



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates King of Spain

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to Spanish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2009.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe tours Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens

YANGON, 11 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected the Signature Garden in Kandawgyi Gardens in Bahan Township, here, this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint (See page 9)

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

Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) facilitates transportation and commodity flow

Byline: Yan Gyi Aung; Photos: Yan Gyi Aung & Tin Maung (Mandalay)

We visited Ayeyawady river-crossing bridge (Yadanabon) on one morning while in Mandalay. On Mandalay bank is the Shwekyatyet Pagoda, and on Sagaing bank is Mt Shwe Minwun and sublime pagodas and stupas and Yadanabon Bridge linking two sides was standing magnificently under the sun beams.

Ayeyawady river was flowing elegantly under the Bridge. The bridge named Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is the one across Ayeyawady river on which locals of Upper Myanmar--Sagaing Division, upper Magway, Kachin and Chin States highly rely. The bridge is the gateway to Yangon, Mandalay and any other regions in the country.

The bridge constructed by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction was inaugurated on 11 April, 2008. The bridge is 5,614 feet long and the 4-lane motorway on it is 49 feet long, vehicles can run smoothly. The bridge has a 6-feet wide pedestrian on either sides and can bear 60 tons of loads.

The 3948-fet long Inwa Bridge built across Ayeyawady river on Mandalay-Sagaing road has been used since 1934 and only under 15-ton vehicles were (See page 8)



Vehicles passing through Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).

PERSPECTIVES

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Bring dignity to mother country with higher sports standard

To raise the national sports standard is high in the list of priorities the government has set up to shape the nation into a peaceful, modern one.

The four social objectives the government has adopted embodies "Uplift the health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation" which is designed to achieve the lofty aim.

In its drive for expediting the short- and long-term plans to improve the sports standard of the nation, the government is in pursuance of the motto "Myanmar's sport the world to conquer".

Being a member of ASEAN, Myanmar cooperates with its ASEAN counterparts in the sports sector apart from the economic, social, education and culture sectors.

Now, Myanmar is hosting U-16 ASEAN Women's Football Tournament intended to fortify the friendly relations of ASEAN countries. Myanmar, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Australia are contending for the trophy.

The footballers representing the motherland are from No. (3) Basic Education Department (Lower Myanmar), the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon), the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) and states and divisions.

High sports standard somewhat depicts the image and conditions of a nation. The government is working hard to improve the sports standard of the nation as a national duty. It is, therefore, believed that such an ASEAN level soccer tournament will help further enhance the friendly relations among the ASEAN youths.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun meets with staff of new digital auto exchange in Laukkai Township.—MNA



People's Desire

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

F&R Minister arrives back from Turkey

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the 64th annual general meeting and its related meetings of International Monetary Fund and the World Bank held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 2 to 7 October.

The 64th AGM was opened at Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) in Istanbul on 6 October and it was attended by representatives, finance ministers, central bank governors, officials and heads of NGOs of 186 member countries.

Vietnamese Finance Minister Nguyen Van Giau gave an opening speech and World Bank Chairman Mr Robert Zoellick and IMF Managing Director Mr Dominique Strauss-Khan extended greetings.

At the second session of the meeting on 7 October, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun explained financial and monetary developments and economic growth in Myanmar.

The Myanmar delegation also attended the fourth meeting of governors of Asia, Latin America and Caribbean central banks held at Room Halic of Istanbul



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses 64th AGM at Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) in Istanbul.—MNA

Lulfi Kirdar Convention & Exhibition Center, Congress Valley on 2 October; and the informal meeting of ASEAN central bank governors on 3 October.

Next, the Myanmar delegation attended the 42nd meeting and the technical meeting on the Fund's Quota Review of ASEAN voting group held at ICC Complex.

On 4 October, the

meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee was held at Uskudar Hall of ICC. In the evening, the informal meeting of ASEAN Finance Ministers took place.

On 6 October evening, World Bank Vice-Chairman of East Asia and Pacific Region Mr James Adams and party called on Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun. They

discussed matters related to Myanmar economic growth cooperation between Myanmar and the World Bank.

The Myanmar delegation led by Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here yesterday. Myanmar Central Bank Governor U Than Nyein and officials also arrived back on the same flight.

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SWRR Minister inspects Fire Services Department

YANGON, 11 Oct— Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe yesterday morning inspected the 4 units three-

storey staff quarter of the Fire Services Department (Headquarter) and construction of workshop and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and

officials inspected production of fire engines and spare parts at the workshop and storage and supply of water to the staff quarter.

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Deputy Minister inspects Telecommunication offices in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun inspected the new digital auto exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Laukkai Township on 6

October. He met with the staff and gave the necessary instructions.

On 7 October, the deputy minister also met with the staff of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at the Chinshwehaw Township. After that, he in-

spected new digital auto exchange of Hopang and gave instructions.

Afterward, the deputy minister inspected new digital auto exchange in Kunlong and met with the staff. He then left necessary instructions.

MNA

Afghan official says foreigners bolstering Taliban

KABUL, 11 Oct — Thousands of foreign fighters have poured into Afghanistan to bolster the Taliban insurgency, the country's defence minister said on Saturday as he called for more international troops.

The remarks come as the US debates whether to substantially increase its forces in Afghanistan or to conduct a more limited campaign focused on targeting al-Qaeda figures.

The minister's comments hit on a key worry of the United States — that not sending enough

troops to Afghanistan will open the door back up to al-Qaeda. They also suggest that the Afghan government is nervous about the US commitment amid talk of changing the strategy and a surge in violence in recent months.

An American and two Polish troops were killed by bombs in the latest violence reported by NATO forces.

"The enemy has changed. Their number has increased," Defence Minister Gen Abdul Rahim Wardak told law-

makers in a speech. He said about 4,000 fighters, mostly from Chechnya and North Africa "have joined with them and they are involved in the fighting in Afghanistan."

He gave no timeframe for the supposed increase in foreign fighters.

Wardak said Afghan intelligence services had asked for more international forces to cope with the foreign threat, and the minister's spokesman said Wardak backed the call.—Internet



This Spanish Defence Ministry picture shows the Spanish tuna trawler Alakrana after the boat and its 36-member crew were seized by pirates in the high seas between Somalia and the Seychelles. Marines aboard French trawlers in the Indian Ocean fired on pirates to repel a dawn attack, witnesses have said.—INTERNET

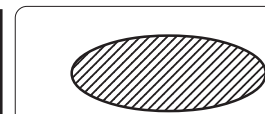
Seychelles captures 11 suspected pirates

PARIS, 11 Oct — French soldiers successfully defended two fishing boats from capture by pirates in the Indian Ocean on Saturday, and

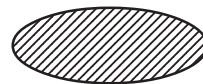
11 men suspected of involvement in the failed attack were pursued at sea and captured, officials said.

The chain of events illustrated the teamwork in the international community to crack down on piracy in the Indian Ocean, where pirates cruise the waters searching for boats to hijack for ransoms.

After French soldiers chased away the pirates,



This 1 Oct, 2009 photo shows the long-abandoned Atlas D site, west of Cheyenne, Wyoming.—INTERNET



Pollution an enduring legacy at old missile sites

CHEYENNE, 11 Oct — As US Air Force officials marked the 50th anniversary of the deployment of nuclear missiles to sites in the rural United States this past week, residents in some of these communities are still grappling with another legacy — groundwater pollution from chemicals used to clean and maintain the weapons.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is identi-

fying and cleaning up dozens of former nuclear missile sites in nine states.

To date, the corps has spent \$116 million at 44 former Atlas and Titan intercontinental ballistic missile — or ICBM — sites and 19 former Nike anti-aircraft missile sites from the early Cold War. The missile sites include 14 in

Kansas, 10 in Nebraska, seven in Wyoming, seven in Colorado and two in Oklahoma. California, New Mexico, New York and Texas have one contaminated site each.

Total cleanup costs are projected to cost \$400 million, according to corps spokeswoman Candice Walters.

Internet

NATO drone crashes in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 Oct — A pilotless plane of the NATO-led international Security Assistance Force (ISAF) crashed in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan on Saturday, a local official said.

"The drone crashed in Kaltarash area of Dasht-e-Archi district this morning but caused no damage," Shikh Sadi the district chief told *Xinhua*.

Meanwhile, Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for the incident. This is the second unmanned plane crash in Kunduz Province over the past one month.—*Xinhua*.

Mine explosion kills police, district chief in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 11 Oct — One mine went off unexpectedly during a mine defusing mission in Afghanistan's eastern province of Paktika, killing the chief and police chief of Shah Khil district on Saturday, an official said on Sunday.

"Police uncovered two mines in Shah Khil district and was defusing them when one of them suddenly blew up, as a result, ShirAli the district chief and one police constable were killed on the spot," provincial police chief Daulat Khan Zadran told *Xinhua*.

Xinhua.

File photo shows people gather on the site where an oil tanker tumbled and exploded on a bridge on the Lagos-Ibadan highway in 2008. Newspapers have said between 70 and 80 people were burned alive when a fuel tanker truck exploded in Nigeria.—INTERNET



Computer problem delays 10,000 Air New Zealand passengers

WELLINGTON, 11 Oct — Air New Zealand said more than 10,000 passengers faced delays of up to two hours because of a widespread computer meltdown on Sunday.

Air New Zealand's passenger check-in kiosks, call centre systems and online bookings failed at 09:00 am.

