**Four political objectives**
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- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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- 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

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- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
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**Insight**

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People’s harmonious cooperation lies at heart of national development tasks

Border areas of Myanmar once lagged behind other parts in development, resulting from lack of peace and stability and poor transport. So, the government is paying serious attention to progress of national races in far-flung areas to foster national solidarity.

The government is now speeding up the building of infrastructures for ensuring equitable development of all regions of the nation in the economic, education and health sectors. Now is the Age of Knowledge. With this context, it upgraded all colleges in the 24 special development regions into universities on 20 January 2007 for enabling the youth of border areas to have an easy access to higher education.

In addition, the government, with the aim of sharpening the abilities of national race youths, established national race youths development training centres, Union Nationalities Youths Development Colleges where they can pursue higher education, border areas technical training centres, and vocational training centres in border areas. So, national race youths have enjoyed opportunities to pursue education in their own regions.

In the meantime, it is encouraging and rendering assistance to the agriculture, economic and public relations sectors of border areas, resulting in cumulative progress. Besides hospitals, clinics, rural health care centres and sub-rural health care centres, it has now constructed a 200-bed hospital in each development region to improve the health standard of people in border areas.

Therefore, at a time when the government is expediting national development tasks, the people should participate with zest and zeal in the tasks for greater progress of the entire nation including border areas.

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport meets

Yangon, 6 Oct—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held its work coordinating meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Command this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

In his address, Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win stressed the need for officials to assess the weaknesses in rule enforcement as there have been the driving of vehicles and motorcycles without licenses. He added that farming work is being carried out in such areas as U-to, Nyaunghnapin, Hlaingtnyo, Hmawby, Bago, Hnawgon for the people to be able to consume meat and vegetables in abundance. Hence, transport along the road leading to those areas needs to be upgraded in the coming open season, he said.

He said that efforts are being made to upgrade the roads leading to universities and colleges as soon as possible. At the same time, the safety of waterways is to be carried out, he said.

Next, officials from universities and colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of the respective private bus lines took part in the discussions.

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World Teachers Day observed

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Ninth graders Ma Myat Mi Khin and Ma Khang Hsu Thwe of Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No 1 acted as masters of ceremonies. The ceremony was opened with a song by students of Nay Pyi Taw No 5 BEHS.

Next, the minister delivered a speech. Later, Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages Dr Myo Myint read out the message on World Teachers Day. Next, students of No 6 BEHS, Nay Pyi Taw, sang a song to honour teachers.

Afterwards, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department presented educational tasks carried out by four honorary teachers and one outstanding teacher.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented certificates of honour to Retired Professor U Tun Aung Chein of Yangon University and Retired Professor U Ba Toak of Yangon Institute of Technology. Officials also presented certificates of honour to Retired Director U Than Shwe of Basic Education Department and Retired Presi-
ITALIAN NEWS

Italian agent wounded in Afghan rescue dies

ROME, 5 Oct—An Italian intelligence agent who was kidnapped last month in Afghanistan and wounded during a NATO-led raid that freed him died on Thursday, the Defence Ministry said.

Lorenzo D’Auria, 33, was one of two Italian agents briefly abducted by captors who NATO identified as Taleban.

The two were freed by Italian and British special forces. But D’Auria suffered gunshots in his head and neck and had to be put on a respirator soon after his release.

The other Italian was also wounded in the raid, although not seriously. Both were flown back to Italy for hospital treatment.

The kidnapping and circumstances of the rescue prompted new calls by leftist members of Prime Minister Romano Prodi’s government to withdraw Italy’s troops from Afghanistan.

Prodi, who said he authorized the rescue mission “without a moment of uncertainty”, has insisted the incident would not affect Italy’s military mission there.

The Italians were abducted while on patrol in the country’s western region on 22 September. They were freed two days later after a gunbattle in which eight kidnappers were killed.

16 villages under ashes after Philippine volcano explosion

MANILA, 5 Oct—Ashes covered at least 16 villages in eastern Philippines after a local volcano exploded twice early Thursday morning, local media reported.

The two explosions of Bulusan Volcano, in eastern province of Sorsogon, occurred at 1:34 am and 1:39 am on Thursday (1534 GMT and 1739 GMT, Wednesday), the Philippine Daily Inquirer quoted Bella Tubianosa, resident volcanologist of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, as saying in an online report.

But no measurement of the height was unknown due to weak visibility, she said.

Bulusan Mayor Johnny Guyayko told the paper that ash fall was experienced in most of the town’s villages. At least two residents were hospitalized due to ash inhalation. — MNA/Xinhua

US official says CIA detention programme remains active

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—A secret CIA overseas detention programme revealed by President George W Bush last year remains active and has held at least one al-Qaeda militant since then, a US official said on Thursday.

The official confirmed the detention as the White House skirted around the question of whether the agency had resumed holding prisoners at secret sites and insisted that the United States does not torture. The New York Times reported on Thursday that the CIA was again holding prisoners at “black sites” overseas, and that the Justice Department—under-Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez—had issued a secret opinion in 2005 that endorsed the harshest interrogation techniques ever used by the CIA.

“The ongoing existence of the CIA programme is extremely troubling,” especially in light of the reported Justice Department opinion, said Elisa Massimino, Washington director of the advocacy group Human Rights First.

The detention and interrogation programme, first revealed by The Washington Post in late 2005 and then acknowledged by Bush in September 2006, has provoked an international outcry, with critics accusing the admin-stration of secretly using torture to interrogate terrorism suspects.

Bush said all 14 high-level terrorism suspects held at that time had been transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But the Defence Department said in April it had taken custody of a suspected al-Qaeda leader who had previously spent months in CIA hands.

Gunmen kidnap ten in Diyala Province in N-E of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct—Gunmen kidnapped 10 civilians while travelling by a minibus in the volatile province of Diyala on Wednesday, a provincial police source said.

Unknown gunmen at a faked checkpoint stopped the minibus in the al-Ghaliibiyah area, some 40 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, and kidnapped nine passengers and their driver,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The kid-napped people were on their way from Kirkuk to Baghdad that passes through the Diyala Province when the incident took place, the source said.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border to the east, has been the hot bed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Fire plane crashes in Istanbul

ANKARA, 5 Oct—A fire plane crashed in a lake in Istanbul province of Turkey on Thursday, injuring three crew members, Istanbul Governor Muammer Guler said.

Guler said in a statement that the fire plane crashed during a reconnaissance flight in Lake Catalca Durusu some 20 metres off the shore and the three injured — a Turkish, an Italian and a Greek — were rushed to nearby hospitals for treatment.

