge Gerrard for the 'world's best' tag and achieve glory by staying at the Emirates Stadium.

He said: "Fabregas



*Cesc Fabregas*

(has the potential to be the best). I think he is learning every year.

"Now he is a top quality player. He is one of the best. In the years to come he can be at the top."

Vieira added: "Of course (he can achieve everything he wants at Arsenal). I think if the club matches the same desire as the player, then why not?"—Internet



*Steven Gerrard*