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Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulatory message to Mr. Barack Obama on the occasion of his election as 44th US President

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent congratulatory message to the Honourable Mr. Barack Hussein Obama, on the occasion of his election as the 44th President of the United States of America in the 2008 Presidential Election.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends congratulatory message to Mr. Joseph Robinette Biden Jr on the occasion of his election as US Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov— Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent congratulatory message to the Honourable Mr. Joseph Robinette Biden Jr, on the occasion of his election as the Vice-President of the United States of America in the 2008 Presidential Election.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 10th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Computer Federation and computer associations

Lt-Gen Myint Swe awards a winner of Application Development Competition. MNA



YANGON, 7 Nov— At the meeting hall of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline University Campus, here, this morning, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended

the 10th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs and Myanmar

Computer Enthusiasts Association and presented prizes to the winners.

Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications,

Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivered an address, and President of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thein Oo reported on functions of the federation and associations.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented prizes to the winners in the Application Development Competition to mark the 10th Anniversary of the federation and associations, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, prizes to the winners in the ICT Products and Services Competition and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, prizes to the winners in the Educational Project Competition.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Gunners hollow in attack, defence as Red Devils eye first win at Emirates

ARSENAL, 7 Nov—Fourth-placed Arsenal take on defending champions Manchester United, who are one place above the Gunners in the table with a game in hand, in the Premiership showdown at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday.

Arsene Wenger's side head into the big clash on the back of poor results that saw the Gunners shocked at Stoke City last weekend following from the 4-4 draw to Tottenham. The Gunners were also held by Fenerbahce to a goalless draw in Champions League at home.

On the other hand, Sir Alex Ferguson's men are in form as they have not lost in last seven games. The Red Devils got the better of Hull City last weekend after an easy win over West Ham last midweek, but had to fight in the title defence of the Champions League when they could only manage a 1-1 draw at Celtic in the group game.—Internet



One of the previous clashes.

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce quality machines for development of industrial sector

The government is striving for development of the industrial sector based on agriculture. The industrial zones, farm implement factories and machines and machine tools factories are being established in an effort to transform the nation into an industrialized one.

For development of industrial zones, foundry plants and forging factories have been built in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi industrial zones and steel wares are being produced with advanced technology.

Industrial zones with different production capabilities and techniques are located in different regions. So, based on mutual benefit and innovation, all the industrial zones are to strive for industrial development.

Factories and mills in No.1 Industrial Zone of Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon East District are producing transformers, electrical appliances, recycled paper, plastic moulds, plastic items, rattan furniture and rattan-substitute furniture.

Only when the industrial zones are able to produce quality machines for the nation, will the Myanmar industrial sector make progress.

Meanwhile, all the industrial zones are to make efforts for transforming manual operated works into small scale industries, and small and medium scale industries into heavy industries.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon all the industrialists and researchers to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for development of the industrial sector.

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People's Desire

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

Minister receives Korea International Cooperation Agency delegation



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein receives KOICA Resident Representative Mr. Cho Kwang Geol and party. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov— Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Resident Representative Mr Cho Kwang Geol of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and party at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 November afternoon.

They cordially discussed the installation for teaching aids and machinery at Technical School Project (Thagara) being jointly organized by the Ministry of Industry-2 and KOICA.

MNA

Basic education schools in Shan State (South) inspected

YANGON, 7 NOV — Director-General U Aye Lwin of Department of Basic Education No. 2 inspected learning of school children, condition of school buildings and science labs and sanitation works at Myogyi Basic Education High School (Branch), Myinkyadoe BEHS (Branch) and Myaing BEHS (Branch) in Ahtet Ywangan of Ywangan Township, Pindaya BEHS, Taungbawgyi BEHS (Branch), Pwayhla BEHS (Branch) and Kyone BEHS (Branch) in Pindaya Township and BEHS No. 2 in Kalaw of Shan State (South) on 3

and 4 November.

The director-general stressed the need for improvement of teaching methodology, effectiveness of teaching aids, rising of pass rate in matriculation examination and subject-wise, implementation of guardian system and timely completion of chapter-end tests.

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MWAF donates food and medicine to Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Home for the Aged

NAY PYI TAW, 7 NOV—Head Daw Mya Theingi of Discipline Enforcement Department under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and members of women affairs organization from Ministry of Transport donated food, tonic, utensils and cash assistance to older persons at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Home for the Aged on 1 November. They asked after the elder persons and gave manicure to them.

Afterwards, Chairman of the board of trustees of the Home for the Aged U Kyaw Shin and responsible persons accepted K 380,000 for the fund donated by MWAF and presented certificates of honor.—MNA



Daw Mya Theingi of MWAF and WAO members of the Ministry of Transport present cash and kind to an elder person. — TRANSPORT

**Donate
blood**

Ahmadinejad welcomes Obama change



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

TEHERAN, 7 NOV—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad congratulated US President-elect Barack Obama—the first time an Iranian leader has offered such wishes to a US president-elect since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

One analyst said the welcome was a gesture from the hard-line president that he is open to a more conciliatory relationship with the US.

Ahmadinejad said Teheran “welcomes basic and fair changes in US policies and conducts,” according to the state-run *Islamic Republic News Agency* on Thursday.

Relations between the United States and Iran have historically been chilly, and have been further strained in recent years over Iran’s nuclear program.