The kiosks came back online at about 3:30 pm on Sunday, though the malfunctions caused multiple backlogs.—*Xinhua*

Nigeria oil tanker truck explosion kills 14

ABUJA (Nigeria), 11 Oct — A Nigerian official says at least 14 people died when a petroleum tanker truck exploded and set nine other vehicles alight on a road in south-eastern Nigeria.

Nigeria Road Safety Commission spokesman Ben Ekenna says 12 bodies were badly burned and five people were injured in the blast in Anambra state on Friday. He says the petrol-carrying truck leaked into a deep pothole which then attracted heat from the exhaust pipes of nearby cars and set off the explosion.

Fatal traffic accidents are common in Nigeria, where decades-old roads

are normally pitted with potholes and drivers frequently fail to observe traffic-safety regulations.

Nigeria is one of Africa's biggest oil producers.

Internet

US eyes free trade pact with ASEAN

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct—The United States is beginning to lay the initial groundwork for talks to forge a free trade agreement with Southeast Asia, ahead of President Barack Obama's maiden trip to the region.

A senior US senator will propose a resolution on Tuesday encouraging Obama administration officials to initiate the negotiations, warning about competition from China and other powers who have already sealed pacts

with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"The United States should proceed to develop a comprehensive strategy toward engaging ASEAN in serious FTA discussions," said Senator Dick Lugar, the Republican party leader in the powerful Senate foreign relations committee.

Lugar admitted that the free trade endeavour would be "complex and have possible challenges to negotiation given the

varying levels of economic development and open markets among ASEAN countries."

But he pointed out that "China, India, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea have already finalized FTAs with ASEAN and are sharpening a competitive edge over the US in Southeast Asia."

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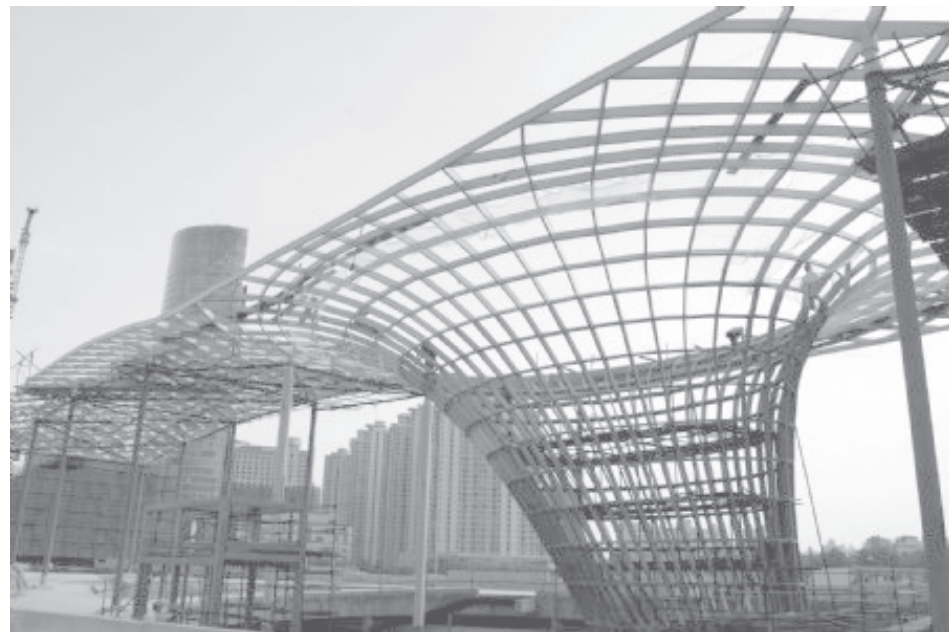


Photo taken on 10 Oct, 2009 shows the glass sunshade of the new Shiliupu Wharf, in Shanghai, east China. The principal part of construction project of the new Shiliupu Wharf has been completed recently, with its principal buildings, including glass sunshade, hydrophilic platform, barge dock, etc having taken shape, and the installation of mechanical and electric equipment and interior decoration are well under way. The new Shiliupu Wharf is set to be fully operational ahead of the opening of the World Expo 2010 on 1st May next year.—XINHUA

Airlines set new fuel efficiency goals

GENEVA, 11 Oct—The world's airlines have agreed to new fuel efficiency and carbon emission targets which go much further than the levels required through regulation, an industry group said on Saturday.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents 230 airlines, said that carriers, airports and aerospace firms had pledged to improve fuel efficiency by 1.5 percent a year annually until 2020.

At a meeting in Montreal, they also set a goal of having carbon-neutral growth by 2020 and to record a 50 percent net reduction of carbon emissions in 2050 compared to 2005 levels.

"Airlines have set even more ambitious targets than governments for the longer-term," IATA Director-General Giovanni Bisignani told reporters on a teleconference. "No other industry has been able to achieve what we have done," he said, describing the cooperation between all players in the sector on the environment question. "We are on the high ground and government must now catch up."—Internet



A TACA airplane takes off at Comalapa's international airport, south of San Salvador on 7 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Robust markets key to withstand global shocks

NEW DELHI, 11 Oct—A robust domestic demand will be the key to withstanding the shocks and uncertainties that come with a global economy, Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said on Sunday.

"We have to deepen and broaden the domestic market, so that we can ride the shocks and uncertainties of the global economy just as well as the periods of expansion and boom," Mukherjee told the media here.

"This requires that we take a balanced, broad-based approach to our development process, an approach that is well captured by the idea of garland of grids," he added.

Steps have to be taken to allow the economy to develop spatially and synergistically across different sectors to ensure overall sustainability of the growth process and a quality of life that the common man aspires for.—Xinhua

Tough times boost Bangladesh shipbuilding

CHITTAGONG, 11 Oct—When Bangladeshi labourer Abdul Karim was laid off from his shipbuilding job in Singapore because of the global recession, he did not expect to find the same sort of work at home.

But the 35-year-old, like similarly skilled shipbuilding labourers who have worked abroad, returned six months ago to find the industry booming and his

expertise much in demand. "My salary is about 40 percent lower than it was in Singapore, but overall I'm better off in Bangladesh and I get to stay close to my family," said Karim, who now earns around 300 dollars each month.

Bangladesh is better known for shipbreaking — dismantling of old vessels — but now, just a few kilometres (miles) north of the shipbreaking yards, men like Karim are creating new ocean-going ships.

Internet

A Bangladeshi labourer operates a crane at the Western Marine shipyard in Chittagong in September 2009. Western Marine, along with the other main Bangladeshi firm Ananda Shipbuilders, have in the past two years signed deals to build 50 ships worth 600 million dollars.—INTERNET



Ukraine imposes 5-year anti-dumping tariff on Chinese-made syringes

BEIJING, 11 Oct—The Ukraine Inter-Departmental Committee of International Trade decided on 9 October to impose a five-year anti-dumping tariff on Chinese-made syringes. The anti-dumping tariff on 2ml syringes imported from China is 24.36 percent, and 54.15 percent on 5ml and 347.14 percent on 10ml China-made syringes.

The decision also involves syringes from Spain, the UK and German. Spain-made 5ml and 10ml syringes will have anti-dumping tariffs of 10.54 percent and 196.38 percent respectively. UK-made 10ml syringes will have a 23 percent tariff, and 10ml syringes from Germany will have a 37 percent tariff.

On 23 July, 2008, the Ukraine Inter-Departmental Committee of International Trade began its anti-dumping investigation on syringes imported from China, Spain, German and the UK according to the appeal of two domestic companies.

Xinhua

Airbus confident A400M to fly by year-end

PARIS/FRANKFURT, 11 Oct—Airbus is confident its delayed A400M military transport plane will fly by the end of the year but dismissed a magazine report that its maiden flight could come as soon as 30 November as "fantasy."

No date has yet been set for the first flight, a spokeswoman for Airbus Military said on Saturday.

German weekly magazine Focus said the aircraft could take to the

skies as soon as 30 November, citing sources close to suppliers.

"Many dates will be leaked by people who have little knowledge of all the work which is to be undertaken until the first flight and, in particular, all the ground tests which are all dependent on each other," the spokeswoman said.

"Therefore any date which may be circulated is a fantasy."

Internet



Spaceflight participant Guy Lalibertz, wearing a clown nose, hugs Cosmonaut Roman Romanenko during the farewell ceremony aboard the International Space Station in this image from NASA TV on 10 Oct, 2009.
XINHUA

Russian manned spacecraft returns to Earth

Moscow, 11 Oct—A Russian manned spacecraft has returned to the Earth and landed in Kazakhstan on Sunday, said the Mission Control outside Moscow.

The Soyuz TMA-14 spaceship, with two astronauts and one space tourist aboard, departed from the International Space Station (ISS) at

05:07 Moscow time (0107 GMT), and landed at 08:32 Moscow time (0432 GMT) near Arkalyk in northern Kazakhstan as expected. On board the spacecraft were the 19th ISS crew, Russian and US astronauts Gennady Padalka and Michael Barratt, who have been at the orbital station since

March, and world's seventh space tourist, Canadian billionaire Guy Laliberte.

Local TV broadcast showed all three, extracted from the capsule, held brief talks with ground personnel. Laliberte also greeted people while wearing his classic red clown nose.

