Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister on his departure for PRC to attend 5th China-ASEAN Expo, 5th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

NA Py Taw, 20 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10 a.m today on his departure for the People’s Republic of China to attend the 5th China-ASEAN Expo and the 5th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit to be held in Nanning at the invitation of the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

The Prime Minister was also seen off at the airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thida 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 Myint Hlaing, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Adjutant General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, senior military officers, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office, heads of (See page 8)

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
PERSPECTIVES

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Continue making concerted efforts for food security

At present, global warming is causing climate changes. With widespread environmental degradation, the world people have been facing natural disasters.

As a result of climate changes, the demand for bio-energy has become high. Nowadays, food security has become one of the most serious challenges we face. The need of global food security is a matter of concern to over 860 million of the world population.

In Myanmar, over 20 million acres are being put under monsoon and summer paddy. As the agriculture sector plays a greater role in economic development of the State, priority is being given to boosting the production of paddy and other crops.

The government has built over 200 dams and sluice gates throughout the nation for supply of irrigation water. Meanwhile, it has provided farmers with quality paddy seeds, advanced cultivation methods and farm equipment. As a result, remarkable progress has been made in the agricultural sector.

Today, demand for rice is increasingly high in some countries in the region. Efforts are thus to be made for boosting production of rice. At the same time, emphasis is to be placed not only on boosting the per acre yield but also on producing quality rice for export. And innovative measures are to be taken for crops to be free from chemical residuals and to be sought-after item in global market.

Agriculture contributes not only to food security but also to improvement of the socio-economic status of farmers. Thus, entrepreneurs and farmers are to continue making concerted efforts for food security, through better use of favourable geographical conditions and weather as well as modern cultivation methods.

Reproductive health instructor course opens


The course opening ceremony was attended by President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin, the vice-president and CEC members, chairpersons and members of Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees from Magway and Sagaing Divisions and members and chairpersons of township MCWAs and others.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin made a speech and presented cash assistance and equipment to chairpersons of division MCWSCs.

A total of 30 trainees are attending the 5-day course that will last from 20 to 24 October. —MNA

Copyright on the Internet

YANGON, 20 Oct—Myanmar Computer Professionals’ Association has organized a talk under the topic of “Copyright on the Internet” for the progress of information technology in Myanmar. The seminar will be held at Room No. 205 of main building at Myanmar Infotech in Hlaing Township, here, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m on 25 October (Saturday).

U Maung Maung Win, advocate of the Supreme Court will give talk on challenge against copyright on the Internet and role of technology equipment in prevention of attempt to break copyright law.

Myanmar Computer Professionals’ Association invites its members, IT professionals and those interested in the subject may attend the seminar free of charge and take part in discussions. For further information please contact the office of the association at Room No. 4 Building-4, Ph:652276. —MNA

TCG Periodic Review on storm affected areas launched

YANGON, 20 Oct—The launching ceremony of the TCG Periodic Review was held at the Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Street, Tamway Township here at 9.30 a.m yesterday.

Members of the Tripartite Core Group Ambassador of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Bishow Parajuli extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, Chairman of the TCG Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu made an opening speech.

After that, Project Manager of ASEAN Humanitarian Work Group Dr Yohannah Wegerd explained the periodic review of the need for humanitarian relief and early rehabilitation of Nargis affected areas and the ceremony ended.

The TCG Periodic Review will be exercised in the Nargis affected areas, under the aegis of the Tripartite Core Group composed of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, ASEAN and the United Nations. The Periodic Review will build on the Village Track Assessment (VTA) methodology which was used for the PONJA Assessment. It will be a representative sample assessment of the Cyclone Nargis affected areas and will be used to inform the International Community of the current situation in the affected areas.

Also present on the occasion were heads of missions from the ASEAN and donor countries, government officials, representatives from NGOs/INGOs and TCG members.

MNA
Contact sought with kidnappers of Chinese in Sudan

KHARTOUM, 20 Oct—Sudanese and Chinese authorities were seeking on Monday to contact the kidnappers of nine Chinese oil workers snatched near Sudan’s disputed oil district of Abyei.

The three Chinese engineers and six other workers employed by the China National Petroleum Corporation were seized by armed men on Sunday while they were travelling near Heglig, which is not far from Abyei.

Diplomats have said a Sudanese driver was also kidnapped.

Ali Youssf, director of protocol at the Sudanese foreign ministry, told AFP on Sunday that Sudanese forces were scouring the area of the kidnap, inside the “Block 4” oil field, but “no contact has been made with the kidnappers.”

Afghan bomb kills two NATO troops, five children

KUNDUZ (Afghanistan), 20 Oct—A suicide bomber has struck a patrol from the NATO-led force in northern Afghanistan, killing two soldiers and five children Monday, NATO has said.

Another soldier and one civilian were wounded in the attack in the Chahar Dara district of Kunduz province.

The governor of Kunduz province, Mohammad Omar, said the ISAF soldiers were German.

Another soldier and one civilian were wounded in the attack in the Chahar Dara district of Kunduz province. The governor of Kunduz province, Mohammad Omar, said the ISAF soldiers were German. Violence has surged in Afghanistan this year, with the Taliban launching more attacks in more areas. Some 4,000 people have been killed in the conflict this year, a third of them civilians. Germany has about 3,000 soldiers in northern Afghanistan, many of them in Kunduz.

India, Pakistan to open Kashmir trade

SRINAGAR, 20 Oct—Rivals India and Pakistan are due to start trading Tuesday between their divided zones of Kashmir, raising hopes that the revolt-hit region could be seen a major drop in tensions.

