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State Flag Law, State Seal Law, National Anthem Law, State Flag Rules, State Seal Rules and National Anthem Rules issued

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued State Flag Law with State Peace and Development Council Law (8/2010); State Seal Law with State Peace and Development Council Law (9/2010); National Anthem Law with State Peace and Development Council Law (10/2010); State Flag Rules with State Peace and Development Council Rule (1/2010); State Seal Rules with State Peace and Development Council Rule (2/2010); and National Anthem Rules with State Peace and Development Council Rule (3/2010) dated 13th Waxing of Thadingyut 1372 ME (21 October 2010).

Article 443 of State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says that the State Peace and Development Council shall do the preparatory work to bring the Constitution into operation. So, the abovementioned Laws and Rules are promulgated in line with the provisions of State Constitution as the occasion arises to promulgate necessary laws for ensuring smooth operation of State's legislative, executive and judicial functions, enabling upcoming hluttaws to assume charge of their duties, and doing preparatory work in accordance with the law.

Those Laws and Rules are featured in the supplements of today's issues of the newspapers.

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Prime Minister attends hoisting of State Flag of Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The hoisting of the State Flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar prescribed in Section 437 (a) of State Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place in front of the State Peace and Development Council Office here at 3 pm today, with attendance by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Staff members and the Guard of Honour took position at designated places. Next, the Prime Minister arrived at the venue and took position at the designated place.

State Flag was hoisted atop the mast according to the schedules.

Next, the Prime Minister and staff members saluted the State Flag, and the Guard of Honour played the National Anthem at the same time.

After that, the Prime Minister left the venue.

Similar ceremonies were held simultaneously in military commands, ministries and central offices in Nay Pyi Taw, and offices of State and Region Peace and Development Councils.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein and staff members salute the State Flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 22 October, 2010

Upgrade roads through Yoma mountain ranges

Smooth transport is a determining factor in the drive for national development as well as improvement of an infrastructure. Only with secure and smooth transport, will the socio-economic status of the people get high. The government has been implementing new roads and railroads to form transport networks across the nation with this objective in view.

As a result, people can travel between Putao in the northern part and Kawthoung in the southern part of Myanmar. And Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the eastern part are accessible by car from Sittway in the western part of the nation at any time.

Despite a great number of natural barriers such as jungles, mountain ranges, gorges, rivers and creeks, transport is getting smooth and commodity flow, getting swift between one region and another in the nation.

Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya Road linking Natmauk Township in Magway Region and Pyawbwe Township in Mandalay Region was put into service on 10 October. The over 90-mile long tarred road stretching between east and west and passing through central Yoma mountain range used to be a gravel one.

Now, four roads that go through Yoma mountain ranges are being built, one of which is Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya Road. Thanks to the newly-inaugurated road, passengers and goods can be transported more smoothly to states and regions through road networks.

Myanmar is blessed with water and land sources, temperate climate patterns, fertile soil and dense forests. With emergence of new and upgrading of old roads and railroads through Yoma mountain ranges, the whole nation is hopeful of marked increase in trade and remarkable improvement in economic, education, health standards of the regions.

SLRD holds coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The work coordination meeting of Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at the office of Settlement and Land Records Department (Head Office) here on 18 and 19 October. It was attended by acting Director- General U Mann Soe Han of Settlement and Land Records Department, directors, deputy directors and heads of State/Region SLRDs.

At the meeting, the acting director-general briefed on taking farm census and works of the department. Then, the heads reported on their respective works. The directors explained sector-wise works. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the acting director-general.

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People's Desire

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

Transport Minister visits IWT offices

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Minister for Transport U Thein Swe on 17 October inspected the Inland Water Transport Manager's Office in Ponnagyun and berthing watercrafts at the port and Inland Water Transport Manager's Office, the port and water course near Kispanadi bridge in Kyauktaw.

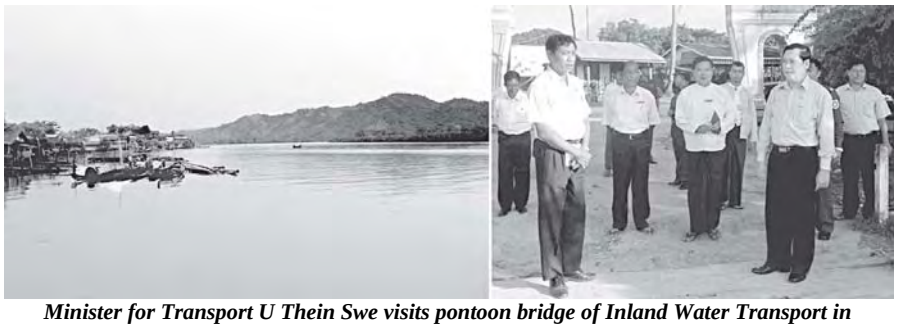
On arrival at MraukU, the minister visited IWT Manager's Office and looked into the pontoon bridge, arrival and departure of watercrafts at the port and water course at the entrance to MraukU.

The minister oversaw the port in Minbya, water course of Yamaung river near Yamaung birdge and progress of retaining wall the following day and watercrafts berthed at Tataung port in An Township, water course and township IWT Manager's Office on 19 October and gave necessary instructions.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Col Aye Min Thein of the Ministry of Defence as Managing Director of Myanma Insurance under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—*MNA*



***Minister for Transport U Thein Swe visits pontoon bridge of Inland Water Transport in MraukU.*—MNA**

Basic proficiency course (2/2010) for electricians opens

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint made a speech at the opening ceremony of Basic Proficiency Course (2/2010) for electricians of Myanma Electric Power Enterprises at the Ministry here yesterday.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for EP-2 Dr Win Myint, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Myint Thein and U Tint Swe, Managing Director (Retd) Dr Sann Oo of MEPE, director-general U Khin Maung Zaw of Electric Power Department, officials and trainees.

A total of 40 trainees are taking the two-week course.—*MNA*



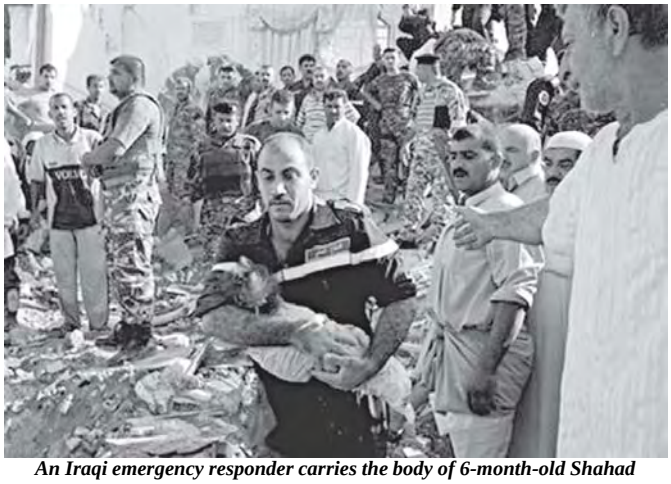
***EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Myint addresses opening of Basic Proficiency Course (2/2010) for electricians.* —MNA**

Geology get-together 2 January

YANGON, 21 Oct — The fifth respect-paying ceremony of geology graduates (1973-74-75) of Yangon Arts and Science University will be held at 9 a.m. at Western Park Royal, Kandawgyi here on 2 January, 2011.

Those who want to contribute cash donation may contact U Myint Thein Tin (73) (Ph: 09 5009643), U Nyein Maung (73) (Ph: 09 5113930), U Aung Khin-Daw Khin Shwe Zin Oo (73) (Ph: 09 5000750), U Hla Myint (73) (Ph: 73096540), U Thein Zan (73) (Ph: 09 8024272), U Yi Sein-Daw Tin Tin Aye (74) (Ph: 09 5040411, 098628080), U Soe Myint Aung (74) (Ph: 09 5010209), U Aung Pyone (74) (Ph: 09 5198030), U Aung Kyaw Khaing (74) (Ph: 09 5012868), U Soe Kyin-Daw Khin Ma Ma (75) (Ph: 09 5011233, 095138899), Daw Khin Win Kyi (75) (Ph: 09 5060624) and Daw San San Win (75) (Ph: 682268).

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An Iraqi emergency responder carries the body of 6-month-old Shahad Mohammed from the bombed out ruins of his home in Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

China urges US commission to stop interfering in internal affairs

BEIJING, 21 Oct— China on Thursday urged the US Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) to stop interfering in China's internal affairs.

Asked to comment on the commission's 2010 annual report on China, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said the commission repeatedly distorted facts and gratuitously criticised China's social systems and policies.

Describing the report as "ignorant and biased," Ma said, "China urges the commission to correct its behavior, stop issuing such reports and interfering in China's internal affairs." —*Xinhua*

Bloodstain is seen on the ground after a shootout in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, on 20 Oct, 2010.
XINHUA



US soldier charged with killing troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct—An American soldier was charged Wednesday with killing two fellow US troops and wounding a third after an argument last month in a former Iraqi militant stronghold turned deadly. Army Spc Neftaly Platero was charged with two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder in a 23 Sept shooting in Fallujah, about 40 miles (65 kilometres) west of Baghdad.

A statement issued late Wednesday by the US military in Baghdad described the killings as premeditated but offered no other details.

Earlier, a US military spokesman said Platero was accused of shooting the three soldiers after a verbal altercation. The spokesman, Col Barry Johnson, did not know what the argument was about. Pfc Gebrah Noonan, 26, of Watertown, Connecticut, and Spc John Carrillo Jr, 20, of Stockton, California, died the day after the shooting. The name of the wounded soldier has not been released, and the statement Wednesday said the criminal investigation of the incident is ongoing.

