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Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends 119th Buddha Pujaniya and donates rice to members of Sangha in Mandalay

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct — Ceremonies to hold the 119th Buddha Pujaniya of Maha Lawka Marazein Pagoda and donate rice to members of the Sangha were held at the pagoda in Aungmyethasan Township of Mandalay Division on 28 October, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremonies and then donated rice and provisions to members of the Sangha.

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the eleventh day at the designated places in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday.

Present on the occasions were Minister for Immigration and Populating Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lan Thi, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo, departmental heads, officials of the leading committee, the work committee and subcommittees, journalists from nine ASEAN countries, servicemen and family members of regiments and units in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Station and local people from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District.

At University of Agriculture, Assistant Director (Music) (Retd) Daw Tin Tin Mya, musician (See page 7)

Ministers Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attend the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' mandolin contest.—MNA

Dagon Bridge that indicates genuine goodwill, huge investments and Myanmar engineers’ skills

The people are proud of and satisfied with the Dagon Bridge that has emerged thanks to the genuine goodwill of the government, huge investments and skills of Myanmar engineers. Pages 8+9

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Towards healthy living for all

Health is the most basic requirement for the development of a human society. Only when a man is fit and enjoys longevity will he be able to do everything he likes.

The Ministry of Health is establishing a string of infrastructures throughout the nation including far-flung border areas for the development of the health sector while striving for improvement of health care services of the people.

Keeping pace with changes and developments the Ministry of Health is taking all the necessary measures for uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation. As a result, it was able to get rid of leprosy. In the meantime, it is now cooperating with social organizations at home and abroad in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria.

Not only treatment but also prevention is of utmost importance in carrying out health care services of the people. Therefore, ceremonies to mark the National Environmental Sanitation Week were being held across the nation in order to extensively impart knowledge on health to the public.

Uplift of health is a national concern. Such being the case, steps are to be taken for fulfilling the four requirements, namely, ensuring wholesome foods, making available clean water, personal hygiene (clean hands) and environmental sanitation (clean toilets).

At a time when the government is making all-out efforts for the improvement of health care services of the people, the entire national people are to strive for the development of the health sector equipped with health awareness. Only then, will everyone be able to enjoy longevity.

Korean Ambassador’s Cup Taekwondo Championship on 24, 25 Nov

YANGON, 29 Oct—Korean Ambassador’s Cup Taekwondo Championship’s 2007 organized by Myanmar Taekwondo Federation and Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) will be held at Aung San stadium or National Indoor Stadium 1 from 24 to 25 November.

At the championship, ministry level competitions, state and division level, under 14 and under 16 events will be held on a grand scale. Handsome awards will be presented with the sponsorship of KOICA.

Minister inspects coffee plantation in PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials inspected private coffee plantation in Pwekauk village, perennial crops, agriculture and livestock breeding and extended project for coffee plantation in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 25 October.

Deputy Director U Thaung Nyunt explained facts about the project.

Over 50,000 acres of coffee are grown nationwide for 2006-2007. Arrangements are being made for cultivation of over 70,000 acres of coffee for 2007-2008 and 100,000 acres by the private entrepreneurs in PyinOoLwin and Nawngkhio Townships.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin provided provisions to the fire victims of a shoe factory in Hlinethaya Township.

Timber merchants participating in 4th China-ASEAN Trade Fair

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Central Executive Committee Member U Aung Naing Oo of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association and party left here by air on 26 October to attend the 4th China-ASEAN Trade Fair to be held from 28 to 30 October in Nanning, Guangxi Province, the People’s Republic of China, and to make preparations for 19 companies of the association to be able to participate in the Trade Fair. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, General Secretary U Nay Tan Min of MTFPMA and officials.
China rations diesel as record oil hits supplies

US soldier shot dead in Salahudin north of Baghdad

Putin compares US missile shield to Cuban crisis

Four killed in bus accident in Philippines

One killed, 12 wounded in bomb explosion in Thai south

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BANGKOK, 28 Oct—A woman was killed and 12 other people were wounded after a bomb exploded at a small restaurant in front of a railway station in southern Thailand’s troubled province of Narathiwat early Saturday.

Police were quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying that the bomb was hidden in a PVC pipe which was placed under a table inside the restaurant and was detonated by a mobile phone.

The restaurant was also damaged by the impact of the explosion, they said. More than 2,600 people have been killed in the ongoing insurgency in Thailand’s three Muslim-majority provinces of Pattani, Yala and Patani since January 2004.

MAFA (Portugal), 28 Oct—Russia’s President Vladimir Putin drew a parallel on Friday between US plans for a missile shield in Europe and the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, widely regarded as the closest the world came to nuclear war.

“I would remind you how relations were developing in an analogous situation in the middle of the 1960s,” he said when asked at a news conference about Washington’s plans to station elements of a missile defence shield in Eastern Europe.

“Analogous actions by the Soviet Union when it deployed rockets on Cuba provoked the Cuban missile crisis,” Putin said after an EU-Russia summit in Portugal.

“One should not think that no analysis was done of the consequences of such actions, how they would be perceived by other countries,” Putin said.

MAFA (Portugal), 28 Oct—Four killed in a bus accident in southeastern Philippines, said police. Police Chief Superintendent Jesus Callada said the driver of the long-distance passenger bus carrying some 50 passengers lost control of the vehicle as he fell asleep along a road in Sorsogon Province. Four people were killed on the spot and 14 others were injured in the incident, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—An American soldier was killed by small arms fire in the Salahudin Province north of Baghdad, the US military said on Saturday.

The attack occurred on Thursday during US troops’ operations in the province, the military said in a statement.

Earlier, the military said that another soldier was killed and four others were wounded in the day when an armoured piercing roadside bomb, or EFP, struck their unit in southern Baghdad.

EFP, first developed during World War II, is a special type of shaped charge designed to penetrate armour effectively.