Xinhua

Second largest asteroid in Solar System identified as protoplanet

LOS ANGELES, 11 Oct—The second largest asteroid in the Solar System is actually a protoplanet, a building block to the actual, larger planets, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) drew the conclusion after using the Hubble Space telescope to view Pallas, the second largest aster-

oid in the Solar System, according to the study appearing in the October issue of *Science*.

Pallas, which is named for the Greek goddess Pallas Athena, lies in the main asteroid belt between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars. According to the planet formation theory, protoplanets are a cloud of gas, rocks and dust particles that are in

the process of forming into a planet.

Protoplanets get in the way of each other's orbits slightly, collide with the impacts gradually forming a real planet.

"It was incredibly exciting to have this new perspective on an object that is really interesting and hadn't been observed by Hubble at high resolution," said UCLA doctoral student Britney E Schmidt, the study's lead author.—Xinhua

World Space Week celebrated globally

HOUSTON, 11 Oct—A variety of space-related events had been held all over the world in the past week to celebrate World Space Week, the largest annual space event on Earth.

"This is the 10th anniversary of World Space Week, declared by the UN General Assembly in 1999," said Dennis Stone, Volunteer President of World Space Association, a non-profit organization that assists the UN in the global coordination of World Space Week activities.

"The theme this year is Space for Education. Teachers can inspire students by using the excitement of space. It's a powerful tool to fuel their motivation to learn," he said.

More than 50 countries had taken part in this year's World Space Week, which ran from 5 Oct to 10, according to the World Space Week Association. Events were varied in forms, including space-themed lectures, star-watching, space quiz, exhibits, and other forms of celebration.—Xinhua

Chinese artists perform traditional dance during the China Festival 2009 in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 10 Oct, 2009. The six-day China Festival 2009 was kicked off on Saturday in Nepali capital Kathmandu. Nepali Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, together with Chinese ambassador to Nepal Qiu Guohong, inaugurated the festival and said that China is a close friend of Nepal enjoying a long tradition of friendly relation.—XINHUA



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South Korean primary student Park Chun Peon speaks in Chinese during the 2nd Chinese speech contest in Seoul, South Korea, on 10 Oct, 2009. A total of 30 pupils around the country attended the final contest.—XINHUA

Fatah slams Hamas following report of postponing inter-reconciliation deal

GAZA / RAMALLAH, 11 Oct—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party officials on Saturday slammed rival Hamas movement for asking Egypt to postpone signing an inter-Palestinian reconciliation pact from 26 Oct to December.

Jamal Mhesen, Fatah central committee member, told *Xinhua* that "any postponement of the last round of dialogue would

be a big fatal mistake."

He accused Hamas of using the crisis of a UN fact-finding report on Gaza war "as an excuse to escape from signing the deal on 26 Oct."

Earlier on Saturday, Gaza-based Hamas movement's leaders announced that the movement has received a new Egyptian proposal during a meeting held in Cairo between Hamas leaders and

Egypt's intelligence chief Omar Suleiman, which delays Palestinian national reconciliation deal until December upon Hamas request.

"A delegation from Hamas visited Cairo and asked for postponing the national Palestinian dialogue and the Egyptian officials have accepted the request," Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, told reporters.—Xinhua

At least 17 killed as ferry sinks in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 11 Oct—At least 10 passengers died on Saturday evening after an overloaded passenger ferry capsized in Cambodia's northeastern Kratie Province, more than 300 km to the capital Phnom Penh, local official said on Sunday.

Nai Thida, director of the Information Bureau of the Kratie Province, said that there are 30 passengers on board when the overloaded ferry capsized in the river.

So far this morning, 13 people were rescued, while 10 have died and police is continuing its efforts to search for seven missing people. But she said there is an off chance of finding them alive.

Xinhua



Map of Cambodia. An overloaded river ferry capsized in northeastern Cambodia killing 17 passengers, an official said on Sunday.—XINHUA

UN recovers 11 victims from Haiti plane crash

FONDS-PARISIEN (Haiti), 11 Oct — UN helicopters on Saturday reached the remote site of a plane crash that killed 11 peacekeepers when a surveillance flight slammed into a mountain in eastern Haiti.

All onboard died after the CASA C-212 twin engine turboprop aircraft went down on Friday afternoon near the border with the Dominican Republic, about 30 miles (45

kilometers) from the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

The plane came to rest on an isolated mountain-side near a farming town called Peyi Mouri, meaning “dead country” in Haitian Creole.

Two UN helicopters were able to land near the site on Saturday morning and peacekeepers began the process of bringing bodies back to Port-au-Prince, mission spokes-

man David Wimhurst said.

The victims were Uruguayan and Jordanian troops serving with the 9,000-strong UN peacekeeping force that has been in Haiti since a 2004 rebellion ousted former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Six Uruguayan soldiers were killed in the crash, including the pilot and co-pilot, Uruguay’s minister of defence told local media.—Xinhua



An official walks towards the wreckage of a crashed UN plane in Pays Pouri, Haiti, on 10 Oct, 2009. UN helicopters reached the remote site of a plane crash that killed 11 peacekeepers when a surveillance flight slammed into a mountain in Haiti on Friday.—INTERNET

2012 Olympic site workers face biometric scans

LONDON, 11 Oct — Workers on London’s Olympic Park will have to go through biometric scanning to access the 2012 Games site in a bid to protect it from terrorists, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

From this week, machines that have hand and iris recognition technology will be deployed at entry points around the 2.5-square-kilometre east London site, *The Observer* said.

The weekly said the hand scanners could check up to 5,000 workers per hour at Europe’s largest regeneration project, while the iris scanners would be used as an alternative if required.

The decision to implement the measures was based on Britain’s “years of experience in both tackling terrorism and hosting major sporting and cultural events”, Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell said.—Xinhua



A ‘verification kiosk’ featuring fingerprint and iris scans is seen displayed at an airport in Minneapolis, US.—INTERNET

CO₂ could be stored under towns

LONDON, 11 Oct — Britain must consider storing millions of tons of the potentially deadly greenhouse gas carbon dioxide beneath cities to slow climate change, a geologist says.

“The worst-case scenario would be a situation where people were unaware there had been a leak. In particular weather conditions or in confined

spaces, those people could suffer asphyxiation,” said Nick Riley, head of science policy at the British Geological Survey.

Riley, who advises the government on carbon storage, said the most geologically suitable areas are in Dorset, Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Cheshire, Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

The sites would be

monitored to detect leaks, but bedrooms on ground floors might be prohibited because of the risk of the gas poisoning people as they slept, Riley told *The Times of London* in a story published on Saturday.

Britain has proposed storing carbon dioxide under the North Sea, but that might not be as practical as onshore storage, he said.—Xinhua

King Kong figurine used in 1930s movie up for sale

A skeletal figurine used to create one of the 1930s’ most memorable movie monsters is going up for sale.

Christie’s auction house says the 22-inch (56-centimeter) metal figurine was used to represent King Kong in the climactic scene where the giant ape scales New York’s Empire State Building.

“King Kong” wowed audiences with what for the time were astonishingly realistic special effects. The titular monster’s movements were created using stop-motion animation.

At time of the 1933 movie’s filming the skeleton was clad in cotton, rubber, liquid latex and rabbit’s fur. Christie’s spokeswoman Jo Swetenham said that the covering had since rotted off.

Christie’s says the figurine will go up for sale late next month.



This undated image provided by Christie’s Images Ltd, shows a 22-inch armature (metal skeleton) which was used in the 1933 film ‘King Kong’ to allow the animated ape to scale the Empire State Building in the final scenes. The armature, estimated to reach pounds 100,000-150,000 (US\$ 160,000-US\$240,000) is up for auction in London.

Palestinian boys ride dyed donkeys at Marah Land zoo in Gaza City. Two white donkeys dyed with black stripes delighted Palestinian kids at a small Gaza zoo on Thursday who had never seen a zebra in the flesh. A genuine zebra would have been too expensive to bring into Israel-blockaded Gaza via the smuggling tunnels under the border with Egypt, said zoo owner Mohamed Bargouthi.



Plane delayed by bird on board

A South Korean passenger jet was grounded just before taking off so that crew members could catch a sparrow that was flying around in the cabin, airline officials said.

“The bird got in through an open airplane door and was spotted during boarding,” said Cho Hyung-chul, a spokesman for Korean Air Line. The passengers on the flight were asked to leave the plane as the airline tried to prevent the bird from taking the domestic flight. “The bird was captured and set free,” Cho said.

The flight’s 123 passengers were put on board a different plane and sent on their journey, which was delayed for nearly three hours, the airline said.

Birds are a growing problem for the global airline industry, with an increasing number of planes getting damaged after hitting flocks of birds.



NEWS ALBUM

Honest college student gets \$10,000

A Virginia college student reaped a \$10,000 reward when he returned a 15-carat diamond ring he found in a parking lot to its rightful owner.

Jeremy McIntosh told *The Virginian-Pilot* he found the ring in the middle of September outside a dry cleaner where he works to put himself through Norfolk State University.

“At first when I saw it, it was unbelievable,” McIntosh said. “I thought it was a fake.”

But he realized quickly the ring was valuable. He learned morning from a story in the newspaper that the ring, valued at \$96,000, belonged to James Ramsey of Norfolk.

Ramsey had been searching for the ring for weeks. He now thinks it dropped out of a pocket when his fiancée took his clothes to the cleaners.