It will be the first time that trucks will roll between the two zones created in the bloody aftermath of independence of the subcontinent from Britain six decades ago, when the region was split into India and Pakistan. The countries, who have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir, are to resume trade across the heavily militarised Line of Control, a key demand of separatists who this summer led some of the largest-ever anti-India demonstrations in the region.

Abbas criticizes Israel on attacks during harvest

RAMALLAH, 20 Oct—The Palestinian President says Israel has failed to protect Palestinians against attacks by Israeli settlers during the olive harvest. He says the situation is “unbearable.”

The West Bank has some 10 million olive trees, and thousands of Palestinians participate in the annual harvest. In recent days, there have been several reports of Israeli settlers attacking farmers and their property.

Sri Lanka claims taking more territory from Tigers

COLOMBO, 20 Oct—Sri Lankan government forces have taken more territory from Tamil rebels after intense weekend battles in the north of the island, the Defence Ministry said on Monday.

Heavy fighting raged in the Wanni region, where security forces are trying to capture the rebel base of Kilinochchi, still about 10 to 15 kilometres (six to nine miles) away from the Army’s main frontline, the military said.

Gunmen kill woman aid worker in Afghan capital

KABUL, 20 Oct—Unknown gunmen killed a foreign woman working for an aid agency in the Afghan capital early Monday, officials said.

The woman was from South Africa, an intelligence official said, but other officials said they were unable to confirm her nationality. Two men on a motorcycle shot the woman in a southern district of Kabul, the private Tolo TV station said.

Taliban insurgents have increasingly targeted aid workers this year in their campaign to spread an atmosphere of fear and undermine support for the Western-backed Afghan government.

Taliban insurgents killed three female aid workers and their Afghan driver in an ambush just outside Kabul in August, the bloodiest single attack on foreign humanitarian workers in Afghanistan in recent years.

Roadside bomb kills two in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct—A roadside bomb struck a double-decker bus in Baghdad, killing two people and wounding seven others, Iraqi authorities said on Monday. Iraqi police and hospital officials said the bus was carrying employees of Iraq’s Housing Ministry through the Shiite-dominated neighbourhood of Mashtal in the eastern part of the city when the blast occurred. The wounded were brought to a hospital, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose the information.

The US military said the explosion destroyed the bus and confirmed that seven people were wounded, but said only one was killed. Conflicting casualty tolls are common in Iraq. Iraqi police arrested one man at the site of the blast, said Lt Col Steven Stover, a military spokesman. He blamed Shiite extremists for the attack.

An Afghan policeman at a checkpoint in Kabul in August 2008. —Internet

Somali children peer from their makeshift shelter at a camp on the outskirts of Mogadishu.

—Internet

A map of Sudan showing regional borders, oil fields and the town of Abyei. —Internet

A contact at the site of the blast, said Lt Col Steven Stover, a military spokesman. He blamed Shiite extremists for the attack.

—Internet

Afghan policemen pass by blood stains on a pavement in Kabul on 20 Oct, 2008. Unknown gunmen killed a foreign woman working for an aid agency in the Afghan capital early Monday, officials said.

—Internet
World leaders call for new global financial architecture

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct—World leaders have called for a new global financial architecture to tackle the current financial crisis, the most serious since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

“The G7 (the Group of Seven industrialized nations) is not working. We need a better group for a different time,” said World Bank President Robert B Zoellick in a recent speech.

He said that the way the world tries to solve its economic problems needs to be rethought amid today’s global crisis, including turning the Group of Seven into a Steering Group that empowers rising economic states.

Zoellick’s idea was echoed by many leaders.

IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn said that the global financial architecture had clearly failed to adapt to globalized financial markets, warning the architecture’s legitimacy and effectiveness had been called into question.—Xinhua

Chinese quality watchdog says latest-tested milk safe

BEIJING, 20 Oct—China’s quality watchdog said on Sunday no trace of melamine was found in the latest nationwide tests on liquid milk.

It was the 13th round of tests for the industrial chemical since the report of the tainted baby formula scandal that left at least three infants dead and sickened more than 50,000 others, according to the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (GAQSIQ).

The tests covered 477 batches of baby formula from 66 brands in 22 cities including Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin.

The government set temporary melamine content limits in dairy products of a maximum of 1 mg per kg of infant formula and a maximum 2.5 mg per kg for liquid milk, milk powder and food products that contained at least 15 percent milk.

So far, the quality watchdog had conducted sample tests on 6,274 batches of liquid dairy products manufactured after 14 Sept from 138 brands and found all safely under the limits.—Xinhua

China lays framework for Q4 national economic development

BEIJING, 20 Oct—China will adopt a flexible and prudent macro-control policy to keep a stable and rapid economic development in the current fourth quarter, according to the State Council here on Sunday.

Related financial, credit and foreign trade measures will be carried out in the near future in response to the slowing trend of the country’s economic growth and the continuous fluctuation in the domestic capital market amid the ongoing global financial crisis, according to a State Council meeting presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao on Sunday.—Xinhua

Boat sinks in S Albanian waters, three confirmed drowned

TIRANA, 20 Oct—A boat carrying about 20 people capsized Sunday evening in southern Albanian waters, and three have been confirmed drowned, police said.

The boat sank in the lake of Butrint, about 300 kilometres south of the capital city of Tirana.

About 15 people have been rescued, but the darkness hampered the rescue efforts.—Xinhua

Senior pilot safe after plane crashes into tree in W Canada

OTTAWA, 20 Oct—An 82-year-old pilot was safe after his small plane crashed Sunday into a tree while he was trying to land at an airport near the western Canadian city of Winnipeg, reports reaching here said.