Teheran insists the programme exists for peaceful purposes, but the United States and other Western nations are concerned by Iran’s refusal to halt uranium enrichment activities.—*Internet*

Blast kills 11 in Russia’s N Ossetia region

VLADIKAVKAZ, 7 NOV—A suspected suicide bomber killed 11 people outside a Russian market on Thursday, prosecutors said, in one of the worst attacks in months to hit Russia’s turbulent North Caucasus region.

The explosion detonated as a minibus taxi pulled up outside the main market in the southern Russian city of Vladikavkaz, killing passengers and ripping the doors off one side of the vehicle. Prosecutors said they suspected a terrorist attack.

“According to preliminary information, the explosive device was deto-

nated by a female suicide bomber,” the press service of North Ossetian leader Taimuraz Mamsurov said in a statement posted on his official Web site www.rso-a.ru. Mamsurov, who held

an emergency meeting with his security chiefs, told Russian news agencies the head of a woman, believed to be the suicide bomber, had been found at the scene.—*Internet*



Investigators work on a scene of an explosion outside the main market in the southern Russian city of Vladikavkaz, on 6 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Syria airs car bomb ‘confessions’

DAMASCUS, 7 NOV—Syrian state TV has shown what it says are confessions by 11 militants behind the car bomb attack in Damascus in September which left 17 people dead.

Among the 10 men and

one woman shown was Abdul Baqi al-Hussein, described as being responsible for security for Fatah al-Islam, a Sunni Islamist group.

Fatah al-Islam fought the Lebanese army in a refugee camp in Tripoli

last year.

The broadcast also showed a photo of a man said to have been the suicide bomber in the September attack. Mr Hussein said the bomber was a Saudi man called Abou Aisha.—*Internet*



A Congolese girl cries as she walks with her mother near Kibati. UN chief Ban Ki-moon has warned African leaders that they will be faced with a regional crisis unless they can stop the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The warning came as thousands were displaced by fresh fighting.—INTERNET

Pakistan officials says missile strike kills eight or more

ISLAMABAD, 7 NOV—Pakistani security officials say a suspected US missile strike has killed at least eight people in the country’s troubled northwest.

Two attack occurred on Friday in Pakistan’s North Waziristan region, a stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaida militants blamed for attacks on US troops in Afghanistan.

One Pakistani security official says 10 people died. Another puts the toll at eight. The identity of the victims is not clear.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak on the record to media.

Unmanned US aircraft are believed to have carried out at least 18 missile strikes in Pakistan since August.—*Internet*



An injured victim of a suicide bomb blast at a hospital in Peshawar. At least 10 Al-Qaeda-linked militants were killed on Friday in a suspected US missile strike on a tribal area in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border, a senior security official told.—INTERNET

US GI dies of noncombat related causes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 NOV—The US military says an American soldier has died of noncombat related causes.

The military says in a statement released on Friday that the soldier died a day earlier but gave no further details.

The soldier’s name was not released pending notification of family.

At least 4,192 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003. That’s according to an *Associated Press* count.—*Internet*



Palestinian women cry after seeing the body of Gassan Al-Tramsee at the Kamal Edwan hospital in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahiya, late on 5 Nov, 2008. INTERNET

Twin blasts in Baghdad kill four, wound seven

BAGHDAD, 7 NOV—Twin roadside bombs exploded during the morning rush hour near a check point in central Baghdad on Thursday, killing four people and wounding seven others, police said.

A security official said

the twin blasts in the capital’s Sunni enclave of Sheik Omar happened at a checkpoint manned by members of an Awakening Council, the term for mostly Sunni groups that have joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Two civilian bystanders were among those killed in the blast, the official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information to the media.

Internet

Canada to advocate open markets at G-20 summit

OTTAWA, 7 Nov — Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday he will advocate open markets and disciplined fiscal policy at the G-20 world leader summit to be held in Washington next week.

He told reporters in Toronto he will push for open markets, clear monetary targets to keep inflation under control, and fiscal policy that keeps taxes down and spending manageable, all backed by a

strong regulatory system, when he meets leaders at the meeting aimed to deal with the global financial crisis. Canada will be a voice for positive change at the summit, with its relatively stable financial system, Harper said at a press conference after meeting with the some top Canadian economists before the G-20 summit.

"Canada is, I think, recognized as having entered this period with a

pretty good set of policies. Nobody in the world thinks that Canada was the source of any of these problems or even a complicating factor in any of these problems," he said.

The G-20 finance ministers are meeting this weekend in Brazil and Canada will argue for international review of strengthened domestic regulation of financial institutions, Harper said.

Xinhua

Ecuador backs agreement against cluster bombs

QUITO, 7 Nov — Representatives from Latin American and Caribbean countries as well as Norway met here Thursday to discuss an agreement on anti-cluster bombs to be signed in Oslo, Norway in December, the local Press reported.

Emilio Izquierdo, under-secretary for Multilateral Affairs of the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry, told the Press that the agreement favours the humanities because it "aims to eliminate from earth a weapon that has indiscriminate and disastrous effects".

Ecuador "is interested in universally promoting the disappearance of this kind of weapons", Izquierdo said.

According to Thomas Nash, coordinator of the Cluster Munitions Coalition (CMC), the agreement, supported by more than 100 countries, is expected to be signed on December 3 at a regional conference in Norway. □

Cristian Wittman, the CMC representative in Brazil, said that the presence of the agreement in Latin America and the Caribbean region is important as part of the peace heritage that the region is promoting.