The exchange took place at the Zoots Dry Cleaners in Chesapeake, where McIntosh is the manager. He hurried to the bank with an envelope full of \$100 bills.

Hundreds of sparrows fill the sky above the city of Pontevedra, northwestern Spain, at sunset.

Focus on food for the future

Jacques Diouf

The following is the reproduction of the article by Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Ed

Riding on the momentum generated by the recent food crisis to focus on longer term challenges, some three hundred top international experts meet at FAO in Rome next Monday and Tuesday on October 12 and 13 to figure out how to make sure we have enough to eat 40 years from now.

For over the next four decades, the world's population will grow by 2.3 billion and become richer. Meeting the demand of the world's 9.1 billion inhabitants in 2050 will require 70 percent more food than we currently produce. So unless we take the right decisions today, we risk finding the global cupboard dangerously bare tomorrow.

All the more so as in the years ahead, the world food system must deal with the growing challenge of climate change which may reduce potential agricultural output by up to 30 percent in Africa, and by up to 21 percent in developing countries as a whole, but also with exacerbated transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases. At the same time, the sector will have to cope with a smaller agricultural labour force as some 600 million people move from the countryside to the cities, and with increased competition for land and natural resources, including from the bioenergy sector.

How we respond to these challenges will determine how well we can feed the world tomorrow. But, just as important, we must also see to it that people are fed today. That means ending the plight of the 1.02 billion people currently suffering hunger and malnutrition by acting decisively to eradicate hunger completely and rapidly.

With last century's Green Revolution, the world succeeded in averting a massive famine in Asia and Latin America in the 1970s by spending 17 percent of development aid in building irrigation schemes, seed production systems, fertilizer and feed plants, rural roads and storage facilities.

In rising to a similar challenge today, the path we follow must necessarily be a different one – besides boosting investment in agriculture, we need to make more efficient use of energy, chemical inputs and natural resources, and focus more on the needs of smallholders and rural farming households.

In this connection, one significant challenge will be water as we will need simultaneously to expand the land area under irrigation while using proportionately less water. The key to squaring that circle lies in water-harvesting and techniques that improve water use efficiency and soil moisture.

As the rural and farm population is reduced, agriculture will increasingly become more capital- and knowledge- intensive to produce more and higher quality food for bigger and richer urban populations. Therefore substantial investments will be needed, including in research and development because future production increases must overwhelmingly come from sustainable yield increases and improved cropping intensity rather than from bringing more land into cultivation.

Farmers too will need to be better trained to take up the new methods and technologies, and that will require spending on education and agricultural extension. Most of those investments will come from the private sector and from farmers themselves.

However, to make private investments in agriculture attractive, substantial sums of public money must also be spent on infrastructure, education, technology and extension systems. Investments are needed in fa-

cilities and equipments. Outside of mere subsistence agriculture there is no point in producing food unless there are roads and vehicles to bring it to markets, unless there indeed is a market, and unless produce can be stored and kept from perishing.

But naturally neither funding nor record harvests will by themselves be enough to secure that everyone has the food they need. If people go hungry today it is not because the world is not producing enough food but because such food is not produced by the 70 percent of the poor whose main livelihood is agriculture and who cannot afford to eat their fill.

Thus feeding everyone in 2050 will also require poverty reduction strategies, social safety nets for both poor producers and consumers and rural development programmes. It will need better governance and the establishment of the kind of socio-economic conditions that improve people's access to food. Also important is a reform of the agricultural trade system so that it is not only free but also equitable.

The High-Level Expert Forum on How to Feed the World in 2050 will inform the World Summit on Food Security scheduled in Rome on 16, 17 and 18 November 2009 when Heads of State and Government from FAO's 192 Member Nations will take important decisions on policies and strategies to ensure that everyone has enough to eat both today and tomorrow.

In 2050 what to eat will no longer be a problem for many of those of us already getting on in years. But I see it as my solemn duty, as it is surely ours as a global community, to do all we can to banish the spectre of hunger forever and make sure that our children and grandchildren can eat their fill and enjoy a healthy life.

YUFC to sign players for (B) and youth teams



YANGON, 11 Oct—Yangon United FC will test and sign young players in an attempt to build up Yangon United FC (B) and youth teams. Those interested from all regions of Myanmar may register and compete in selection at the training ground of Yangon United FC (Hline Stadium) between 7am and 3pm from 16 to 18 October.

Those who want

to be selected may be (1) between the age of 20 and 25 for (B) team, (2) between the age of 16 and 19 for youth team, (3) over the height of 5 feet and 6 inches and (4) between the weight of 110 lb and 140 lb. One may bring the recommendation letters from ward PDC office and police station, NRC cards or recommendation certificate and football outfit and shoes.

The team's coach squad will pick out the players after a friendly match of two teams of contestants.

The team will pay the salary of Ks 70000 with resident and food added for those selected for (B) team and Ks 30000 for those selected for youth team.—MNA



Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Director U Maung Maung Win and U Aung Zaw Myint formally open Thai Trade Fair.—MNA

Sales festival of Thailand-made products opens

YANGON, 11 Oct—Under the assistance provided by Department of Export Promotion of Thailand and the cooperation of Sein Gayhar Enterprise Group and Thai entrepreneurs, the sales festival of Thailand-made products was opened at Sein Gayhar Super Centre in Kamayut Township, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister of Commerce of Thailand Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot, director U Maung Maung Win and U Aung Zaw Myint formally opened the sales festival.

A total of 30 companies will participate in the sales festival and it continues up to 18 October. In addition, entertainment programmes will be staged at the sales festival.—MNA

1st ISD Men's hockey competition continues

YANGON, 11 Oct—Jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Hockey Federation, 1st Inter-State/Division Men's hockey competition continued with semi final matches in Theinphyu hockey pitch today.

Yangon Division team defeated Mandalay Division team 5-0 in the first match and Sagaing Division team beat Bago Division 1-0 in the second.

Mandalay Division team and Bago Division team will fight for the third place at 3 pm tomorrow. Yangon Division team and Sagaing Division team will play the final match at 3pm on 13 October.

NLM



Sagaing Division meets Bago Division in the second semifinal.—MHF

Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) facilitates transportation and commodity flow

Byline: Yan Gyi Aung; Photos: Yan Gyi Aung & Tin Maung (Mandalay)

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allowed to pass the bridge due to weakness in its strength since 1992. Other heavy-loaded vehicles had to cross the bridge with Z-craft, thus becoming an obstacle to commodity flow.

Now, along with the emergence of Yadanabon Bridge, the obstacle has disappeared. Vehicles have been allowed to pass the bridge 24 hours a day since it came into existence and over 2700 coaches and trucks are passing through it everyday.

Bus lines running on Mandalay-Monywa, Mandalay-YeU, Mandalay-Kalay, Mandalay-Hakha, Mandalay-Pakokku, Mandalay-Gangaw, Mandalay-Shwebo, Mandalay-Bhamo-Katha-Myikyina, Monywa-Nay Pyi Taw, Monywa-Yangon cross the bridge everyday.

In an interview, bus conductor Ko Kyaw Moe of Monywa-Mandalay Yadanabon Bus line said, "We drive through the bridge two or three times a day.

It is convenient and safe to drive on the bridge as the bridge has two wide



Site of extended upward approach bridge on Mandalay bank.

lanes on each sides. Inwa Bridge whose lane is only 10 feet long is too far to be compared with the bridge."

Ko Win Myint, a passenger, also said "Previously, We had to cross the river through Inwa Bridge to reach

Mandalay. I thought a bridge like this could only be constructed by foreign engineers. But, when I came to know the bridge was constructed by Myanmar engineers, I am really proud of them."

Yadanabon Bridge

reflects the capability of Myanmar engineers and was designed for smooth running of vehicles. We saw the construction site of extended upward approach bridge on Mandalay bank which was now completed by 20

percent.

At present, vehicles coming from Strand road of Mandalay shares downward approach road with vehicles coming from Sagaing, which may cause road accidents.

Upon completion of the extended upward approach road, vehicles coming from Strand road can use upward and downward roads, thereby contributing to road safety.

We then visited Thiri Mingala overpass joining with Yadanabon Bridge on Sagai bank.

Thiri Mingala overpass is located on approach road to Yadanabon Bridge on Sagaing and was built across Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad.

Special Group-4 of Public Works under Ministry of Construction started the work on 19 December, 2008 which was now nearly completed.

The overpass in O-ward is of RC type one

with 485 feet in length. The overpass with two-lane motor way can withstand 60 tons of load and it has 17 feet high and 52 feet wide clearance.

At present, vehicles passing through Yadanabon Bridge had to wait when trains come, thereby causing delays and upon completion of the overpass, vehicles will be able to pass straight Yadanabon Bridge through it.

Thus, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) contributing to swift transportation and commodity flow will be able to serve the interests of the local much more in the future when upward extended approach bridge on Mandalay bank and Thiri Mingala overpass is completed.

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Overlay RC type truss.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe tours...

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and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, from Kandawgyi Lake inspected Kandawgyi Garden in a battery-operated amusement vessel arranged for public leisure by the Parks and Play Grounds Department under YCDC. The mayor and officials concerned conducted Lt-Gen Myint Swe round the lake.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects upgrading of Thameinbayan Road in Tamway Township .—MNA

expanding of the culvert under Old Yedashe Street in Bahan Township and

the resurfacing of the road with concrete; the upgrading of

Thameinbayan Road and stockpiles of construction materials in Tamway

Township; and construction of Khun-nabinleinchang Bridge in

Mogaung Street, Yankin Township.