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Canadians rally protests Afghan war

OTTAWA, 29 Oct—Canadians took to the streets across the country on Saturday to protest the war in Afghanistan and urge the government to withdraw troops, media reports said.

Geared to coincide with 11 anti-war protests planned in the United States, the rallies took place in 22 Canadian cities, including such big cities as Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

“The people of Canada grow ever more upset with this war and are calling for our troops to be brought home alive,” said Bob Ages of the Canadian Peace Alliance, which organized the protests.

“The global movement that erupted around the Iraq war is growing again to challenge the occupation of Afghanistan and the so-called War on Terror,” Ages said in a statement.

Michael Skinner, a Toronto academic and anti-war activist, said NATO and Canadian actions in Afghanistan are building resistance rather than peace.

Wu Yi urges further crackdown on substandard products

JINAN, 28 Oct — Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi urged on Friday more governments to withdraw from the market products in distribution as part of a crackdown on substandard products and securing food safety.

Wu asked local governments to standardize good practices for securing food safety and product quality, and ordered the advancement of a crackdown on products in distribution as well as in production, at a second on-the-site meeting held in Shandong since the launch of the campaign in August.

“Local governments of each district, county or city should make sure there remains no den producing or selling fake products in the region,” Wu said.

Nigerian gunmen attack offshore oil platform, abduct six workers

LAGOS, 28 Oct—A group of unidentified gunmen on early Friday attacked an offshore oil platform owned by Italy-based oil giant ENI’s subsidiary in Nigeria, seized six oil workers, some of them expatriates, and some 85 kilometres off Nigerian coast. According to the release, one Nigerian worker was slightly injured. However, the statement did not disclose how many foreigners are among the captures.

Helicopter crashes into railway track in Japan, two killed

TOKYO, 28 Oct—A helicopter crashed into a railway track in Osaka Prefecture of Japan on Saturday afternoon, killing the pilot and a passenger on it, Kyodo News said.

The helicopter, owned by a local aviation company, was making a demonstration flight when the accident occurred at around 3:10 pm local time (0610 GMT) near a station of the Koya Line in Sakai, Osaka Prefecture, the report said.

The pilot and the passenger were taken to a hospital but were later confirmed dead, according to local police. — MNA/Xinhua

Plantation worker beheaded in Thai south

BANGKOK, 28 Oct — An unidentified man was killed and beheaded on Saturday by suspected insurgents in Thailand’s southernmost province of Pattani.

Local authorities found the dead man’s corpse early Saturday morning in front of an agricultural project in Pattani’s Nong Chik District, the Thai News Agency reported.

Police were initially unable to identify the victim, or find any evidence pointing to the killers, but it was estimated that he was killed at least five hours earlier. — MNA/Xinhua

Afghan troops kill 18 Taleban in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Oct—Afghan troops backed by NATO forces in a Thursday night operation targeting an alleged insurgents’ hideout in Daychopan District of southern Afghanistan’s Zabul Province killed 18 Taleban, the district chief Fazel Bari told Xinhua on Friday. The troops bombed the houses where suspected militants were hiding and later recovered 18 bodies of Taleban from the crashed compounds, Bari said.

No comment is immediately available from the NATO yet.— MNA/Xinhua

Police say eight killed in Baghdad bomb blast

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—Eight people were killed and some 13 others injured by a bomb buried in rubbish in southeastern Baghdad on Saturday, local police said. The blast occurred at 7:30 am (04:00 GMT) in Jisr Diyala just outside restaurants frequented by government employees and construction workers, said police sources.

Two policemen were among those wounded in the blast, they added. — MNA/Xinhua
**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**Basell wins EU approval to buy Lyondell chemical company**

**BRUSSELS, 28 Oct —** The world’s leading producer of polyolefins Basell on Friday won approval from the European Union (EU) to buy the US chemical company Lyondell for roughly 19 billion US dollars.

The European Commission, the EU’s antitrust watchdog, gave its green light to the deal after finding that the proposed transaction would not impede effective competition on the market.

“The parties’ activities in Europe are largely complementary due to their different production focuses,” the commission said in a statement.

Basell, headquartered in Hoofddorp, the Netherlands, is the global leader in polyolefin technology, production and marketing.

It is the largest producer of polypropylene and advanced polyolefin products and a leading supplier of polyethylene and catalysts. In addition, the company also involves in licensing of polyolefin technologies.

The US company Lyondell, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is North America’s third-largest independent, publicly traded chemical company.

Lyondell is a leading global manufacturer of chemicals and plastics, a refiner of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil and a significant producer of fuel products.

**China’s CCB posts 57-b-yuan net profit in first nine months**

**BEIJING, 29 Oct —** China Construction Bank (CCB), the country’s second-largest commercial bank, has posted a net profit of 57 billion yuan in the first nine months of this year.

The net profit for the third quarter alone was 22.8 billion yuan, said the bank in a statement. It did not give comparative figures.

The bank said its net interest revenue and net fee income from intermediary business, including distribution of mutual funds and insurance policies, expanded to 139.3 billion yuan and 22.9 billion yuan respectively in the January-September period.

By 30 September, the bank’s bad loan ratio stood at 2.83 per cent and its total assets rose by 17.6 per cent to 6.4 trillion yuan from a year ago, said the bank.

The rival Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), the country’s largest lender, has reported a 66 percent year-on-year increase in its net profit in the first nine months of this year. While the smaller China Merchants Bank Co more than doubled third-quarter profit to 3.9 billion yuan. — MNA/Xinhua

**Indonesia’s Mt Krakatau increases volcanic activity**

**JAKARTA, 28 Oct —** Mount Krakatau’s volcanic activity has increased over the past three days, prompting Indonesian authorities to raise its status.