Platero, 32, from Houston, Texas, is being held in pretrial confinement in Kuwait. He will be tried by a military court.—*Internet*

Iraqi border guard and family members shot dead

MOSUL, 21 Oct—An Iraqi border guard and four members of his family were killed at their house in the restive northern city of Mosul on Sunday evening, police said.

"Two brothers, including a border guard, their wives and a sister-in-law were shot dead at their home in the city's Al-Wahda quarter by unknown gunmen who managed to escape," said a police official.

Separately, a Kurdish "mukhtar," or notary, Ahmed Farej Samed was killed in the street in the ethnically divided city of Kirkuk, also north of the capital.

On Tuesday morning, a huge bomb tore through the home of an Iraqi police officer in the northern city of Tikrit, killing eight members of his family as they slept.

The blast destroyed the house of lieutenant colonel Qais Rashid, killing his father, brother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law and three other women, as well as a two-year-old girl.

Internet

A man passes by a destroyed bus in Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2010. Two bombs attached to buses carrying passengers detonated while they drove through downtown, police said.
INTERNET



A policeman inspects the site of a bomb attack in Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, on 19 Oct, 2010. At least 11 people were killed and four wounded when bombs destroyed the home of the police emergency response commander in the city of Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.—INTERNET



Roadside bomb blast kills 10 Afghan civilians, injures four

ZARANJ, 21 Oct—At least 10 Afghan civilians were killed and four others injured as a roadside bomb struck a minibus in Afghanistan's western Nimroz Province on Wednesday, provincial police chief said.

"The gruesome incident occurred on the main road from provincial capital Zaranj to Dil Aram District around 2 pm local time as a result 10 civilians including women and children were killed and four others injured," Abdul Jabar Purduli told *Xinhua*.

No groups or individuals have yet to claim responsibility for the attacks while Taleban militants have often in the past been blamed for planting mine on roads to target security forces.

Earlier in the day, a similar incident left three civilians including a woman dead in the country's southern Ghazni Province.—*Xinhua*

Four militants killed in landmine blast in Pakistan tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 21 Oct— At least four militants were killed and several others injured when they ran into a landmine in Kurram tribal area in northwest Pakistan, local sources said.

The vehicle they were riding was damaged in the blast, they said.

On Wednesday, another landmine explosion injured at least six troops and destroyed an army vehicle in the nearby Mohmand tribal region.

Earlier on 7 Oct, two patrolling troops were also killed in a landmine blast in the tribal belt.

The troubled Kurram tribal agency is bordering Afghanistan and is a frequent target of insurgent militants. Government officials, property and schools are frequent targets of militants. Orthodox militants have also destroyed many schools in the region so far.

Xinhua

Science

Comet Hartley 2 makes closest pass by Earth in 24 years

PASADENA, 21 Oct—A comet passed silently by Earth coming closer to our planet than it has since 1986, when astronomers first discovered the icy wanderer.

Comet Hartley 2 passed within 11 million miles (17.7 million km) of Earth at about 3 pm EDT (1900 GMT) today much closer than the Earth is to the sun (about 93 million miles, or 150 million km).

The close Earth pass comes just two weeks ahead of another flyby for the comet. NASA's Deep Impact spacecraft is chasing Hartley 2, gearing up for a Nov. 4 comet flyby, during which the probe will come within 435 miles (700 km) of the cosmic ball ice and rock.

"It's unusual for a comet to approach this close," said Don Yeomans, head of NASA's Near-Earth Object Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, and a member of Deep Impact's mission science team, in a statement.

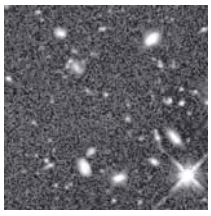
"It is nice of Mother Nature to give us a preview before we see Hartley 2 in all its cometary glory with some great close-up images less than two weeks later."

Internet

Astronomers say they've found oldest galaxy so far

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—Astronomers believe they've found the oldest thing they've ever seen in the universe: It's a galaxy far, far away from a time long, long ago.

Hidden in a Hubble Space Telescope photo released earlier this year is a small smudge of light that European astronomers now calculate is a galaxy from 13.1 billion years ago. That's a time when the universe was very young, just shy of 600 million years old. That would make it the earliest and most distant galaxy seen so far.



In the center of this 5 Jan, 2010 NASA handout image, taken by the Hubble Space Telescope, is a hard-to-see galaxy that European astronomers say is the oldest seen in the universe so far. **INTERNET**

By now the galaxy is so ancient it probably doesn't exist in its earlier form and has already merged into bigger neighbors, said Matthew Lehnert of the Paris Observatory, lead author of the study published online Wednesday in the journal Nature.

"We're looking at the universe when it was a 20th of its current age," said California Institute of Technology astronomy professor Richard Ellis, who wasn't part of the discovery team. "In human terms, we're looking at a 4-year-old boy in the life span of an adult."

Internet



***Princeton computer scientists David Blei (left) and Sean Garrish have developed a new method to search academic journals and other collections of documents, such as websites, to trace the origins and spread of ideas.*—INTERNET**

NASA fixing fuel Leak on space shuttle Discovery

NEW YORK, 21 Oct—NASA engineers are replacing fuel line seals on the space shuttle Discovery to staunch a small leak in time for the spacecraft's final blastoff on 1 Nov.

Shuttle technicians are replacing two suspect seals in a fuel line for the twin orbital maneuvering system engines near Discovery's tail. The repairs should be complete by Monday (25 Oct), just one week before Discovery is due to launch on its last spaceflight from a seaside pad at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla. The minor shuttle fuel leak was found in a rear compartment on the shuttle where two propellant lines converge to feed the vehicle's aft-mounted engines.—I*nternet*

Technology

Apple Freshens and Lightens MacBook Air

CALIFONIA, 21 Oct—**"**Insisting it hasn't turned its back on its signature MacIntosh line of computers and notebooks, Apple on Wednesday unveiled the next version of its operating system, new programs, and two new MacBook Air laptops.

"We love the Mac, we're investing heavily in it," Apple CEO Steve Jobs said at the Back To The Mac event, which was carried live via the company's online Events forum from its headquarters in Cupertino, Calif. "It's about one-third of our business."

The latest version of the Mac operating system will be called Lion, in keeping with its long line of cat-themed names, including Jaguar, Panther, Tiger, Leopard and, most recently, Snow Leopard.

Internet

Australia warns of iPhone security risk

SYDNEY, 21 Oct—A senior Australian crime official has raised serious security concerns over popular smartphones such as Apple's iPhone, which he warned was particularly vulnerable to hacking and information theft.

John Lawler, head of the Australian Crime Commission, said the virtual world had brought "boundless opportunities" for crime gangs and mobile technologies were giving criminals "previously unimaginable" reach.

He singled out the iPhone as especially at-risk, explaining that it was the "third most used system in the world" for businesses and "deployed or piloted by more than 70 percent of Fortune 100 companies".

"Yet IT managers are swimming against the phone?s tide of popularity because they can?t centralise installation and security updates as with other software," Lawler told a criminology conference on Tuesday.

"This overwhelming desire for instant services (comes) at the expense of security safeguards."

Lawler said organised criminals could breach unprotected devices or fool users into giving access to malicious programs which planted viruses or could harvest lucrative information for fraud.—*Internet*



***Photo illustration of an Apple iPhone 4. A senior Australian crime official has raised serious security concerns over popular smartphones such as Apple's iPhone, which he warned was particularly vulnerable to hacking and information theft*—INTERNET.**

Windows Phone 7 a new start for Microsoft

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct—When it comes to smart phones, Microsoft is itching to get back in the game.

Microsoft was sick of watching consumers flock to Apple's iPhone and smart phones running Google's Android software as its own Windows Mobile software floundered. So the world's largest software maker started from scratch with its new phone operating system, Windows Phone 7, which wireless carriers are rolling out on smart phones starting next month.

I tested three of them to get a feel for Microsoft Corp.'s latest work. The Samsung Focus and the HTC HD7 will be available 8 Nov from AT&T and T-Mobile, respectively, while the HTC Surround is coming to AT&T by late November.



In this 18 Oct, 2010 photo, an Associated Press reporter holds the he AT&T HTC Surround, top, and the AT&T Samsung Surround in San Francisco, on 18 Oct, 2010. **INTERNET**

On its face, Windows Phone 7 is unabashedly consumer focused and pleasantly easy to use.

The phone's main screen features a wall of bright tiles that you tap to open applications. You can make tiles for everything from websites to Facebook friends. There are plenty of fun features, such as the ability to connect to the company's online game service, Xbox Live, and to download music, apps and games through Micro-soft's Windows Phone Marketplace. If you pay $15 per month for a Zune Pass, you can listen to as much music as you want right on the phone.

The operating software should also appeal to business users, as it integrates with e-mail and calendars from corporate Exchange servers and allows you to set up several different Exchange accounts. If you want to do work on the go, it includes mobile versions of Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Internet

Health

Health tip: before you begin breast-feeding

There's no doubt that breast-feeding benefits baby in ways that bottled formula can't, the American Academy of Pediatrics says. Breast milk is unrivaled in nutritional benefit and in its ability to help prevent infection.

The academy offers these suggestions to women who are about to begin breast-feeding:

* Try to breast-feed as quickly as you can after the baby is born, as long as mom and baby are healthy and ready.
* Seek the advice and help of hospital staff, and consult online and community resources when you get home.
* First, concentrate on getting your baby to "latch" to your breast correctly.
* Improper latching is unacceptable, as it can frustrate baby and become painful for mom.

Internet

New tumour marker may improve cancer detection

NEW YORK,21 Oct—A hormone receptor normally confined to the reproductive organs has been detected in malignant tumors in many parts of the body, researchers report.