Delegates from Latin American and Caribbean countries will participate in the regional conference, which will end on November 7. — MNA/Xinhua

Suicide attack kills two soldiers in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 7 Nov — At least two soldiers were killed and four others injured when a blast occurred near a police station in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday, local television reported.

A suicide attacker rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into a building next to a police station in Kabal area of the troubled Swat valley, Dawn News TV quoted official sources as saying.

The blast killed at least two paramilitary soldiers and injured four others,

reports said.

Pakistan's security forces have intensified military operation in the mountainous Swat valley since late July.

Swat valley was once a tourist region dubbed the "Switzerland of Pakistan" but had turned into a stronghold of pro-Taliban militants this year. Earlier on Thursday, a suicide bomber blew himself up when a jirga, tribal elders' meeting, was being held in Salarzai area of Bajaur tribal agency, killing at least 18 people. —Xinhua

Traditional medicine an important part of China's health system



Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) has made important contributions to the domestic health care system, a World Health Organization (WHO) official told an exhibition here on 6 Nov, 2008.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 7 Nov — Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) has made important contributions to the domestic health care system, a World Health Organization (WHO) official told an exhibition here on Thursday.

Carissa Etienne, assistant director of WHO, told the opening ceremony of the China TCM Exhibition that in the past decade, China had explored health system reforms that included promoting TCM to improve public health.

Etienne praised the fundamental principles of China's national health policy, which gave equal importance to TCM and Western medicine.

Xinhua

Malaysia hopes Obama can change US policy

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Nov — Malaysia hopes that US president-elect Barack Obama, who won the election to become the 44th president of the United States, could change US administration and foreign policies, Malaysian Foreign Minister Rais Yatimits said on Thursday.

"It's too early for us now to predict what will happen.

But we... are hopeful that there will be change with the new administration and leadership under Barack Obama as he himself had promised that if he became the new US president," Rais told a news conference in Putrajaya, the administrative center of Malaysia on Thursday.

Malaysia had never denied US capability and advancement in weaponry or new technology but it should balance the need for these with human considerations for a more peaceful world, he said.

"What we hope is for US policy to have a more human face to it for the world, and that Malaysia-US relations would be more cordial and constructive, and for the US to regard Malaysia as a respected partner in the world community," he added.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Chinese drug authority halts production of drug company

BEIJING, 7 Nov — A Chinese drug safety watchdog has halted all production at the Wandashan Pharmaceutical Company in northeastern Heilongjiang Province after it sold contaminated drugs.

At a Press conference on Thursday, the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) said Wandashan was the manufacturer of an herbal injection suspected of causing three deaths last month.

"This is a serious

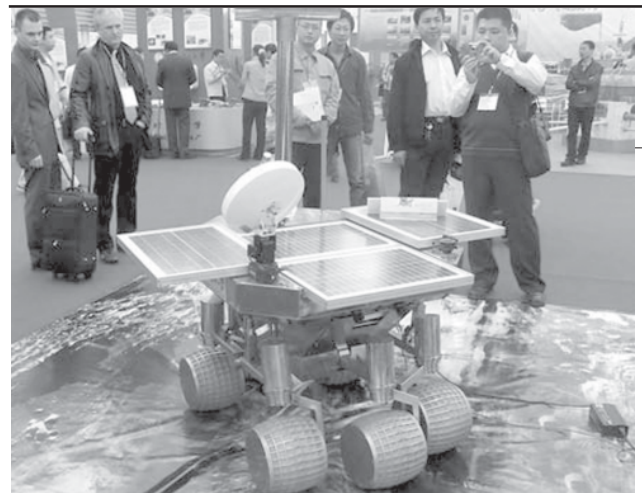
incident caused by drug contamination," said Yan Jiangying, SFDA spokeswoman.

The herbal injection product, known as ciwujia, was soaked by rain while in storage and thus contaminated by bacteria. It happened in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, during a storm on July 1 of this year, Yan said.

MNA/Xinhua

Some visitors are attracted by a "Moon Walker" designed by Beijing University of Technology at the 2008 Shanghai International Industry Fair opened in Shanghai, China, on 4 Nov, 2008.

XINHUA



Brush painting of chrysanthemum highlights in Chongqing

BEIJING, 7 Nov — A huge ink and brush painting featuring chrysanthemums is a highlight of the annual Festival that honours the elegant blossom. The festival is underway in Chongqing — in Nanshan Botanic Park.

The ink and brush painting measures ten meters long and three meters high. What is truly fascinating about the work is that viewed from afar, the painting seems to depict a mountain setting. Only upon closer inspection is it apparent that the painting shows a field of chrysanthemums.

Shangguan Chaoying,



A huge ink and brush painting featuring chrysanthemums is a highlight of the annual Festival that honours the elegant blossom. —XINHUA

Painter, said, It features the style of traditional "Xie Yi" or freehand brushwork. The vivid expression and bold outlines are typical. The stalks of the chrysanthemum form the shape of mountains.

So the meaning of the painting is amplified.

Painter Shangguan Chaoying has created many large works of freehand brush painting. This is one of his largest works.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 5 Nov, 2008 shows the Zhenwu Pavilion in Rongxian County, Yulin, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. —INTERNET

Peru invites Obama to APEC summit

LIMA, 7 Nov—The Peruvian government has invited US President-elect Barack Obama to a summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum this month, Foreign Minister Jose Garcia Belaunde said Thursday.