The Turkish member of the crew was under medical attention in Istanbul’s International Hospital and he was in critical condition, Guler said.

The Italian and the Greek crew members were taken to Catalca State Hospital and their conditions were not critical, Guler added. — MNA/Xinhua
Italian patrols rescue more boat immigrants

ROME, 5 Oct—A fresh wave of boat immigrants landed in Italy on Thursday, bringing the number of arrivals in two days to nearly 700, Italian news agency ANSA said on Thursday.

Italian patrols rescued 350 people over the course of the day, including 12 women and a newborn baby.

The first vessel arrived at Italy’s southernmost island of Lampedusa in the early hours of the morning, with 215 people crammed into a 15-metre boat.

A Navy patrol rescued another 65 people on a dinghy 70 miles south of the island.

The migrants themselves used a satellite phone to radio for help after losing control of the vessel in rough seas.

Later on Thursday, the same Navy ship rescued a further 70 would-be immigrants, including women and children, 90 miles southeast of the island.

So far, the nationalities on board the three boats have been identified as Egyptian, Tuni-

sian, Moroccan, Iranian and Ghanaian, although border police are still carrying out checks.

All the travellers have been taken to a reception centre on Lampedusa.

China, Vietnam evacuate thousands as storm strikes

HANOI, 4 Oct—China and Vietnam evacuated hundreds of thousands of people from low-lying coastal areas on Wednesday as Typhoon Lekima lashed the regions with torrential rains and heavy winds.

The storm passed over the central Vietnam province of Quang Binh on Wednesday night and blew westward toward Laos, officials said. They said the storm hit relatively under-populated areas but they would not know the extent of damage until Thursday.

The typhoon made landfall late on Tuesday near the coastal town of Quang Ngai, spilling out of its 15-kilometre-wide eyewall and causing forecasters to update their warnings.

China’s beach resort of Sanya, on the southern tip of the island of Hainan Island, trapping tourists and forcing children and the elderly to higher ground.

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At least 23 killed as plane crashes in Kinshasa

KINSHASA, 5 Oct—At least 23 people died when a Russian-made cargo plane crashed and exploded on Thursday in a teeming neighbourhood of Kinshasa, the capital of Democratic Republic of Congo, officials said.

The ageing Antonov 26 twin-propeller aircraft belonging to Congolese Line Africa One plunged onto houses in the Kinshasa District shortly after taking off from nearby Ndjili International Airport on an international flight.

“The there were five crew and thirteen passengers on the plane. Nobody escaped alive: they were all incinerated,” Transport Minister Remy Henri Kuseyo told Reuters. At least three of the crew were Ukrainian, according to the plane’s manifest.

The minister said at least two women and a man were killed on the ground when the plane ploughed into the crowded area and burst into flames.

A Reuters witness also saw one man discover the bodies of two of his children, a boy and girl, crushed by a wall, as distraught relatives poured over the blackened rubble.

Hijackers seize cargo plane in northern Somalia

BOSASSO (Somalia), 5 Oct—Gunmen in Somalia’s northeastern Puntland Province hijacked a cargo plane carrying khat, a narcotic leaf, on Thursday after a business deal turned sour, a local official said.

The attackers seized the plane, which had come from Ethiopia, in Puntland’s port of Bosasso. They then flew 150 kilometres (90 miles) west to another coastal town, Las Qorey, the chairman of the area, Muse Gelle Farole, told Reuters.

There was a conflict between the businesspeople that brought the khat to Bosasso, so one group of them hijacked the plane and made it land at Las Qorey,” he said.

Commonly chewed across the Horn of Africa Region, khat is especially popular in Somalia where planes arrive daily from neighbouring countries with the lucrative commodity.

Known for its relative stability in a country mired in chaos since the 1991 ousting of a dictator, semi-autonomous Puntland has nevertheless suffered a spate of pirate attacks off its coast in recent months.

It was not known how many people were on board the plane.—MNA/Reuters

US in Iraq says finds list of foreign fighters

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct—The US military said on Wednesday it had discovered a list of some 500 al-Qaeda militants recruited to fight in Iraq from a range of European, Middle East and north African countries.

Spokesman Major-General Kevin Bergner said the information was unearthed in September when a senior al-Qaeda in Iraq member, called Muthanna, was killed along with seven other militants near Sinjar in northwest Iraq.

The US military blames fighters recruited outside Iraq for many of the suicide attacks targeting US and Iraqi forces and has previously criticized neighbours such as Syria for not checking the flow of foreign militants across borders into Iraq.

“Muthanna was the emir of Iraq and Syrian border area and he was a key facility of the movement of foreign terrorists once they crossed into Iraq from Syria. He worked closely with Syrian-based al-Qaeda foreign terrorist facilitators,” he said.—MNA/Reuters
I heard from my lay disciples that some members of the Sangha in certain townships joined the so-called “88” generation students and NLDs to stage protests. First, I did not hear anything about the said news as I had no radio. Once I had a pocket radio donated by a layperson. Sometimes, I listened to foreign news, but I learned only the fabrications with the intention of breaking up the Union. I was tired of those foreign news reports as I did not gain any knowledge from them, instead they were poisoning my mind. At that time another monk asked me to donate the radio to him. I agreed.

As I wished to know whether the news on the monk protests in some towns was true or not, I asked my young disciples to borrow some newspapers from my close laypersons. I got newspapers but some of the issues were missing. When I read them, I came to know that some members of the Sangha, bogus monks, some NLDs and the so-called “88” generation students were staging protests together.

Members of the Sangha who joined the noisy protesters, I do not think you know about the true incident that occurred 19 years ago or you were not born yet then. I said so as I assume that the ones who took part in the disturbances are young monks and senior and junior novice monks. I think most of you have only three or four vasas now. So most of you were only four-year-old or five-year-old boys when the 1988 unrest broke out.

I am a monk with 20 vasas. I was a 20-year-old monk who was going to attain the second vasa when the unrest erupted. As anarchy-like violence ruled the nation, people had to live in fear and could not offer alms and other necessities to monks. As there was shortage of alms and other necessities to monks, some monks were misled by destructionists into taking part in the unrest. As the abbot monks told their disciple monks to return home during the time, I had to leave my Pariyatti school. As my native place is a village, I could not learn advanced religious education. It was a sheer waste of time. Because of the unrest, I was not able to take the Pathamabyan examination.

As a lesson for all of you, I would like to present a true event. A young monk, who was my close companion, took part in the unrest. His monastery was adjacent to mine. The young monk was intelligent and always tried hard in his religious studies. But he had a fault. He was self-opinionated and emotional. Apart from Pitaka literature, he never read any other books whether it might be a periodical or cartoon.