The volcano had produced 20 tremors and released 80-metre to 200-metre-high white-grey smoke plumes every hour from 24 to 26 October, Antara news agency Saturday quoted Sigan, a monitoring officer, as saying.

Normally, the volcano produced only five tremors per hour but since last Wednesday the frequency of tremors had increased, he said. Consequently, tourists and fishermen had been warned not to come near the volcano.

**Afghan police seize over 2.5 tons of narcotics**

**KABUL, 29 Oct —** Afghan police have seized more than 2.5 tons of narcotics in a series of operations over the past week, a Press release of Afghanistan’s Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

“The contraband includes 2,565 kilos of opium poppy and one kilo of heroin and in this regard three persons have been arrested,” the Press release added. It also added that the police would spare no efforts to eradicate poppy from the country.

Afghanistan with an output of 8,200 tons of opium in 2007, according to a UN report released on August 27, once again topped the biggest suppliers of the raw material used in manufacturing heroin in the world.—MNA/Xinhua

**Chinese Auto Supplier Networking kicks off in Detroit**

**DETROIT, 28 Oct —** Chinese Auto Supplier Networking, hosted by Detroit Chinese Business Association, said that in the past decade, both US and Chinese governments and auto industries have been vigorously exploring effective ways to cooperate with each other and achieve mutual benefits.

The United States is increasingly becoming one of the major markets for the autoparts manufactured in China, and “the Networking provided a platform for US Original equipment manufacturers and Tier suppliers to meet with Chinese counterparts and final alternative supply sources”, he said.

China exported nearly seven-billion-dollar auto components and equipment in 2006 to the United States, according to statistics released by the US Commerce Department.

With improvement of quality and innovation, China is becoming the second largest auto parts supplier for the United States after Mexico.

**Farmers work at their fields as the peak of Mount Kelut is seen in the background in Blitar, on 25 Oct, 2007. The risk of eruption at an Indonesian volcano on Java island remains high with one scientist warning on Saturday that it is imminent, amid increasing activity at its crater. —INTERNET**
Brazil to carry out dengue fever vaccine tests

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Oct — Brazil will start to test a dengue fever vaccine developed by the US National Institutes of Health on humans in 2008, local media reported Friday.

As tests carried out on monkeys proved to be 100 per cent effective, tests on humans have now approved by the federal government and Sao Paulo State government.

The experiments, funded by US-based PATH, will be carried out in the districts that reported the biggest numbers of dengue cases in the capital city of the state and in Guarulhos, Sao Paulo’s metropolitan region.

According to the Ministry of Health, Brazil is currently experiencing a dengue fever outbreak. A total of 2,349 cases have been confirmed in Sao Paulo city so far this year, four times the number of cases registered in 2006, and Guarulhos had 790. In the entire state, 78,614 cases were registered this year.

The Butantan Institute, in charge of the tests, said Friday that a lab will be ready by December. A plant will also be built to produce the drug, which is expected to be available to Brazilians in 2010. The institute will define how each of them will take part in the construction and purchase of equipment for the plant.

The Butantan Institute’s president, Isais Raw, said that if the vaccine output exceeds domestic demand for the vaccine, they will “offer it to Africa and other countries where there are cases of dengue”.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven killed, dozens wounded in heavy clashes in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 29 Oct— At least seven people were killed including three Ethiopian soldiers and dozens wounded in heavy clashes between Somali Government troops backed by Ethiopian forces and insurgents in the Somali capital Mogadishu, witnesses and hospital sources said Saturday.

“I saw three dead Ethiopian soldiers who were killed when a hand grenade exploded among them as they were taking positions in our neighbourhood,” Ali Balle, a resident of Wardigley, told Xinhua.

The clashes started in the early hours of Saturday and heavy weapons including tanks, anti-aircraft gun, mortars and heavy machine guns were used in the fighting, which residents say caused heavy civilian casualties and is still continuing in certain areas of the city.

“Three people were killed in the fighting here and five were also wounded,” said Qalid Jimale, a Hodon resident. “The injured cannot be taken to hospital as the roads are blocked.”

Hawa Isse, a kiosk owner in Hamar Bille neighbourhood where Ethiopian troops have a base, said the insurgents attacked the base with rocket propelled grenades, bombs and hand grenades and Ethiopian tanks started rolling out and firing. “One woman was killed and three other people were wounded by stray bullets near my kiosk,” said Hawa.

INTERNET

Three killed in small plane crash in western Canada

OTTAWA, 29 Oct— Three people have been killed in a small plane crash in Canada’s western province of British Columbia, local media reported Saturday.

The Piper Malibu, one single engine aircraft, went down Friday evening, after the pilot reported he had lost engine power.

The plane was en route from Salem, Oregon, to Springbank, Alberta. The nationalities and identities of those on board have not been released.

MNA/Xinhua

Coal mine flooding traps nine in N-W China

XI’AN, 29 Oct— More than 50 people are working at a flooded coal mine in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province to rescue the nine miners who have been trapped for more than 30 hours but still have chances of survival.

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Civil Defence authorities reported that alleged drug dealers in the neighbourhood prevented the first rescue teams from entering the neighbourhood. The Nova Brasilia neighbourhood is located in the Complexo do Alemao District, among Rio’s largest slums, with some 65,000 inhabitants.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe enjoys performance of contestans in basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' modern and oldies song contest.— MNA

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(from page 1) U Min Naung and party supervised the song contest. Twelve contestans participated in the higher education level men's oldies and modern song contest and 13 students in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' oldies and modern song contest.

Chairman of the panel of judges Rector U Tin Soe of Culture University and party supervised the narration of Jataka contest at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science. Six contestans competed in the amateur level men's narration of Jataka contest.

