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

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence received General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Command of India Lt-Gen VK Singh, AVSM, YSM and party at Bayinnaung Yeiktha, here, at 11.30 a.m today.

Together with General Thura Shwe Mann were Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and senior military officers. Defence Attache of India to Myanmar Col Manoj Mukund Naravane was also present on the occasion together with the Indian guests.

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Dam clusters in Mandalay Division and Shan State (South) to contribute towards greening Meiktla Plain

Having an annual average rainfall of only 30 inches, Meiktla Plain in Mandalay Division has to deal with scarcity of irrigation water every year. Therefore, the Head of State gave guidance on construction of dam clusters to supply sufficient irrigation water and fresh water for regreening Meiktla Plain.

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Work hard together to promote Myanmar tourism industry

Today, tourism industry, a lucrative business, has become popular throughout the world. Many regions around the world run tourism industry on a commercial scale. Development of tourism industry results from several fundamental requirements such as regional economic growth, smooth transport and is also due to the fact that it helps create growing job opportunities.

The majority of tourists take interests in artistic handicrafts, cultural edifices and artifacts of archaeological regions. They also enjoy viewing scenic natural beauties, visiting natural habitats of wildlife, and observing New Year Day commemorative festivals and traditions of different races.

Myanmar is a repository of archaeological regions, ancient edifices and artistic handicrafts. It has a variety of tourist attractions such as natural areas of impressive geographical features, protected natural areas, snow-capped mountain and beach resorts.

It is, therefore, necessary to promote Myanmar’s tourism industry to help Myanmar’s tourist attractions draw the growing attention of foreign tourists.

Now, Myanmar’s tourism industry is setting in, and the nation is receiving a growing number of foreign tourists. So, measures should be taken for providing tourists with better accommodations, international level services and smooth transport not only to Bagan, the archaeological hub of Myanmar, but also to Mandalay, Inlay Region, natural gardens, and the regions where New Year Day commemorative festivals of various national races are held.

Responsible persons and entrepreneurs being engaged in the tourism industry are obliged to work hard together to fulfil all requirements for comfort and convenience of the visitors in a bid to promote Myanmar’s tourism industry.

Myanmar delegation leaves for ROK

YANGON, 21 Oct — A Myanmar delegation left here yesterday by air for the Republic of Korea to attend Incheon Autoparts and Accessories Show 2008 at Yangon International Airport on 21 October. — UMFCCT

Myanmar, China focus on cooperation, development in media

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to sign MoU on ASEAN-China Information and Media Cooperation held in Nanning, the People's Republic of China on 16 October.

After the ceremony, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with Minister of Culture of the PRC Mr Cai Wu and Minister of Information of State Council Mr Wang Chang separately. At 3 p.m on 17 October, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met Minister of Culture Mr Cai Wu separately at the latter's office in Beijing and discussed matters on further cementing friendly ties between the two nations, cultural and information cooperation and development of the two nations in a friendly atmosphere.

At 7.20 p.m., Minister of Information of State Council Mr Wang Chang hosted a dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at Raffles Beijing Hotel. Before the dinner, the two ministers exchanged views on boosting friendship and cooperation between the two nations, information and media cooperation, development of the two nations and mutual cooperation. — MNA

Prizes presented to deputy township judges

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to present prizes to deputy township judges who had won awards in the on-job training No. 18 and basic course No. 42 for junior officers was held at the meeting hall-2 of the Supreme Court this morning.

Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe made a speech on the occasion. He then presented prizes to trainees who stood first and second in the on-job training and outstanding trainees in the basic course No. 42 for junior officers.

Present on the occasion were the judges of the Supreme Court, directors-general, directors, the judge of Yangon Division and 60 trainees. — MNA
Iraqi fishermen face tough times: We don’t know who can protect us

FAR (Iraq), 21 Oct — Some days, fisherman Aoun Saleh loves life on the seas: the friendships, the jokes, the singing, especially when they have a big catch. But some days he rue the day he first walked onto the docks.

Like the time, he says, the Kuwaiti sailors stopped his boat in midwinter and forced the entire crew to swim in the cold waters. Or when the Iraqi coast guard held him and other fishermen captive, forcing them to cook and clean for them. More recently, he said, Iranian sailors stopped his boat in Iraqi waters, stole the fish and threatened to take the Iraqis to Iran.

Saleh thinks the lack of respect is a sign of how far Iraq has fallen since Saddam Hussein was overthrown five years ago.

“They didn’t dare to do that during Saddam’s time,” he bristles. “Now we don’t know who can protect us — the British? The Americans? The government? Or none of them?”

Indeed, at least eight Iraqi fishermen have been killed this year by gunfire from Kuwaiti or Iranian naval ships.

Apache gunships belonging to the US Army were shot down near Kirkuk, Iraq, on Monday, 20 Oct, 2008. (INTERNET)

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 546

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—As of Monday, 20 Oct, 2008, at least 546 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures Monday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 394 were killed by hostile action.

According to the Defence Department, reports 66 more members of the US military died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians who were killed as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department.

Afghan aid workers raise security after killing

KABUL, 21 Oct -- Aid agencies say they will review their presence and security arrangements in Afghanistan after the killing of a foreign relief worker.

Gayle Williams, 34, who had dual British and South African nationality, was shot dead on Monday by gunmen on a motorbike in Kabul.