Researchers from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, working with French government scientists, say this common link may offer a new target for the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

They evaluated tumour tissue samples from 1,336 men and women with 11 common cancers, including prostate, breast, colon, pancreatic, lung, liver and ovarian. The analyses revealed the presence of the follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) receptor in the blood vessel cells of the tumors.

This receptor is not found on blood vessels in normal tissue, with the exception of the reproductive organs, where it is present in much lower concentrations than in tumors, said the American and French researchers. (In women, FSH, which interacts with the FSH-receptor, normally helps control the menstrual cycle and egg production; in men, FSH normally helps control the production of sperm.)

Activating the FSH receptor contributes to the signaling of a protein (VEGF) that stimulates the growth of blood vessels, including those in tumors. Blocking the action of the FSH receptor may also block the signaling of VEGF.

Internet



Photo illustration shows a statue of a crying woman in a cemetery in Paris. Gene therapy could become a powerful new weapon in the fight against severeal depression that does not respond to traditional drug treatments, US researchers said.
INTERNET



An electrocardiogram monitor is pictured. A woman pronounced "very certainly clinically dead" at a French hospital woke up hours later after her sons refused to turn off her life-support system, medics and the woman said.—INTERNET

Some with once-deadly leukemia can take a break from Gleevec

NEW YORK, 21 Oct—A small group of people with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) who decided to stop taking the cancer drug Gleevec (imatinib) have remained cancer-free two years later, French researchers report.

The study, published online 19 Oct. in *The Lancet Oncology,* is the first to raise the possibility that the drug might go beyond long-term cancer control and offer some patients a possible cure. "We've never really told patients that we have a therapy that can provide a cure for this disease," said one expert, Dr John Cole, chairman of the department of hematology/oncology at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans. "We've simply never used the 'cure' word." Gleevec a highly targeted member of a class of drugs called protein-tyrosine kinase inhibitors was first approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for use against CML in 2001.—*Internet*

Business

Toyota to fix 1.53 million Avalon, other cars worldwide

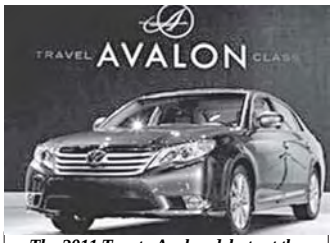
TOKYO, 21 Oct—Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) will repair about 1.53 million Avalon and other vehicles globally for problems with the brake master cylinder seal and fuel pump wiring, with most of those to be recalled in the United States and Japan.

The announcement comes less than two months after a recall of 1.3 million Corolla and Matrix cars in the United States and Canada carrying defective engine control modules that could cause the vehicles to stall.

Toyota, the world's biggest automaker, has already recalled more than 10 million vehicles in the past year, mostly for unintended acceleration, denting its reputation for quality and attracting intense scrutiny from US safety regulators.

Toyota said in a filing with Japan's transport ministry on Thursday that about 600,000 vehicles spanning 11 models including the high-end Crown sedan and Lexus IS and GS models were subject to the recalls, either for the faulty cylinder seal, the fuel pump wiring or both.

Toyota's US sales unit said separately it would recall 740,000 Avalon, Highlander, Lexus GS300, IS250 and IS350 cars to replace a brake master cylinder seal because there was a possibility that some brake fluid could leak from the cylinder, causing the brake warning lamp to light up.—*Internet*



The 2011 Toyota Avalon debuts at the Chicago Auto Show February 10, 2010.
INTERNET

Fed survey points to uneven growth across US

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—The US economy grew unevenly in early fall, with more than half the regions of the country expanding modestly while others struggled to grow.

A survey by the Federal Reserve released Wednesday found that seven of the Fed's 12 regions reported moderate improvements in business activity. Three regions Philadelphia, Richmond and Cleveland described economic activity as mixed or steady. Only two regions Atlanta and Dallas suggested economic growth was slow.

The survey indicated that the economy isn't weakening but is growing too sluggishly to drive down high unemployment, now at 9.6 percent. The jobless rate has been at or above 9.5 percent for more than a year.

"Hiring remains limited, with many firms reluctant to add to permanent payrolls given economic softness," the Fed survey concluded.

High unemployment is one of the Fed's biggest concerns. That's why Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are widely expected to launch a new programme at their Nov. 2-3 meeting to bolster the economy. The Fed is expected to buy Treasury bonds in a bid to drive down interest rates on mortgages, corporate loans and other debt.—*Internet*



In this 24 Aug, 2010 photo, job seekers wait on line at a career fair in Newark, NJ The US economy grew unevenly in early fall, with more than half the regions of the country expanding modestly while others are struggling to grow.
INTERNET

Novartis says Q3 profit up 17 percent to $3.15 bln

GENEVA, 21 Oct— Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis AG posted a 17 percent rise in third-quarter net profit Thursday thanks to strong sales of new products and the acquisition of eye care company Alcon.

The maker of hypertension drug Diovan and anticancer treatment Glivec known as Gleevec in the United States said net profits reached $3.15 billion compared with $2.68 billion in the same period of 2009.

Sales rose 13 percent to $12.6 billion from $11.1 billion a year earlier. New products contributed 20 percent or $2.3 billion in revenue. The Basel-based company is rushing to establish new best-sellers as its patent protection on Diovan gradually expires around the world.—*Internet*



*Photo taken on 20 Oct, 2010, shows the main cables of the long-span Aizhai suspension bridge in Xiangxi, central China's Hunan Province. The main cables of the bridge was completed Wednesday. The bridge, designed to span over the Dehang canyon, is built as part of Jishou-Chadong highway in Hunan.—*XINHUA

HK upgrades warning level as Typhoon Megi approaches

HONG KONG, 21 Oct —Hong Kong Observatory upgraded its warning signal to No 3 Strong Wind Signal on Thursday morning, as severe typhoon Megi approached the city.

The No 3 signal, raised from No1 Standby Signal issued Wednesday evening, means that winds with mean speeds of 41 to 62 kilometers per hour are expected.

Hong Kong Observatory estimated that severe typhoon Megi would be about 470 kilometers southeast of Hong Kong at 9 am, and would move north at about 8 kilometers per hour across the northern part of the South China Sea and gradually edge closer to the south China coast.

The No 3 signal would remain effective for some time before the possible issuing of more serious warning signal, said the Hong Kong Observatory.

Xinhua



***A road is covered with dirt and stones after floodwaters caused by a heavy rain in Amami, south western Japan, October 21, 2010. At least two people were killed and one was missing on Amami-Oshima Island due to the heavy rain, local media report.—*INTERNET**

Honduran police foil massive prison break

TEGUCIGALPA, 21 Oct—Honduran police on Wednesday thwarted a massive attempt to escape from the National Prison, the country's biggest jail, the Security Ministry said on Wednesday.

About 200 policemen, special agents and police dogs participated in the operation, during which four cluster grenades, two guns, 20 explosive tubes, 24 detonators for explosives, a charger with four dynamite charges and many bullets were seized, said Leonel Sauceda, spokesman of the Security Ministry.

The prison break attempt was organized by the notorious Mara-18 gang, and was carried out after many weeks of intelligence work, said Sauceda.

The Mara-18 was created in 1960 in Los Angeles, the United States and is considered the most aggressive street gang. The group mainly operates in Central America, southern Mexico and the United States.

Honduran prisons face an overcrowding problem, with a total population of 12,128, far exceeding their designed capacity of 8,230.

Xinhua

Chinese scientist re-examines source of Indus River

BEIJING, 21 Oct— More than 100 years after Swedish explorer Sven Hedin announced the discovery of the origin of the Indus river, a Chinese scientist has challenged the claim with the help of high-resolution, remote-sensing satellite images and a field investigation to come up with a new finding.

The new point of origin is said to be located in a valley, northeast of Kailash, the highest peak of the Gangdise Mountain, in the west region of Tibet, southwest of China, according to Liu Shaochuang, a researcher with the Institute of Remote Sensing Applications under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

"The headstream, called Banggokong by local Tibetans, is about 30 kilometers away from the place that Sven Hedin believed was the source of the river," said Liu.

Liu used remote-sensing images, with a resolution of up to 2.5 meters, provided by the French SPOT satellite system, to find the longest headstream of the Indus River.

Xinhua

Netflix customer growth eclipses 3Q earnings miss

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct—Netflix Inc's video subscription service won another horde of new fans in the third quarter, overshadowing a rare earnings shortfall.

The addition of 1.9 million subscribers seemed to matter far more to investors than an earnings figure that was a penny below analyst estimates. Netflix shares surged by more than 9 percent after the numbers came out.

Netflix earned $38 million, or 70 cents per share. That's up 26 percent from $30.1 million, or 52 cents per share, at the same time last year.

Analysts, on average, had projected third-quarter earnings of 70 cents per share, based on a Thomson Reuters poll.

Revenue rose 31 percent from last year to $553 million, $2 million above analyst forecasts.

The company, based in Los Gatos, needs to show the popularity of its service won't be a short-lived phenomenon to support a stock that has nearly tripled in price so far this year. The shares ended Wednesday's regular session at $153.15 before adding $14.05 in extended trading.—*Internet*



In this file photo made July 20, 2010, a Netflix customer holds up a movie in Palo Alto, Calif. Netflix Inc reports quarterly financial earnings 20 Oct, 2010, after the market close.
INTERNET

5.8-magnitude quake hits off Chilean coast — USGS

SANTIAGO, 21 Oct— An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale jolted off the coast of Libertador O'Higgins, Chile Wednesday night, the US Geological Survey said. The quake shook buildings in the Chilean capital of Santiago and caused panic among residents, a *Xinhua* witness said.