The pilot was coming in to land when his plane lost power, making it come down too low too fast, clipping a hydro line guy wire and then crashing into a tree, reported quoted sources with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as saying. The plane was stuck about 10 metres above the ground and leaking fuel, leaving the pilot dangling upside down in the plane’s cabin for about two hours before he was rescued by emergency officials.—MNA/Xinhua

Tourists visit at the Longmen Grottoes in central China’s Henan Province, on 19 Oct, 2008. There has been a growing interest in the central province among tourists from home and abroad, especially in the famous scenic spots as the Shaolin Temple and the Longmen Grottoes.—Xinhua

Paper mache pandas set up by members of the World Wildlife Fund are pictured on the Parvis des droits de l’Homme at Paris Trocadero esplanade to symbolize the 1,600 pandas left on earth and to call people to do their part in helping to reverse the deterioration of our natural environment.—Xinhua

Cambodian PM leaves for China for ASEAN-China Expo, ASEM summit

PHNOM PENH, 20 Oct—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen left Monday for China to lead a high delegation to participate in the 5th ASEAN (the Association of South East Asian Nations)-China Expo in Nanning of China on 22-23 Oct.

Subsequently, Hun Sen will attend the 7th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) to be held in Beijing, China on 24-25 Oct, a Press release from the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation said.

On the sidelines of the ASEM summit, Hun Sen will hold a bilateral talk with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, the Press release said.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

A Palestinian worker makes clay pots inside a pot factory in Gaza on 19 Oct, 2008. The making of clay pots is an ancient and traditional profession in the Gaza Strip.—Xinhua
Asia stocks recover, but economy fears loom

**HONG KONG, 20 Oct**—Most Asian stock markets rallied on Monday, with valuations growing more attractive, and oil prices rose ahead of an expected supply cut at an emergency OPEC meeting this week, but a threat of a global recession haunted investors.

The cautious buying of equities did not translate into a move out of government bonds, with Japanese government bond futures climbing and US Treasury futures nearly unchanged on the day, suggesting investors were still reluctant to take risks.

Governments around the world rushed out further steps to help the private sector, pledging so far well in excess of $3 trillion to try to stabilize financial markets and resume the banking industry which has been badly damaged by a crisis of confidence.

South Korea promised $130 billion in state guarantees and capital injections and the Dutch government said it would prop up ING (ING.AS)/(ING.N) with around 10 billion euros.

“A slew of recent policy actions worldwide has provided some relief to the banking sectors in the major economies,” said Kengo Suzuki, a currency strategist at Shinko Securities in Tokyo. “But the state of the market remains very fragile with worries mounting about the global economy and emerging markets,” Suzuki said.—**Internet**

N Zealand PM sees cliffhanger election despite poll gap

**WELLINGTON, 20 Oct**—New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark predicted Monday a cliffhanger election next month, despite polls showing a comfortable lead for the opposition National Party.

“Think the challenging times have actually turned this whole election campaign on its head,” she added, referring to the global financial crisis.

John Key’s centre-right National Party is attempting to end nine years in power, entered parliament in 2002 with just 26 seats and is still reluctant to take risks.

Clark is hoping voters will stick with her centre-left Labour Party-led government in the 8 November vote.

Sydney to grow 40 percent by 2036

**SYDNEY, 20 Oct**—The population of Sydney, Australia’s biggest city, will expand dramatically over the next three decades, surging to almost six million people, figures released Monday showed.

The harbourside hub of New South Wales state, home to some 4.28 million residents in 2006, will experience a 40 percent increase in population to 5.98 million people by 2036, the state’s planning minister, Kristina Keneally said.

The figures showed that the biggest growth in New South Wales between 2006 and 2036 will be in the number of people aged over 65—up 111 percent—as the baby boomer generation ages and life expectancy increases.—**Internet**

Tropical storm Kalmaegi leaves China

**HANGZHOU, 20 Oct**—Scorching weather has returned to east China’s Zhejiang Province on Sunday after tropical storm Kalmaegi left the region, with no casualties reported, according to the provincial weather station. The departure of the tropical storm also means the province has started to suffer with high temperatures up to 37 degrees centigrade.

The flood control and drought relief headquarters of the neighbouring financial hub Shanghai also announced that Kalmaegi had weakened as of early Sunday morning. The meteorological station of Shanghai lifted the rainstorms and gales alert for the city. Rainfall up to 41 millimetres hit Shanghai on Saturday.

From Friday to 2 pm Saturday, heavy rainfall of up to 143 millimetres hit Zhejiang.—**Internet**

Japanese tourists (bottom R) walk on the Bridge of Freedom near the demilitarised zone separating South Korea from the North in Paju, 52 km (32 miles) north of Seoul on 20 Oct, 2008.—**INTERNET**

Child virus kills three, sickens 110 in China

**BEIJING, 20 Oct**—Hand, foot and mouth disease has killed three children and sickened about 110 others in eastern China, state media reported.

The official Xinhua News Agency said late Sunday that all the cases were reported in Jian’ou city of Fujian province from 1 to 17 October. Citing a provincial health official, Xinhua said the children who died from the infectious disease were under a year old and came from different towns. Twenty-two of the infected children were still hospitalized for treatment, the report said.—**Internet**

Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) speaks at a campaign rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on 19 Oct, 2008. **INTERNET**

Obama opens 6-point lead over McCain

**WASHINGTON, 20 Oct**—Democrat Barack Obama has expanded his national lead over Republican John McCain in the US presidential race to 6 percentage points, according to a Reuters/Ipsos/SPY/Zogby poll released on Monday.