She worked for SERVE Afghanistan (Serving Emergency Relief and Vocational Enterprise), an interdenominational Christian charity that helps the disabled, the organization’s chairman said in a statement.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the killing of the ‘foreign woman’ for preaching Christianity in the country, adding that it had been following the woman for some time.

Relief charities in Afghanistan, who said in August that attacks on aid workers were forcing them to scale back relief work, said Tuesday that they would look again at increasing security.

Matt Wilson, deputy programme director at War Child, warned that if the situation became more dangerous, then the charity may withdraw its team.

Other charities said they might raise security levels for aid workers.

Somali gunmen free hijacked Indian dhow

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Oct — Somali gunmen acting as freelance coast guards freed a hijacked Indian dhow and its 13 crew members after a battle with pirates off the country’s northern coast, a Somali official said Tuesday.

Four of the pirates were captured during the shootout while another four escaped, said Ali Abdi Aware, the foreign minister of Somalia’s semiautonomous region of Puntland. None of the dhow’s crew was wounded.

Somalia does not have a formal coast guard, but groups of heavily armed clan-based militias sometimes do the job for local authorities.

The cargo-laden vessel was en route to Somalia from Asia when it was seized over the weekend, said Noel Choon, head of the International Maritime Bureau’s piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur.

Afghan officials examine the spot where a British aid worker was shot dead in Kabul. —INTERNET

Piracy hot-spot The Gulf of Aden commands access to the Suez Canal and is a vital trade route

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,186

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—As of Monday, 20 Oct, 2008, at least 4,186 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 3,386 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.
Half of Brazilian children suffer triglyceride

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Oct—About 44 per cent of Brazilian children aged between two and 19 years old suffer from high cholesterol, and 50 per cent have a high level of triglyceride, according to a study published Sunday.

The study by the University of Campinas (Unicamp) was conducted on nearly 2,000 minors in a hospital in the city of Campinas located in Sao Paulo. In the study, researchers measured and recorded cholesterol and triglyceride level in the blood samples in the last eight years.

The results are a parameter for the analysis of the Brazilian population, specially those in big cities, according to local media.

Emotional stress, unsuitable alimentation and the genetic predisposition are causes of the abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the blood, said Professor Eliana Cotta de Faria of the Medical Sciences Faculty of the Unicamp.

“The worst is that high cholesterol and triglyceride levels can result in cardiovascular diseases,” Faria added.

“What caught our attention is that the causes of the high lipid level in the blood of those children are different. We have children with genetic diseases, with bad feeding habits and sedentary, and with liver and kidney diseases,” Faria said in a statement.

The gender have no impact in such areas as economy and culture.—Xinhua

Space tourist says he gets $30 m worth

BEIJING, 21 Oct—Richard Garriott, the world’s latest space tourist, said on Monday from orbit that he’s got his money’s worth.

Garriott, an astronaut’s son and computer game wizard, paid 30 million US dollars to fly to the international space station on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft on 12 Oct.

“It’s been great icing on the cake to actually take the rocket ride, which was very exciting, and, of course, the view from up here is spectacular,” he told reporters in a news conference.

Garriott said it’s been especially gratifying speaking from space with his father, retired astronaut Owen Garriott, who flew on NASA’s first space station, Skylab, in 1973.

Richard Garriott is the first American to follow a parent into space. The two have chatted several times each day by radio hookup arranged by Russian Mission Control outside Moscow.

The younger Garriott will see his father face-to-face at the Soyuz landing site in Kazakhstan on Friday.

“It’s been a great opportunity for us to bond, so to speak, as adults in ways that we haven’t had a chance to do in many years,” he said.

Xinhua

Chinese Premier to visit Russia, Kazakhstan

BEIJING, 21 Oct—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will pay official visits to Russia and Kazakhstan from 27 to 31 Oct, and attend relevant meetings, announced Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang Tuesday.

Qin said Wen is invited by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Kazakh Prime Minister Karim Masimov. During his stay in Russia, Wen will attend the 13th regular meeting between Chinese and Russian prime ministers.

During his visit in Kazakhstan, Wen will attend the 7th prime ministers’ meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries scheduled in Astana.

Wen will exchange views with leaders of the two countries on promoting bilateral relations, enhancing mutual trust, expanding reciprocal cooperation in various fields as well as international and regional issues of common concern, Qin said.

The premier will also discuss with his SCO counterparts on implementing the consensus reached in SCO Dushanbe summit and strengthening their cooperation in such areas as economy and culture.—Xinhua

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu met here Monday with Giang Seo Phu, Chairman of the Vietnamese Communist Party.

Hui, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, called on the two sides to strengthen cooperation on the ethnic minorities work.

Giang Seo Phu is also a member of the Central Committee of the Vietnamese Communist Party.

Hui, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, called that relations between the two parties and the two countries have developed in a sound way in various aspects in recent years.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

UN chief condemns killing of aid workers in Somalia, Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Oct—United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday condemned the recent killing of three aid workers in Somalia and Afghanistan.

“The secretary-general condemns the killing of aid workers in Somalia and Afghanistan, and offers his condolences to their families, friends and colleagues,” Ban’s spokeswoman, Michele Montas, said in a statement.

Two aid workers were killed in Somalia and one in Afghanistan over the past three days.