“We have invited the US president-elect to Peru, but we don't know whether under the current

circumstances he could come,” Garcia Belaunde said.

He added that at this moment, Obama may mull over the formation of his cabinet and advisors' team to work with him during his administration.

“We made the invitation and we are waiting for an answer. It is important that he will come, but not necessarily to this

event,” Garcia Belaunde said.

The 16th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting will be held in Lima, Peru, on 22-23 Nov, when 21 leaders of the member economies are expected to discuss the ongoing global financial turmoil and a plan for a new Asia-Pacific free trade community.

Internet

China says economy slowdown should not waver efforts to tackle climate change

BEIJING, 7 Nov—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has warned that the unfolding financial crisis should not waver the world's efforts in addressing the climate change.

He made the remarks in a high-level conference on climate change that opened here Friday. Representatives of governments, international and non-governmental organizations from nearly 100 countries are taking part in the conference that focuses on technology development and transfer.

“As the global financial crisis spreads and worsens, and the world economy slows down apparently, the international community must not waver in its determination to tackle climate change, nor must they ease in its actions,” Wen said.

He urged developed nations to take responsibility and obligations in addressing climate change, including changing their unsustainable way of life.

Premier Wen also urged developed nations to help developing countries to cope with the global climate change.

Internet

Brazil provides \$7 bln to SMEs amid global economic crisis

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Nov—Brazil will provide 15 billion reais (7 billion US dollars) for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), Finance Minister Guido Mantega announced Thursday.

Such measures are the latest actions taken by the Brazilian government aimed at increasing liquidity in the market and the working capital of companies.

It is reported that 10 billion reais (4.67 billion dollars) were obtained from the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES), while the remaining (2.33 billion dollars) funds will come from the state-owned bank Banco do Brasil.

The government will also postpone the deadline for payment of some federal taxes for 10 days.

Mantega said that the actions do not mean the government is bailing out any company as all financial operations are being conducted in normal market conditions.

He also said another package of 4 billion reais (1.86 billion dollars) will be aimed at preventing a sharp fall in car sales.—Internet



Participants adjust petals of roses on a giant flower carpet featuring an elephant, during the annual flower festival 'Infiorada' in Tokyo, Japan, on 1 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Britain's house prices down 2.2% in October

LONDON, 7 Nov—House prices in Britain continue to decline, registering a fall of 2.2 percent in October over the previous month, the country's largest mortgage lender and leading housing researcher Halifax said Thursday.

The fall in prices for the three months through October was 13.7 percent year-on-year. The average cost of a home in Britain now stands at 168,176 pounds (269,082 US dollars), suffering a 30,000-pound (48,000-dollar) decline over the past year,

which is about the level they were in October 2005, the latest Halifax House Price Index showed. Conditions in the market remained “challenging” due to the financial turmoil and the lack of mortgages, said Halifax.—Internet

Paloma strengthens to hurricane, turns north

TEGUCIGALPA, 7 Nov—Paloma strengthened to a hurricane with winds near 75 mph on Thursday as it churned toward the Cayman Islands and Cuba. Forecasters say the storm is expected to continue strengthening as it moves north and could become a major Category 3 hurricane by Saturday as it approaches Cuba.

A hurricane warning is in effect for the Cayman Islands, where the storm could dump up to 8 inches of rain, said the US National Hurricane Center in Miami. Paloma may make landfall in Cuba over the weekend, and Jamaica was warned to also monitor its progress, the center said.

The Cayman Islands

planned to close its main airport on Friday morning, although no mandatory evacuation will be issued, Tourism Minister Charles Clifford said.

“I hope I'm right, but I don't think this will be a major event,” he said.

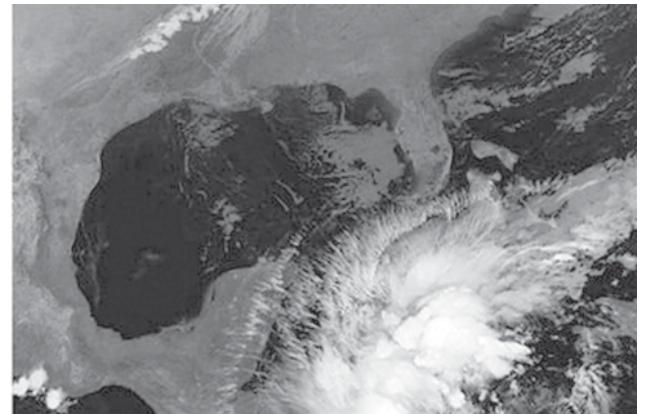
Extra flights had been

added as of Thursday night for those wishing to leave, and American Airlines and Delta planned to fly in larger aircraft as well. Guests who remain on the island will be moved to higher floors in anticipation of flooding, he said.

Internet



Photo taken on 5 Nov, 2008 shows part of smuggled ivory sculptures seized by the customs of Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province. INTERNET



This image provided by NOAA shows Tropical Storm Paloma taken at 3:31 am EST on 6 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Obama receives congratulations from world leaders



President-elect Barack Obama is accompanied by US Secret Service agents as he arrives for meetings in Chicago, on 6 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

CHICAGO, 7 NOV— President-elect Obama accepted congratulations from nine presidents and prime ministers Thursday, returning calls from world leaders who reached out after his presidential victory.