MNA

Medical Conference and Medicine and Medical Equipment Show to be held in Pathein

YANGON, 11 Oct—Myanmar Medical Association (Pathein) will conduct 7th Medical Conference along with Medicine and Medical Equipment Show at its office on Mahabandoola Road, Pathein on 19 and 20 November.

Professors, veteran practitioners, Division specialists will give lecture and pharmaceutical

companies will take part in the show on grand scale.

Any pharmaceutical companies wishing to participate in the show may contact Chairman Dr Kyi Phe (Orthopaedic) (Ph: 042-24292) and Secretary Dr Aung Kyaw Hlaing (X-ray) (Ph: 09-8568632).

MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Spanish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2009.—MNA

Sudanese delegation arrives Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—At the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint of the Union of Myanmar, a Sudanese delegation led by Mr Ali Ahmad Karti, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan paid a good will visit to the Union of Myanmar from 8 to 11 October.

The Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs met with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan

Win in Nay Pyi Taw and they frankly exchanged views on promotion of friendship and cooperation in mutual interest.

Similarly, the Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs met with Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint

and Director-General of Department of Energy Planning U Soe Aung at the respective places.

After attending dinner hosted by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint, the Sudanese delegation left for Yangon by air and met with the Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and members.—MNA



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint meeting with state Minister for Foreign Affairs of Republic of Sudan Mr Ali Ahmad Karti and party.—MNA

Concordia Int'l Co Ltd to display in Myanmar ICT Exhibition '09

YANGON, 11 Oct—Concordia Int'l Co Ltd will display Garmin brand GPS and Fuji Xerox brand color copiers, A3 A4 black and white laser printers, colour printers, multi-functioned digital photocopiers in Myanmar ICT Exhibition '09 to be held in Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 15 to 18

October.

Fuji xerox brand photocopiers are of high quality products with long durability.

Each customer of Fuji xerox A3 size photocopiers will be presented with one Fuji Xerox brand colour laser printer during exhibition as a gift.

Garmin brand GPS are multi-functioned ones designed for mining, oil, construction, fishing, and aviation industries Garmin GPS can be used in Myanmar Language and can describe the destination within seconds. For more information, contact its sales centres and service centres in Shwegon Plaza, here, Ph:951-544824, 544199, 558170, 549444, 540026, Fax-951-544199, at 30th Street, between 77th Street and 78 Street, Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay, Ph:02-36478, 69303, 0950-67172, FAX-02-36478, at Thiri Yadanar ward in Nay Pyi Taw, Ph:067-420819, 421362.—MNA



Geologists graduated from Mandalay University to pay respect to teachers

YANGON, 10 Oct—The 33rd respect paying ceremony of geologists graduated from Geology Department (1972-1976) of Mandalay University will pay respect to their teachers at Mandalay University Dhammayon on 14 November. Old students (1972-1976)'s get-together will also be held the following day. Those wishing to donate cash may contact Ko Ohn Kyaing (Ph: 02-63439), Ko Aung Kyaw Win (Ph: 09-2024962), Ma Nyein Nyein (Ph: 02-36587), Ko Khin Aung Than (Ph: 09-5131614), Ko Lin Thet Maw (Ph: 09-5117299) and Ma Aye Aye (Ph: 09-5017925).

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Tobacco kills

Yebok Model Village in Minbu (Saku) Township in Magway Division

Byline: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*; Photos: *Htay Aung (Kyemon)*

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Magway-Minbu (Saku)-Pwintphyu road. We saw the village main gate that we did not notice while coming in. The chairman proudly said "We have built special main gates

in all four corners of the village."

Small signboards reading 'The village of quality paddy strain' are ubiquitous in the plantation. We enquired, "UGyi, we're the news team of

the Kyemon Daily. We would like to know about your thriving paddy strain. And what's your name?" He said, "I'm U Bo Than living in Yebok Village. I have grown 9-acres of Manawthukha quality



U Win Maung (Yebok Model Village, Minbu Township).

ship agriculture department. We are proud of our village chosen as a model village of quality strain."

Myanmar is well on the way to development based on agriculture. For boosting agricultural production and increasing farmers' income, modern agricultural methods and quality strains are being provided. By establishing model villages of quality paddy strains in all parts of the nation like in Yebok Model Village, there will be higher and higher paddy output contributing to regional paddy sufficiency and more foreign exchange.

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Thriving Manawthukha quality paddy strain-1 in U Win Maung's farm.

paddy strain-1.

We said, "There has been such a Manawthukha strain before. So what is Manawthukha quality paddy strain?" U Bo Than explained, "Manawthukha strain has existed before. But with the passage of time, it has mixed with other strains and it can no longer increase the output. Manawthukha quality paddy strain-1 we have grown can produce 110 to 120 baskets of paddy per acre. Actually, the former strain has been modified."

Deputy staff officer U Tin Soe explained, "Yebok Model Village has targeted 1379 acres of monsoon paddy and we have met the target. Besides, 925 acres of catchment area have been put under Manawthukha quality paddy strain-1. One hundred acres of

Manawthukha quality paddy strain-1 will be allotted to the township."

We then visited another plantation owned by farmer U Win Maung of Yebok Village. He said, "I have grown five acres of Manawthukha quality paddy strain-1. The strain was provided by the town-



U Bo Than (Yebok Model Village, Minbu Township).

TOYO battery sales agents honoured

YANGON, 11 Oct— Proven Technology Industry Co Ltd honoured its outstanding sales agents at the Western Park Royal Restaurant here yesterday evening.

Managing Director U Ohn Lwin extended greetings, and explained the advantages of Toyo battery, Tubular battery and Lion battery.

Chief Operating Officer U Than Htike Lwin and members of the Board of Directors awarded the

12 sales agents that sold Toyo battery most in 2008-2009.

The company produces a large range of standby and tubular batteries for vehicles, golf courts, trains, exchanges, forklifts and elevators, battery water, acid compounds, motorcycle batteries.

Customers may have their batteries checked free of charge monthly at the service centres. The Service Team of Toyo

Battery provides free monthly service to every customer that has bought at least five batteries in Yangon and Mandalay municipal areas.

TOYO batteries are distributed through F/S 14 of Shwesabe Yeikmon, Kamaryut Township, Yangon (Ph: 701719, 701720, 527667, 530694) and No. 371 between 29th and 30th streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph 02-72761, 02-21884).—MNA



Managing Director U Ohn Lwin of Proven Technology Industry Co Ltd extends welcoming speech.—MNA

Two deadly car bombs hit Iraq's Ramadi

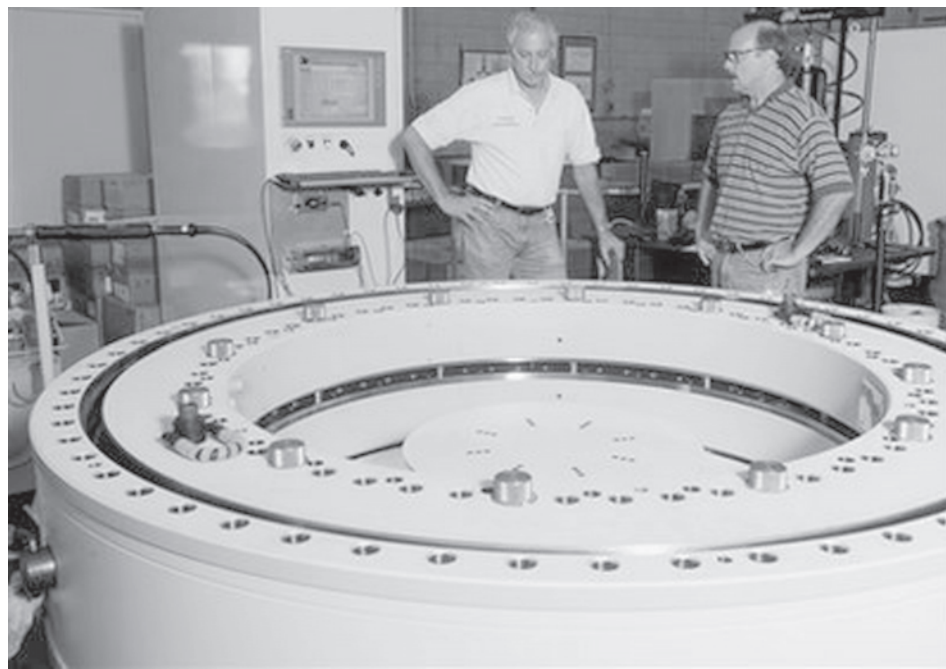
RAMADI, 11 Oct—The blasts took place close to Anbar's provincial government building. Two car bombs killed at least eight people and wounded many others on Sunday

in Ramadi, capital of Iraq's western Anbar province, officials said, the latest in a string of attacks in the vast desert region.

The blasts took place close to Anbar's

provincial government building, they said. "There were at least 10 killed and a number of wounded in two successive car bombs in the car park outside the provincial government building," said Anbar's Deputy Governor Hikmet Khalaf. Security and health officials gave a lower death toll of at least eight killed.