Xinhua

India to construct observatory to study particles

NEW DELHI, 21 Oct—In what is said to be one of its biggest scientific projects, India is to build a multi-million dollar underground facility to study particles called neutrinos, according to local media reports Thursday.

A clearance has been given to the Department of Atomic Energy by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to build the observatory in the Bodi West hills in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, said the reports.

The facility costing 270 million U.S. dollars will be only the fifth of its kind in the world. Some 90 scientists from 26 organizations will be involved in the Indian Neutrino Observatory, said the reports.

Xinhua

Alarms over radiation from thyroid cancer patients

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—Reports of thyroid cancer patients setting off radiation alarms and contaminating hotel rooms are prompting the agency in charge of nuclear safety to consider tighter rules.

A congressional investigation made public Wednesday found that patients sent home after treatment with radioactive iodine have contaminated unsuspecting hotel guests and set off alarms on public transportation.

They've come into close contact with vulnerable people, including pregnant women and children, and trash from their homes has triggered radiation detectors at landfills.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering new rules to address the problem, in particular curbs on sending patients to hotels after treatment, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"The assumption was that patients would be going home," said David McIntyre. "Now that we see there are some who are not, we are developing new guidance." It's unclear whether the radiation exposure occurs at levels high enough to cause harm.

The agency is also looking to make sure that risks of exposing pregnant women and children are more clearly communicated to patients, McIntyre said, after a commission meeting on the issue.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., says the problem stems from a decision years ago by the NRC to ease requirements that thyroid cancer patients remain in the hospital a few days after swallowing doses of radioactive iodine to shrink their tumors.

Internet

Top Mexican university to host Int'l chemistry championship

MEXICO CITY, 21 Oct—The state-run National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the largest of its kind in Latin America, has won the right to host a chemistry championship, the Mexican Academy of Sciences (AMS) said in a statement Wednesday.

The competition, called the Ibero-American Chemistry Olympiad, attracts students from all over Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Each nation holds a national contest to prepare for the Olympiad. Winners of the Olympiad often become leading researchers.

The privately-funded AMS is working with UNAM and the National Council for Science and Technology (Conacyt) to run the event. It is the third time a Mexican university is hosting a competition of this kind.

Xinhua



A vehicle runs on the Dianzang Highway linking southwest China's Yunnan Province and southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, in Mangkang County of Changdu Prefecture, Tibet Autonomous Region, on 14 Oct, 2010.

XINHUA

OECD commends US efforts to fight transnational bribery

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—The US efforts to fight transnational bribery were commended by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), a joint statement by the Departments of Justice, Commerce and State, and the Securities and Exchange Commission said on Wednesday.

The statement said the OECD, in an official review, applauded US enforcement efforts and high-level support for the fight against the bribery of foreign officials.

The statement said OECD highlighted a number of best practices developed by the United States in its efforts to combat foreign bribery, while also noting areas for potential enhancement.

Since 2002, 71 individuals and 88 enterprises have been held accountable in the United States for transnational bribery and related offenses, according to the statement.—*Xinhua*

Prince Harry at centre of British TV kidnap drama

LONDON, 21 Oct—The head of Britain's armed forces has written to Channel 4 pleading with the broadcaster not to air a drama fictionalizing the capture of Prince Harry in Afghanistan.

In "The Taking of Prince Harry," due to air 21 October, the third-in-line to the throne is seen being held captive at gunpoint and forced to take part in Taleban propaganda.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup has written to Channel 4 chairman Sir Terry Burns warning that the broadcast would be distressing for the families of armed personnel serving in the region and could potentially impact morale.

Prince Harry served in Afghanistan for 10 weeks in 2008 under a media blackout that was subsequently broken, provoking a debate about whether his presence put soldiers serving alongside him in the field under greater threat.

Channel 4 said it replied to Stirrup's letter, and insisted that it was a legitimate subject to explore.

"The film is rooted in expert testimony and is a serious journalistic examination of a current issue. It treats the subject matter sensitively," the broadcaster said.

Internet

Bomb hits Afghan school bus, kills at least nine

HERAT, 21 Oct—At least nine people, including eight child-ren, were killed when a school bus carrying female students was hit by a roadside bomb in southwestern Afghanistan on Wednesday, police and military officials said.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) gave this death toll after Abdul Jabar Purdeli, police chief of southwestern Nimroz Province, had earlier said 13 people had been killed, including five women, and at least 10 wounded. ISAF said the bus had been hit by a roadside bomb planted by militants in Nimroz's Khash Rod District.

MNA/Reuters

Four infant deaths prompt recall of strollers in US

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct—The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced on Wednesday that about two million strollers are being recalled across the country due to entrapment and strangulation hazards.

The agency said it has received four reports of stroller-related infant deaths between 2003 and 2005, along with five reports of entrapment in the strollers, resulting in cuts and bruises.

"Entrapment and strangulation can occur, especially to infants younger than 12 months of age, when a child is not harnessed," the agency said in a statement.

"An infant can pass through the opening between the stroller tray and seat bottom, but his/her head and neck can become entrapped by the tray. Infants who become entrapped at the neck are at risk of strangulation."

The recall includes Quattro Tour strollers and travel systems made before November 2006 and MetroLite stroller and travel systems made before July 2007.

The strollers were made by Graco Children's Products Inc, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Xinhua



***Photo taken on 19 Oct, 2010 shows the autumn foliage scenery in Connecticut, New England of the United States.—*XINHUA**

Four soldiers hurt in Ohio parachuting accident

COLUMBUS, 21 Oct—Four soldiers parachuting from a plane during an airborne training operation were injured Wednesday when they caught a wind gust and hit the ground hard, officials said.

Three of the soldiers suffered possible mild concussions, while the fourth complained of a strained neck muscle after landing at Rickenbacker International Airport, said David Johnson, a spokesman for the Army Reserve 412th Civil Affairs Battalion in Columbus. The injured soldiers were taken to local hospitals.

The three Army Reserve paratroopers and one Ohio National Guard special forces paratrooper were taking part in a routine monthly jump that had 56 soldiers parachuting 1,250 feet from a *C-130* military cargo plane, Johnson said.

The Ohio National Guard said the men jumped at about 1 pm from a plane that had flown from Pittsburgh.

The injured men "caught some extra wind and landed hard," Johnson said. "The wind will catch it and the parachute won't deflate, and the paratrooper keeps going," getting dragged.

Internet

Nepal becomes 4th largest ginger producer in world

KATHMANDU, 21 Oct—Nepal has become the fourth largest ginger producer in the world mainly due to commercialization of ginger on the initiatives of farmers, local media reported on Thursday.

Officials at Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives (MoAC) informed Republica daily that Nepal overtook African nation Nigera to occupy the fourth position according to the production figures of 2008. Nepal's position has also been confirmed by Food and Agricultural Organization.

"Nepal has become the fourth largest ginger producer in the world, producing 158,000 tons during 2008. Despite the government's low priority, ginger production across the country is encouraging. This is all because of the farmers," said Hari Dahal, spokesperson of MoAC.

Xinhua



***A Cessna aircraft turned upside down is seen in this aerial view after super typhoon Megi hit the coastal town of Maconacon, Isabela province, north of Manila on 20 Oct, 2010.—*INTERNET**



The flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is being hoisted at the State Peace and Development Council Office. **(News on page 1)**—MNA

Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence meets families of local battalions in Pyay District

Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence meets servicemen and their families at Innma Station.
MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut and party, Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence inspected matters related to health, agriculture, breeding and welfare of local battalions in Pyay District on 17 October morning and attended to the needs.

On arrival at Innma Station, Maj-Gen Hla Min made a speech in meeting with servicemen and their families at the hall of the local battalion and presented cash for the station.

MNA

PBANRDA Minister oversees regional development tasks in Myaungmya, Nyaungdon, Twantay townships

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Pyilonchantha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda tarred road built by township Development Affairs Committee in Kwelwe village in Myaungmya Township of Ayeyawady Region and on 11 October.

Thanks to opening of the new road, local people of nearby villages have easy access to Myaungmya-Yangon motorway and Myaungmya through Myaungmya jetty all year round.

On his arrival at Pan Hline river bank stone embankment in Nyaungdon, the minister gave necessary instructions and looked into progress of stone embankment and water course. On 19 October, the minister heard reports on upgrading of Maubin-Twantay road, construction of earth road from Myago village to Twantay bridge and five bridges at the briefing hall in Myago village in Twantay and called for soonest completion of upgrading work and timely completion of construction of bridges meeting set standard. Upon completion of construction of road sections and bridges, a new tarred road that links between Maubin and Yangon will emerge. It will 15 miles shorter than the existing Yangon-Maubin road. The new road will enable local people transport their goods to Yangon within a short period of time, thereby contributing towards improvement in economic, social, health and education sectors.

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Minister U Thein Nyunt attends opening of Pyilonchantha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda tarred road in Kwelwe Village, Myaungmya Township. —MNA

Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament 2010 (Yangon) on 3 Nov

YANGON, 21 Oct—Golf Masters Magazine published by Han Golf Master Pte., Ltd will hold Golf Masters Magazine Readers Tournament 2010 (Yangon) at Myanmar Golf Club (9th mile) here on 3 November.

Any readers who subscribes the magazine may take part in the tournament. Those wishing to compete in the tournament may register at Han Golf Masters Pro Shops—Yangon Golf Club, YCDC Golf Club and Myanmar Golf Driving Range at the corner of Okkalar Road and Airport Road, Mayangon Township (Ph-01-6 51374, 092037671) and Myanmar Golf Club (9th mile). They are to fill the registration form attached in Golf Masters Magazine (September and October issues) and register by 1st November.

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Fifth white elephant arrives…

(from page 16)

welcomed the white elephant, sprinkling paritta water and scented water onto the elephant as Abhinanda mingala.