Obama leads McCain 50 percent to 44 percent among likely US voters in the latest three-day tracking poll, up from Obama’s 3-point advantage on Sunday. The telephone poll has a margin of error of 2.9 percentage points.

The rally by Obama broke a string of three consecutive days when McCain had gained ground on the Illinois senator after their final debate on Wednesday. It was the first time in 14 days of the tracking poll that Obama has reached 50 percent.

“Obama has really consolidated his base, and now has huge leads among young people, African-Americans and Hispanics,” said pollster John Zogby. “Reaching 50 percent puts him in winning territory.”

Obama also increased his support among two key swing groups that could be vital in the November election. His edge with independents rose from 8 points to 11 points, and his lead among women grew from 6 points to 8 points.

**Internet**
Bogale returning to normal due to... 

Chairman of Bogale Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Thein
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We visited many parts around Bogale. Totally unlike in the past, the town had risen a lot with fine houses, offices and schools.

In an interview, U Kyaw Than of U Kyaw Than-Daw Thida Lwin fish and prawn purchase centre said, “There was a strong effect on the fisheries business here, but fishing could be restored one month after the storm due to the assistance the government and local and foreign donors provided for local fishermen. I also provided assistance as much as I could for the fishermen in my society. So, we managed to reopen our purchase centre 20 days after the storm. “

A rice mill in Bogale, which has restored its functions.

We plan to transform some make-shift schools into fine ones. This year, 261,012 houses, offices and schools were all flooded, but now they are with fine ones.

We managed to reopen our purchase centre 20 days after the storm.
(U Kyaw Than)

Fish and prawn being processed for export.

The government has showed for the storm victims. The progress of Bogale is very encouraging.

The government has provided us with rice and other kinds of food that are enough till paddy is in season. So, we don’t need to worry about food and we could focus on our farming. (Farmer U Kyi Soe)

A rice mill in Bogale, which has restored its functions.
NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated places here today.

Among the audience were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy-Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy-Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Attorney General Dr Tun Shin, the secretary and members of the work committee, members of subcommittees, members of panels of judges (central), members of the panel of judges from states and divisions, supervisors and contestants.

A total of 11 contestants participated in higher education level women’s classical song contest and 12 in basic education level (aged 10-15) boy’s classical song contest at the auditorium of the University of Veterinary Science.

Fifteen contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boy’s piano contest and 4 in amateur level (first class) women’s piano contest in the auditorium of the University of Agriculture.

Eight contestants took part in the amateur level (second class) men’s harp contest and 2 contestants in basic education level (aged 15-20) girl’s harp contest and 3 contestants in basic education level (aged 10-15) boy’s harp contest and 6 contestants in basic education level (aged 10-15) girl’s harp contest at the auditorium of the University of Agriculture.

Six troupes competed in amateur level (first class) boy’s ozi contest and six teams in basic education level (aged 15-20) boy’s ozi contest at the auditorium of the University of Agriculture.

Six troupes participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boy’s orchestra (troupe) contest and 3 troupes in basic education level (aged 5-10) boy’s orchestra (troupe) contest at the convocation hall of the University of Agriculture.

Altogether 8 contestants took part in amateur level (second class) men’s marionette contest and 7 in amateur level (second class) women’s marionette contest at the training hall of No. 7 Transit Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Farmers get fertilizer for summer paddy

**NAV PYI TAW, 20 Oct** — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence on 18 October inspected harvesting in Maungtaw Township.

Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw visited rubber and physic nut plantations and rice fields. During the tour of Myothugyi Village-tract in Maungtaw Township, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw viewed harvesting and display of fertilizer at the rice fields. He handed over fertilizer to local farmers to be used in planting rice in the summer season, and also presented journals and periodicals to them.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party visited the 100-acre rain-fed paddy plantation and inspected thriving paddy plantation on the 3-acre model field. Rice has been planted on 85,203 acres in the township in the 2008-2009 cultivation season and it is expected that per acre yield can reach 100 baskets per acre.

During the tour, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspected condition of Shwezar Bridge across Shwezar Creek and reconstruction of a 120-foot long bridge at mile post No. 10/1 on Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party also inspected condition of road on their way to Sittway. — MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back

**NAV PYI TAW, 19 Oct** — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived here from the Republic of Kazakhstan by air on 18 October after attending the 7th Asia Cooperation Dialogue Ministerial Meeting and Prime and Co-Prime Movers Consultation held in Astana on 15 and 16 October.

The meeting was inaugurated with an opening address by Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr Marat Tazhin. Delegations of thirty ACD member countries attended the meeting.

In the afternoon, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu together with other representatives called on President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr Nursultan Nazarbayev and attended dinner hosted by the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the evening.

After the meeting, a declaration was issued. The meeting decided to establish an Asian community, the main aim of ACD and implement cooperative measures in various sectors step by step. The meeting discussed considerations on possibilities of establishing a permanent secretariat in the long run and matters related to funding for the secretariat and ACD cooperation projects.

The Meeting agreed to hold annual Track II Discussions in order to enable the participation of academia, business and civil society in the ACD meeting process. The 7th ACD Meeting accepted the Republic of Kyrgyzstan as a member and the Kingdom of Morocco as an ACD partner for Development respectively.

The Meeting also recognized cultural cooperation as the 20th cooperation project. Under the cooperation dialogues, a transport forum at ministerial level will be held in Astana of the Republic of Kazakhstan in April of 2009. The meeting expressed its concern over impact of difficulty in food security and global financial crisis on the economies of member countries and called for concerted efforts to address these problems. — MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — The drama contest of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions went on at the University of Veterinary Science on Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus last night.