He was organized and deceived by bogus monks of sham organizations such as Young Monks and Sangha Samaggi. He was tall and plump and so conspicuous during the unrest. The destructionists were flattering him who had only two vasas as if he were a senior monk.

At the time, the young monk was holding a sword and wearing his robes in an untidy way. He was a member of an association called Galonni or Nagani, as well as township in-charge of the unlawful association of Sangha Maggi. In the unrest, he acted as patron of many organizations. In the ward, the dwellers were afraid of him, so they were trying to win his favour. Then, he became much convinced. In the end, he decided to discard the robes of the religious order due to the encouragement of destructive elements.

When the Tatmadaw took up State duties, he fled to a border area. There, he got married to a woman who was also a democracy activist.

Then, he passed away. He lost his noble monkshood and his life for he threw himself to the destructive acts instead of keeping on discharging religious duties.

I wonder how many such monks and novices took the wrong path and discarded their robes of the religious order in the “8-8-1988 unrest”. So, I am writing for such monks and novices to take lessons from the above-mentioned story.

I would like to present some notable points for your knowledge. Internal and external destructive elements are seeking their interests at the expanse of the Sasana. They instigated and abetted many monks who were carrying out Pariyatti (learning the Teachings of the Buddha), and Patipatti (meditation) religious duties, so many monks took to the streets. Then, they came to get involved in destructive and violent acts.

So-called “88” generation student group members and some persons of the NLD organized students, workers and people at first. However, the people who witnessed the incidents in the 1988 unrest in which mobs beheaded many people before the public in busy places and who wanted to lead a peaceful life, did not accept unrest and violence and managed to resist the political instigation.

They came to notice that their organizing the people did not work at all. Thus, they targeted young monks who neither had much knowledge about nor took interest in social and political affairs, who concentrated only on Pariyatti and Patipatti, and who did not witness the 1988 unrest.

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I would like to suggest that you work hard in the religious duties of Gantha Dhura and Vipassana Dhura in response to the generosity of the lay persons who encourage the race and the Sasana in peace.

(Translation: TMT + MS)

Kyemon: 4-10-2007
Cornerstone laid for construction of Yangon Children’s Hospital annexe

YANGON, 6 Oct — A ceremony to lay cornerstone of Yangon Children’s Hospital annexe was held at the hospital this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony. Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win of the hospital thanked for the donation. Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 10 million donated by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council from Commander Maj-Gen Hla Hay Win. Afterwards, the commander, the ministers and the mayor accepted cash donation from the wellwishers. The donation amounted to K 321,550,000.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and deputy directors-general, medical superintendents, professors and donors.

People of Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions hold mass rallies to denounce recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — The people of YeU and Salingyi in Sagaing Division and Singu and Yamethin of Mandalay Division who wish to see stability of the State, the rule of law and community peace and tranquility regarded recent protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability. So they held mass rallies to denounce such protests on 4 October after seeking permission from Commander Maj-Gen Hla Hay Win, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wellwishers laid the bricks at the designated places.

At the cash donation ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech, saying that the government has formed the national health committee to improve the health sector of the State. Measures are to be taken systematically through the national health project.

Based on the national health policies, the Ministry of Health is providing health care services for the entire people. Owing to concerted efforts of the government, life expectancy of the people has improved. In addition, more health infrastructures have been built throughout the Union. Health preventive measures, uplift of health standard of the people, cure and rehabilitation have been carried out.

There were 631 hospitals built in 1988. At present, there have been 834 health facilities across the nation. Each 200-bed hospital has been opened in the 24 special development region.

The children’s hospital was put into operation in 1978 and built at a cost of K 18 million. It was upgraded into the 550-bed one in 2006.

Besides, cash donation was made to the hospital funds for the patients on 11 July, 2007. And the wellwishers are thanked for the donation. We don’t want terrorists. We want peace.读‘We want peace.

— MNA

Local residents participating in the mass rally in Yamethin.—MNA

Holding date for 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions announced

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held on a grand scale as from 16 October in Nay Pyi Taw. The welcoming ceremony will be held at 4 pm on 16 October at the City Hall, the opening ceremony at 8 am on 17 October at the same venue, the prize presentation ceremony at 1 pm on 1 November and the ceremony to present certificates of honour in conjunction with dinner at 5.30 pm on 2 November at the same venues. The competitions will take place from 17 to 29 October at the designated places in YeZin University Campus.—MNA

Local people in Salingyi taking part in the mass rally.—MNA
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The Minister for Religious Affairs presented the true events to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee on 24 September 2007. The committee issued Directive No 93 the same day prohibiting all acts that violate Vinaya (discipline).

Yangon Division GAD imposed section 144 (curfew) in townships it deemed necessary in Yangon Division the next day. Disturbance-makers and some members of the Sangha organized and deceived by a certain party and other troublesome so-called ‘88’ generation students, and bogus monks specially kept for causing unrest in defiance of curfew ganged together to incite unrest.

Security forces responsible for enforcing peace and stability and the rule of law in Yangon Division systematically restored the situation in accord with the law. But the violent protesters ganged up on security personnel and even tried to grab their weapons.

All the people including members of the religious order must observe laws enacted or issued by the State.

According to objective information, witnesses and other evidences, security forces had to carry out search of Ngwe Kyayan Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Dhamma Zeya, Shwetaungmaw and Satilayama monasteries in South Okkalapa Township, Dhammathukha monastery in Tamw Township, Moegaung monastery in Yankin Township, Meegun, Kyaukawat Ash, Piinnya Tagon, Dhamma Waipala and Shwekyn Taikthi monasteries in Thingyangun Township, Minglayama and Piinnya Yamika monasteries in Botataung Township, Sasana Theikpan and Sasana Gonjy monasteries in Bahan Township, Takkathila Zeyathyadi Pahtan monastery in Dagon (East) Township, Thirezya and Pandisayama monasteries in North Okkalapa Township, totalling 18 monasteries where U Gambhira, U Vicitta, U Obhasa, U Pakata, U Koviida, U Ottara, U Khan1, U Kusala, U Agggun, U Nemin, U Nanataj, U Ottama, U Jininda, U Janinda, U Kusala, Shin Gandera, U Vunnasara, U Tejaniya, U Kontima, U Jatiya, U Candavara, U Kevala, U Somana, U Acitta, U Panmata, U Kossala, U Pannavamsa, U Nandabhosa and U Catila, who led, generated, participated and supported the disturbances were residing, due to unavoidable circumstances.

In the raid, the members could not differentiate between monks and novices and bogus ones. So, they took 513 monks, one novice, 167 men and 30 women for questioning.