Internet



Engineers Tom Rybkoski, left, of Hartville, Ohio, and Tim Lanka of Carrollton, Ohio, work on a device to assemble and grease large bearings for wind energy machinery at the Timken Research Centre in North Canton, Ohio, on 20 Aug, 2009. Timken Co is a \$5.6 billion global manufacturer of high precision bearings for everything from cars and locomotives to giant wind turbines and huge jetliners, and employs 25,000 people worldwide with 5,000 in Ohio.—INTERNET



Management shake-ups at movie giants Universal and Disney reflect the industry's difficulty in adjusting to the digital age and failure to halt sliding DVD sales, analysts say. Search and rescue teams on Sunday struggled to reach areas of the northern Philippines cut off by storm-triggered landslides and flooding that have left more than 600 people dead, officials said.—INTERNET

Japanese FM pays surprise visit to Kabul

KABUL, 11 Oct—Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada paid one-day visit to Afghan capital Kabul Sunday and held meeting with his Afghan counterpart Rangin Dadfar Spanta, a statement released here said. "Afghan Foreign Minister in the meeting thanked Japan for its contribution in rebuilding process of the war-torn Afghanistan and Minister Okada reassured Japan's continued support to the reconstruction process of Afghanistan," the statement said.

In the meeting, the statement added, which matters relating to situation in Afghanistan, the modality of Japan's support and the prospect of peace in the war-torn country came under discussion. Okada, during his first visit as foreign minister, will also call on Afghan President Hamid Karzai and exchange views on matters pertaining mutual interest.—INTERNET

Solar power outshining Colorado's gas industry

DURANGO, 11 Oct—The sun had just crested the distant ridge of the Rocky Mountains, but already it was producing enough power for the electric meter on the side of the Smiley Building to spin backward.

For the Shaw brothers, who converted the downtown arts building and community center into a miniature solar power plant two years ago, each reverse rotation subtracts from their monthly electric bill. It also means the building at that moment is producing more electricity from the sun than it needs. "Back-

ward is good," said John Shaw, who now runs Shaw Solar and Energy Conservation, a local solar installation company.

As La Plata County in southwestern Colorado looks to shift to cleaner sources of energy, solar is becoming the power source of choice even though it still produces only a small fraction of the region's electricity. It's being nudged along by tax credits and rebates, a growing concern about the gases heating up the planet, and the region's plentiful sunshine.

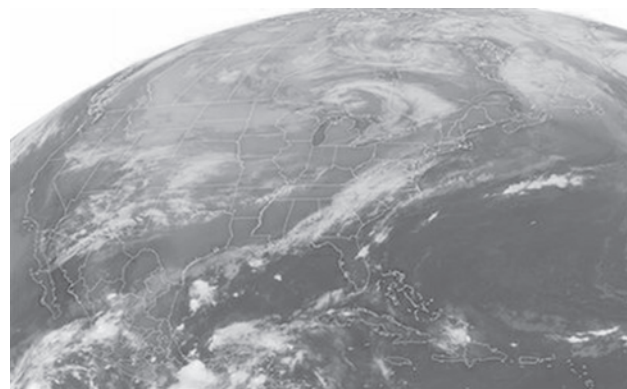
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India's floods reveal climate change specter

INDIA, 11 Oct—Indian farmers had been praying for rain after the weakest monsoon season in 40 years had left their crops stricken by drought. But when the rains finally came, forceful and incessant at six times their normal levels, they left behind the worst floods southern India had seen in more than a century.

Weather officials blamed the heavy rains in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh on a low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal. So far, over 250 people have died in flooding made worse when officials were forced to open dams for fear they might burst. Some 1,500 relief camps have been set up for the estimated 2.5 million people who were displaced as the raging water destroyed entire villages, washing away roads, bridges, crops and livestock.

Although flooding has recently become commonplace in India - in 2008, over 3 million people were displaced when the Kosi river in Bihar burst its banks - but this year's deluge came as a shock because it followed a protracted drought, and a monsoon season branded a dud by the authorities.—INTERNET



This NOAA satellite image taken on 11 Oct, 2009 at 12:50 a.m. EDT shows scattered clouds from the Southwest through the Central and Southern Plains as a storm system moves through the Four Corners. Pockets of light snow showers develop in the Central Plains. Meanwhile, a line of multi-level clouds with fog and areas of isolated showers highlight a frontal boundary that extends across the southeastern corner of the nation.—INTERNET

Boyzone singer Stephen Gately has died suddenly at the age of 33 while on holiday in Majorca

SPAIN, 11 Oct—Spanish police said he died on Saturday and that there were no signs of suspicious circumstances. But the cause of death is not yet known. Gately was on holiday with his long-term partner Andy Cowles. His bandmates said they were "completely devastated" and are now travelling to Majorca. The Irish band had six UK number one hits in the 1990s and reformed in 2007. The four remaining members of Boyzone described Gately as "our friend and brother". "We have shared such wonderful times together over the years and were all looking forward to sharing many more," a statement said. Singer Ronan Keating is on his way back from the US and will join the rest of the group in Majorca.—INTERNET

This image provided by NASA shows the Soyuz TMA-14 spacecraft as it lands with Expedition 20 Commander Gennady Padalka, Flight Engineer Michael Barratt, and Canadian spaceflight participant Guy Lalibert.—INTERNET





Senior management members of computer giant ASUS pose with models as they present the Garmin ASUS Nuvifones M-20 and G-60 at a Press conference in New Delhi on 9 Oct, 2009. ASUS released two new cellphone models to the Indian market in New Delhi on Friday.—XINHUA

Indonesia's defence company to export ammunition to US

JAKARTA, 11 Oct—PT Pindad, Indonesia's state-owned defence company, will export one million ammunitions to a shooting sport club in the United States worth 200,000 US dollars, the Kompas.com news online quoted a high rank official as saying on Saturday.

"They plan to order 10 million ammunitions made by PT Pindad produced in Malang of East Java Province. However, Pindad in the meantime is only able to fulfill one million," said the company's president director Adik Avianto Soedarsono at Bandung of West Java Province.

He said that if another agreement was achieved, the company would send one million ammunitions again to the country in the

end of the year.

Adik said that ammunition product sales in the US are very promising. It also could pave the way for the company to export its product to the country's military. The company's quality product is considered well.

"The shooting sport club had surveyed some producers in several countries. But, they finally chose Pindad's product. In fact, they asked why we do not try to supply ammunition to the US military," said Adik.

"We usually supply demand from the domestic arm forces in limited amount. The consequence is that we face difficulty when we get a big amount order," he said.

Xinhua

China to cancel hepatitis B test in enrollment and employment physical examinations

BEIJING, 11 Oct—China is to cancel the serological test of hepatitis B in physical examinations, currently a requirement for students to enter schools or for employees to join new companies, an official from China's Health Ministry has said.

Deng Haihua, deputy director of the general office of the ministry, said on Saturday a guidance was being drafted for the cancellation.

Hepatitis B was a blood infectious disease that would not be transmitted in daily lives through air

and food, Deng said at a Press conference.

"A hepatitis B disease carrier does no harm to others' health and the new practice will not increase the disease transmission," Deng added. Though the hepatitis B test was to be canceled, the physical examination of liver functions would remain, Deng said.—Xinhua



Children ride on a makeshift raft on a flooded road brought on rains by typhoon Parma in central Dagupan city in northern Philippines on 10 Oct, 2009. The death toll in landslides and floods that hit the northern Philippines in the wake of typhoon Parma reached 299 as rescuers struggled through mud and raging waters in search of dozens of people still missing, officials said.—XINHUA

Taleban influence in N Afghanistan to cripple NATO mission

KABUL, 11 Oct—While NATO has been endeavoring to sweep Taleban militants out from their hotbed in southern Afghanistan, the militants by influencing the northern provinces have opened a new front against the western mili-

tary alliance.

The militants have stretched their activities in the relatively peaceful Faryab, Balkh, Kunduz and Baghlan provinces which link the Afghan capital Kabul to the former Soviet Republics of central Asia.

Militants on Thursday night attacked and injured three soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Balkh Province while Kunduz and Baghlan have been turned to the hub of militants.

Parts of Baghlan Province, particularly Baghlan-e-Markazi district, has been the scene of almost continued skirmishes over the past couple of months.

In addition to Taleban fighters, militants loyal to dissident warlord and former Prime Minister Gulbudin Hekmatyar-led outlawed Islamic Party, the Hizb-e-Islami, are active in the strategically important Baghlan Province.

Xinhua

Burkina farmers successful in fight against advancing desert

SELBO (Burkina Faso), 11 Oct—As African policy makers demand compensation for the effects of climate change at a forum in Burkina Faso's capital, the country's farmers fight a daily struggle to halt the advancing Sahara desert.

"Because of the (advancing) dunes many villages have moved," Boubacar Diallo, a farmer in the village of Selbo, some 280 kilometres (174 miles) to the north of Ouagadougou, explained.

"These dunes you see wanted to chase me away from here because the wind would blow the sand right into the houses," Diallo said.

Now the dunes are covered in lush green shrubs which provides a perfect meal for the roaming sheep. The Selbo villagers have managed to stabilize 17 hectares (42 acres) of dunes in just three years.

By planting shrubs in the sand it is no longer swept away and cannot blow into homes or clog up water sources, rare in this landlocked Sahel country.

"Since we started using these techniques I am no longer afraid," said Diallo.