The drama troupe representing Mon State performed the play “Lu-nge Arman Moe-yan Si-tho”.

Among the drama spectators were Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, and wife, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, the Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, members of the work committee for holding the competitions and subcommittees and judges.

MNA
Bomb blast occurs in Shwepyitha...

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right arm broken into pieces and left and right calves torn apart.
The authorities concerned on the scene found small scissors, two pliers, small hacksaw, three small screw-drivers and one big screw-driver, one slipper needle together with sewing thread, round-shaped black quartz without watch strap but fastening with a wire, one 9-volt dry cell battery fastening with a wire, a front part of a ball pen, about 1.5 inches long, with a spring inside, damaged pieces of lithium battery, six electric detonators, about 1.5 inches long, fastening with yellow and red wires, ammonium nitrates with plastic flowers inside, cement powder and 2 inch-nails, a vase of flower, about 4 inches in diameter and 5 inches in height, with a blue soap case with the letter “DYNA”, sticking with paper tapes inside.

Oman sets up team to evaluate anti-money laundering

ABU DHABI, 20 Oct – The government of Oman has set up a work team to evaluate anti-money laundering and terrorism funding in the Gulf oil-producing country in line with recommendations of the country’s Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the English newspaper Oman Daily Observer reported on Sunday. The team which will be led by the country’s Assistant Attorney General, was formed under a ministerial decision of Minister of National Economy and Supervisor of the National Committee for Combating Money Laundering.

Chinese “Modem Ark” launched for domestic commercial flight

TIANJIN, 20 Oct—The Chinese-made regional jet, Modern Ark (MA) 60, was launched for the maiden domestic commercial flight in the northern port city of Tianjin on Sunday.

Carried by Okair Airlines, the flight marked the start of the domestic commercial operation of MA 60, said Xu Chaoquan, senior official with the General Administration of Civil Aviation. It also marks the breaking of the foreign-made air-plane’s monopoly in China. Produced by the Xi’an Aircraft Industry Company (XAC), a major Chinese aircraft producer, MA 60 is designed for short and medium-range commuter services. China owns the independent Intellectual Property Rights.

Due to its low operational and maintenance costs, MA 60 has been sold quite well in Africa and south east Asia since 2005. To meet the rising domestic demand for regional jets, the Beijing-based Okair Airlines and the Kunming-based Ying An Airlines gave XAC orders for 10 and 60 MA 60 planes respectively last year.

So far XAC has received orders and intention contracts for 136 MA 60 planes from the clients at home and abroad.

China is expected to need 800 regional jets in the following 20 years. XAC said it would enhance the MA 60 output while promoting MA 600 in the market and accelerating the development of MA 700 as soon as it can.

MNA/Xinhua

Gunpowder, dry cell and related items found in the incident of bomb blast that happened in Maha Bandoola Park on 25 September and those found in Thet Win Oo’s house. — MNA

The incident of Maha Bandoola Park
1. Aluminium pipe, 1.5 inches in length and 0.75 inch in thickness
2. Electric detonator, 6.45 mm in diameter and 49.25 mm in length with two red and yellow wires.
3. Ammonium nitrate in white colour.

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Tatmadaw/Myawady

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Strong quake hits Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 Oct — An earthquake with magnitude of 5.9 rocked Yogyakarta province of Indonesia on Sunday, meteorology agency said here.

The shakes of the quake was felt in nearby provinces of Central Java and East Java, Jatud Sukajatma, an official of the agency said.

The quake was felt at 13:05 Jakarta time (0605GMT) with epicentre located at 135 kilometres southeast Yogyakarta province and ten kilometres under sea bed, he said.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 2 to 3 MMI (modified mercally intensity) at Sawahan town of Central Java province and Trenggalek and Karangkates towns of East Java province, said Sukajatma.

The official said that they had yet got information of the intensity in Yogyakarta province, but he was sure that it could be similar or stronger than that in the two nearby provinces.

“The quake must be felt stronger in Yogyakarta,” he told Xinhua. — Internet

Blade Runner, a 1.5 years old Russian Blue cat who was presented as winner of Best in Show, looks out at the crowd at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship in New York on 19 Oct, 2008. — Internet

FBI: Chicago Playboy Bandit stole cash, not hearts

The beefy looking gunman doesn’t look like the trim, ascot-wearing Hugh Hefner. But the FBI dubbed him “The Playboy Bandit” after he robbed a suburban Chicago bank while wearing a cap with the distinctive bunny logo.

The bank robber is the latest in a rogues gallery of criminals with catchy nicknames. Agents hope their creative names attract attention to the yet unsolved cases. Others of the FBI’s inventive monikers include “The Grouch Bandit” for a bank robber who wear a fake bushy black mustache, and “The Second Hand Bandit” for one who wore old clothes.

An employee adds soy milk into a soy milk festival of Hakone, Japan. The day is the soy milk festival of Hakone. It is better suited than McCain, the standard-bearer of Powell’s own party, to handle the nation’s economic problems and help improve its world standing. But, Powell added: “I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who is a generational change and that’s why I’m supporting Barack Obama, not out of any lack of respect or admiration for Sen John McCain.” — Internet

In this photo provided by NBC, Meet The Press, shows former Secretary of State Colin Powell speaking during a taping of ‘Meet the Press’ at NBC Sunday on 19 Oct, 2008.

Nepal-China ties should be developed to new height

KATHMANDU, 20 Oct — Minister for Information and Communications Krishna Bahadur Mahara said that Nepal-China relation should be developed in a new height as per the changed political context, The Rising Nepal reported on Monday.