It is regrettable that the operation revealed that in some monasteries, women sleep in the buildings where monks reside, and the members found 42 uncensored pornographic VCDs, one uncensored pornographic DVD, three pornographic books, two pornographic wall sheets, four pornographic photos, a Kama Siddhi treatise, a photo of a woman, 10 condoms, one sexual tonic medicine sachet, dildoo (with belt), one statuette of a woman and a man hugging each other, 13 women’s wear longyis (sarongs), eight panties, one purse, a love letter, perfume/glycerine bottles, men’s wear longyis, T-shirts, Jeans, two cordless phones, three loan agreements, one men’s wear Rolex wrist watch, 10 alcohol bottles, one 9mm pistol round of ammunition, 18 different kinds of swords, three wooden nanchakus, one axe, six wooden rods, one iron rod, 13 catapults, documents about lists of bets, 30 booklets featuring football match fixtures and documents about football match bets, documents, ledgers and receipts about two-digit and three-digit illegal lotteries, three sets of playing cards, one anti-government poem book titled Thway Mawgun, one paper sheet featuring anti-government letter titled Ninnuyu Kya Yin, three paper sheets featuring facts about Myanmar Young Monks Union, one diary dated on 18.9.2007 featuring expressions that Myanmar Young Monks Union made demands to the government, documents about news records and speeches of NLD, one badge of fighting peaceco, “88” generation student group’s invitation cards for Waso robes donation, one Nazi headband, and two US headbands.

After interrogating those who were taken from the monasteries, up to 5 October, 404 monks, one novice, 158 men and 30 women who were found innocent had been released. Now, 109 monks and nine men are under questioning.

Foreign media and anti-government groups made fabrications that in the incidents, there were casualties of some monks. In reality, only a dead body with a tattoo depicting party political affairs and a yellow robe on his neck was found to be floating in the Pazundaung creek. He was only a bogus monk wearing a yellow robe.

It was found that the internal and external elements did not even spare the monks practising Pariyatti and Patipatti in their monasteries and persuaded them to join the disturbances. They acted as if in total disregard of the Sasana and the Buddha’s teachings, and they attempted to tarnish the image of Buddha’s Sasana and sow discord between the government and the people. As a result, the Sasana as well as the country was affected. So it proved that the destructionists were sticking to the means of confrontation and utter devastation.

As U Gambhira, U Vicitta, U Obhasa and U Padaka, who led the instigation to cause disturbances, escaped, the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha are requested to expose bogus monks. Although authorities and security members pay respects to the real monks, they had to take action against those bogus monks trying to tarnish the image of the Sasana in order to ensure community peace and tranquillity, the rule of law and perpetuity of the Sasana. Therefore, the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha who are safeguarding the Sasana are requested to give Ovada.

Later, Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwekyin) Sayadaw of Sasana Alinyang Monastery in Dawbon Township Bhaddanta Jotika, Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (Muladwara) Sayadaw of Gandayon Monastery Bhaddanta Jayasena, Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (Weiulun) Sayadaw of Bilin Monastery in Sanyong Township Bhaddanta Pannawbhasa and Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (Thudama) Sayadaw of Legaing Monastery in Dalla Township Bhaddanta Ariaeva gave the Ovada.

They said that as the security members could not distinguish real monks and novices from bogus ones they had to take monks and novices they had found. But the monks and novices who were found innocent have been released and sent back to their monasteries. Action will be taken against those involved in the violent protests in accord with the law. Those who got involved unwittingly in those being threatened to join the protests have been released. There was growing concern over rumours that some monasteries will be raided at night. Now, the public concerns have subsided. It is required to expose U Gambhira and some monks who were acting in collusion with such foreign radio stations as BBC, VOA and RFA. And our media need to refute fabricated news aired by foreign media. Officials are to inform the monasteries as to notifications of local authorities in order that those who haven’t learnt yet the notifications through the newspapers and television may know them. Officials are to strive to get a large number of monks know that only monks who led the protests and bogus monks who were found together with things that have nothing to do with monks were arrested and action was taken against them.

Monks are to follow Vinaya rules of the Buddha, rules and regulations and instructions issued by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and the law issued by the State. If they breach any one of those orders action may be taken against them. It was pleased that monks had been defrocked during interrogation and then they had been ordained and sent back to their monasteries. The handling of situation during the violent protests and measures taken by officials for purification of the Sasana amounts to serving the interest of the Sasana. Officials are to make continued efforts for perpetuation, purification and propagation of the Sasana. If monks and disciples make concerted efforts it is sure that achievement will be made.

Next, the ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanaam Ciram Tithatu.

Sayadaws of all Ganas of the committee, heads of district GADs, Head of Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department U Soe Naing and district heads and Director of Yangon Division Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Daung and district heads were present.

MNA
Experts from FES foundation visits Yeywa Hydroelectric power Project in Kyaukse. — MNA

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They were welcomed by national race leaders, district and township level departmental officials and local national people.

Afterwards at the Anti-Narcotic Drugs Museum in Laukkai, U Li Man Kwan on behalf of Special Region No 1 national race leader U Phon Kyar Shian briefed regional development endeavours and accomplishments in cultivation of opium substitution crops. FES scholars inquired about the reason for making peace, their views and attitudes to the National Convention, the future of the peace groups and the relations among the Kachin peace groups.

National race leader U Mahtu Naw explained that armed insurgency started as their region did not develop and was left isolated. They attained peace as the Government gave them a chance to join hands with the Tatmadaw in regional development endeavours and to participate in the National Convention, he said. The National Convention the first step of the Road Map has now been completed and when the remaining steps are completed the elected government will emerge, he observed. At that time, the peace groups will become auxiliary forces of the Tatmadaw, he mentioned. There are altogether three Kachin peace groups and the relation among them is fraternal.

Afterwards, FES scholars visited the Kaungkhaw hydroelectric power plant and the 100-acre opium-substitution re-plantation.

On 2 October, FES scholars visited the 105th-mile border trade station in Muse in northern Shan State. At the briefing hall there, they were briefed matters related to construction works at the 105th-mile station, border trade and developments of Muse region by Director-General of the Border Trade Department U San Pyae, Deputy Director-General of the Hydroelectric Power Generation Department U Win Kyi explained matters on Shwehlu hydroelectric power project.

Later, the FES scholars went on excursion tour to Mongyu inspection centre where loaded trucks are inspected with the use of X-ray machines; the inspection of vehicles at the export-import check point and cold storage for marine products. Next, they also visited the Shwe Nandaw gateway in Muse to the People’s Republic of China and studied business and trade activities.