A general view shows the illuminated city skyline with the victory column, television tower and the Berlin cathedral (L-R) during the Festival of Lights in Berlin on 20 Oct, 2008. —Xinhua

A fireman clears the debris at a hardware shop in Strasice, the Czech Republic, on 20 Oct, 2008. A hardware shop with hundreds of TVs and refrigerators caught on fire on 20 Oct, 2008. —Xinhua

Girls carry water in front of the Lajia girl school in Golog Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Qinghai Province recently. The girl school founded in 2005 has made more than 300 Tibetan girls fulfill their “school dream” here.—Xinhua
Crew of hijacked Japanese ship receive food supplies

NAIROBI, 21 Oct—Crew members in the hijacked Japanese-owned ship, MV Stolt Valor, have received food, water, and other humanitarian needs as on-and-off talks continue for the release of the vessel, a regional maritime official said on Monday.

Andrew Mwangura of the East African Seafarers’ Assistance Programme said MV Stolt Valor which was hijacked last month with 18 Indians on board is still anchored off the east coast of Somalia near the town of Eyl.

He said the efforts to supply the crew with water and food succeeded on Saturday after the pirates allowed it onboard. “The Somali pirates finally allow the representatives of the MV Stolt Valor to take food and water supplies to the pirates after on-and-off talks,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone.

“Few days ago, the ship remains anchored off the coast of Somalia near the town of Eyl. There are reported to be six other hijacked vessels at anchor close to the Stolt Valor. An unspecified number of Somali hijackers are still onboard,” he said.

The maritime official said all crew members of the seized MV Stolt Valor are safe but under severe distress due to the deteriorating living conditions.

Sources said the vessel’s Japanese owners have appointed a professional negotiator to engage into a dialogue with the hijackers.—Internet

Plane crash kills three near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct — A private plane crashed on Monday on Santa Catalina Island near Los Angeles, killing three people and critically injuring the fourth, authorities said.

Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFDF) spokesman Ron Haralson said the plane crashed near the runway of the island’s airport, bursting into flames and triggering a small brush fire.

Haralson said three people were found dead at the scene and a fourth was treated and taken to a nearby hospital.

Firefighters are still tackling the brush fire. “We don’t know if it was taking off or landing (or) what part of the airport it crashed ....” Inspector James Barnes of the LACFDF said.

The type of plane, and the identities of the occupants were also not immediately known.

Internet

Brazil to invest $2.6bn in agribusiness, construction sectors

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Oct — Brazil’s Finance Minister Guido Mantega Monday announced the injection of at least 5.5 billion reais (2.6 billion US dollars) into the agribusiness and construction sectors to combat the negative impacts of the ongoing global financial crisis.

The announcement was made after a meeting between Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and heads of several state-owned banks in Sao Paulo to discuss the crisis’s effect on the Brazilian economy.

According to Mantega, the injection will take place “in the next few days.”

The credit will be provided either by the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) or by the state-owned bank Caixa Economica Federal. —Internet

Russian subs aim for Lake Baikal record

The Mir-1 and 2 submersibles have resumed their exploration of Russia’s Lake Baikal. It is the first dives since earlier this week when one of the subs was damaged after colliding with a barge during a storm.

The expedition to the lake aims to explore the bed of the world’s deepest lake. If they succeed it would be a world record for the deepest freshwater dive

Internet

Unlucky woman wrecks twice at same intersection

An intersection in southeastern Idaho has proven unlucky for a woman who’s been in two car accidents at the same crossroads since August.

Kris Payne was driving at the intersection of Pole Line and Eldredge roads on Thursday when another driver ran a red light and collided into her Chevy Blazer.

Six weeks ago, Payne was driving at the same intersection when another driver also ran the red light and collided into her vehicle. Payne said she plans to go to a local hospital and to determine whether her back and shoulder were injured. The other driver injured her ankle during the accident and police cited her for running a red light.

After two accidents at the same intersection, Payne said she’s going to find another route to work.

Internet

 Origins of a killer virus

HIV appears to be older than scientists previously thought. The deadly virus has been plaguing humankind for a century, claims a recent article in Nature magazine. Researchers came to the conclusion after they found an HIV genome in a biopsy taken from an African woman 50 years ago.

The scientists say that by studying the origin and evolution of HIV, they’ll be able to find out more about how the virus made the leap from chimpanzees to humans and create an effective cure for it. AIDS was first discovered in 1980s. It was thought then that the virus originated in Africa some time between 1915 and 1941. But the new results show that HIV originates from 1908—exactly 100 years ago.
The dam clusters in Mandalay Division and Shan State (South) to contribute towards greening Meiktila Plain

The New Light of Myanmar Wednesday, 22 October, 2008

Meiktila Lake has a catchment area of 240 square miles. The lake was silt up a lot. So, Mondaing Dam with a catchment area of 150 square miles was constructed upstream the dam in 1966 to prevent silting up of the lake.

In 2004, the water storage capacity of Mondaing Dam fell by 9047 acre feet. The government then constructed Shan Ma Nge Dam to support water and reduce silt carried into Mondaing Dam. Shan Ma Nge Dam is about one and a half miles north of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road in Meiktila Township. It is designed to support water to Mondaing Dam and contribute towards greening Meiktila Plain.

In order to expedite the drive, Nyaunggon Dam, four miles from Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road, Lunngin Dam near Lunngin Village in Pyawbwe Township, and Letkhokpin Dam near Letkhokpin Village in Meiktila Township have been constructed.