“Nepal’s ties with China has gained a momentum during the last year in the various fields including tourism and business,” Mahara said at a programme of Xinhua News Agency’s Information Service Introduction and Promotion here Sunday evening.

Nepal wants to extend its relations with China in multilateral sectors, Mahara said.

Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Zhang Xinglin underscored the necessity of prominent reporters of Nepalese Media in Beijing to carry out objective news related to Chinese activities. — Internet

African desert to save Europe from energy crisis

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New hyersonic missile to be ‘uninterceptable’

Russia provided the design of its P-800 Oniks missile as the basis of the project while India developed its guidance system. It has a maximum speed of Mach 2.8, making it the world’s fastest cruise missile.

A joint Russian-Indian company has started the development of a cruise missile capable of flying at 5 Mach, which will make it ‘impossible to intercept’, BrahMos-2 will be the next generation of the highly successful the BrahMos missile already used by Indian military.

The BrahMos missile (the acronym stands for Brahmaputra-Moscow) has been in development since 1998 and had its first successful test launch in 2001.

Colin Powell endorses Barack Obama for President

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — Colin Powell, a Republican and retired general who was President Bush’s first secretary of state, broke with the party Sunday and endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president, calling him a “transformational figure” while criticizing the tone of John McCain’s campaign.

The former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman said either senator is qualified to be commander in chief. But after studying both, he concluded that Obama is better suited than McCain, the standard-bearer of Powell’s own party, to handle the nation’s economic problems and help improve its world standing.

“It isn’t easy for me to disappoint Senator McCain in the way that I have this morning, and I regret that,” Powell said on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” where he announced the endorsement and delivered a serious blow to the aspirations of his longtime friend, Arizona Sen McCain.

But, Powell added: “I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who is a generational change and that’s why I’m supporting Barack Obama, not out of any lack of respect or admiration for Sen John McCain.” — Internet

Man allegedly tries to steal bike in front of cop

A Fargo man has been arrested for stealing a bike — right in front of a police officer. Authorities said an officer was filling out a report in his patrol car when he looked up and saw 25-year-old man pull a bike from a bike rack and get ready to pedal away.

The bike rack was on the side of the police station.

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Tiger population in Kerala forest on the rise
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 20 Oct—Tiger population at the famous Peryar tiger reserve (PTR) in Kerala’s Idukki District has increased from about 22 in the past to 38 with cubs constituting around 25 per cent of it.

Due to stringent protection measures adopted by authorities at PTR, the density of tiger population has also gone up, a recent survey done using innovative camera trap techniques found.

Tiger density, estimated at 3.4 tigers per 100 square kilometres in PTR, dominated with evergreen forests, is comparatively higher than similar habitat types such as Bukit Barisan (1.6 tigers) and Taman Negara (1.7 tigers) in Malaysia and Huai Kha Khaeng (2.2 tigers) as Bukit Barisan (1.6 tigers) and Taman Negara (1.7 tigers) in Malaysia and Huai Kha Khaeng (2.2 tigers) as

A model presents a creation from Indian designer Manish Arora's Spring/Summer 2009 collection at the Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week in New Delhi on 19 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

US pilot was ordered to shoot down UFO
LONDON, 20 Oct—Two US fighter planes were scrambled and ordered to shoot down an unidentified flying object (UFO) over the English countryside during the Cold War, according to secret files made public on Monday.

One pilot said he was seconds away from firing 24 rockets at the object, which moved erratically and gave a radar reading like “a flying aircraft carrier.”

The pilot, Milton Torres, now 77 and living in Miami, said it spent periods motionless in the sky before reaching estimated speeds of more than 7,600 mph (12,000 kph).

After the alert, a shadowy figure told Torres he must never talk about the incident and he duly kept silent for more than 30 years.

His story was among dozens of UFO sightings in Defence Ministry files released at the National Archives in London.

In a written account, Torres described how he scrambled his F-86 D Sabre jet in calm weather from the Royal Air Force base at Manston, Kent in May 1957.

“I was only a lieutenant and very much aware of the gravity of the situation. I felt very much like a one-legged man in an ass-kicking contest,” he said.

The order came to fire a salvo of rockets at the UFO. The authentication was valid and I selected 24 rockets.

“I had a lock-on that had the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier,” he added. “The larger the airplane, the easier the lock-on. This blip almost locked itself.”

Internet

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Australia recalls products in tainted milk scandal

SYDNEY, 20 Oct — Australian officials ordered the recall of a milk drink and cake brand after tests showed they were contaminated with melamine, bringing to six the number of Chinese-made products withdrawn in Australia following China’s tainted milk scandal.

A spokeswoman for Food Standards Australia said Monday that Orion brand Tiramisu Italian Cake with Cheese Cream brand Tiramisu Italian Food Standards Australia recalls products in tainted milk scandal.

made products contained low levels of melamine, the industrial chemical that has sickened tens of thousands of Chinese children.

A sample of the cakes was found to contain 4.4 parts per million of melamine, while the milk drink had 5.8 ppm, Food Standards spokeswoman Lydia Buchtmann said. The agency has set the safe limit at 2.5 ppm.

The other products previously recalled in Australia are Kirin Milk Tea, Lotte Koala Biscuits, Cadbury Eclairs and White Rabbit candies. Milk powder contaminated with melamine has been blamed for the deaths of four infants and for sickening about 54,000 others in mainland China. Hong Kong has also found 10 children with kidney stones who had consumed Chinese-made milk products.

Melamine is used in the manufacturing of plastics, fertilizer, paint and adhesives. Health experts say ingesting a small amount poses no danger, but in larger doses, the chemical can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure.