The FES scholars proceeded to Yeywa hydroelectric power plant project site in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Division. They were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Electric Power-1 U Myo Myint and officials.

At the briefing hall there, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint explained the work progress so far achieved and the future works. FES scholars inquired about whether the project was harmful to environment or not. The Deputy Minister clarified that feasibility studies were made also for environmental conservation before starting the project. When the project is under way, a consultant team from Switzerland was hired to avoid effects to the environment. No villages were removed by the project which was being implemented by Myanmar technicians only, he explained. Then, FES scholars viewed round the Yeywa hydel power project site.

On 3 October morning, the FES scholars met with State Peace and Development Council Spokes Authoritative Team Leader and members, Deputy Ministers and senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw. Officials concerned from various ministries clarified the salient points of their works and replied to the queries made by the FES scholars. In the afternoon, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received the FES scholars and clarified the current political situation of Myanmar.

(The Minister’s clarifications are reported separately.)

Next, the FES scholars inquired about the cooperation between Myanmar and the UN. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan replied that Myanmar as a member nation has been cooperating with the UN and at present Myanmar is fully cooperating with it. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe received UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy Mr Gambari on 2 October; Mr Gambari also met with Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council, national race peace groups as well as officials from religious organizations, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon; Mr Gambari was allowed to meet with those he would like to meet; he also got opportunities to witness development of the country and mass rallies to express People’s Desire. The Minister also disclosed that he explained to Mr Gambari not only the current situation but also the stance of the Government on Myanmar’s politics. The Minister also expressed his hope that Mr Gambari would explain about Myanmar’s actual situation when he arrives back to the UN.

FES scholars then inquired about the possibilities of the groups which did not participate in the National Convention to enter election to be held according to the seven-step Road Map. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan replied that the Constitution draft and (See page 9)
According to the principles adopted by the National Convention, a constitution with basic democratic rights for the people will emerge

The national races will have extensive range of rights to exercise legislative, administrative and judicial powers.

Palaung, Pa-O, Kokang and Naga nations will have Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zones to exercise legislative, administrative and judicial powers extensively.

In addition, efforts have been made for the minorities who do not get Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone to enjoy democratic rights deservedly. The national race whose population exceeds 0.1 per cent of the nation’s total population can send a representative to respective Region/State Hluttaw. That representative can participate as minister at the respective Region/State. On behalf of the national race concerned, the representative can participate in exercising legislative and administrative powers. Similarly, the national race which does not get SAD or SAZ and its population exceeds 10,000 can send a representative to respective Leading Bodies of SAD or SAZ to participate in legislative and administrative affairs.

Provisions guaranteeing the rights of various sectors including citizen sector, religious sector, social sector, etc which will be equal to those of other democratic nations will be prescribed in the forthcoming Constitution. Hence, we would like to stress that the Constitution to be drafted with the Fundamental Principles and detailed basic principles will be the best stage of the democratic reform.

In undertaking democratic reform, we have to start with the steps harmonious to the prevailing conditions and current situations. We will get little advantage and much disadvantage if we give priority to the wishes and demands rather than to prevailing conditions. Democracy will mature with the intellectual advantage and much disadvantage if we give priority to the wishes and demands rather than to prevailing conditions. Democracy will mature with the intellectual level and maturity of the people and developments in economic, education, social and other sectors. Today’s democracy flourishing big nations have achieved the present mature stage of democracy in this way. Likewise, Myanmar’s reform to democracy will also get mature gradually.

In transforming a nation into a democratic one, essential requirements are the stability, peace and the rule of law; the prosperity of the people; and the well-educated citizens. Hence, nation building efforts are made politically, economically and socially by the Government. Antigovernment groups are trying to bring about democracy through violence and unrests. We would like to stress the point that according to the conditions of our nation, democratic reform cannot be made forcibly.

We assume that in bringing about democracy, all the violence are not suitable to democracy.

Regarding the situations in Myanmar, I would explain in brief in two parts, the first part up to 2007 and the second part in the year 2007. Since taking over State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw Government has constantly been making earnest efforts for the national stability, development and democracy reform. Due to these earnest efforts, development is achieved or made with momentum and the people are enjoying the fruitful results of development. As you friends have visited Myanmar for at least three times, you all have witnessed the stability and peace and developments of the country.

As you all have known, the Government started to convene the National Convention in view of democracy reform. From 1993 to 1996, The National Convention adopted 104 Fundamental Principles and detailed basic principles. However, in the year 1995, NLD walked out of the National Convention on its own volition. Since then, antigovernment groups inside and outside the country making efforts for jeopardizing the National Convention, hindering the development pace and destroying peace and stability.

Especially, NLD has constantly been sticking to its wrong policies such as Defiance of All Orders, Confrontation, Utter Devastation, Imposing Four Kinds of Sanctions, Relying on External Elements, and Opposing all the endeavours of the Government, etc. As efforts were made to destabilize the nation, create violence and unrests and jeopardize the National Convention, the Government has to make some detentions. Similarly, the so-called “88” generation students group launched antigovernment activities such as signature campaign.

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related laws and bylaws will be consisted of stipulations for formation of political parties. In accordance with the stipulations, antigovernment groups can be able to form political parties, he said. NLD is still sticking to wrongful policies of Defiance of All Orders, Confrontation, Utter Devastation, Imposing Four Kinds of Sanctions and Relying on External Elements, he noted. Only when the NLD give up these policies, cooperation can be made, he pointed out. One cannot plead for dialogue on one hand and use power, he said. The FES scholars have visited the National Convention. The destructive elements had also plotted to blast bombs at the National Convention. Such destructive acts could delay the Road Map implementation process, he noted. He also stressed that international community as well as antigovernment groups should render cooperative hand to the Government’s implementation of the seven-step Road Map. The Government would like to see the antigovernment groups to enter elections in the future, the Minister mentioned. The Tatmadaw Government is not hindering the democracy reform but bringing about the discipline-flourishing democracy, he stressed. He continued to say that Fundamental Principles and detailed basic principles were adopted at the National Convention by people’s delegations from eight delegate groups unanimously. During the previous trips as well as in this trip, the FES scholars have toured the regions of peace groups and known the views and stances of these groups upon the National Convention, the Minister said.

The Third Workshop on ASEAN-EU relation was held on 4 and 5 October at Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. He was attended by FES scholars as well as researchers and scholars of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies.