The spilled-out water of about 10,000 acre feet from Chaungkauk Dam in Pyawbwe Township is supported to Meiktila Lake. So, dwellers of Meiktila have enjoyed sufficient fresh water and irrigation water.

Kyuakdaga Dam, 10 miles south of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road in Mandalay Division, supports water to Kyetmauktaung Dam through Taungyay Dam near Tebinte Village in Kyaukpadaung Township. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, many dams were constructed in Mandalay Division for greening Meiktila Plain, thus helping the region grow paddy and other crops on a wider scale.

The government also constructed large dams in southern Shan State for greening Meiktila Plain, and water from the dams is drained into Meiktila Lake in order to meet the goal. One of those dams is Myogyi Dam near Myogyi Village, east of Han Myintmo feeder road in Wya Nyan Township, Shan State (South), being constructed by Construction-7 of the Irrigation Department (Meiktila Branch).

The dam is intended to store the spilled-out water from Zawgyi Dam and water that flows from the catchment areas upstream it, to supply about 500,000 acre feet water to Zawgyi irrigated area and about 400,000 acre feet water to Meiktila Plain, and to generate 30 megawatts.

Kenghkam Multi-purpose Dam Project being implemented in Yakshawk Township, Shan State (South), is also designed to contribute greening Meiktila Plain. It is being constructed by damming the Namt Ak Creek in Yakshawk Township. The creek rises in Hopang Township and empties itself into the Dokhwawady River. On completion, the dam will be able to generate electric power and support water through the Nant May Hlyan Creek. The multi-purpose dam project is designed to irrigate the nearby farmlands, produce electric power, support irrigation water to Kyaukse District through Myogyi Dam, and supply about 400,000 acre feet water to Meiktila Plain. Due to the dam clusters, local people in Meiktila Plain can enjoy social and economic development.

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Textile plants inspected in Mandalay Division

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited marble factory branch-3 of Myanma Ceramics Industries in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division on 19 October.

The minister inspected production of marble slabs, cutting, polishing and sorting at the factory and warehouse. The minister also inspected function of Myittha, Wundwin and Pyawbwe Textile Plants, thriving of 300-acre of cotton cultivation.—MNA

Minister U Aung Thaung visits Myittha Textile Plant in Myittha.
All-round development of Kyetshar...

(from page 16)

On 12 October, we mediamen made a trip by boat to Kyetshar model village that is located in the lower part of Mawlamyine Township and is adjacent to the sea. From afar, we saw Kyetshar model village with houses roofed with corrugated iron sheets in rows. Some local people briefed us that the village was established more than 100 years ago; that the village was in a kyetshar (pennant) shape, if it was viewed from Kanaso Chaunggyi Village, so it was named Kyetshar Village; and that after many years had elapsed, it was known as Kyetshar model village.

The village was neat and tidy. When we entered the village, we noticed two signboards saying “Public houses are built with donations by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd”, and “Undertaken by T-Z-T-M Construction Group”.

We also noticed that lamp-posts had been set up along the roads. They will soon be able to enjoy electric power with the use of a 12.5 KVA generator. Upon completion, the primary school in the village will be a 60’ x 30’ facility with a concrete RC roof. If villagers are in the face of a natural disaster there, they can use the school building as a storm shelter.

In the eastern part of the village, a one-storey brick monastery was seen under construction.
**16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions go on**

**NAY PYI TAW, 21 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, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Huy, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Secretary of the work committee Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department and members, judges (central), judges from states and divisions, supervisors and contestants and people.

A total of 16 contestants took part in the amateur level (second class) men’s classical song contest and 15 in the higher education level women’s classical song contest at the auditorium of the University of Veterinary Science.

Contestants from states and divisions who will compete in the song composing contest made practice at the designated places in Ywadaw No. 7 Transit Centre.

A total of seven contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men’s piano contest, four in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys’ piano contest and four in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ piano contest at the auditorium of the Forest Research Department.

**YANGON, 21 Oct**—Rakhine Thahaya Association (Yangon) has been providing scholarships to needy Rakhine students from universities and colleges since 1981. The association will do so for 2008-2009 academic year.

Students may get application forms from U Khin Maung Soe (Tel-095013887), U Tun Naing (Tel-095013887), U Hla Maung Thein (Tel-095139790), Dr Mya Hnin Aye (Tel-095021432), Daw San San Aye (Tel-095058136), U Zaw Win (Tel-095058136), U Myint Kyaw (Tel-095064653) and township representatives of the association in Rakhine State. The applicants can send their forms to No. 115 (first floor, right), Thamaebay Street Tamway Gyi (A+B) Block, Tamway Township not later than 21 December. Donors are also invited for the scholarships.—MNA

**Contestants participating in song composing contest of Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA**

**Maung Zaw Naing of Bago Division competes in higher education level boy’s orchestra (solo) contest. — MNA**

**Maung Zay Ya Aung of Yangon Division competes in basic education level (aged 5-10) boy’s violin contest. — MNA**

**Ma Pyone Ei San of Kachin State competes in basic education level (aged 15-20) girl’s dancing contest. — MNA**

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — The Drama Contest of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the Convocation Hall of University of Veterinary Science on the campus of Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University this evening. The drama troupe representing Kachin State participated in the contest.