The white elephant together with shed mates went around the pagoda clockwise. People fed feedstuff to it. Next, the white elephant arrived at the white elephant shed at the eastern corner of the pagoda together with shed mates. Officials performed gehapavesana mingala (house warming mingala), anantarayika mingala (safeguarding mingala), battabunjana mingala (feeding mingala), ravindusassana mingala (mingala of exposing to the sun and moon), and namakarana mingala (naming mingala) in accordance with the traditions.

The white elephant, Nandawady, possesses all the characteristics of a white elephant. The white elephant emerged in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, on 23 September afternoon, and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw today. The elephant is about 18 years old and seven feet and 1 inch tall with circumference of 10 feet and 3 inches.

White elephant Nandawady is happy in the white elephant shed in the precinct of the Uppatasanti Pagoda with shed mates including white elephant Baddawady.—*MNA*



***Nandawady, the fifth white elephant, seen strolling in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda with shed mates.* —MNA**

MMCWA's Central Council meets

***Chairperson of MMCWA Daw Nilar Thaw addresses the meeting of Central Council of the association.*—MNA**



NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The Central Council Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at Dekhinathiri here this morning.

It was attended by Chairperson of MMCWA Daw Nilar Thaw, vice-chairpersons Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, CEC members, members of the Central Council, chairpersons and secretaries from the States and the Regions. The chairperson made an opening speech.

In her speech, she said, "MMCWA has carried out health, education, economic and social sectors more year by year since 1991. Now it can stand as a national force. We recognize the undertakings of the states and the regions. It needs to carry out tasks by joining hands with other congenial organizations so as to implement tasks more effectively".

MMCWA Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe explained reviews on reports from the States and the Regions. Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees from the States and Regions reviewed the requirements. The chairperson presented cash assistance K 1 million each to officials. Its assistance donated by MMCWA (Central) will be used in implementing the tasks in the States' and the Regions' health, education, economic and social welfare.

After that, the vice-chairperson donated delivery room equipment and medicines for delivery rooms under IPPF/BMZ projects in Sagaing and Magway Regions.

MNA

Insee Diamond launch party held

YANGON, 21 Oct — Jointly-organized by Siam City Cement Co Ltd (Thailand) and Myanmar Sole Distributor Sinpoonchai Co Ltd, Insee diamond launch party took place at Traders Hotel here on 16 October evening.

Managing Director U Tun Lwin of Sinpoonchai Co Ltd and Executive Vice-President Ms Chantana Sukumanont of Siam City Cement Public Co Ltd extended greetings. Next, background history of Siam City Cement Public Co Ltd and production and distribution process of Insee Diamond Cement was shown through projector.

Sinpoonchai Co Ltd distributes Insee Diamond Cement in Myanmar starting from 1 April 2009 as the Myanmar Sole Distributor of Insee Diamond that was called diamond cement previously. Diamond Cement was renamed Insee Diamond Cement along with better packaging and effective formula in July, 2010. Now, 12 million tons of cement have been produced yearly.

Those wishing to purchase Insee Diamond cement, may contact Sinpoonchai Co Ltd at No. 222/A, Bo Myat Tun Housing on Maha Bandoola Road in Pazundaung Township (Ph: 201286, 201287, 294704, 298103 and 298124).

MNA

***Managing Director U Tun Lwin extends greeting at the party to launch Insee Diamond cement.* MNA**

Want to work in Logistics & Shipping industry?

YANGON, 20 Oct— Commercial shipping professionals in UK set up School of Logistics and Supply Chain Management in 1911.

The school conducts courses for advanced diploma and professional qualifying diploma certificates conferred by Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS). It is the only approved exam centre of ICS in Myanmar. The course is suitable for those whishing to work in trade, transportation and logistics field. Advanced Diploma in Shipping Business (UK) and Higher Certificate in Logistics & Supply Chain Management will be opened on 31 October. For further detail, contact, Room No. 38/B, Building No. 1, Hledan Junction, Insein Road, Kamayut Township, here, Tel: 01-527243 and 09-503841.—*MNA*



Bomb explodes inside passenger bus in S Philippines, kills eight people

COTABATO CITY, 21 Oct — A bomb exploded inside a passenger bus Thursday in the southern Philippines killing eight people, a military official said.

Regional military spokesman Lt Col Randolph Cabangbang told *Xinhua* that a unit of Rural Transit was traversing around 10:40 am along the national highway in Dalapitan, Matalam town in the province of North Cotabato when an improvised bomb planted inside the truck went off.

"There were eight fatalities based on the report of our men at the site," Cabangbang said. Several were also wounded. No one group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Xinhua

Colombia foils FARC car bomb plot

BOGOTA, 21 Oct— Colombian authorities have foiled a car bomb plot by the rebel group Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) here, officials from the Ministry of Defence said Wednesday.

The Metropolitan Police of Bogota found in the city's south a car loaded with explosives that apparently were going to be detonated during the passage of an official motorcade, a source told *Xinhua*.

There were also some maps of the city, the source said.

The act was reportedly plotted in revenge of the death of FARC's military chief Jorge Briceno Suarez, known as "Mono Jojoy," who was killed in the rebel stronghold La Macarena in central Colombia during a raid by the Colombian military last month.

Xinhua

Light plane accident kills five in Colombia



Police and forensic personnel work at the scene after a small plane crashed in San Antonio de Prado near Medellin, Colombia, on 20 Oct, 2010. —XINHUA

BOGOTA, 21 Oct— Five people died in a small plane crash Wednesday, transportation authorities said.

The Special Administrative Unit of Civil Aeronautics (Aerocivil) said the *Cessna 206* plane of the Nautica de Oriente Company crashed on a hill in the northwestern city of San Antonio de Prado.

The plane took off from Olaya Herrera's airport in the northwestern province of Antioquia and headed for the town of Vigia del Fuerte. It crashed four minutes after it was reported missing at 09:40 am local time (1440 GMT).

All the five people on board the plane, including the pilot and four passengers, were all killed, the Aerocivil said. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Xinhua

Two missing Ecuadorian miners found dead

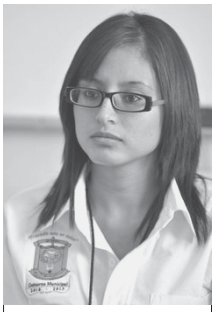
QUITO, 21 Oct— The bodies of two missing miners were found on Wednesday in an Ecuadorian gold mine which collapsed last week, local media reported.

Rescuers had been making every effort to reach the collapsed shaft, where the missing two were thought to be working.

Four night shift miners were trapped on Friday some 150 meters underground in Casa Negra mine in El Oro province, about 400 km southwest of the capital. Two of them were found dead by the rescuers on Saturday.

President Rafael Correa traveled to the scene to console relatives of the trapped miners.

Xinhua



Twenty-year-old Marisol Valles Garcia listens to a question during a news conference after her swearing-in ceremony as the new police chief of the border town of Praxedis G Guerrero, near Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, 20 Oct, 2010. Praxedis G Guerrero was once a quiet farming town until two rival gangs, the Juarez and the Sinaloa drug cartels, began battling for the control of its single highway.

INTERNET

'Spider Dan' faces trial for Climbing San Francisco Skyscraper

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct—A daredevil who suction-cupped his way to the top of a 58-story building in San Francisco last month will now have to scale the justice system.

Daniel Dale Goodwin, 54, also known as "Spider Dan," was arrested after his successful three-hour climb up the outside of the Millennium Tower luxury condominium complex on the afternoon of 6 Sept.

Goodwin was arraigned in San Francisco Superior Court Wednesday morning on charges of being a public nuisance, unauthorized entry of a dwelling, and resisting, obstructing or delaying police, all misdemeanors.

He pleaded not guilty to all charges and is scheduled for trial on Nov. 19, district attorney's office spokesman Seth Steward said.

Penalties for misdemeanor offenses range from probation to a year in county jail and a $1,000 fine.

Xinhua



People rush out from the Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel while taking part in the anti-terror exercises simulating a chemical weapons attack in Seoul, South Korea, on 20 Oct, 2010. The drills came ahead of the G20 summit to be held in South Korea on 11-12 Nov.

XINHUA

Fiat makes Q3 profit of $267M, raises outlook

MILAN, 21 Oct— The Italian automaker Fiat Group SpA says net profits rose to euro190 million ($267 million) from euro25 million a year earlier due to higher sales of trucks and tractors.

As a result of the strong results, Fiat raised its 2010 targets, saying revenues would top euro55 billion — euro5 billion more than previously stated. It also said trading profit would be at least euro2 billion, nearly double previous guidance.

Fiat shares rose 3.1 percent to euro12.08 in Milan trading.

Xinhua

Panama destroys 9.5 tons of drugs

PANAMA CITY, 21 Oct— Panamanian authorities Wednesday destroyed over 9.56 tons of drugs, most of them cocaine, which were seized last month.

The drugs were burnt at a waste dump of Patacon Hill, on the outskirts of Panama City, during the third drug destruction effort within two months.

Among the destroyed drugs were 9.471 tons of cocaine, 78.65 kg of marihuana and 7.69 kg of heroine. The seized drugs were incinerated in the presence of witnesses from the Drug Prosecutor's Office, the National Police, as well as observers from the National Assembly of Deputies, and the Lab of the Judicial Investigation Direction. In 2009, Panama confiscated more than 54 tons of drugs, and it has already seized more than 80 tons of drugs so far this year.

Xinhua

Two inmates shot as some 120 brawl at Calif prison

CALIPATRIA, 21 Oct— Two inmates were shot and a dozen others injured as guards used pepper spray and gunfire Tuesday to break up a brawl among about 120 inmates at a Southern California prison, authorities said.