At the hall of Forest Research Division, leader of the panel of judges U Maung Hmi and party supervised the mandolin contest. Eight persons from States and Divisions took part in the amateur level (first class) men's mandolin contest. The xylophone contest took place at the lecture hall of University of Agriculture, supervised by U Yi Nwe, leader U Khin Hla and party. Five contestans from States and Divisions took part in the amateur level (second class) women's mandolin contest.

In the afternoon, five students competed in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' mandolin contest and three in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' mandolin contest.

The oboe contest was held at the convocation hall of University of Agriculture. Ten persons participated in the amateur level (second class) men's oboe contest and two students in the higher education level and five in the amateur level (first class) oboe contest. — MNA

Contestants participating in amateur level (first class) men's narration of Jataka contest.— MNA

Shan State (South) holds work coordination meeting

YANGON, 29 Oct — The Shan State (South) held a work coordination meeting on drug abuse control at Shan State Meeting Hall of Taunggyi on 23 October with an address by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye.

Also present at the meeting were the deputy commander, departmental heads, Joint Secretary of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Police Col Kham Aung and chairmen of district/township PDCs and guests.

First, the commander made an opening speech. Next, Police Col Kham Aung explained activities on drug abuse control, the set-up and duties of CCDAC, opium-substitute plantations, medical treatment, giving educational talks, measures of 15-year Drug Elimination Plan with the use of posters and projectors. Later, Head of Shan State Police Force Police Col Nyunt Win and chairmen of district/township PDC reported to the commander on control of drug abuse in districts and townships.

Then, the commander gave necessary instructions and presented K 1.6 million to officials concerned to be spent on opium-substitute plantations. — MNA

Fire breaks out in Bahan Tsp

YANGON, 29 Oct — A fire broke out on Dhamma Pala Street at Sayan San North-West Ward in Bahan Township, here, yesterday, gutting eleven houses and leaving 16 families homeless. The fire started due to negligence. The fire victims were temporarily accommodated at No 7 BEPS and provided with necessary help.— MNA

Li-Gen Ye Myint attends 119th Buddha Pujaniya...

(from page 1) offered flowers and light to Buddha Image and paid homage to it. Next, the congregation opened the ceremony with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party received the Five Precepts from State Ovadacariya Sitha Kyaungtaik Moehiti Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamajoti Kadhaja Bhuddanta Nalina and members of the Sanghare-cited Parittas.

After sharing merits gained, Lt-Gen Ye Myint offered cash and provisions to the Sayadaw and so did Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw. Next, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han donated cash and provisions to Monastic Education Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhuddanta Kesava and senior military officers, members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, cash and provisions were donated to 22 Ovadacariya Sayadaways of 22 monasteries and Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party shared merits gained. After that Li-Gen Ye Myint and party paid homage to the pagoda.

Later, the ceremony to donate rice to members of the Sangha followed. Departmental officials and wellwishers in and around Mandalay City gathered at the ceremony and held it on a grand scale. They offered rice and K 959,000 to a total of 2374 monks. — MNA
Industrial City on Yangon side can be exported in a Zone, Dagon (East) Industrial Zone, and Hlinethaya (South) Industrial Zone, Dagon (North) Industrial Zone, Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, Dagon foot-wide walkways on it. Thanks to the facility, loads.

180 feet and 18 feet high. It can withstand 75 tons of products of Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, Dagon (Seikkan Township) and Thanlyin Township. The project was launched on 2 May 2000. It links Dagon Myothit, Shwepyitha, Panhlaing and Twantay bridges.

Bandoola, Thanlyin, Bayintnaung, Aungzeya, facilities, 180 feet and above long, such as Maha Bandoola, Thanlyin, Bayinnaung, Aungzeya, Shwepyitha, Panhlaing and Twantay bridges.

Dagon Bridge is over the Bago River. The project was launched on 2 May 2000. It links Dagon Myothit (Seikkan Township) and Thanlyin Township. The 4540 feet long facility’s clearance area is 130 feet wide and 18 feet high. It can withstand 75 tons of loads.

It has a 72-foot-wide motorway and two six-foot-wide walkways on it. Thanks to the facility, products of Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, Dagon (South) Industrial Zone, Dagon (North) Industrial Zone, Dagon (East) Industrial Zone, and Hlinethaya Industrial City on Yangon side can be exported in a short time through Thilawa International Port Terminal on Thanlyin side.

In addition, the people in Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan and Thongwa townships will enjoy development in the economic, trade, education, health, religious, social and transport sectors.

Regarding the Dagon Bridge, an interview was conducted with Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin, Deputy Superintending Engineer of Special Project (Bridge) Group-1 of Public Works.

Q: The bridge is a splendid one. I would like to know how much did it cost.

A: It costs more than 18,000 million (18 billion) kyats.

Q: Was all the cost on the project from the State funds and was there any foreign assistance?

A: All the cost on the project was from the State funds and there was no foreign assistance.

Q: I notice something different. For instance, pillars of the bridge are different from other bridges'.

A: You are right. The technology used for building this bridge and that for the first Thanlyin Bridge are not the same. It is an all-concrete bridge without any iron beams. It has a lot of strong points. For instance, iron-beam bridges need regular checks. Rusty spots of such bridges are to be removed and such areas are to be painted again. We also have to check the bridge to know if there is a damaged area due to sea water. Concrete bridges do not need such maintenance work.

Q: I would also like to know the purpose of building all-concrete bridge and why another facility was built near the first Thanlyin Bridge.