The global financial crisis was among the topics Obama discussed with key US allies he'll deal with during his administration.

Obama spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said the president-elect spoke to Australian Prime Minister

Kevin Rudd, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Sarkozy's office says they spoke for 30 minutes and characterized the discussion as "extremely warm" as the president

congratulated Obama on a "brilliant" election victory. The statement said they discussed international issues, particularly the financial crisis, and agreed to meet in the "quite near future."

Harper's office said in a statement that they spoke about an international financial summit in Washington on 15 Nov and its importance for addressing the global financial crisis. Obama had no plans to attend the meeting.—Internet

Villagers found dead in rebel-controlled town

KIWANJA, 7 NOV—Villagers who fled fighting in this rebel-held town trickled home Thursday to find the bodies of more than a dozen men in civilian clothes in and around mud huts and accused rebel leader Laurent Nkunda's forces of the slayings.

But New York-based Human Rights Watch accused a pro-government militia called the Mai Mai as well as the rebels of deliberately killing civilians in Kiwanja and said



Protegee, carrying her sibling on her back, cries as she looks for her parents through the village of Kiwanja, 90 kms north of Goma, eastern Congo, on 6 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

UN peacekeepers nearby had been unable to protect them.

Nkunda's men wrested control of Kiwanja Wednesday following heavy fighting with the Mai Mai, one of many signs that the conflict is spreading in eastern Congo and a fragile ceasefire is close to unraveling.

The villagers said rebels had killed unarmed civilians suspected of supporting the Mai Mai, but the rebels said the dead

were militia fighters who had been armed.

A UN official said Kiwanja was in fact subjected to two rounds of terror: First the Mai Mai arrived and killed those they accused of supporting Nkunda's rebels, then Nkunda's rebels stormed in, killing men they charged were loyal to the Mai Mai. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to reporters.—Internet

Green tea compound may prevent diabetes

NEW YORK, 7 NOV—A compound found in green tea could slow or even prevent the development of type 1 diabetes, new research in mice suggests.

Green tea contains several antioxidants that have been shown to curb inflammation, prevent cell death, and possibly even ward off cancer.

In the current study, Dr Stephen D Hsu of the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and colleagues tested the effects of green tea's predominate antioxidant known as EGCG in laboratory mice with type 1 diabetes and Sjogren's syndrome, which damages moisture-producing glands causing dry mouth and eyes.

They fed the mice plain water or water spiked with 0.2 percent EGCG.

Internet

Grandparent caregivers cut kids' injury risk in half

When grand-parents act as caregivers for children of working parents, the risk of childhood injury is reduced by about half, says a US study that challenges the widespread belief that children are more likely to suffer an injury while being cared for by grandparents.

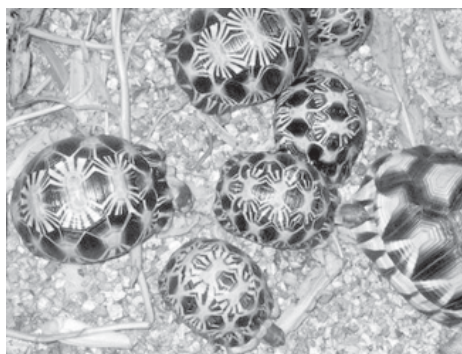
Compared to organized day care or care by the mother or other relatives, having a grandmother take care of the children was associated with a decreased risk of injury, said Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health researchers.

"Recent growth in the number of grandparents providing child care has some observers concerned they don't adhere to modern safety practices. To the contrary, this research tells us not only is there no evidence to support this assumption, but families that choose grandparents to care for their children experience fewer child injuries," study

author Dr. David Bishai, a professor in Bloomberg's department of population, family and reproductive health, said in a news release.



A Paraguayan prepares to barbecue beef during an attempt to create the world's biggest barbecue in Mariano Roque Alonso near Asuncion. In the attempt to get the Guinness World Record for the "Biggest barbeque in the World", more than 30,000 people grilled 28,000 kilograms of beef on fires covering an area 60 m wide by 100 m long.



Madagascar Ploughshare tortoises found during a raid by Thai police at Chatuchak market in Bangkok in March. Thousands of people throng the market's aisles every weekend, hunting for bargains, but among the racks of caged creatures is an illegal trade in endangered animals.

Ancient cave yields clues to Chinese history

A stalagmite rising from the floor of a cave in China is providing clues to the end of several dynasties in Chinese history. Slowly built from the minerals in dripping water over 1,810 years, chemicals in the stone tell a tale of strong and weak cycles of the monsoon, the life-giving rains that water crops to feed millions of people.

Dry periods coincided with the demise of the Tang, Yuan and Ming dynasties, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

In addition, the team led by Pingzhong Zhang of Lanzhou University in China noted a change in the cycles around 1960 which they said may indicate that greenhouse gases released by human activities have become the dominant influence on the monsoon.

Counseling can combat youth violence

For children and teens who suffer violence at the hands of peers, immediate one-on-one mentoring on how to safely avoid conflict and diffuse threats reduces their risk of becoming victims again, a new study says.

The study included 10- to 15-year-olds treated for assault inju-

ries — including gunshot, knife and fist-fight wounds - - at emergency rooms at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore and Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., between 2001 and 2004.

Half of the 113 victims were

treated and then referred by an ER doctor for at least six sessions of one-on-one counseling and three parent-home visits. The other half of the victims were referred to community resources and received two follow-up phone calls.