Internet

China ministry says not received Hummer buy application

BEIJING, 11 Oct—China's Commerce Ministry said on Saturday that it has not yet received an application about machinery maker Tengzhong's bid to buy General Motors' (GM.UL) Hummer brand.

General Motors Co signed a deal on Friday to sell its iconic but tarnished Hummer brand to an investment partnership headed by the hitherto obscure Chinese machinery maker, based in the country's southwest province of Sichuan.

"The Ministry of Commerce has yet to receive an application concerning Tengzhong's purchase of Hummer," a Ministry official was quoted as saying in a brief report on Chinese state radio.

"Currently, the Sichuan Province commerce office is preparing to report the situation to the Ministry of Commerce, and because nothing is known about the specific content of the purchase agreement, for now (the ministry) will not say any more," the report cited the unnamed official as saying.—Internet

Girls hold their cats at a pet show in Dobrich, Bulgaria, on 10 Oct, 2009. An animal protection organization in Dobrich held a pet show for kindergarten children on Saturday. XINHUA





Photo taken on 10 Oct, 2009 shows the Ka-32 helicopter namely "Snow Eagle" on board of the vessel Snow Dragon in Shanghai, China. Snow Eagle officially joined China's Antarctic exploration team on Saturday. A team of 251 members will leave on board the vessel Snow Dragon for China's 26th Antarctic exploration on Sunday. —XINHUA

Algae blooms threaten Lake Erie

DETROIT, 11 Oct—Giant algae blooms that appeared during summer on Lake Erie had not been seen since the 1970s when sewage discharge was rampant, a US expert says.

The blooms disappeared after sewage plants and industry cut the flow of particulate phosphorus into the lake, but dissolved phosphorus from fertilizers and detergents has been more difficult to curb, researchers told *The Detroit News* in a story published on Saturday.

Phosphorus is necessary for algae to thrive and the increasingly large blooms seen on the lake each summer present a problem with no foreseeable end, conservationists said. Algae species fouling beaches and waterways include *Microcystis* or blue-green algae, which is harmful to wildlife and threatening drinking water. The blue-green

algae is so prevalent on the western half of Lake Erie that it now can be seen from space, the *News* reported.

"This year has been particularly bad," said David Baker, a biology professor at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, and founder of the National Center for Water Quality Research.

Internet

AIDS study announcement questioned

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct—The encouraging results of an AIDS vaccine trial announced by the US Army and Thailand may have been a fluke, a scientist says.

The Army, the Thai government and the US National Institutes of Health, which helped finance the three-year, \$105 million study, announced last month the results indicated they had found the first vaccine that provided some protection against human immunodeficiency virus. But an Army scientist in-

involved in the project said a second analysis of data showed the results weren't statistically significant, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Saturday.

Scientist Jerome Kim told the newspaper that officials were aware of the second analysis when it made the announcement but went ahead anyway.

The newspaper said the second analysis, which is considered a vital component of any vaccine study, indicated the results could have been due to chance.

The initial results indicated the vaccine reduced by the chance of infection with HIV, the AIDS-causing virus, by 31 percent, but a follow-up "per protocol" analysis showed there is a 16 percent chance the study results were a fluke, which, the newspaper said, is a far greater probability than is considered statistically acceptable.

Internet

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People visit a bicycle and electric-cycle exhibition in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 Oct, 2009. The 2009 China Zhejiang International Bicycle Electric-cycle Exhibition was opened at the Peace International Convention and Exhibition Center in Hangzhou on Friday. —XINHUA



Moderate quake rocks Indonesia's North Sumatra

JAKARTA, 11 Oct—A magnitude 5.4 earthquake rocked Gunung Sitoli of Indonesia's North Sumatra on Sunday morning, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said.

The agency said that the quake occurred at 07:59 local time (0059 GMT) in a depth of 41 kilometers under sea-bed.

The epicenter was at 117 kilometers of southwestern Gunung Sitoli regency. The agency did not issue tsunami warning. —Xinhua

Moderate earthquake hits off Tonga

WELLINGTON, 11 Oct—An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale struck off the Pacific island nation of Tonga on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said. There were no reports of damages or casualties so far.

The quake, occurred at 08:41 am on Sunday Tonga local time (1941GMT Saturday), was centered 645 km northeast of Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga.

It was at a depth of 10 km.

No tsunami warning had been issued by the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

More than 184 people died after a violent Pacific earthquake on 30 Sept caused a tsunami that struck Tonga, Samoa and American Samoa. —Xinhua

Jordan to refill Dead Sea from Red Sea

AMMAN, 11 Oct—Jordan's plan to refill the Dead Sea with water from the Red Sea could damage ecosystems in both bodies of water, environmentalists warn.

Water levels in the Dead Sea, the Earth's lowest and saltiest body of water, have been shrinking by more than 4 feet a year for the last 20 years, largely because of water extracted for drink-

ing, agriculture and industry, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Saturday.

The Jordanian government plans to extract more than 10 billion cubic feet a year from the Red Sea, 110 miles to the south, route most of it to a desalination plant to create drinking water, and then send the remaining salty wastewater to the Dead Sea by tunnel,

Jordanian Water Minister Maysoun Zu'bi said. The project would begin as soon as funding is arranged, Zu'bi said.

Environmentalists warn that mixing two types of saltwater could produce algae blooms in the Dead Sea, while increased salinity in the Red Sea could damage fish and coral, the *Telegraph* reported.

Internet

An Indonesian volunteer plays games with the children of Pasadama village in Pariaman following the recent 7.6-magnitude earthquake that struck the western coast of the island. Many child survivors of the huge earthquake on Sumatra island on 30 Sept, 30 have been left traumatised by a disaster that the United Nations says killed upwards of 1,100 people. —INTERNET



SPORTS

Barcelona chosen as Davis Cup final venue

MADRID, 11 Oct—Barcelona was named this Saturday as the city to host the final of the Davis cup between Spain and the Czech Republic. The final of tennis team tournament, will be held in the Palau San Jordi in Barcelona. The Palau was the venue of the 2000 final, which saw Spain beat Australia to win the trophy for the first time.

Barcelona was chosen ahead of Valencia after the city of Madrid opted not to present an offer to host the event. The Palau San Jordi has seats for 17,600 spectators and will almost certainly be sold out as Spain attempts to retain the trophy that it won last year in Argentina. The final will be played on December 4-6.

Xinhua

Cilic faces Djokovic in title clash

BEIJING, 11 Oct—Croatia's Marin Cilic dealt Rafael Nadal his heaviest defeat in nearly two years on Saturday, earning a 6-1, 6-3 victory at the China Open to set up a final with Novak Djokovic. The eighth seed's surprise win in one hour, 22 minutes was the first loss in Beijing for the Spaniard, who as top seed had set a blistering pace all week.

"If you lose there lots of things you are doing wrong, mentally I probably wasn't there," said Nadal. "I had a chance to come back in the second set, but I didn't play well." It was very difficult for me, he served unbelievable, with winners almost all the time. I had a chance to come back and I didn't play very well. He gave me many chances to play but I was under pressure.



Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a return against Marin Cilic of Croatia during a semi-final match of the China Open 2009 in Beijing.

INTERNET

"I can do better next time — I must," said the top seed at next week's Shanghai Masters. Djokovic powered into Sunday's final after a 6-3, 6-3 win over Sweden's Robin Soderling, which also ensures he will claim the number three ATP ranking next week ahead of Andy Murray. The Serb stands at 3-0 over Cilic, including a victory this season in Dubai.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Greece beats Latvia in World Cup qualifier

ATHENS, 11 Oct—Greece was a step closer to winning the World Cup ticket to South Africa next year, by beating Latvia 5-2 Saturday evening in a thrilling soccer game at Athens Olympic Stadium. Bayern Leverkusen's striker Fanis Gekas led the Greek national team to victory, scoring four of the five goals, and revived Greece's qualification chances to South Africa.

Georgios Samaras who plays for Scottish Premier League club Celtic, scored Greece's fifth goal, in front of a 20,000 cheering crowd. Latvia's striker Maris Verpakovskis, who plays for Greek first division club Ergotelis, scored his country's two goals. Greece is fixed to host Luxemburg in a crucial match next Wednesday. — Xinhua

US, Mexico qualify for World Cup with wins

MEXICO CITY, 11 Oct—Mexico and the United States qualified for the 2010 World Cup with impressive triumphs on Saturday while Costa Rica and Honduras will carry their quest for South Africa to Wednesday's final matches.

Conor Casey scored two goals and Landon Donovan curled a free kick into the net in the 70th minute to give the Americans a 3-2 victory at Honduras, ending the hosts' eight-match home qualifying win streak. The Mexicans started slow but netted three goals in the last 20 minutes for a 4-1 victory over El Salvador, which was eliminated from contention for next year's global football showdown as a result of the defeat.—Internet

Capello says Ferdinand 'not to blame' for England defeat

DNIPROPETROVSK, 11 Oct—Fabio Capello insists England defender Rio Ferdinand should not be held responsible for his side's 1-0 qualifying defeat against Ukraine. Capello saw England's unblemished record in Group Six come to an end on Saturday as Serhiy Nazarenko's deflected first half goal in



the Dnipro Stadium sunk his 10 men.