Calipatria State Prison remained on lockdown some six hours after the violence broke out among the general prison population, spokesman Lt Jorge Santana said.

Ten inmates were taken to outside hospitals with injuries ranging from moderate to serious, Santana said. He said all the inmates were expected to survive, but one of the gunshot victims had to be airlifted to a hospital.

Guards used pepper spray on prisoners, then fired four rounds from a Ruger Mini-14 shotgun. Two of the rounds hit prisoners, Santana said.

No staff members were hurt.

Prison officials said the facility with about 4,000 men some 120 miles northeast of San Diego near the Salton Sea has not seen a significant disturbance for some time.—*Internet*



A Jordanian potter makes pottery products in Amman, Jordan, on 19 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA

Fire engulfs chemical plant in east China; casualties unknown

NANJING, 21 Oct—A fire engulfed a chemical plant in eastern Chinese city of Nanjing Wednesday, and it is not immediately known whether there were people killed or injured.

A *Xinhua* reporter at the scene said strong black smokes could be seen and an explosion was heard.

The fire broke out at about 7:40 am and is yet to be put out, witnesses said.

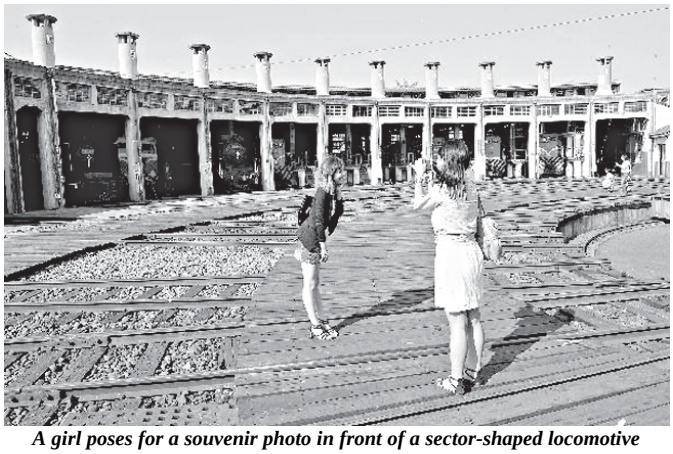
Xinhua

Israel lays foundations for world's largest underground hospital

JERUSALEM, 21 Oct— Israel's Rambam medical center in Haifa is digging in as part of a massive project to fortify the centre against what officials hope the emergency facility will never have to endure, a direct conventional, chemical, or biological attack.

The 1,000-bed hospital came under several Katyusha rocket attacks by Hezbollah in Lebanon during Israel's month-long war against the organization in the summer of 2006, and the hospital management admit that they weren't prepared.

"This is not something we took into account. In fact, the hospital itself could be vulnerable... that we were saving lives on the one hand, but at the same time, were vulnerable to loss of life because of deadly missile attacks," said Professor Karl Skorecki, who directs medical and research development at the centre, according to a statement sent to *Xinhua*. Rambam is the country's largest and most comprehensive center of its kind in the north, and serves some 75,000 people annually, and a half a million more as outpatients, including trauma treatment, oncology, and neurosurgery. The centre, which boasts 45 medical units, nine institutes, six laboratories and 30 administrative and maintenance departments, is also Israeli Army's principal medical facility for the Northern Command.—*Xinhua*



A girl poses for a souvenir photo in front of a sector-shaped locomotive garage in Changhua, southeast China's Taipei, on 18 Oct, 2010.
XINHUA

Man shot near Antioch mall

ANTIOCH, 21 Oct—An 18-year-old man was shot in the back after getting into an argument with four men who pulled up next to him in a sport utility vehicle and said "disparaging remarks," police said.

At 6:10 pm the man was walking in a parking lot next to Macy's, near the corner of Delta Fair Boulevard and Somersville Road, when the men pulled up next to him in a small green SUV and a passenger in the back of the vehicle rolled down a window, Lt. Pat Welch said. The victim then exchanged words with the man, who pulled out a gun and opened fire. The victim ran away while the man got out of the car and chased after him. The victim, suffering a bullet wound in the back, ran inside a Chevron gas station. The shooter got back into the SUV, which drove away.

The victim was in stable condition at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek late Tuesday and was expected to recover, Welch said.

Police are investi-gating the motive for the shooting.—*Internet*

Two rail cars overturn in Saudi, killing five Asian workers

RIYADH, 21 Oct—Five Asian railway workers were killed in Saudi Arabia early Monday when two rail cars of a passenger train flipped over and crushed them, a statement by the kingdom's state railway company said.

The incident occurred at 4:30 am local time (0130 GMT) on the line connecting the capital Riyadh to Hofuf in the Eastern Province, the company said. "The incident took place when the train driver tried to shunt the train, causing the flip-over of two rail cars which ploughed into a number of workers conducting maintenance works at the site, " the company said in a statement carried by *SPA* news agency.

Xinhua

170 kids evacuated from school fire in Australia

CANBERRA, 21 Oct— Four teens and three teachers on Tuesday have been taken to hospital, after a fire broke out at a school in Melbourne's east of Australia. Three fire crews were called to Nunawading Christian College's secondary campus, about 9.50 am after a fire broke out in one of the school's art rooms.

And 170 students were evacuated from school, while fire crews have contained the fire to the small room. Three teachers and four students, aged between 15 and 17, were taken to hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. Paramedics treated 13 people, including three teachers and 10 students, for smoke inhalation. Metropolitan Fire Brigade Commander Rob Dean said the fire was caused after paint vapours were ignited by sparks from a metal grinder.

"There was a mini flashover," Commander Dean told the *Australia Associated Press* on Tuesday. "It was quite frightening, a very confined space."

The room was extensively damaged by the blaze.

MNA/Xinhua



An environmental activist examines coral damaged by bleaching in the area of Ujong Pancu, Aceh Besar in July 2010. Coral reefs in Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean are dying from the worst bleaching effect in more than a decade, Australian marine scientists said Tuesday.—XINHUA

5.9-magnitude quake hits Gulf of California

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct—An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted the Gulf of California at 0409 GMT on Wednesday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported.

The epicenter of the quake was at a depth of 13.20 km. There has so far been no report of casualties or damages.

Xinhua

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 23rd October 2010 (Full Moon Day of THITINGYUD Day) and 5th November 2010 (DEPAVALI Day) Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

New era of China, Arab co-op

Cairo, 21 Oct—The first China-Arab economic and trade forum held late last month in northwest China's Ningxia autonomous region indicated a new era of China-Arab co-operation, a senior Egyptian official attending the forum told *Xinhua* in an interview.

The forum was "well-organized and very successful," hailed Safwat El-Nahas, president of Egypt's Central Agency for Organization and Administration (CAOA) in charge of Egyptian governmental human resources.

There was a lot of discussion on how to promote the trade between China and Arab, countries, especially the "halal", or products complying with requirements, Nahas said.

At the fifth China Investment and Trade Fair and the first China-Arab States Economic and Trade Forum, held from 26 Sept to 30 in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia region, 10 agreements worth of 413 million US dollars were signed between Arab world and Ningxia, which is home to more than 20 million Chinese Muslims.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (074)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (074) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 22.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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 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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Japan to add 6 units to submarine fleet

TOKYO, 21 Oct—The Japanese Defence Ministry has decided to expand the Maritime Self-Defence Force's (MSDF) submarines from the current 16 units to 22, *Kyodo* News reported Thursday, citing defence ministry and MSDF officials.

The plan, scheduled to be compiled in December, is part of Japan's basic defence programme for fiscal 2011 to 2015 and aims to reinforce its vigilance capacity in nearby waters, said the report.

Once implemented, it will enable Japan to possess more than 20 submarines for the first time since the government adopted its first defence programme in 1976.

Xinhua



Starred chef Laurent Clement (L) and contestants compete in the "Who's the Chef?" competition in the Market BHV in Paris, France, on 20 Oct, 2010. The ordinary people challenge the starred chef Laurent Clement with a dish of French cuisine in the competition, while the judges are chosen from the customers in the market. The overall winner will win a night for two people at the Luxury Hotel and a gourmet meal at the restaurant of the hotel.
XINHUA

Strong winds lead to power cuts in Moscow

MOSCOW, 21 Oct—Massive blackouts occurred due to strong winds in the Moscow region on Wednesday evening and the city's power network company gave no more information about which towns were affected.

The northern part of the region was the worst-hit, with over 200 transformer stations switched off, according to the Moscow Regional Electricity Network Company (MOESK).

About 70 substations were cut off in the west of the region, while the total number of affected substations exceeded 300. "Unfortunately, the forecast for a storm in the Moscow region issued by weather officials proved right. Power cuts are occurring on a massive scale," Russian information services Interfax quoted the MOESK as saying.

Currently, all of the company's emergency teams were working to restore power supply.—*Xinhua*

Drinking coffee or tea may lower brain cancer risk

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct—Daily consumption of coffee or tea may reduce chances of developing brain cancer, said a new study published in the November issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.* The conclusion is based on analysis of data concerning the dietary habits of more than 410,000 men and women between the ages of 25 and 70, according to the study conducted by an international team of researchers.

The study involved participants from France, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Britain, Greece, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany. Participants were recruited between 1991 and 2000, and were tracked over the course of about 8.5 years. During that time, food surveys were completed to gauge, among other things, the amount of tea and coffee each participant consumed.During the study, 343 new cases of glioma were diagnosed, as were 245 new cases of meningioma, another cancer that affects tissue surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

Internet

Hormone replacement therapy ups breast cancer risks, deaths

BEIJING, 21 Oct—A new study shows taking hormone replacement therapy after menopause not only increases breast cancer risks but also raises women's chances of dying. The study, appearing in the 20 Oct issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, provides tremendous clarity regarding the risks of hormone replacement therapy, according to Dr Freya Schnabel of New York University's Langone Medical Centre.