Among the audience were Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung, Secretary of Work Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo and members, members of panel of judges, participants and enthusiasts. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Taing Chit marionette troupe representing Magway Division took part in the marionette contest (troupe) of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the hall of Ywadaw No. 7 Transit Centre here this evening.

Taing Chit troupe representing Magway Division competes in marionette contest

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, the secretary and members of the work committee, judges (central), contestants and people enjoyed performance of the troupe. — MNA
**Construction of Panglong-Tonhon new road inspected**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae and officials, inspected construction of Panglong-Tonhon new road, tarring of the road section between mileposts 3 and 4 and digging of drains either side of the road in Shan State (South) on 20 October and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party looked into thriving 10-acre sugarcane plantation of U Aung Kyaing in Shwelinban village in Nyaungshwe Township.

A total of 8810 acres including 10 acres of U Aung Kyaing were put under sugarcane in Nyaungshwe Township. Afterwards, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and party proceeded to Tetchong Feedstuff factory in Ayethayar Industrial Zone and viewed the functions of the factory.—MNA

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**MoU on media cooperation of ASEAN-China signed**

**Myanmar delegation leader Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers address and sign MoU**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct — A ceremony to sign MoU on media cooperation of ASEAN-China was held in Nanning of the People’s Republic of China on 16 October, attended by Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

The signing ceremony was held at International Conference Centre of Liyuan Resort of Nanning at 9.20 a.m.

Present on the occasion were State Council of the PRC Information Ministers of ASEAN countries and delegates.

Ministers from China and ASEAN countries and heads of information and media of the PRC made speeches on promotion of information and media cooperation between China and ASEAN countries.

Myanmar delegation leader Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made clarifications on friendship and mutual cooperation between China and Myanmar, information and media cooperation between China and ASEAN countries and establishment of an international media organization to protect ASEAN countries against media influences and manipulations of certain powers.

In the evening, ministers from China and ASEAN countries signed the MoU. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also signed the MoU. After the signing ceremony, Deputy Minister Mr Qian Xiaojian of the PRC announced Nanning Joint Statement released at the meeting.

The signing ceremony was successfully ended at 5.45 p.m. — MNA

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**UNOPS Regional Director calls on Health Minister**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct — Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint received Regional Director of United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Mr Wang Yue at Ministry of Health here at 9 a.m today. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, directors-general under the ministry, deputy directors-general and Project Managers of AIDS, VD, TB and Malaria elimination projects.

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**Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives Regional Director**

Mr Wang Yue of UNOPS. — MNA
Indian guests arrive in Yangon

**Yangon, 21 Oct -** General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Command of India Lt-Gen VK Singh, AVSM, YSM and wife Mrs Bharti Singh and party arrived here by air yesterday afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing, Ayeayawady Naval Regional Command Commander Commodore Win Shein and wife, Mingalarbon Air Base Commander Col Thein Naing and senior military officers, Defence Attaché of India to Myanmar Col Manoj Mukund Naravane and officials concerned.

In the evening, the Indian guests paid tributes to Zaphar Shah Tomb on Ziwaka street in Dagon Township.

They then offered flowers, water and candles at Shwedagon Pagoda and made cash donation before paying homage to the pagoda clock-wise.

**MNA**

Rehabilitation of storm-hit areas inspected

**Yangon, 21 Oct—** Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Ln Thae received Ven Dr Bodagama Chandima Thero of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, currently here together with donors from international communities and medical teams at Ashay Kyaungyi Taik in Kungyangon Township on 18 October.

The minister viewed treatment given to local people by international medical team in the monastery compound. The medical team comprises 35 donors from Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. They are taking part in rehabilitation of storm-hit areas under the supervision of the Sayadaw.

In the evening, the minister attended a coordination meeting on rehabilitation of storm-hit areas in Kungyangon Township and fulfilled the requirements.

On 19 October, the minister inspected scale model of houses. Kyaw Tha Construction Co will build the houses with the contribution of Chinese Chi Zhi Buddhist Association.

Officials of Chinese Chi Zhi Buddhist Association and engineers from the company reported on tasks to be undertaken. The minister told them to build the houses that can withstand natural disaster.—MNA

China’s ICBC opens first subsidiary bank in Middle East

**Dubai, 21 Oct—** The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), the world’s largest bank by market capitalization, opened Monday its first Middle East subsidiary bank in Dubai, the commercial and financial hub of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The opening of ICBC Middle East, the first wholly-owned Chinese subsidiary bank in the region, marks a major step by the ICBC toward expanding overseas financial services and promoting its internationalization strategy. Based on its financial resilience, advanced expertise and diversified business platform, ICBC Middle East will be committed to building a direct and accessible bridge for investment and trade among China, the UAE and other Middle East countries, said Jiang Jianqing, chairman of ICBC.

A model of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is displayed near Jeddah on 19 October, 2008. The university in Saudi Arabia will house one of the world’s largest supercomputers and it is helping lure top researchers to the conservative desert state.—INTERNET

Software, English, Management Courses opened

**Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct—** Industry Reporting System Software Applying Course No. (2/2008), English Proficiency Course No. (1/2008) and Management Course No. (1/2008) of the Ministry of Industry-1 were opened at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the ceremony and made an opening speech.