British skipper Dee Caffari stands on her boat at Les Sables d'Olonne, on France's Atlantic coast November 6, 2008. The Vendee Globe's 6th edition, a single-handed, non-stop, around the world sailing race with 30 sailors competing will start.

NEWSALBUM

Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project greening Sittoung Basin

Article & Photo: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

Nowadays, the government is implementing plans to build dams and river water pumping stations and generating electricity to contribute to the greening of Sittoung basin region and its all-round development.

Sittoung River originates in central Myanmar and Hsinthe,

Ngalaik and Paunglanug creeks flow into it and it empties itself into Mottama Bay. Sittoung River is 186 miles long. The mouth of the river is wide and its inner part is narrow. Sittoung basin is a fertile land.

Most farmers grow paddy in the region. In addition to sugarcane, sesame, groundnut, maize,

chilli, pulses and beans and vegetables, the local growers plant banana, tobacco, jute, rubber and others in the basin. Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam Project is one of the projects for development of Sittoung Basin. Thanks to construction of Khabaung Multi-purpose Dam, local farmers enjoy fruits of irrigation

facilities, floods control and hydropower generation.

I made a trip to Khabaung Dam and Khabaung Diversion Weir located in Ottwin Township of Bago Division. In an interview, Assistant Director U Aung Bo and assistant engineers of Irrigation Department explained

facts about the dam and diversion weir.

Built on Khabaung Creek, Khabaung Dam has catchment area of 418 square miles. Annually, 730,000 acre feet of water flows into the dam. The earthen embankment of the dam is 200 feet high. The main embankment is 920 feet long and the approach embankment, 800 feet long. The diversion tunnel is 13.12 feet in diameter and 1200 feet long. The tunnel for hydropower plant is 21.50 feet diameter and 1200 feet long. The ogee type spillway is 106 feet wide and 900 feet long.

To generate hydropower from the dam, Khabaung Dam was installed with two 15-megawatt generators. These generators will produce 120 million kilowatt hours annually. The diversion weir has been completed.

Therefore, the plan is under way to supply water

through left and right canals and minor canals. In doing so, the dam will irrigate about 40,000 acres of land in Toungoo Township through the left canal and 60,000 acres of land in Ottwin Township through the right canal.

Moreover, water will be supplied to 10,000 acres of summer paddy in coming open season. Efforts are being made for generating hydropower for the villages at the water outlets.

Thanks to construction of Khabaung Dam, Khabaung Diversion Weir, Khabaung Hydropower Plant and the water outlet of the dam, the greening areas such as Ottwin and Toungoo Townships of Sittoung Basin can be witnessed with power supply day and night.

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Khabaung Dam for agricultural and power generation purposes.

4th Traffic Rules Enforcement Educative Show and Contest 10-16 Nov

YANGON, 7 Nov – The 4th Traffic Rules Enforcement Educative Show and Contest will be organized by Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee in conjunction with prize-giving ceremony at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisaya Road here from 10 to 16 Nov. A total of 112 booths – 36 booths of the ministries and departments concerned and 76 booths of private businesses – will be staged at the show.

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Construction, Yangon City

Development Committee, departments under the Ministry of Transport, Myanmar Railways, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Myanmar Insurance, Wireless and Traffic Police Corp and All Bus Lines Committee, Taxi Hire Supervisory Subcommittee and Bandoola Transport Co Ltd will stage their respective booths. Vehicles and parts, lubricant and engine oil, batteries, computers and accessories, electronics, foodstuffs, paint, cosmetics and medicines will be on display at 76 booths of private businesses. – MNA

Talks on uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit given

YANGON, 7 Nov— The informative talks sponsored by the Girl/Child Sub-Working Group of the Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization was held at No.4 Basic Education Middle School in Hline Township here yesterday.

Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyin Myaing made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Ledwinthar Saw Chit gave talks on uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit.

MNA

Rocks could be harnessed to sponge vast amounts of carbon dioxide from air

MUSCAT, 7 Nov— Scientists say that a type of rock found at or near the surface in the Mideast nation of Oman and other areas around the world could be harnessed to soak up huge quantities of globe-warming carbon

dioxide. Their studies show that the rock, known as peridotite, reacts naturally at surprisingly high rates with CO₂ to form solid minerals—and that the process could be speeded a million times or more

with simple drilling and injection methods. The study appears in this week's early edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Peridotite comprises most or all of the rock in the mantle, which undergirds earth's crust. It starts some 20 kilometers or more down, but occasionally pieces are exhumed when tectonic plates collide and push the mantle rock to the surface, as in Oman. Geologists already knew that once exposed to air, the rock can react quickly with CO₂, forming a solid carbonate like limestone or marble.—Internet



Large areas of Omani desert are covered with carbonate minerals that have reacted with bedrock.

**Commander
Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe
unveils the signboard
of Myanmar Institute
of Banking
(Mandalay).
F&R**



Staff take Diploma in Banking

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — A one-year Diploma Course on Banking No. 1 of Myanmar Institute of Banking (Mandalay), conducted by Myanmar Banks Association, was opened at Myanma Economic Bank Branch-2 in Mandalay today.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addressed the opening of the course, saying that opening of the course has aimed at improving the qualification of the staff

from banking services and broadening their horizons. The trainees are to put their energy into constant development of banking services vital for development of the State economy, he added.