Internet



***A woman selects Halloween-related toys in a shop in Yiwu, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 20 Oct, 2010.*— XINHUA**

Overweight dads related to unhealthy kids

SYDNEY, 21 Oct—Australian researchers said on Thursday, a father's diet and weight can increase the risk of diabetes in his children. Researchers from the University of New South Wales (NSW) fed male rats with a high fat diet until they were obese and showing the signs of diabetes.

The fat rats were then bred with healthy normal weight females and their offspring were reared in a controlled environment and on a strict healthy diet.

Despite this, researchers found the female offspring had signs of impaired glucose tolerance and insulin production when they reached young adulthood.

However, a less pronounced result was seen in the young males, though the researchers suspect they were lagging the females and their condition would worsen later. The study's author, Professor Margaret Morris, from the University of NSW's School of Medical Sciences, said it was the " first report of non-genetic, intergenerational transmission of metabolic consequences of a high fat diet from father to offspring ".—*Internet*

Premature newborns need early help from parents to improve IQ

OSLO, 21 Oct—Premature babies can improve their IQ significantly if they can get early help from their parents, a Norwegian researcher said on Wednesday. "Premature babies have a different language than babies born at term, about which we have learnt much more in the last 20 to 25 years," said Marianne Nordhov, a researcher with the University Hospital of North Norway, which is located in Norway's northern city of Tromso.It is this new knowledge that has led to a method to improve the IQ of premature babies. A study shows that training for parents has improved their child's IQ as he or she grows up, Nordhov told *Xinhua,* referring to the result of a Norwegian study which was published online on 11 Oct. The study offered some parents an eleven-hour training in how to communicate with their babies. —*Internet*



***Increasing numbers of infertile Chinese couples receive IVF treatments for a child. —* XINHUA**

Missing girl found asleep in dog house

A northern Minnesota toddler gave everyone a brief scare, disappearing only to be found sleeping in a neighbour's dog house, authorities say.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department said the 1 1/2-year-old girl was found about 15 minutes after her day-care provider reported her missing Monday morning, the *Brainerd Dispatch* reported Tuesday.

The girl apparently had wandered two homes away from the day-care provider's residence near the Mississippi River just north of Brainerd.

The sheriff's department the girl appeared to be in good physical health and was reunited with her mother at the scene.

Two pounds of pot found floating in river

A Massachusetts member of the Clean River Project said he discovered a trash bag full of marijuana while cleaning the Shawsheen River in Lawrence.

Rocky Morrison, a six-year veteran of the project, said he was cleaning the river Sunday afternoon when he discovered the trash bag of marijuana floating on the surface of the water, *The (North Andover) Eagle Tribune* reported Tuesday.

"Every day we go out on the river we never know what we'll find," Morrison said. "This was unusual."

Police estimated the street value of the marijuana at about $2,000.

"It was not high-quality marijuana, and could have been part of a drug rip," Lawrence police Chief John Romero said. "Possibly some parent found it in their kid's room and wanted to get rid of it."

News Album



Ceramic stamps are shown during the 2010 China Jingdezhen International Ceramic Fair, which opened on Monday, in China's porcelain town of Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province, 18 Oct, 2010.



Newly born baby panda twins sleep at the Madrid Zoo in Madrid, capital of Spain, 19 Oct, 2010. The baby panda twins were given birth by the Chinese panda "Hua Zuiba" through artificial impregnation on 7 Sept at the Madrid Zoo.

Moose chased by police, cows

Authorities in Washington state said a moose spotted running through Spokane was chased by police, news crews and a herd of cows.

The moose was first spotted heading east on 37th Street about 10 am Saturday and police caught up to it near Ferris High School nearly an hour later, KREM-TV, Spokane, reported Tuesday.

The animal was briefly cornered near the Southside Soccer Complex where hundreds of children were playing around 11:30 am but it jumped into a pasture near the complex and found itself being chased by a herd of cows.

The moose escaped into a satellite communications yard, where it charged and nearly struck a KREM news camera.

The animal made its escape by barreling through the soccer complex, a neighbourhood and the Manito Golf Course. Authorities said they lost track of the moose in the Manito Place neighbourhood.



FWD101 Model presents a design at the Temperley London Spring 2011 bridal show in New York on Tuesday, 19 October, 2010. INTERNET

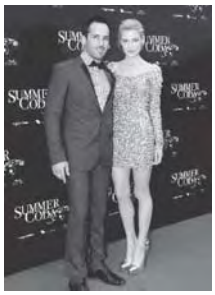
Randy and Evi Quaid face arrest warrants again

BEIJING, 21 Oct— Randy Quaid and his wife Evi once again face arrest warrants after failing to show up for a court hearing relating to their arrests last month, media reported Tuesday.

Santa Barbara Senior Deputy District Attorney Lee Carter said 50,000 dollars' warrants were issued after the couple failed to appear for an arraignment on a felony vandalism charge.

The National Lampoon's Vacation star and his wife were arrested in September on suspicion that they were living in a Montecito, CA guest house they had previously owned. The two are suspected of causing more than 5,000 dollars in damage.

The couple can turn themselves to authorities, but their case will be called again on 26 Oct, according to Lee Carter.—*Xinhua*



Alex Dimitriades(L) and Rachel Taylor pose during the premiere of their new film "Summer Coda" on 19 October, 2010 in Melbourne, Australia. —XINHUA

1st International Film Festival opens in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 21 Oct—Cambodia opens its first ever International Film Festival here on Wednesday to promote film industry and to value the production sector for both local and international ones.

This huge international event, hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and endorsed by UNESCO and organized by FX Entertainment in association with the Cambodia Film Commission, will continue until 24 Oct in the capital city.

Khim Sarith, secretary of state of Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, said the purpose of holding this festival is to raise up the quality of Cambodian movie industry, to share experience and to approach international movie industry to shoot films in Cambodia. Throughout the festival, about 120 movies from 28 countries and regions including those from Australia, China, Brazil, France, India, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines and the United States.

Xinhua



Miss Asia Pageant Candidate Wan Jiali speaks to media after a water competition during a promotion event in Hong Kong, south China, 19 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA



A model presents a creation by Alisher of Russia during the Russian Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2011 in Moscow, Russia, 20 Oct, 2010. XINHUA

Rihanna leaves manager, now under Jay-Z's umbrella

NEW YORK, 21 Oct— Rihanna is now under Jay-Z's umbrella.

The Grammy-winning pop singer has parted ways with manager Marc Jordan and is now being managed by Jay-Z's Roc Nation Management.

Rihanna told The *Associated Press* in a statement Wednesday that she's "so excited to take this next step in my career." The 22-year-old is also launching a new company called Rihanna Entertainment. She says it will "merge all of her businesses, including music, film, fragrance fashion and book ventures."

Internet



Rihanna

Tottenham manager vows not to sell hat-trick hero Bale

MILAN, 21 Oct— Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp vowed not to sell hat-trick hero Gareth Bale for any figure after the Welshman lit up the San Siro in the Champions League. Spurs hit back from a 4-0 half-time deficit and the early sending off of goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes as Bale stunned the holders Inter Milan with a brilliant treble in the second period. And although Spurs didn't win, the form of Bale gave Redknapp hope for the future.

But he said there's no chance he'd be selling his star player. "Tottenham is a club looking to prgress, not sell its best players. If we sell Gareth Bale it would send out the wrong signal," he said. "We're not a selling club, he's a player to build the team around. If Tottenham progress and become a Champions League team on a regular basis, he'll be a big part of that.

Internet



Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp vowed not to sell hat-trick hero Gareth Bale for any figure after the Welshman lit up the San Siro in the Champions League. — INTERNET

Messi sends Barcelona top of Champions League group



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (R) fight for the ball with FC Copenhagen's Danish midfielder William Kvist (L) during their UEFA Champions League football match against Copenhagen at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona.— INTERNET

MADRID, 21 Oct—Lionel Messi scored his third and fourth Champions League goals of the season with a brace as Spanish champions Barcelona defeated FC Copenhagen 2-0 at Camp Nou on Wednesday to leapfrog the Danes into top spot in Champions League Group D.

Argentine Messi scored a fine long range opener on 19 minutes and a stoppage time tap-in as Barcelona inflicted a first group defeat on surprise package Copenhagen and Barca go top a point above the Danish side who had won their first two group games.It was far from comfortable for the 2009 champions who had some hairy moments at 1-0 as they failed to kill off the match.

Internet

United enjoy Champions League win as Rooney saga rumbles on

MANCHESTER, 21 Oct— Manchester United shrugged off the disappointment of Wayne Rooney's imminent departure to defeat Turkish side Bursaspor 1-0 in the Champions League here on Wednesday. A sublime first-half goal from Portuguese international Nani clinched victory for Sir Alex Ferguson's men on a day when events off the pitch dominated the headlines at Old Trafford.

The victory left the English giants comfortably on course to qualify from Group C, with seven points from three games, two clear of Rangers who drew with Valencia in Glasgow. Rooney, who had been injured in training on Tuesday, had dropped another bombshell shortly before kick-off when he accused United of lacking ambition in a statement where he confirmed his intention to quit. —*Internet*

SPORTS

Zanetti breaks goal scoring record as Inter edge Spurs

MILAN, 21 Oct—Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti became the oldest ever Champions League scorer as the reigning champions edged out 10-man Tottenham 4-3 in a thriller at the San Siro on Wednesday. This really was a tale of two halves as Inter romped to a 4-0 lead before the break while Gareth Bale scored a stunning second half hat-trick.