A: The purpose of building all-concrete bridge is to be able to withstand heavier loads. So, the facility consists of 19 main pillars in the river, 13 pillars for the approach structure on Yangon side, and 15 pillars for the approach structure on Thanlyin side. Why another facility was built near the first Thanlyin Bridge is to be able to withstand loads over two times more than the capacity of the first Thanlyin Bridge. Like the Sittoung Bridge and Sagaing Bridge, the first Thanlyin Bridge has one railroad in the middle and a one-way motor road each on either side on it. The two motor roads are on the protrusions of the bridge, so it has limited capacity to withstand loads. Now, maximum weight allowed to pass on it is 36 tons. In the past, there was no problem because the trucks were six-wheel vehicles. Now, trucks are 10-wheel and 12-wheel vehicles. So, the Dagon Bridge is suitable for heavy trucks with 40 or 50 tons of loads each. It has a six-lane motorway on it, so trucks and container trucks can pass through it at

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Q: I learnt that the design of the Dagon Bridge was drawn by Myanmar engineers. Is it right?
A: Yes, it is. The government provided funds and construction materials, and Myanmar engineers took responsibilities for technology and innovations. In fact, the project is due to the vision and guidance of the Head of State.

Q: How many staff and workers were used to complete the project on schedule?
A: More than 100 engineers including experts, more than 50 permanent staff members and more than 1000 night shift workers. Then, I interviewed fisherman U Aye Kyaw, 50, of Kalarwe village in Thanlyin Township.

Q: U Aye Kyaw, were you born here? And what is your opinion about the bridge?
A: Yes, Kalarwe is my native village. I have engaged in fishery work since I was 18. I carry marine products by boat to Yangon. Yangon is seen from Thilawa International Port Terminal on Thanlyin side. Thanks to the facility, products of Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, Dagon (South) Industrial Zone, Dagon (North) Industrial Zone, Dagon (East) Industrial Zone, and Hinethaya Industrial City on Yangon side can be exported in a short time through Thilawa International Port Terminal on Thanlyin side.

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* It has 19 main pillars in the river, 13 pillars for approach structure on Yangon side, and 15 for approach structure on Thanlyin side. It costs over K 1800 million.

Q: Then, the Dagon Bridge is the very pride of Myanmar engineers. Isn’t it?
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Q: You also built the Mawlamyine Bridge. So, may I know the difference between the Mawlamyine Bridge and the Dagon Bridge?
A: We used different technologies for building the two bridges. To build the Mawlamyine Bridge, we first dug holes in the bed of the river and put concrete into them to construct main pillars. We had to pump the water and earth from these holes. We used RCD bore piles for Dagon Bridge. We faced difficulties to drive bore piles for the foundation.

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Q: I learnt that the Dagon Bridge was drawn by Myanmar engineers. Is it right?
A: Yes, it is. The government provided funds and construction materials, and Myanmar engineers took responsibilities for technology and innovations. In fact, the project is due to the vision and guidance of the Head of State.

Q: How many staff and workers were used to complete the project on schedule?
A: More than 100 engineers including experts, more than 50 permanent staff members and more than 1000 night shift workers. Then, I interviewed fisherman U Aye Kyaw, 50, of Kalarwe village in Thanlyin Township.

Q: U Aye Kyaw, were you born here? And what is your opinion about the bridge?
A: Yes, Kalarwe is my native village. I have engaged in fishery work since I was 18. I carry marine products by boat to Yangon. Yangon is seen from Thilawa International Port Terminal on Thanlyin side. Thanks to the facility, products of Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, Dagon (South) Industrial Zone, Dagon (North) Industrial Zone, Dagon (East) Industrial Zone, and Hinethaya Industrial City on Yangon side can be exported in a short time through Thilawa International Port Terminal on Thanlyin side.

* It is the biggest among the concrete bridges.
* It is the 228th among the bridges, 180 feet and above long.
* The clearance area of the 4450 feet long facility is 130 feet wide and 18 feet high.
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Ancient pagoda reconstructed in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—An ancient pagoda in the compound of Mwaydaw Katku Pagoda in Katku Village-tract in Kyauktalongyi Township, Shan State (South) was consecrated on 27 October and Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye attended the consecration ceremony.

At the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint handed over Ky 4 million donated by the ministry for all-round renovation of Mwaydaw Katku Pagoda to U Aung Kham Hti.—MNA

People of Sagaing, Yangon Divisions and Kayin, Kachin States condemn recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The people of Khamti of Sagaing Division, Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe of Kayin State, Waingmaw, Hsinbo of Kachin State, Kyauktada, Pabedan, Dagon Myothit (East), North Okkalapa, and Dagon Myothit (North) Townships of Yangon Division who wish to see stability of the State, the rule of law and community peace and tranquillity regarded recent protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability. So they walked in procession on 22, 24, 25 and 29 October respectively after seeking permission from the authorities concerned to denounce recent protests.

In Khamti of Sagaing Division, some 7,000 people walked in procession on 22 October shouting slogans calling for 'No terrorists', 'We don’t want external and internal destructive elements' and holding placards that read 'We favour stability', 'We oppose unrest and violence', 'Ward off external and internal destructive elements', 'the seven-step Road Map must be successful and we support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution'.

Similarly, on 24 October, over 25,000 people of Hpa-an, over 20,000 people of Hlaingbwe and over 21,000 people of Myawady on 25 October in Kayin State walked in procession shouting slogans calling for 'Our Three Main National Causes' and 'the seven-step Road Map must be successful' and holding state flags and placards that read 'We favour peace and stability', 'We oppose unrest and violence', 'We support the forthcoming constitution', 'We cannot serve as slaves' and 'Ward off external and internal destructive elements'.

In like manner, more than 20,000 people of Waingmaw, over 3,000 people of Hsinbo of Kachin State walked in procession, chanting slogans and holding placards on 25 October. Similarly, over 11,000 people of Kyauktada, more than 5,000 people of Pabedan, over 10,000 people of Dagon Myothit (East), about 15,000 people of North Okkalapa, and more than 10,000 people of Dagon Myothit (North) Townships of Yangon Division walked in procession, chanting slogans calling for 'Our Three Main National Causes' and 'the seven-step Road Map must be successful' and holding placards that read 'the public be warned of killers in the air waves—BBC, VOA and RFA', 'BBC lying, VOA deceiving, and RFA setting up hostilities'.