The turning point of a fiery encounter, which was marred by Ukraine fans repeatedly throwing flares onto the pitch, came when Ferdinand made a woeful misjudgement that led to England goalkeeper Robert Green being dismissed. Ferdinand's blunder wasn't the first by the Manchester United centre-back in an England shirt recently. He was also at fault for a goal in England's friendly draw in Holland in August.—Internet

Wayne Rooney of England (C) fights for a ball with Yaroslav Rakytsyy (L) of Ukraine during the World Cup 2010, Group 6 qualifying football match in Dnipropetrovsk. Ukraine won 1-0.—INTERNET

Chile qualifies, Argentina struggles in WC drama

BUENOS AIRES, 11 Oct—Diego Maradona's Argentina side struggled past doormat Peru 2-1 to set up a Wednesday showdown at Uruguay for a World Cup 2010 berth while Chile booked a place in South Africa by beating Colombia 4-2. The penultimate night of South American qualifying matches

for next year's global football showdown saw Argentina avoid a shocking upset in stoppage time while Chile made an impressive qualifying run pay off on two second-half goals.—Internet

Argentina's national team coach Diego Maradona celebrates after their FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier match against Peru at Monumental stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Argentina won 2-1.—INTERNET



Woods & Stricker first unbeaten team in 30 years

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Oct—Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker were perfect as Presidents Cup partners, and they got enough help from everyone else on Saturday to put the Americans in position to stay perfect on home soil.

With an improbable rally by Woods in the morning and pure putting by Stricker in the afternoon, they became the first partnership in the Presidents Cup — and the first in 30 years of any team competition — to go 4-0. Phil Mickelson had a chance to join them with an undefeated record using different partners. Mickelson and Sean O'Hair, who won their match handily in the morning, each had a birdie putt inside 15 feet on the final hole for the win, but had to settle for a halve.

Internet



Tiger Woods of the United States Presidents Cup team hits from the third tee during his foursomes match at golf's Presidents Cup at Harding Park Golf Course, on 10 Oct, 2009, in San Francisco.—INTERNET

Italy, Germany, Denmark, Serbia reach World Cup

PARIS, 11 Oct—Defending champion Italy qualified for next year's World Cup on Saturday along with Germany, Denmark, Serbia and the Ivory Coast.

France, Ireland, Russia and Bosnia-Herzegovina assured themselves second-place finishes and will try to earn berths in next month's European playoffs. Eight of the nine second-place finishers in Europe advance to the playoffs.

Half the 32-nation field for next year's tournament already has been set. Going into the weekend, Australia, Brazil, England, Ghana, Japan, the Netherlands, North Korea, Paraguay, South Korea and Spain had earned spots along with host South Africa, which gets an automatic berth.

Internet

Ronaldo leads Corinthians to 2-1 victory over Gremio

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Oct—After a five-game winless streak, the Corinthians returned to win on Saturday, beating Gremio 2-1 in the Brazilian soccer championship. Ronaldo scored the game's first goal in the 11th minute. Receiving the ball on the left side, the star striker sized up the Gremio goalkeeper and crushed it from long distance. The ball deflected off a Gremio defender and veered into the right corner of the Gremio net.

Internet



Novak Djokovic of Serbia bites the trophy after winning the men's singles final against Marin Cilic of Croatia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 11 October, 2009.—INTERNET

Rainy-day oil funds see Mideast through downturn

DUBAI (United Arab Emirates), 11 Oct—The Middle East has weathered the global economic downturn better than other parts of the world because its energy exporters were able to tap billions of dollars in oil profits collected when prices were booming, the International Monetary Fund said Sunday.

By reaching into those reserves, major oil producers like Saudi Arabia shielded their economies from the worst of the slump by maintaining government spending and injecting liquidity into domestic banking systems rattled by the credit crisis. Doing so not only blunted the impact of the downturn on their own economies, but also helped shore up the economies of neighboring countries without large oil reserves, the IMF said.

“By and large, they all responded quickly and decisively. ... They continued spending,” the IMF’s Middle East and Central Asia Director Masood Ahmed said of the major oil exporters. “This acted, if you like, as a bit of a circuit breaker in terms of not having that shock transmit itself into the non-oil economy.” That spending came at a price.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (12-10-2009) (Monday)

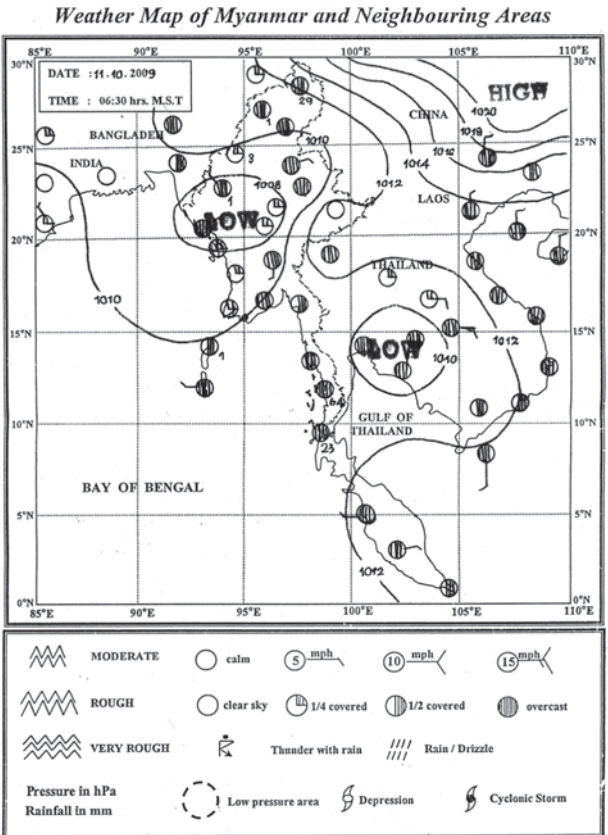
Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
- * Reclaim and exploit Fallow and Virgin Land nationwide
- * Graduation Works Show Arts
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
 - * Reclaim and exploit Fallow and Virgin Land nationwide
 - * Adept Sons of Inlay Lake
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Teak-Tissue Culture
 - * Myanma Melody on Screen
 - * Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
 - * Banana
 - * Myanmar Traditional Marionette “The Royal Page Dance”
 - * The Art of Paper Folding “Origami”
 - * National Dance
 - * The Art of Making Pennant
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Sunday, 11th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
 During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah, Mon and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Chin State and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (2.68) inches, Katha (2.56) inches, Moekok (1.65) inches, Putao (1.45) inches, Kawthoung (0.94) inch, Falam (0.79) inch and Bhamo (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-10-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 11-10-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-10-2009 was 85%. Total sun shine hours on 10-10-2009 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-10-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (109.17) inches at Mingaladon, (119.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (125.00) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:20) hours MST on 10-10-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th October 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Yangon and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 12 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း)

- တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်
- 7:50 am**
5. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:00 am**
6. Muscial Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 8:15 am**
7. Dance of National Races
- 8:25 am**
8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:40 am**
9. International News

- 8:45 am**
10. Connect with English (Episode-12) (A New Home)
- 4:00 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL(2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (Southern Myanmar FC အသင်းနှင့် ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်း)
- 4:55 pm**
2. Songs for Uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:05 pm**
4. Musical Programme
- 5:20 pm**
5. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊

- ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:35 pm**
6. စုပေါင်းသံရုပ်ရှင်းချယ်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm**
7. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
8. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
9. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm**
10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တစ်နေ့နိုးဖူးစာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm**
11. News
- 12. International News
- 13. Weather Report
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေ့မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၃၆) (ပထမပိုင်း-ဇာတ်သိမ်း)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence
- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Yebok Model Village in Minbu (Saku) Township in Magway Division

Byline: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*; Photos: *Htay Aung (Kyemon)*

Our news crew of the Kyemon Daily went on a study tour of Minbu (Saku) Township in Minbu District to write a byline about developments of Magway Division.

Minbu District has five towns namely Minbu (Saku), Pwintphyu, Salin, Sedoktara and Ngaphe. The towns are formed with 21 wards with 298 village-tracts and there are altogether 966 villages. The district has a population of over 890,000. We paid a visit to Yebok Model Village established in Minbu (Saku) Township as a village of quality paddy strain. The village's main business is livestock breeding and agriculture that contribute towards its economy.

In the village there are ten streets and three inter-village roads namely Kyibinkan, Alanpal and Kalapa. U Hla Ko, chairman of Village Peace and Development Council, explained to us that the roads could be used in all seasons. We have also learned that the village has 310 houses and 320 households and its population is 1624. The compound of every house is large and fenced with bamboo mats or dwarf plants. The shady trees and firewood plantations grown in the village not only reduce intense heat but also contribute to environmental conservation. The area of the village is 1850 acres and there are also 50 acres of land owned by village to its southern part. We visited the Village PDC office and self-reliant library packed with about 2500 books and periodicals donated by well-wishers.

While visiting the rural dispensary in the vil-



Quality paddy strain plantation in Yebok Model Village in Minbu Township.

lage's northern part, we witnessed medicines and medical equipment provided by the department concerned and furniture donated by the villagers. Then we went to the two lakes. The village PDC chairman said, "The lakes are dredged and chlorinated yearly on Myanmar New Year Day. There are also 120 manual

pumps and 23 shallow wells in the village. So enough water can be provided for the villagers."

We have learned that the village mainly grows paddy, beans and sesame. Afterwards, we left the village for quality paddy strain plantations by

(See page 10)