Small victories in the war against ovarian cancer

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct—Ovarian cancer is one of the most difficult cancers to diagnose, making it one of the most lethal.

The ovaries aren’t easily accessible for examination, unlike a woman’s skin or breast or cervix.

And the symptoms that accompany ovarian cancer are vague and can be confused with other less life-threatening conditions.

“A lot of women with ovarian cancer will retrospectively say, ‘Yes, I had these symptoms,’ but the symptoms are vague and can be associated with other illnesses,” said Debbie Saslow, director of breast services, according to the US National Cancer Institute.

Four ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage, according to the local tourist association. Because of its elusive nature, ovarian cancer often isn’t caught in time to save the patient. Three of every four ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage, according to the US National Cancer Institute—although the fight against the disease has been slow and at times frustrating, doctors believe they are finally making some headway toward saving more lives.

Pilot arrested over alcohol fears

LONDON, 20 Oct — A pilot has been arrested on board a plane at Heathrow Airport on suspicion of being drunk at work.

The 44-year-old, who works for the US carrier United Airlines, was arrested after giving a breath test to police at Terminal 1 on Sunday morning. He was held on suspicion of “performing an aviation function whilst exceeding the alcohol limit”, said police.

The man, whom the airline has “removed from duty”, was bailed to return to Heathrow police station on 16 January. A statement released by United Airlines said the company’s alcohol policy was “among the strictest in the industry”.

A spokeswoman for the airline would give no details of the timing and flight involved in the incident.

The legal limit for pilots is nine microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. This is more than three times stricter than the drink-drive limit, which is nine microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

Fearsome Congo refugees mourn children snatched by rebels

GANGURA (Sudan), 20 Oct – First the Ugandan rebels locked the children in the village school. Then they killed those adults who resisted, tied down others, burnt the thatched huts and smashed the grain stores. Only then did the dreadlocked fighters from the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) return for their real prize: they dragged the Congolese children out of the classroom, tied their hands tightly, and led the column of fresh offcuts off for a new life fighting in the jungle.

“They took them all into the bush,” Mary said softly, hugging her baby boy tightly to her chest. “That was when I ran to Sudan.”

Mary, from the farming community of Dengi in the northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, made her way through about 35 miles (55 kilometres) of thick jungle to southern Sudan two weeks ago.

Here in Gangura, a remote village roughly eight miles into Sudan, the latest arrivals wait patiently in the dappled shade of a mango grove for representatives from the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR to register their details.

Welsh Corgi poses for a snapshot during the Halloween dog costume contest at the annual Kawasaki Halloween 2008 festival in Kawasaki, Japan, on 19 Oct, 2008—INTERNET

An excursion boat cruises by trees in autumn colours on the Lake Chuzenji at Nikko, in north-central Japan, on 17 Oct, 2008. The trees around the scenic lake, located within the Nikko National Park, began to turn bright red and yellow earlier than usual and the foliage season is expected to reach its climax in the middle of next week, according to the local tourist association.

A view of the earth’s Solar system is shown on a giant screen at the all-digital planetarium at the California Academy of Sciences building in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California on 18 Sept, 2008.

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — US space agency NASA successfully launched a spacecraft at 1:48 pm EDT (1748 GMT) on Sunday to image and map the farthest reaches of the solar system, according to NASA website.

The IBEX (short for Interstellar Boundary Explorer) was launched aboard a Pegasus rocket, dropped from under the wing of an L-1011 aircraft flying over the Kwajalein Atoll, a part of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

At the drop time, the carrier aircraft was at an altitude of approximately 39,000 feet (11,900 metres) and travelling at a speed between 560 and 610 mph, NASA reported.

After successfully released, the Pegasus carried IBEX approximately 210 kms above Earth and placed it in orbit. “What makes the IBEX mission unique is that it has an extra kick during the launch,” said Willis Jenkins, IBEX programme executive. An extra solid-state motor pushes the spacecraft further out of low-Earth orbit where the Pegasus launch vehicle leaves it. —INTERNET

Geng Baoguan, a miner who was injured during an accident at a mine, receives treatment at a hospital in Lelin, Shanxi Province on 19 Oct, 2008. Five miners were killed and 37 others injured in the accident on Sunday morning, Xinhua News Agency said. —INTERNET

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Eto'o brilliance keeps Barca on Valencia’s trail

MADRID, 20 Oct — Cameroon international Samuel Eto’o produced a world-class finish to fire Barcelona to a 1-0 win at Athletic Bilbao on Sunday as Pep Guardiola’s side closed to within three points of leaders Valencia. After demolishing Atletico Madrid 6-1 last time out Barca were hungry for more but the goals weren’t as forthcoming and it was left to Eto’o to provide the breakthrough on 63 minutes with his sixth goal of the campaign.

The 27-year-old controlled a lofted ball majestically before unleashing an unstoppable left-footed volley worthy to win any match.

Barcelona’s next test is a Champions League trip to FC Basel on Wednesday.—Internet

Venus defeats unseeded Pennetta in Zurich

ZURICH, 20 Oct — Venus Williams claimed her second title of the year on Sunday when she defeated unseeded Italian Flavia Pennetta 7-6 (7/1), 6-2 in the final of the Zurich Open.

The third-seeded American, who was playing the 60th final of her career, won her 38th title, adding to the Wimbledon crown she earned in July.

Pennetta, who is expected to rise to a new career-high ranking of 14 on Monday, was seeking her fourth 60th final of her career, won her 38th title, adding to the Wimbledon crown she earned in July.