Local residents of Dagon Myothit (East) Township express desire to denounce recent protests.—MNA

People marching in procession in Pabedan Township to denounce recent protests.—MNA

People marching in procession in Kyauktada Township to condemn recent protests.—MNA

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Fourth China-ASEAN Expo opens in Nanning

NANNING, 29 Oct — The Fourth China-ASEAN Exposition (CAEXPO) opened here on Sunday morning in the southern China city of Nanning. Political figures and business leaders of China and the ten countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, or ASEAN were present at the four-day event.

Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyian, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Laos Bouasone Bounhavanh, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and Crown Prince of Brunei Al-Muhtadee Billah attended the opening ceremony of the Expo.

Johannah Joy Phumaphi, Vice-President of World Bank, said the CAEXPO is an effective mechanism to the region’s continued economic success.

According to Phumaphi, emerging economies in East Asia maintained an average GDP growth of 7 per cent to 8 per cent per annum, and trade growth in the region is faster than GAP growth.

A vehicle burns after a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 155 miles north of Baghdad, on 28 Oct, 2007. — XINHUA

Smoking not linked to more advanced breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — Women who develop breast cancer are no more likely to have aggressive or advanced tumors if they are cigarette smokers than if they do not smoke, researchers said on Sunday.

Whether cigarette smoking raises a woman’s chances of ever developing breast cancer has remained a controversial question, with some research indicating a risk and other studies not.

Researchers at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia investigated whether female smokers who got breast cancer were more likely to have a more serious form.

They analyzed data on 6,162 women with breast cancer evaluated at the facility from 1970 to 2006, and found that whether a woman smoked did not affect whether her tumour was more advanced or particularly aggressive at the time of diagnosis.

Nine per cent of the breast cancer patients were smokers when they were first seen.

Seven killed in pile-up in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Oct — Seven people including two children and a teenager were killed and another injured on Saturday in an accident involving two cars and a truck in western Rio, the Fire Brigade said.

The crash took place on a highway in Santissimo Distrito, that connects districts in the north and west zones to downtown Rio. Part of the road had to be interdicted for almost two hours following the pile-up.

According to witnesses, a Chevrolet Corsa involved in the collision hit the hard shoulder that separates the two lanes and its tires burst. The car flipped over and hit another passenger vehicle with four people aboard on the opposite driveway of the highway. Then, a truck that transported vegetable oil crashed into the Corsa, dragging it for about 100 metres.

Seven US college students die in beach house fire

WILMINGTON, 29 Oct — Seven South Carolina college students were killed and six were injured on Sunday when a fire swept through a beach home in a US resort community, officials said.

Police in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, received an emergency call at 7:01 am EDT/1101 GMT, the town said in a statement. When rescue services got there two minutes later, the house was completely engulfed in flames, according to the statement.

University of South Carolina officials said they believed the six injured and six of the dead were students at the university.

The seventh dead student was from Clemson University, Vice-President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt told a news conference.

Pruitt said the university was helping North Carolina officials identify the dead.

Devices explode at Mexican Consulate in New York

NEW YORK, 29 Oct — Police were investigating the explosion of two makeshift explosive devices outside the Mexican Consulate in New York on Friday, police said.

Police had cordoned off the area outside the building on the East Side of midtown Manhattan and the bomb squad was scouring the scene for evidence.

Police said there were no injuries.

Police sources told Reuters two explosive devices were thrown at the wall of the consulate in the middle of the night, exploding and breaking windows in the building.

Consulate workers found broken glass and fragments of one of the devices when they arrived at work on Friday.

A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman in Mexico City said it was unclear exactly what the devices were.

“They threw something in from outside breaking two windows. They had to evacuate the consulate staff,” she said.

A New York Police Department spokesman said the devices were similar to makeshift grenades that exploded outside the British Consulate in New York in 2005.
French paper says Harry Potter a left-wing hero

PARIS, 28 Oct—Harry Potter — left-wing hero of the intellectual aristocracy against the materialist middle classes? Well, yes, according to the French daily Liberation.

To mark the French publication of the final instalment of the adventures of JK Rowling’s boy magician, France’s leading left-wing daily according to the French national media “extinct” tiger land.

16 killed as militant clash with al-Qaeda in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—Fighters from an Iraqi insurgent group fought suspected al-Qaeda members south of Samarra City in Salahuddin Province, killing 16 of them, including three foreign fighters, a provincial police source said on Saturday.

Gaza explosion kills at least three

GAZA, 28 Oct—At least three Palestinians have been killed Saturday in a mysterious explosion that rocked a house in southeast Gaza Strip, residents and security sources said.

China bans hunting "extinct" tiger land

BEIJING, 28 Oct—All hunting has been banned in an area in North China where an endangered tiger was apparently sighted and a team of experts will investigate whether the big cat really still exists there, the Xinhua news agency said on Saturday. The young South China tiger, belonging to a sub-species experts had feared was extinct in the wild, was captured on camera earlier this month by Zhou Zhebolong, a farmer from the mountainous Zhenjing in central China.

Tourists walk around the Temple of Heaven on a cold Autumn day in Beijing on 28 Oct, 2007. The temple, built around 1420, is one of Beijing's most popular tourist attractions and local park areas covering an area of 273 hectares. — INTERNET
Latest Potter book now in Chinese, officially

Beijing, 29 Oct — The official Chinese version of the latest Harry Potter smash hit went on sale in bookstores yesterday, almost two months after an unofficial version was posted on the Internet.

One million copies of the book have been printed by the People’s Literature Publishing House in Beijing, which owns the copyright of the Chinese language version of the bestselling series for the Chinese mainland.

Priced at 66 yuan ($8.80), the book about a boy wizard is perhaps the most expensive children’s book in the country, where the average disposable income per month was last year about 1,000 yuan ($133).