The secretary of MBA explained facts about the course. It was followed by setting up of signboard of the IBS.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe unveiled the

signboard.

The commander and the minister greeted the trainees.

A total of 41 trainees from State-owned banks and private banks are taking the one-year course.

Also present on the occasion were Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Thann Nyein.

MNA

Development of Taungtha Township inspected

YANGON, 7 Nov— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang on 5 November inspected construction of the two-storey building at Minsu Basic Education Middle School in Taungtha Township.

While in Taungtha, the minister visited Win Thuza Shop and Vest Factory (Taungtha).

He viewed thriving paddy plantation of farmer U Aung Hsan on 100-acre model plot

irrigated by Kyauktalon Dam in Legwetgyi Village-tract.

In meeting with local farmers, the minister presented cash assistance to the funds of rural power supply through officials.—MNA



Minister U Aung Thuang visits Vest Factory (Taungtha).

INDUSTRY-1

Respect paying of No.2 BEHS, Pazundaung on 30 November

YANGON, 7 Nov— Old students will hold a ceremony to pay respects to retired teachers, who discharged duties at No.2 Basic Education High School in Pazundaung from 1966 to 1992, for the fourth time at Tayza hall of the school on 30 November.

The old students wishing to donate cash

may contact U Hla Pe (Ph- 666417), Daw Tin New (Ph-296268), U Tun Lwin (Ph- 202497, 09-5149353), Daw Khin Aye Mya (Ph- 297167, 09-5141294), U Aung Khin (Ph- 249102, 09-5000750), U Aung Kyaw Myint (Ph-291535, 299086), U Aung Win (Ph- 240509, 09-

5001482), U Zaw Min Oo (Ph- 09-5004371), Daw Khin Ma Ma+Ma May Pyone Zaw (Ph-09-5127710), Daw Tin Myo Kyaw (Ph- 292086), Daw Khaing Khaing Oo (Ph-09-5152974), Maung Moe (1990-2001) (Ph-09-5151503), Maung Lwin Han (1990-2001) (Ph-290203).—MNA

Talks on business opportunities on 8 Nov

YANGON, 7 Nov—e Trade Myanmar Co Ltd will organize talks on business opportunities for Internet Cafes and Mobile Sale Centers at

Room No (102) in Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township from 1.30 to 2.30 pm on 8 November in commemoration of 10th

anniversary of Myanmar Computer Federation and its associations.

Everyone may attend the talks.

MNA

MCPA opens Member Access Centre

YANGON, 7 Nov— With a view to encouraging innovative measures of members of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, the MCPA opened the Member Access Centre (MAC) and the library at its office of Myanmar Info-

Tech in Hline Township this morning.

Chairman of MCPA U Khun Oo formally opened the MAC and the library.

The MAC will be kept open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm daily from Monday to Saturday.

The MAC will give free service to the members of MCPA, and the members may study the latest computer technology, electronic resources and on-line resource and the seminars and meetings may be held at the MAC.—MNA



MCPA Chairman U Khun Oo cuts the ribbon to open Member Access Centre. — MNA

Rural development tasks supervised in Pyapon Township

YANGON, 7 Nov—Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 3 November inspected conditions of Pyapon-Kyonkadun road, development of villages, thriving paddy plantations and preparations for fishing work of the local people in Pyapon Township.

During the inspection tour, the minister looked into basic education schools and learning of students.

After viewing the site for construction of a cyclone shelter near Seikma Village, the minister presented clothes, food, medicines and seeds to the local people. On Kyonkadun-Kama road, the minister inspected 280 feet long

Seikma bailey bridge and its approach roads.

In Daw Nyein village, he oversaw the site for a cyclone shelter and applying of five computers donated by the Prime Minister at Daw Nyein BEHS (Branch).

On his way back to Pyapon, the minister viewed fishing work and salt industries of the local people.

MNA

Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinebone-Thitpok-Pyinsalu road under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun on 5 November inspected progress in construction of Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinebone-Thitpok-Pyinsalu road that is included in the Ayeyawady Division Road Network Development Project.

Between the mile posts 5/6 and 6/7, the

minister viewed construction of the embankment with the use of heavy machinery. Deputy Chief Engineer U Than Nyunt conducted the minister round the construction site. The minister gave instructions on efforts to be made for carrying out earth work in open season.

After inspecting the construction works, the minister instructed officials to build hillocks

for the local people as preparedness for the natural disasters.

The minister also inspected construction of Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinebone section in Htilaythein Village.

Later, the minister looked into preparations for construction of Myinkakon Bridge across Myinkakon River in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visits auto-exchange office in Twantay Township. — CPT

Minister inspects auto-exchange offices

YANGON, 7 Nov — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected auto-exchange offices in Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Dedaye townships today.

During the inspection tour, he called on officials concerned for timely completion of the new building for the auto-exchange office in Kungyangon Township meeting the set standard.

He also inspected the construction project for the auto-exchange office in Dedaye Township and urged officials concerned to complete the construction work and installation of cables in time.

During the tour, the minister met with staff of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications at Dedaye Township Peace and Development Council office. — MNA

2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament commences

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—The 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament was opened at Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball Ground this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

In the group (A), Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee beat Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the ground No. 1; and Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 won over Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the ground No. 2. A total of 29 ministerial volleyball teams are taking part in the



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses opening of 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament. — MNA

tournament. They have to compete in 39 matches in the first round, 24 matches

in the second round, the knockout round, semi-finals, the third place match

and the final match, totalling 71 matches up to 5 December.—MNA

Bhamo Agricultural Bank to open

YANGON, 7 Nov—Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Bank U Tin Lwan inspected the site chosen for construction of Bhamo Bank Branch in Bhamo in Kachin State on 3 November.