The FES Foundation included 13 scholars with two from the European Union and the European Parliament. The two scholars from the EU and the European Parliament were unable to attend the workshop though they were in Yangon because they were recalled due to the foreign media’s exaggerated broadcasts on the demonstrations that took place in Myanmar.
According to the new light of Myanmar adopted by the...
Let’s keep ourselves fit and healthy to serve public welfare services

Kyi Win Nyunt

Good health is the greatest blessing, to which everybody aspires much. It is required of each and every citizen to keep themselves fit and healthy free from diseases so as to serve the interests of the motherland, the people and their own.

With this context, the Ministry of Health is in pursuit of its two objectives—to enable the people to enjoy their life spans fully and to be free from diseases after laying down national health policies designed to improve public health care.

Now, the government is building good foundations in the political, economic, education, health and social sectors mobilizing the strength of the people for transition to a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline.

Simultaneously, it is constructing health infrastructures wherever needed and producing doctors, nurses, health assistants and midwives for uplift of the health standard of the entire nation. In addition, it is carrying out health care services on a wider scale across the nation such as providing better community health care to the public for prevention of diseases, and conducting health educative talks for improving the health standard and nutritional development of mothers and children.

The public health care facilities the government constructed in 2007 included the X-ray room of 348 health care centres for mothers and children, 86 regional health care centres and 80 school health care centres. It has appointed more than 30,000 doctors, more than 6000 dental surgeons, more than 10,000 nurses, more than 1000 health assistants, and more than 8000 midwives.

In order to produce a growing number of medical professionals, it is establishing medical institutions.

Mandalay Traditional Medicine University designed to improve Myanmar traditional medical science.

It is the more important role traditional medicines play in the public health care sector. Traditional medicines have been used to cure diseases throughout successive periods, and now they have won more reliance and trust of both rural and urban people. So, the government is taking steps to improve the Myanmar traditional medical science and erecting herbal plant gardens. From 1988 to date, the number of traditional medicine hospitals has increased from two to 14, and traditional medical care centres, from 89 to 243.

Besides, the government has installed a great deal of modern medical equipment in the hospitals across the nation for public health care.

Now, the nation has been free from leprosy and iodine deficiency. Preventive measures against bird flu are being taken now. The government is speeding up the programmes to fight three major diseases—AIDS, TB and malaria, and launching anti-drug movements for supply elimination, demand elimination, giving medical treatments to drug-addicts, and rehabilitation. The life expectancy of the people is improving significantly.

All healthy and strong citizens are required to do their bit in the drive for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Therefore, the entire people have to keep themselves fit and healthy with longevity to be able to serve the public interests in harmony.

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The satellite, dubbed Kaguya after Japanese ancient fable, was lifted off on September 14 with a H-2A rocket from the Tanegashima Space Centre in Japan’s southern Kagoshima Prefecture. The agency performed the lunar orbit injection manoeuvre on 4 October. Kaguya, which consists of a three-ton main orbiter and two 30-kilogramme subsystems, is equipped with 14 scientific instruments and a high-definition television camera. It will start the world’s first full-scale mission to explore the moon since the US Apollo programme, the agency said. Under the 55-billion-yen (474-million-US-dollar) project, the satellite is to begin its 10-month mission around December, collecting lunar features related with the origin and evolution of the moon.

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**India, US sign pact for low-cost medical technology**

**NEW DELHI, 5 Oct** — India and the United States on Thursday signed an agreement for developing low-cost diagnostics and therapeutic medical technologies.

The agreement, signed by the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering under the national Institute of health (NIH) of the United States and India’s Science and Technology Ministry, focuses primarily on infection, trauma, maternal and child health and chronic diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular problems.

Both countries agreed to conduct research, research training and technology development as part of the pact, the Indian Government said in a statement.

India’s Science and Technology Minister Keki B. Shroff stressed the need for availability of funds for research in the health sector.

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**US coalition recommends eat fish while pregnant**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Oct** — Women who want to become pregnant, are pregnant or breast-feeding should eat at least 12 ounces of fatty fish such as tuna every week to help themselves and their babies, experts said Monday.

Fish including mackerel, sardines, light tuna and salmon are rich in omega-3 fatty acids — components of fat known to help brain development. Walnuts, flaxseed oil and leafy green vegetables also contain the compounds.

Women need the nutrients to prevent postpartum depression and babies need them for brain and motor skill development, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies coalition says.

The coalition, which includes the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Institute on Child Health and Human Development and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, says “90 percent of women are consuming less than the recommended amount of fish”.

But these fish can also carry high levels of mercury, which is a brain and nerve toxin.

Because of this, the US Food and Drug Administration and Environmental Protection Agency issued consumer advisories in 2001 and 2004 advising women who were pregnant, breastfeeding or trying to become pregnant, as well as young children, to eat no more than 12 ounces of certain types of fish.

Estimates on the dangers posed by mercury come from people exposed in chemical spills. No major studies have shown evidence mercury from food or vaccines has caused brain damage to mothers or children.

Michael Bender, director of The Mercury Policy Project, an advocacy group that believes mercury exposure has damaged children, said women should choose fish not likely to be contaminated with mercury.

“While it’s recognized that fish is an important source of protein, especially for pregnant women, this new emphasis on eating more than 12 ounces of fish per week, without mention of the need to avoid mercury contaminated fish, appears to throw the baby out with the bath water,” he said in a statement.

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**First ever sanitary landfill site inaugurated in Bangladesh**

**DHAKA, 5 Oct** — Bangladesh’s first ever sanitary landfill site was inaugurated here Wednesday, local newspaper The Daily Star reported Thursday.

The project, developed with the technical support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), aims to improve the solid waste management services in the capital.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said at the inauguration this site is one of the major achievements of DCC. He also requested for proper utilization and maintenance of the site. Resident Representative of JICA in Bangladesh Nobuko Kayashima said the project is constructing an environment-friendly landfill site that is a milestone in this arena. She also mentioned that DCC and JICA are working together for a common goal of realizing proper solid waste management in Dhaka city.

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**Geographic information system in wide use in China**

**BEIJING, 5 Oct** — China’s self-developed geographic information system (GIS) technology has been widely used in the spheres of land survey, mineral exploitation, water conservancy and many other aspects, resulting in 400 billion yuan in aggregate output value.

China’s geographic information industry has registered 400 billion yuan in aggregate output value last year and hired more than 300,000 people, according to Zhong Ershun, deputy president of the China Association for Geographic Information System.

He said that nearly 20,000 domestic enterprises were estimated to have engaged in the industry, with 2,000 being specialized ones.

Chen Ying, deputy director of the Information Product Department of the Ministry of Information Industry, attributed the industry’s rapid expansion to the country’s robust economic development on the whole and the rising capital input from both government and companies.