Nearly 10 million copies of the Chinese versions of the previous six installments have been sold, and the number is rising, Pan Kaixiong, vice-president of the publishing house said. Globally, the Harry Potter series has been translated into more than 60 languages and 325 million copies have been sold, earning 56 billion yuan.

“We are ready to print more copies of the Chinese version at any time,” said Sun Shulin, editor of the Chinese versions, adding that more than 180,000 copies of the last installment were distributed to bookstores in Beijing on Saturday night.

To prevent the official version from being pirated, the publishing house has signed special contracts with bookstores and printing houses.

But there are fears that the unofficial translations online could damage sales of the official printed version.

Mongolian acrobats perform during the opening ceremony of the 11th China Wuqiao International Circus Festival in Shijiazhuang, north China’s Hebei Province on Saturday, with about 1,000 officers and 10,000 soldiers and personnel training, promoting tourism and holding art festivals.

China’s lunar probe completes second orbital transfer

Beijing, 28 Oct — China’s lunar probe Chang’e-1 had travelled more than 389,000 kilometres after completing its second orbital transfer on Friday afternoon, according to the moon probe team.

“It still has about 1.19 million kilometres to go before it reaches the moon orbit as planned,” Zhang Bo, an engineer of monitoring and controlling branch of the moon probe programme told Xinhua.

According to Zhang, the moon orbiter will experience another two orbital transfers before it begins to fly to the moon in a real sense on 31 October. “Chang’e-1 is expected to enter the earth-moon transfer orbit on 31 October. Before that, it’s like a man-made satellite of the earth since it travels on the earth orbit,” said Zhang. The Beijing Aerospace Control Centre (BACC) issued the instruction for the second orbital transfer at around 4:50 pm. The orbital transfer was effected at 5:44 pm. The probe is now moving on a 24-hour orbit with an apogee of 70,000 kilometres, up from the former 50,000 kilometres, according to information from the Yuanwang III space tracking ship at the southern Pacific.

Chinese Army launches electromagnetic war game

Zhengzhou, 29 Oct — The Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) started a war game in central China’s Henan Province on Saturday, to test its fighting capabilities under electromagnetic circumstances, according to Army sources.

A division of the PLA’s Jinan Military Area Command, with about 10,000 soldiers and officers and 1,000 vehicles, will launch attacks on a hilly exercise site in the coming seven days. It is aimed to check the results of the Army’s training for electromagnetic battles over the past year, so as to improve its capabilities of commanding, long-range manoeuvre, firepower, integrated defending, and comprehensive logistic work.

The year 2007 is the first year for the whole Army to carry out training on electromagnetic combat.

Typhoon nears Tokyo area, two missing

Tokyo, 29 Oct — A typhoon approached areas near Tokyo on Saturday night, bringing heavy rain and strong winds and causing two persons missing.

As of 8 pm (1100 GMT), the typhoon was around 80 kilometres southeast of Choshi, Chiba Prefecture, moving northeast at 75 kilometres per hour in the Pacific. It was generating winds of up to 144 kilometres per hour, with an atmospheric pressure of 980 hectopascals near its centre, according to Japan Meteorological Agency.

Two surfers were swept by waves and are still missing in two separate places of Kanagawa a Prefecture on Saturday, according to Kyodo News.

A framework of a dinosaur is displayed during an exhibition in the Museum of Natural Sciences in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 28 Oct, 2007. The exhibition, considered to be the biggest in Europe, displays some 35 dinosaur frameworks and a great deal of specimens of many other contemporaneous animals and plants. At least 80,000 people were expected to visit the exhibition on the free visit period of 27 and 28 Oct.
Leaders Real grab late win as Barca go second

Madrid, 29 Oct — Leaders Real Madrid scored two late goals to secure a 3-1 home win over Deportivo Coruna in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Depor took a second-minute lead through Xisco in the Bernabeu, though Raúl put the champions in front. Robinho added a third at the end.

“We aren’t playing that well but we are still a new team and we are top. Imagine what we’ll be like when we start playing well,” Real’s Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder told Radio Marca.

Real are top with 22 points from nine games, two ahead of arch-rivals Barcelona who moved up to second after they comfortably saw off promoted Almeria 2-0 in the Nou Camp.

France striker Thierry Henry, whose recent performances have been put under the spotlight, poached his fourth league goal just before the break.

Argentina’s Lionel Messi came off the bench to convert a penalty nine minutes from time as Barca raised their game towards the end. Valencia are third with 18 points, the same as Villarreal, after they fell 3-0 away to a Sevilla side motivated to give new coach Manuel Jimenez a winning start.

PSV beat Sparta 4-1 to move top of Dutch League

Amsterdam, 29 Oct — PSV Eindhoven cruised to a 4-1 win at Sparta Rotterdam to move top of the Dutch league on Sunday.

Kenneth Perez set up Danko Lazovic for the first goal after 37 seconds, while Mike Zonneveld and Jefferson Farfan hit the back of the net with long-distance strikes before the break to seal the victory.

Perez added a fourth in the second half after Sjaak Polak converted a penalty to give the hosts their consolation goal. Ajax Amsterdam made an impressive start at Utrecht but wasted a handful of chances and had to wait until the 88th minute for a goal when Alberto Luque set up Klaas Jan Huntelaar on the counter attack. PSV are top with 23 points after nine matches, two above Ajax and Feyenoord, who lost 2-0 at Twente Enschede on Saturday.

AZ Alkmaar notched a 3-2 victory at NAC Breda to end a winless streak of six matches.

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Berlin, 29 Oct — Bayern Munich had to settle for a goalless draw away to Borussia Dortmund on Sunday, leaving the way clear for Hamburg SV to cut their lead to four points with a 1-0 win at Duisburg.