The five-week course is being attended by 146 trainees.—MNA

**Yangon, 21 Oct—** Work Efficiency Course No. 1/2008 for staff of supervisor level, conducted by Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (Head Office) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, was held at the meeting hall of MADB on Latina Street here this morning. Managing Director U Tin Lwan of MADB gave a speech on the occasion. A total of 40 deputy supervisors are attending five-week course. MNA

Crude oil up on possible OPEC production cut

**New York, 21 Oct—** Crude oil went up on Monday as investors predicted that the OPEC will almost certainly decide to cut crude output at an emergent meeting later this week. Light sweet crude for November delivery rose 2.40 US dollars to settle at 74.25 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The futures rose as high as 76.12 dollars a barrel during the trading.

Crude mainly gained on OPEC’s decision of production cut. OPEC President Chakib Khelil said Sunday the organization plans to announce a “substantial” output cut at the meeting held on Friday in Vienna. Khelil said OPEC may cut output again at a meeting in December. He said OPEC believes the world oil market is oversupplied by about 2 million barrels a day.

In London, Brent crude for November delivery rose 2.46 dollars to 72.06 dollars on the ICE Futures Exchange.  

**INTERNET**
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (310) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 21.10.08 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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China invests more in housing construction for low-income earners

BEIJING, 21 Oct—China invested 1.551 trillion yuan (227.1 billion US dollars) in housing construction projects in the first nine months of this year, a growth of 28.7 percent on the same period of last year, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Tuesday.

Of the total, 63.8 billion yuan went to projects targeted at low-income earners, up 19.9 percent.

Around 2.404 billion square metres of housing were being built between January and September, up 20.3 percent. Property enterprises developed 179 million sq m of land for real estate development nationwide, down 1.6 percent.

By the end of September, unoccupied commercial properties totalled 130 million sq m nationwide, up 10.2 percent, the bureau added.—Internet

Indonesian Constitutional Court rejects Bali bombers appeal on execution method

JAKARTA, 21 Oct—The Indonesian Constitutional Court on Tuesday refused the legal review on the method of execution of convicted Bali bombers who are now on death row, clearing the way for the three to face firing squad soon. Lawyers of Ali Gufron alias Muklas, Amrozi, and Imam Santosa alias Abdul Aziz lodged the appeal by the reason that the way of execution by shooting, as it was ruled by the country’s code of conduct 1964, was inhuman and could be categorized as torture, and therefore it must be revoked. Head of the court Mahfud MD said that the panel ruling from the shooting was as a logical risk of the process to death, so that it could not be classified as torture.—Internet

LG sells over 10 million handset in N America

SEOUL, 21 Oct—South Korea’s LG Electronics Inc., the world’s fourth-largest mobile phone maker, said Tuesday it had sold over 10 million units of handsets in the North American market in the third quarter.

According to the company, the mobile phone sales reached 10.04 million units during the July-September period, compared with 9.1 million units in the second quarter. LG Electronics said its quarterly sales in the North American market grew for the fifth consecutive quarter.

This year LG has beefed up its handset line in the US market by introducing a new model named dare, a touch screen phone, to compete with Apple Inc’s iPhone.

The company said the more than 1 million units of the new model has been sold in the three month period.

However, despite brisk sales in North American market, LG Electronic’s net profit in the third quarter declined 93 percent from a year ago due to the steep depreciation of the Korean currency against the greenback.—Internet

Hamas agrees to Egypt plan for Palestinian unity

GAZA CITY, 21 Oct—Hamas tentatively agreed on Tuesday to an Egyptian proposal for reconciliation between the Islamist movement and the rival Fatah faction of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. “We will agree to the draft of the agreement and will not reject it, but there needs to be guarantees that what is agreed upon will be implemented,” Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhum told AFP. “Hamas will work towards the success of the Egyptian effort to reach a national reconciliation that protects our principles, preserves our blood and unites our people,” he said.

But he said Hamas would request some changes. “The draft contains positive elements, but also has some points that need to be modified and some points that need clarification from the Egyptian leadership.”

The two main Palestinian movements have been bitterly divided since Hamas drove Abbas’s security forces from the Gaza Strip in a week of fierce street clashes in June 2007, cleaving the territories into hostile rival camps.—Internet

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991 suspected Saudi militants indicted

RIYADH, 21 Oct—The Saudi interior minister says that authorities have indicted 991 suspected militants in the kingdom’s first terrorism trial.

The Saudi Press Agency quotes Prince Nayef as saying that the trial involves some 30 terrorist attacks that have killed 164 people since 2003.

Saud Arabia launched an aggressive terror campaign in May 2003. That’s when al-Qaida-affiliated militants began attacks in the kingdom against foreigners, oil installations and security forces.

It was unclear from the report released in the early Tuesday what day the trial would begin.—Internet

The satellite Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft, India's first moon mission craft is seen at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) centre in Bangalore. India has begun counting down Monday to the launch of its first unmanned mission to the moon that will mark a giant catch-up step with Japan and China Xinhua
Senior Chinese official to visit three Asia-Pacific nations

BEIJING, 21 Oct — A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Zhou Yongkang, will travel to Vietnam, Indonesia and Australia from 28 Oct to 10 Nov. Zhou, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, would be visiting at the respective invitations of Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), Indonesia’s House of Representatives and the Australian government, said Li Jun, spokesman of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee.