Between 2001 and 2005, more than 20 million yuan has been earmarked by the Ministry of Information Industry as a special fund to bankroll the development and application of domestic software for geographic information systems.

Zhong said that self-developed GIS technology has already reached the world’s leading levels and been put to use in many spheres including land survey, mineral exploitation, water conservancy, environmental protection, power generation, mapping, telecommunication as well as management for the public goods and civil services.

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Iraqi PM Maliki questions future role of Blackwater

Baghdad, 4 Oct—Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki questioned on Wednesday whether US private security firm Blackwater had any future role in Iraq because of the high number of shooting incidents in which it had been involved.

Maliki appeared to toughen his stand again against Blackwater over a September 16 shooting in Baghdad in which 11 Iraqis died, an incident that sparked outrage among Iraqis who see the firm as a private Army which acts with impunity.

In Washington, a House of Representatives committee heard in testify hearings on Tuesday that Blackwater guards had been involved in 195 shooting incidents in Iraq from the start of 2005 until 12 September this year, an average of 1.4 a week.

In those shootings there were 16 Iraqis casualties and 162 cases of property damage. Blackwater fired first in 84 per cent of the incidents, said_BL_ report given to the House of Representatives Com-mittee on Oversight and Government Reform. “I believe the big numbers of accusations directed against (Blackwater) do not make it valid to stay in Iraq,” Maliki told a news conference in Baghdad.

Blackwater, which has received US Government contracts worth more than a billion dollars, is one of the biggest security contractors in Iraq. It employs about 1,000 people in Iraq, where it guards the US Embassy and its staff. The North Carolina-based company has said its guards reacted lawfully to an attack on a convoy they were protecting during the 16 September incident in western Baghdad.

French leaders’ popularity drops, worries pile up

Paris, 4 Oct—Five months after taking power, the political honeymoon of French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Prime Minister Francois Fillon has ended, tarnished by concerns over the economy and the pace of their reforms.

An opinion poll published on Tuesday showed Sarkozy’s popularity beneath 60 per cent and Fillon’s below 50 per cent for the first time since the presidential election in May, partly reflecting sinking confidence in France’s economic outlook. “These clouds seem to indicate that the presidential charm has dimmed and that the country is awaiting a fresh presidential vision,” said Stephane Rozes, the head of pollster CSA which carried out Tuesday’s survey for Le Parisien newspaper.

Sarkozy had a popularity rating of 55 percent and Fillon 47 percent. Both were down six points. Sarkozy was elected on a pledge of comprehensive reforms and says he has made a strong start implementing his manifesto, with an initial wave of tax cuts, a shake up of universities and a pledge to end pension privileges for many state sector workers. But French voters don’t perceive a boost to their purchasing power from the initial reforms. Economic data last week showing a rise in unemployment and a sharp slide in the main consumer morale indicator accentuated concerns. But Sarkozy’s government later appeared to soften its stance, saying no action would be taken against it once a Joint investigation of the incident with US officials.

US, Russia sign pact to hunt for water on Mars, moon

Moscow, 4 Oct—Russia and the United States, the world’s greatest space powers, celebrated the eve of the first satellite launch 50 years ago with a pact to use Russian technology on NASA missions to seek water on the moon and Mars.

NASA administrator Michael Griffin signed the cooperation deal with his Russian counterpart at a ceremony on Wednesday at the US embassy residence in Moscow attended by cosmonauts and astronauts and featuring a recorded greeting from space.

Both sides avoided mention of superpower rivalry during the Cold War and recent clashes over US “Star Wars”-style missile defence plans to concentrate on what they had achieved together, first in the Apollo Soyuz joint mission of 1975 and later with the International Space Station.

“What better example to set for the citizens of our countries and the world about what is possible if we work together in a spirit of cooperation, partnership and friendship?” NASA flight engineer Clayton Anderson said in a video message sent from the International Space Station Wednesday’s agreement, the product of a different era, will seeNASA using Russian scientific instruments on missions to detect the presence of hydrogen — a predictor of water — on the moon and later on Mars.

Philippines unhappy over US TV racial slur

MANILA, 5 Oct—The Philippines Wednesday expressed “displeasure” over a racial slur made against Philippine medical schools and professionals in a United States award winning television show.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Claro Cristobal said Philippine Consul General to Los Angeles Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon has written to the producer of the ABC TV Network show to express the Philippines Government’s dismay “over the remarks made about our Filipino medical schools”.

In a season premiere aired in the US on 30 September, “Desperate Housewives” character Susan Mayer, which was played by actress Teri Hatcher, was featured in an episode wherein she was consulting a gynecologist about menopause.

Mayer said: “Can I check those diplomas because I want to make sure that they’re not from some medical school in the Philippines?”

The spokesman said the Philippine medical profession is highly regarded all over the world as evidenced by high demand of Filipino healthcare professionals in many countries, including the United States.

“The Philippines is also considered a top medical tourism destination with many foreigners including US citizens who choose to undergo surgical and other medical procedures in recognition of high quality and reasonably priced medical services,” said the spokesman.

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Turkey to fund $3.5 billion gas deal alone

ANKARA, 4 Oct—Turkey will finance a 3.5-billion-US-dollar investment in Iranian gas production entirely from a state company of its own.

Turkey has objected to a gas agreement between its NATO ally Turkey and the Islamic Republic, and is urging countries to cut business ties with Iran over its failure to suspend its nuclear energy programme.

Washington is spear-heading a drive for a third sanctions resolution against Iran in the UN Security Council.

It also plans new unilateral actions as a means to pressure Tehran over its nuclear programme which Washington says is aimed at building a bomb and Iran says is for peaceful purposes.
Platini says Blatter’s cap on foreign players impossible

ZURICH, 6 Oct — FIFA president Sepp Blatter’s plan to limit the number of foreigners allowed to play for a club is impossible, his UEFA counterpart Michel Platini said on Friday.

European soccer’s top official said he backed the “philosophy” behind Blatter’s scheme to cap the number of foreigners in a starting line-up to five from 2010.

But Platini said world soccer’s governing body needed to accept the plan could not work in the European Union due to laws which allow free movement of labour.

“The philosophy is fantastic but legally it is difficult,” Platini told Reuters.

“I can understand FIFA because they have 208 national associations and then there are 29 (EU members) who are all in our confederation. The philosophy is good but for me it is not possible.”

Blatter is expected to run into trouble over his plan, EU officials said on Friday, while the G14 which represents 18 of Europe’s top clubs such as Manchester United, Real Madrid and AC Milan have already voiced their opposition.

UEFA’s “homegrown player” rule, which began in 2006 and means every squad involved in European club competition must have a minimum of eight locally-trained players, is already being probed by the EU.