Samuel Eto'o notched a brace and Dejan Stankovic added the fourth, all before half-time, before Bale's brilliant solo cameo while Spurs goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes was dismissed after just eight minutes. Inter now lead Group A by three points from Harry Redknapp's team ahead of the pair's meeting at White Hart Lane in two weeks' time.—*Internet*



Inter Milan's Argentine defender Javier Zanetti (C) beats Tottenham's goalkeeper Gomes (R) to score the opening goal during their UEFA Champions League football match at San Siro stadium in Milan. INTERNET

Manchester United's Portugese midfielder Nani celebrates scoring during their UEFA Champions League football match against Bursaspor at Old Trafford in Manchester. INTERNET



Panathinaikos, Kazan chasing shadows after draw

ATHENS, 21 Oct—Russia's Rubin Kazan and Panathinaikos missed a chance to creep up on the shoulders of Champions League Group D rivals FC Copenhagen on Wednesday after they fought out a goalless stalemate in Greece.

With Copenhagen — who started out by posting two straight wins — going down to a Leo Messi double at group favourites Barcelona — the race was on to close the gap and keep a live a slender chance of making it through to the knockout phase.

Internet

Rubin Kazan's Christian Noboa (L) fights for the ball with Panathinaikos' Simao during their group D champions league football game at the Athens Olympic stadium.— INTERNET



Wawrinka sets up potential Stockholm Federer clash

STOCKHOLM, 21 Oct— Stanislas Wawrinka did his part on Wednesday to set up a potential all-Swiss showdown at the Stockholm Open after labouring past Dutchman Robin Haase 7-5, 6-7 (6/8), 6-4 for a place in Friday's quarter-final.

If seedings hold up, the number 21 Wawrinka should face celebrated compatriot Roger Federer in a quarter-final, with the top seed first needing to get past American Taylor Dent in a second-round opener on Thursday.

Internet



Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka

Lyon sink 10-man Benfica to maintain momentum

LYON, 21 Oct—Lyon confirmed their recent revival with a 2-0 victory at home to Portuguese champions Benfica at Stade Gerland here on Wednesday that sent them three points clear in Champions League Group B. A downward header from Jimmy Briand set Lyon on their way mid-way through the first half and, after Nicolas Gaitan had been sent off for Benfica, Lisandro Lopez sealed victory with a close-range goal shortly after the interval.

Internet



Lyon's Argentinian forward Lisandro Lopez (R) is congratuled by his teamates French defender Anthony Reveilliere (L) and Bosnian midfielder Miralem Pjanic (C) after scoring a goal during the UEFA Champions League football match Lyon vs. Benfica at the Gerland stadium in Lyon, southeastern France.— INTERNET

Rafter named Australia's Davis Cup captain

SYDNEY, 21 Oct—Australian tennis great Pat Rafter was Wednesday named captain of the Davis Cup team, officials said, tasked with guiding the country back into the elite world group of 16. The former world No. 1 and two-time US Open winner and Wimbledon finalist replaces John Fitzgerald, who is retiring after a decade in the job. Tony Roche, who has worked as a private coach to Grand Slam champions Ivan Lendl, Roger Federer, Lleyton Hewitt and Rafter, was appointed coach — a position he also held from 1994 to 2000.—*Internet*



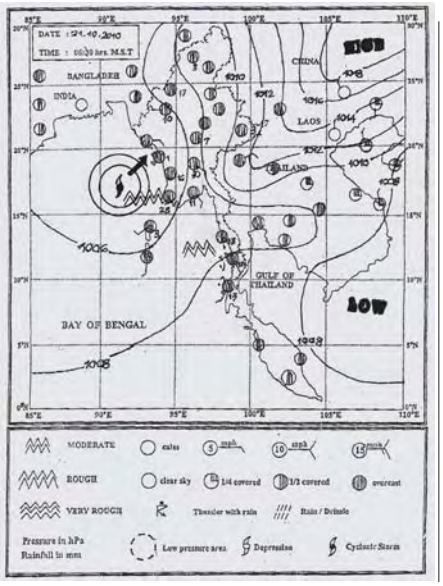
Australian tennis great Pat Rafter

Russian men fail to fire-up home crowd

MOSCOW, 21 Oct—Russia's Nikolay Davydenko, top seed of the joint ATP and WTA Kremlin Cup tournament, crashed out of the event beaten by unheralded Uruguayan Pablo Cuevas in straight sets on Wednesday. The 24-year-old Cuevas won 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/5) in one hour 48 minutes to level his record with Davydenko, three-times a champion here (2004/06/07), at 1-1.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 21st October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly coloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Chin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Magway Region and isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region.The notewothy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (1.50) inches, Magway (2.28) inches, Minbu, Pyay and Kawkareik (1.73) inches each, Thaton and Pinlaung (1.69) inches each,, Kayan (1.65) inches, Thadaunggyi (1.57) inches and Chaungzon (1.54) inches .

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 20-10-2010 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 21-10-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-10-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 21-10-2010 was (Tr) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 20-10-2010 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 21-10-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-10-2010 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 20-10-2010 was (Nil) .

Rainfall on 21-10-2010 was (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.67) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.33) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (80.67) inches at Mingaladon, (94.29) inches at Kaba-Aye and (105.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 20-10-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the depresion over East Central Bay is centered at about (180) miles Southwest of Kyaukpyu. It is likely to further intensified and forecast to cross Rakhine Coast between Sittway and Kyaukpyu within the next (36) hours commencing this afternoon today .Weather is cloudy in the East Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 22nd October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Degree of cetainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Rakhine Coasts.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-10-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

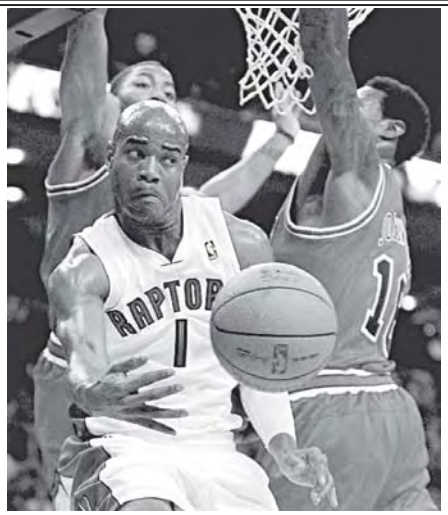
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Tibet to open 5th civil airport next month

LHASA, 21Oct—The fifth civil airport in China's Tibet Autonomous Region will open early next month, civil aviation authorities said on Thursday. Xigaze Peace Airport, located in Xigaze Prefecture, 48 km from Xigaze City, is 3,782 meters above sea level.The airport terminals, decor, facilities and flight tests were completed, allowing it to officially open in early November, said Zhu Feng, secretary of the airport's Communist Party of China (CPC) branch.

However, Zhu said, no exact date had yet been set for the opening.Construction, with an investment of 489 million yuan (74 million US dollars), began on April 29 last year.The airport is expected to have handled 230,000 passengers and 1,150 tonnes of cargo by 2020, accor

ding to the Civil Aviation Bureau of Tibet Autonomous Region.Tibet has four other civil airports in Lhasa, Nyingchi, Qamdo and Ngari.In the past five years, China has invested heavily in building transport infrastructure in Tibet, pouring money into construction of highways, railways and airports to stimulate Tibet's weak economy and tourism.—*Xinhua*



Toronto Raptors guard Jarrett Jack (L) launches a pass during the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game in Toronto, on 21 Oct 2010.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(22-10-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
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Local Transmission

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* News
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* Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
* Music Gallery
* News
* Myanmar Royal Regalia
* Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
* News
* Myanma Green Tea
* Pickled Herbal Tes Leaves of Myanmar
* Myanmar Movie "Love was Born"

Myanmar TV

Friday,
22 October
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Vanarable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Shwe Kyin Myo Thidin Kyut Mee Hmul Pywe

8:15 am
7. Songs Of Thadingyut Festival

8:20 am
8. Dance Of National Races

8:30 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Songs Of Yester Years

4:20 pm
3. Third Prize Winner of The Five Time Recitation of (Dhammacekka Patvuttana Sutta (BEHS 1,Mhaw Bi)

4:40 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Mathamatics)

4:55 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm
6. Songs Of Thadingyut Festival

5:15 pm
7. Documentary

5:30 pm
8. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. Internat Garden

7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
13. News
14. Talks of the Political Parties (Repeat)
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. ''How to Cast Vote'' (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon)
18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
19. TV Drama Series
20. Song Lover

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★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Fifth white elephant arrives in Nay Pyi Taw



Nandawady, fifth white elephant, seen together with Baddawady, fourth white elephant, in the white elephant shed.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The fifth white elephant, accompanied by shed mates, arrived in the precinct of the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw by car at 3.30 pm today.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung and Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung

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Cyclone Giri likely to cross Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 9.30 pm today, cyclone Giri over the mid-east of the Bay of Bengal moved northeastwards for a little with its centre in the sea, about 140 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone is likely to cross Rakhine coast between Sittway and Kyaukpyu within 24 hours from this night.

The cyclone Giri is now at orange level and is forecast to move towards Rakhine coast.

Under the influence of the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread in the Delta, along Rakhine Coast and the offshore areas with likelihood of moderate to strong waves. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 50 mph. Trawlers and ships are therefore warned to avert possible dangers of the natural disaster.—*MNA*

Talks on traffic rules given in Zeyathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee organized an educative talks on traffic rules at No. 42 Post Primary School in Kyaukchek Village, Kyaukchek Village-tract, Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District on 18 October.

Police Inspector Min Theik Htaik of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave traffic rules educative talks, screening video clips. Also present were the chairman of the Township and Ward Peace and Development council and members, locals, students and drivers, totaling 310.—*MNA*