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Rangers suffer spot of bother in 2-1 defeat

Glasgow, 29 Oct — Rangers stumbled to a 2-1 defeat at Dundee United on Sunday in a fast-flowing Scottish Premier League Encounter which was decided by Barry Robson’s penalty.

Victory hauled United level on 22 points with second place Rangers, although the latter enjoy a better goal difference.

Champions Celtic are top of the standings with 25 points after crushing Motherwell 3-0 at home on Saturday. Rangers manager Walter Smith refused to blame the defeat on fatigue following the club’s mid-week 0-0 draw with Barcelona in the Champions League.

“It’s a long time since I’ve seen anyone losing a game where we didn’t work hard enough,” Smith said. “We’ve had a lot of things go wrong in recent weeks.”

MNA/Reuters

IFK Gothenburg win Swedish League title

Gothenburg, 29 Oct — IFK Gothenburg won their first Swedish championship title since 1996 on Sunday, beating Trelleborg 2-0.

The league win handed Gothenburg the only Swedish spot in next season’s Champions League qualifying stage.

Going into the league’s final round, Gothenburg were ahead of Djurgarden on goal difference but the capital club lost their match with Brommapojkarna 1-0 and had to settle for third place.

Kalmar took the runners-up spot thanks to a 2-0 win over AIK Stockholm.

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Vucinic header sinks Milan, Inter draw 0-0

Milan, 29 Oct — A second-half header from Mirko Vucinic gave AS Roma a 1-0 win at struggling AC Milan that lifted them into second spot in Serie A on Sunday.

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Inter Milan’s Swedish forward, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, background right, vies for the ball with Palermo’s Andrea Barzaghi, right, and Mattia Cassani, left, during their Italian first division soccer match at the Stadio Comunale in Palermo, Italy, on Sunday.

The game ended in a scoreless draw.

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Liverpool’s Steven Gerrard, left celebrates with Dirk Kuyt after scoring against Arsenal during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, on 28 Oct, 2007. —INTERNET

Meet the stars of the season: Zlatan Ibrahimovic, left, of AC Milan and Mounir El Hamdaoui, right, of Valencia.

INTERNET

In this photo provided by EppicSurf.com, Jim Kriek, left, of Brentwood, Calif, dressed as the Silver Surfer and Phil Keith, of Sherman Oaks, Calif, dressed as the Human Torch Sherman, share a wave while competing in the third annual Scare N’Tear halloween surf contest in Manhattan Beach, Calif, on 28 Oct, 2007. —INTERNET

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“The people keep saying that, but there is no excuse for that,” Smith told the BBC. “It was on Tuesday night and we have had adequate respite and there’s no reason why that should be the case.” United took the lead with a magnificient goal from defender Lee Wilkie in the 28th minute as he guided a six-metre volley across keeper Allan McGregor and into the left side of the net following a deep free kick by Irish midfielder Willo Flood.

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Report shows Iranians study Nuclear Physics in Britain

LONDON, 29 Oct — The Foreign Office of Britain has cleared dozens of Iranians to enter British universities to study advanced Nuclear Physics and other subjects, the Sunday Times reported.

In the past nine months about 60 Iranians have been admitted to study postgraduate courses deemed “proliferation-sensitive” by the security services, the report said. The disciplines range from nuclear physics to some areas of electrical and chemical engineering and microbiology.

Figures showed that 30 Iranians were doing postgraduate degrees in subjects covering nuclear physics and nuclear engineering during the year 2005 and 2006.

The Foreign Office said it was reviewing the vetting for sensitive areas of study and planned to announce an overhaul within the next few weeks to make procedures more rigorous.

Study finds organic food more nutritious

LONDON, 29 Oct — A study into organic food has found that it is more nutritious than ordinary produce and may help to lengthen people’s lives.

An EU-funded project that cost 12 million pounds (some 24 million US dollars) showed that organic fruit and vegetables contain as much as 40 per cent more beneficial minerals such as iron and zinc, the Sunday Times reported.

Researchers grew fruit and vegetables and raised cattle on adjacent organic and non-organic sites on a 725-acre (about 290 hectare) farm attached to Newcastle University, and at other sites in Europe. They found that levels of antioxidants in milk from organic herds were up to 90 per cent higher than from conventional herds.

Organic tomatoes from Greece were also found to have significantly higher levels of antioxidants, including flavonoids, thought to reduce coronary heart disease, said the report.

Professor Carlo Leifert, coordinator of the four year project, said the differences were so marked that organic produce could help to increase the nutrient intake of those people not eating the recommended five portions a day of fruit and vegetables.

The Food Standards Agency confirmed over the weekend that it was reviewing the evidence before deciding whether to change its advice. British ministers and the agency said earlier that there were no significant differences between organic and ordinary produce.

Weather

**Outlook for subsequent two days:**

State of the sea: Possibility of rain or thundershowers.

**Monday, 29 October, 2007**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and Bago Division and fine weather the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (1.77) inches, Pyarpon (0.83) inch, Co Co Island (0.15) inch and Kawthong (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-10-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 29-10-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-10-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 28-10-2007 was (6.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-10-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (142.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (08:30) hours MST on 29-10-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observation at (12.30) hrs MST today, low pressure areas over Southern Bay has intensified into a depression and has crossed over the North Tamil Nadu Coast near Chennai (India), weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-10-2007: Like-likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-10-2007: Prarily cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-10-2007: Possibility of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-10-2007: Fair weather.
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 ill-wishers

Who are the winners, and who, the losers from recent violent protests?

☆ Due to the violent protests,
  The people are in a state of panic
  Artless persons get into bad company and run into trouble
  Trade and commerce hit hard
  Vendors and shopkeepers have hard times
  Tourism industry in bad shape

☆ Due to the violent protests,
  Colonialists’ lackey expatriates earn dollars
  Touts were provided with funds
  Criminals and opportunists are happy with the unrest
  National traitors from agitator media gained a lot of dollars