Zhou will also attend a theory seminar jointly held by the CPC and the CPV in Vietnam.— Internet

Satellite business booming in the Middle East and North Africa

LONDON 21 Oct — The 13 commercial satellite-fleet operators active in the Middle East and North Africa showed a 73 percent fill rate on their 41 Ku-band satellites in mid-2008 when measured in booked megahertz compared to total megahertz of capacity, according to a mid-2008 survey of capacity taken from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, by the London Satellite Exchange (LSE) and Euroconsult.

The satellites were spread over 31 orbital slots. 

Middle-aged women drive rise in US suicides: study

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — US suicide rates appear to be on the rise, driven mostly by middle-aged white women, researchers reported on Tuesday.

They found a disturbing increase in suicides between 1999 and 2005 and said the pattern had changed in an unmistakable way — although the reasons behind the change are not clear.

The overall suicide rate rose 0.7 percent during this time, but the rate for white men aged 40 to 64 rose 2.7 percent and for middle-aged women 3.9 percent, the team at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore found.

“The biggest increase that we have seen between 1999 and 2005 was the increase in poisoning suicide in women — that went up by 57 percent,” said Susan Baker, a professor in injury prevention with a special expertise in suicide.

Writing in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Baker, Guoqing Hu and colleagues said they analyzed publicly available death certificate data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1,500 Chinese raccoon dogs die from tainted feed

BEIJING, 21 Oct — Some 1,500 dogs bred for their raccoon-like fur have died after eating feed tainted with melamine, a veterinarian said Monday, raising questions about how widespread the industrial chemical is in China’s food chain.

The revelation comes amid a crisis over dairy products tainted with melamine that has caused kidney stones in tens of thousands of Chinese children and has been linked to the deaths of four infants.

The raccoon dogs — a breed native to east Asia whose fur is used to trim coats and other clothing — died of kidney failure after eating the tainted feed, said Zhang Wenkui, a veterinary professor at Shenyang Agriculture University.

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Zhang declined to say when the animals died, but a report Monday in the Southern Metropolis Daily said the deaths occurred over the past two months.— Internet

Western diet causes 30% of world’s heart attacks

OTTAWA, 21 Oct — The typical western diet of red meat, fried foods, dairy products and salty snacks is responsible for 30 percent of the world’s heart attacks, Canadian scientists have found.

After analyzing data from the dietary patterns of 16,000 people in 52 countries, scientists at Hamilton’s McMaster University found the best diet is one that includes eating a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables, which is linked to a 30 percent decrease in heart attack risk.

“The diet is more effective at lowering heart attack risk than many drugs currently on the market, study author Dr Salim Yusef told reporters Monday.

“What we’ve seen is if you eat a healthy diet you can actually reduce the risk of heart attack by about 30 to 40 percent. That is bigger than most drugs we have for protecting against heart disease,” Yusef said.

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The healthy diet was more effective than the traditional oriental diet that consists of tofu and soy, which the authors found to have no effect on heart attack risk.

Internet

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These footprints could provide fodder for future researchers trying to understand dinosaurs that survived in what many considered a “vast, dry, uninhabitable desert,” said Marjorie Chan, professor of geology at the University of Utah and one of the authors of a new study of the site.

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Referee Styles in spotlight as Newcastle draw with City

NEWCASTLE, 21 Oct — Referee Rob Styles found himself embroiled in another controversial penalty decision as 10-man Newcastle drew 2-2 with Manchester City at St James Park on Monday night.

Styles, who last month apologised to Bolton for the penalty decision that condemned them to a 2-0 defeat against Manchester United, showed red to Habib Beye in what appeared a harsh decision.

Beye tackled Robinho on the edge of the box and looked to have taken the ball in a fair challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed Beye to change the complexion of the game. Robinho easily put the spot challenge but Styles dismissed

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Woodgate urges Spurs to back Ramos

LONDON, 21 Oct — Tottenham must keep faith with underfire manager Juande Ramos despite the club’s woeful start to the season which reached rock bottom on Sunday against Stoke.

That was the message to the Spurs board delivered on Monday by defender Jonathan Woodgate who insists the Tottenham players are right behind Ramos.

The England defender said: “He is still the manager and hopefully he will continue to be.

“We will stick by the manager no matter what. We’ve played well at times, but this season we haven’t cut it. The buck stops with the players.

“We’re bottom of the Premiership and it’s not nice at all. We’re hurting inside but we have to stand up and get ourselves out of this mess that we’ve got ourselves into.”

Tiger Woods back at Torrey Pines as caddie

SAN DIEGO, 21 Oct — Four months after his epic US Open victory, Tiger Woods returned to Torrey Pines on Monday without a limp.

He didn’t have golf clubs, either.

Hopping from a cart, Woods walked up to 59-year-old John Abel, doffed his cap and extended his right hand. “Hey, I hear you’re looking for a caddie. I’m Tiger Woods — pleased to meet you.”

Out of action since beating Rocco Mediate in a 19-hole playoff for his 14th career major, Woods came back to Torrey Pines to deliver on his end of the “Tee Off with Tiger” online sweepstakes sponsored by Buick.

Showing no signs of his season-ending knee surgery a week after the US Open, Woods wore a green caddie’s bib inscribed with Abel’s name as he guided him around the back nine of the South Course, where he has won six times in the Buick Invitational and once in a US Open he called his best ever.

Hamburg back to top with home draw

BERLIN, 21 Oct — Hamburg SV reclaimed the Bundesliga leadership after drawing 1-1 at home with Schalke 04 on Sunday. Piotr Trochowski put Hamburg ahead in a first half they dominated but Schalke equalized straight after the break through defender Benedikt Hoewedes.