Inter top as Milan surge and minnows hold on

ROME, 20 Oct — Zlatan Ibrahimovic fired champions Inter Milan to the top of Serie A with a brace in a 4-0 thrashing of AS Roma in the capital’s Olympic stadium on Sunday. Inter’s win gave the scudetto table a more familiar feel after the success of some of the league’s minnows that briefly saw Udinese, Catania and Napoli heading the standings earlier in the day.

Udinese are second after coming back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at Lecce while Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho scored twice to maintain AC Milan’s revival in a 3-0 win over 10-man Sampdoria.

Catania triumphed 2-0 in the Sicilian derby against Palermo, to go level with Udinese on points alongside Napoli, who beat Juventus 2-1 on Saturday.—Internet

Tennis Ace Murray: I’m not big beast yet

MADRID, 20 Oct — Andy Murray insisted on Monday that despite winning successive Masters titles, he is still far behind the big three elite of the men’s game.

“I’ve beaten Federer, Nadal and Djokovic, but I’m still a long way behind the top three,” Murray said after muscling to the Madrid Masters title with a 6-4, 7-6 (8/6) title victory over France’s Gilles Simon on Sunday.

“I’ve played great the past three months,” added the losing US Open finalist to Federer, whom he defeated in the Madrid semi-final.

“But those guys have been unbelievable for the past couple of years. They are so consistent on every surface. They’ve been awesome and I’m not close. I’ve got a lot of work to do.”—Internet

Ramos feels the heat as Spurs crash again

STOKE (England), 20 Oct — Juande Ramos admitted he is starting to feel the pressure after Tottenham’s miserable season hit a new low with a 2-1 defeat at Stoke. Spurs boss Ramos cut a dispirited figure at the Britannia Stadium in the aftermath of another horror show, which condemned his club to their worst ever start to a season.

With six defeats from eight matches, Spurs are rooted to the bottom of the Premier League and are already in danger of being cast adrift. It is a stunning state of affairs for a team regarded as potential challengers for a Champions League place in pre-season.

Now Ramos faces a desperate fight to save his job and the Spanish coach accepted the responsibility for Tottenham’s slump started with him.—Internet

Marc Turnesa wins in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 20 Oct — Marc Turnesa completed a wire-to-wire victory for his first PGA Tour title, closing with a 4-under 68 on Sunday to hold off Matt Kuchar by a stroke in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

The fourth rookie to win on the PGA Tour this season, Turnesa opened with rounds of 62, 64 and 69 at TPC Summerlin en route to a tournament-record 25-under 263 total. He earned a career-best $738,000 to jump from 138th to 75th on the money list.—Internet
Pa man chews through belly-busting, 15-lb burger

CLEARFIELD, Pa., 20 Oct—It took Brad Sciullo 4 hours and 39 minutes to finish a marathon. A meat marathon, that is. The 5-foot-11, 180-pound western Pennsylvania chef is the first person to eat a monstrosity called the Beer Barrel Belly Bruiser: a 15-pound burger with toppings and a bun that brought the total weight to 20.2 pounds.

The mountain of beef is the product of Denny’s Beer Barrel Pub, about 100 miles northeast of Pittsburgh in Clearfield. Sciullo, 21, of Uniotown, said he was surprised he finished the sandwich Monday. "About three hours into it, things got tough," he said.

When asked what possessed him to eat a burger that big, Sciullo said: "I wanted to see if I could."

Six dead in South Korea fish knife frenzy

SEOUL, 20 Oct—A financially strapped South Korean man went on an arson and stabbing rampage in Seoul on Monday, leaving six people dead and seven others wounded, police said.

The 31-year-old suspect, identified only by his surname, Jeong, first set fire to his room in a low-cost lodging facility in southern Seoul and then stabbed other residents with a sushi knife while fleeing the fire, police said.

Five people were stabbed to death and another died after jumping out of a window to escape the blaze, police said.

Seven others were wounded, including four seriously, and the death toll could rise, according to police.

Flooding takes 11 lives in central Vietnam

HANOI, 20 Oct—Heavy rain and subsequent flooding in central Vietnam have claimed 11 lives, including seven in Quang Nam province and three in Thua Thien-Hue province, the Vietnam News Agency reported on Monday.

The floods also damaged 12,000 houses and around 11,500 hectares of paddy fields and cash crops, swept away 220 cows of cattle, and inundated 46 hectares of fish farms in the region, the agency cited figures from the National Steering Committee for Storm and Flood Control as saying.

Major roads in Thua Thien-Hue were submerged under 0.5 to 1.2 metres of flood waters while many sections on roads in Quang Nam province were damaged.

Water levels of rivers in central provinces from Nghe An to Thua Thien-Hue will continue to rise, the agency cited the National Centre for Hydro-meteorological Forecasting as saying.

The Centre also warned those provinces of possible flash flood and landslides in mountainous districts and low areas.

WEATHER

Monday, 20 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Kayin, Kayin States, Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and fairly widespread in remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nya Pyi Taw (0.67) inch, Loleum (2.56) inches, Mogok (1.06) inches, Ye (0.96) inch and Hinthada (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-10-2008 was 92 F. Minimum temperature on 20-10-2008 was 71 F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-10-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 19-10-2008 was (5.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-10-2008 was (Nil) at Mungaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (101.50) inches at Mungaladon, (112.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (132.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4)mph from Northeast at (9.30) hours MST on 20-10-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 21st October 2008:

Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Shan, Chin, Mon States and Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-10-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-10-2008: Partly cloudy.
Manthainga troupe representing Mandalay Division participates in marionette contest

Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the SPDC Li-Gen Thha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin enjoy marionette contest of Mandalay Division.—MNA

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