“We want to create a European football charter by having a collective bargaining agreement that defends the specific nature of sport,” Platini said.

Manchester United’s Rio Ferdinand, left, and Wigan Athletic’s Titus Bramble gesture for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, Saturday Oct. 6, 2007. Manchester United won the match 4-0. — Internet

Marion Jones admits to steroid use

NEW YORK, 5 Oct — Track champion Marion Jones has admitted using steroids as she prepared for the 2000 Olympics and plans to plead guilty on Friday to two counts of lying about her drug use, The Washington Post reported on Thursday.

Jones, who will also plead guilty to an unrelated financial matter in a New York court, made the admission in a letter she sent to close family and friends, the Post reported.

According to the letter, Jones said she took the steroid known as “the clear” for two years beginning in 1999. Jones won five medals at the 2000 Games in Sydney, including 100m and 200m gold.

The letter was read to The Washington Post by a person who had been given a copy. A person familiar with Jones’ legal situation, who requested anonymity, confirmed the relevant facts described in the letter, the newspaper said.

In late 2004 the International Olympic Committee opened an investigation into allegations that Jones used performance-enhancing drugs.

Jones, 31, has previously denied ever using drugs designed to aid her performance.

She said in the letter she faced up to six months in jail for lying to federal agents about her drug use, the Post reported. — MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Tristram —, novel hero
2. Grins unpleasantly
3. Is around (anag.)
4. Palid
5. Steep in liquid
6. Unwavering
7. Musical instrument
8. Size of paper
9. Bill of fare
10. 16 Instruction
11. Vow
12. Anticipate
13. Dried grape
14. Egyptian city
15. Antelope
16. Marine growth

DOWN

1. Meagre
2. Sports competitor
3. 4 Flaccid
4. Weird
5. Unwaving
6. 7 Musical instrument
7. 13. Size of paper
8. 16 Instruction
9. 17 Pure
10. 19 Attempt
11. 20 Ceremonial seat
12. 22 Lively dance
13. 24 Hairless
14. 25 Canadian city
15. 26 Ethiopian city

Chinese shunter Bao advances to top 16 of Macao Open

MACAO, 5 Oct — China’s Bao Chunlai continued his victory on Thursday in the 2007 Macao Badminton Open as he advanced to the top 16.

World No. 2 Bao won his third round match against Chong Li-Qun of Malaysia by 21-16 and 21-14 in less than an hour. “It is not a easy game, though it looked like an easy one,” said Bao. “Chong is fast and good at attacking. This is a hard game and I am happy that I take the victory.”

Earlier on Thursday, Bao’s teammate Chen Hong also entered the top 16 by defeating Tan Chun-Seang of Malaysia 2-0.

Thursday is the third day of the tournament, which takes place from Monday through Sunday at Macao’s Polytechnic Institute multi-sport Pavilion. The 2007 Macao Open has attracted 300 shuttlers from 19 countries and regions. — MNA/Xinhua

Kim double helps Nancy recapture Ligue 1 lead

PARIS, 6 Oct — Surprise package Nancy moved back to the top of Ligue 1 on Friday with a 3-1 win at Monaco featuring two goals from Kim.

Brazilian forward Kim put the easterners in front from close range after 31 minutes. Fellow forward IssiarDia doubled the advantage eight minutes later before Kim was on target again three minutes into the second half, firing into the top corner.

Czech striker Jan Koller reduced the arrears for the home side with a headed goal after 74 minutes.

Nancy, relying on exactly the same squad as last season, are now three points clear of six-times champions Olympique Lyon, who visit third-placed Girondins Bordeaux in the highlight match of the weekend programme on Sunday. — MNA/Reuters
Zambia speaks against EU complaint over Chinese loans

LUSAKA, 6 Oct — Zambia on Thursday spoke against the European Union (EU)’s complaints against Chinese loans to the country, saying the EU should not “dictate” its economic relations with other countries.

Speaking in an interview aired by Zambia’s national TV station, Zambian Finance Minister Ng’andu Magande said his government appreciates EU’s contribution to Zambia’s economic development but interference in Zambia’s internal affairs is “undemocratic”.

Magande’s remarks came one day after the EU warned Zambia to turn down China’s money. EU ambassador to Zambia Derek Fee said in a report published on the Post newspaper Wednesday that Zambia and other African countries are “mortgaging” themselves by getting loans from the Asian giants.

“It will be an absolute scandal if Zambia started getting itself back into the loan track of taking loans and having to pay back,” said the EU envoy.

The criticism, one of EU’s countermeasures to undermine China’s growing influence over mineral-rich countries in Africa, was triggered on news that Zambia has won a loan of 39 million US dollars from the Chinese Government.

Indonesia rejects foreign troops on Malacca Strait

JAKARTA, 6 Oct — Indonesia has renewed its rejection of any help from foreign troops to help safeguard one of the world’s busiest waterways, the Malacca Strait.

“We have established cooperation on joint patrolling (of the Strait) with Malaysia and Singapore,” Indonesian Military (TN) commander Air Chief Marshall Djoko Suyanto was quoted by Tuesday by English daily the Jakarta Post as saying.

“We don’t want any third party’s involvement in the routine,” Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia are the littoral states of the strait through which a large amount of the world’s oil supplies are transported everyday.

Suyanto said other countries’ involvement should be in the form of providing technical assistance and equipment.

He added the Japanese Government would provide one or more patrol boats as part of its commitment to assist the three countries.

The boats are expected to arrive in December.
People’s Desire

☆ We favour stability.
☆ We favour peace.
☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

☆ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
☆ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
☆ The public be warned of killers in the air waves — RFA, VOA and BBC

☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
☆ BBC lying
☆ VOA deceiving
☆ RFA setting up hostilities
☆ Beware! Don’t be bought by those slickers

523 detainees involved in protests released
1,215 have been released up to date

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Those who led the protests in September and those involved and those who supported the protests were detained and are being questioned. As the persons who unknowingly joined the protests are also violators of the law, the authorities are releasing them after they had signed the pledge. Up to 4 October, the authorities have already released 692 persons.

Altogether 517 persons were released on 5 October and six persons on 6 October after they had signed the pledge. Up to now, 1,215 have been released.

According to the investigations, more 78 persons who were involved in the protests are being questioned.—MNA

398 monks sent back to respective monasteries

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Authorities concerned exposed monks and novices who led, involved in, and supported the protests occurred in some townships in Yangon Division in September.

Altogether 533 monks were taken from the monasteries as it was difficult to differentiate between real monks and bogus ones. Among them, 398 monks have been sent back to their respective monasteries.—MNA