Hamburg now stood at the top of the first division league with 17 points from eight matches, one clear of Hoffenheim after the wealthy village team enjoyed a 5-2 win at Hanover on Saturday. Schalke move up to sixth on 13 points, while Werder Bremen and Bayern Munich are a point further back in 10th and 11th respectively.

Nigerian star Worugu in Sudan for transfer talks

OMUDURMAN, 21 Oct — Nigerian striker Stephen Worugu, the hottest football property in Africa, has arrived in Sudan for transfer talks with leading local club Al-Merreikh.

Teenager Worugu took the African Champions League by storm this year, scoring an unrivalled 13 goals for Enyimba before their semi-final loss to Al-Ahly of Egypt at the weekend.

He has been linked with five-time African champions Al-Ahly, but talks stumbled over demands for a 1.5-million-dollar transfer fee plus an annual salary of one million.

Worugu waved a Merreikh flag when he arrived at Khartoum airport and was met by officials, who reportedly held extensive talks with his agent about a January transfer.

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Indonesian textile, shoes industries to cut 10% workers

JAKARTA, 21 Oct— Indonesian textile and shoe-making industry is going to lay off at least 10 per cent of the workers due to the global financial crisis. Indonesian Business Daily on Monday reported. “We have no choice except for lowering employment to around 100,000 workers in the textile industry, starting from now till March 2009,” the newspaper quoted the external relation head of Indonesian Textile Association (API), Ade Sudrajat Usman, as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

Chile, Jordan sign four cooperation deals

SANTIAGO, 21 Oct— Chile and Jordan signed four agreements Monday in a bid to boost bilateral cooperation in various fields.

The agreements covering public works, trade, tourism, culture and science were signed by Chilean President Michelle Bachelet and visiting King of Jordan Abdullah.

“It is very important that this cooperation is not only between Chile and Jordan, but also between the private sectors of the two states,” Bachelet said after meeting with Abdullah II at the La Moneda presidential palace. “Jordan could be an excellent business platform between the Middle East, Latin American and Asia Pacific markets,” Bachelet added.—MNA/Xinhua

21 killed, 11 injured in Mexican prison riot

MEXICO CITY, 21 Oct.— At least 21 prisoners were killed and 11 others injured Monday in a conflict between rival gangs in prison in the border city of Reynosa in northeastern Mexico, local authorities said.

The riot first broke out in the early hours due to disputes between different prisoner gangs, local officials said.

The inmates started a gun battle, attacked each other with knives and set fire to a building during the clash. Some victims apparently were burned to death.

Asleep in Jesus

U Pe Thein Tin

[Ambassador (Redt.) to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan]

Age 72

U Pe Thein Tin, of No. 65 Yawminnyo Road, Yangon, son of (U Robert Maung Tin-Daw Hla Thein), brother of Daw Win Win Swe, father of Thiha Alan Tin-Cherry Aye Aye Khine, grandfather of Nicholas Dan Dan Tin and Zoey Ainda Mark Tin, passed away peacefully at 3:45 a.m., at Bahosi Medical Centre on Tuesday, 21st October 2008. Funeral service will be held on Thursday 23rd October 2008 at Yayway Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. The remains will be cremated following the worship service. (Buses will leave for Yayway at 8:00 a.m. from 65 Yawminnyo Road).

WEATHER

Tuesday, 21 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thayawady) (1.73) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.26) inches, Kyekami (5.31) inches, Gwa (3.35) inches, Pinlaung (2.97) inches, Loikaw (2.36) inches, Mudon and PymOoLwin (2.12) inches each, Kawlamyine (2.05) inches, Toungoo (Aviation) (2.01) inches, Thayawady and Taunggyi (1.93) inches each, Hpa-An (5.0) inches and Aunglan (1.46) inches.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area:

likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers at (09:30) hours MST on 21-10-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 20-10-2008 was (5.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-10-2008 was (0.07) inch at Mingalardon, (0.0) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (101.57) inches at Mingalardon, (112.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (132.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (16:30) hours MST on 20-10-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and South East Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 22nd October 2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, TamuTHAYI Division, isolated in Kayin and Kayah States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (85%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of unsettled conditions in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct
A new building for Myanmar Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw) of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was opened here this morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Myanmar Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw), 180 feet long, 150 feet wide and 54 feet and 9 inches high, is built on 22 acres. It is made up of the main building, meeting hall, computer room, offices, vault, security hall and warehouse.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the ministers, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, the deputy ministers, the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, chairmen of private banks, executive directors and officials.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe formally opened the new building of MEB.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects new building for Myanmar Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

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

Myanmar rowers win two more gold, one more silver

Myanmar team also won a gold medal in men’s 500-meter 20-oar event and a silver medal in men’s 800-meter 20-oar event.

(See page 7)

All-round development of Kyetshar model village

The regions downstream Mawlamyinegyun Township in Ayeyawady Division suffered a great loss of human lives and property due to the storm “Nargis”. Among them are Kyetsharsun, Shaukchaung and Kyunchaung village-tracks.

Rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks were put into effective action in collaboration in the storm-hit areas of Mawlamyinegyun Township. Due to energetic efforts and vigour of the people, the storm-hit areas have made a quick recovery from the natural disaster and remarkable progress.

(See page 7)