He also met bank staff of Bhamo, Shwegu, Myitkyina, Moegaung and Moenyin townships and stressed the need for taking measures for settling agricultural loans, bank loans and loans for power tillers in full. — MNA

Hole-in-one at Yangon Golf Club

YANGON, 5 Nov—General Secretary of the Myanmar Golf Federation Major Aung Kyi (Retd), on 29 October scored an ace at hole No. 4 from a distance of 160 yards, driving the ball of Srixon (Soft Feel) No. 3 with Katana Iron No. (7) at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon). At that time, he was playing together with U Kyaw Khin (KK), MGF Joint-General Secretary U Yay Htet Doe, U Win Kyi (Su Su Aye Aung), U Tet Toe and U Khin Maung Myint.—MNA

'Unprecedented' warming drives dramatic ecosystem shifts

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, 7 Nov — While Earth has experienced numerous changes in climate over the past 65 million years, recent decades have experienced the most significant climate change since the beginning of human civilized societies about 5,000 years ago, says a new Cornell University study.

The paleo-climate record shows very rapid periods of cooling in the past, when temperatures have dropped by as much as 18 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius) in a matter of years to decades, "the rate of warming we are seeing [now] is unprecedented in human history," said Cornell oceanographer Charles Greene, the lead author of the paper appearing in the November 2008 issue of the journal Ecology, which is published by the Ecological Society of America.

Internet

Chin State on threshold of development

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

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Then, I was looking for someone else to interview. By good fortune, an old man put down the book he was reading. I seized the opportunity to interview him. He said that he was U Kap Dillo and he lived in Far Thauk Ward. He said, "Mostly I read newspapers and political books because I want to read true news stories and to know who are committing destructive acts and who are doing constructive work in order that I can share that with others."

Head of District IPRD U Mann Sein said that the library opens from 9 am to 4

try of Information spent 1.881 million yens plus K 2.384 million. Since the launch of the facility, local people of Falam and 25 surrounding villages can receive clear broadcasts.

We received a warm welcome from trainees as we entered the Vocational Training Centre for Women under the Education and Training Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. Schoolmistress Daw Theingi Kyaw conducted us round the centre. She said that the facility was established on 16 February 2004; that it received needy female or-



The Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (Falam branch).



People reading at the library of Falam District Information and Public Relations Department.

pm on weekdays; that the library was always crowded with visitors; and that the facility had two dailies and publications of 10 genres, totaling more than 5000 copies.

We next visited the TV retransmitting station of the Myanma Radio and TV on the peak of 5800 feet high Mt. Vancar-O. The Minis-

phans aged between 16 and 30; that it conducted six courses namely tailoring course (basic), tailoring course (advanced), knitting course, mosaic painting course, manual weaving course, and wickerwork course.

Our trip also covered the Nationality Youths Training School under the Ministry for

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. Principal U Aung Myint said that the school looked after and provided school education to needy orphans aged between 8 and 15 till they got their degrees; and the school was established on 30 June 2004.

Then, we visited

Nga Hsit Bar Hydropower Station of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power (2). It generates electricity with the use of the current of Nga Hsit Creek, a tributary of the Manipura River.

Township Engineer

U Khaing Soe conducted us round the facility and said that electricity was supplied to four wards and 11 villages in Falam Township.

Throughout successive periods, Falam lagged behind other regions in development. Now, Falam has begun

to enjoy remarkable development in the social, economic, education and communication sectors, as a result of goodwill and benevolent attitude the government has shown for the people.

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A panoramic view of Falam at dawn.

US jobless rate at 14-year high

LONDON, 7 Nov—The US jobless rate rose to 6.5% in October, official figures have shown, the highest rate since March 1994.

Figures from the US Labour Department showed US employers cut 240,000 jobs in October, the 10th month in a row that the economy has lost jobs.

The increase means that in the first 10 months of this year, 1.2 million people in the US have lost their jobs.

Some economists predict the jobless rate could climb to 8%, or possibly higher, next year.

In the 1980-1982 recession, the unemployment rate rose as high as 10.8% before coming down.

The Labor Department said 481,000 people in the US filed new claims for jobless benefits in the last week of October.

On Friday, car giant Ford announced plans for more job cuts after reporting third quarter losses of \$129m.

The firm said 2,260 workers in its North American plants would lose their jobs - 10% of its North American salaried work force of 22,600.

Internet



Aircrafts of the Suryakirans (Sun Rays), the aerobatic team of the Indian Air Force, show stunts during the 7th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province, on 6 Nov, 2008. Some 600 aviation and aerospace manufacturers from 35 countries and regions worldwide joined the six-day exhibition.—INTERNET



A Congolese soldier walks past a civilians fleeing Kibati. South African ruling party chief Jacob Zuma has urged an end to fighting in the strife-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo as meetings are held around the continent on the hostilities.

INTERNET

Expert panel to advise Chinese army on weather issues

BEIJING, 7 Nov—The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) set up an expert committee on Thursday that will offer meteorological advice

and technical support to the PLA when it undertakes combat training and disaster prevention and relief work.

An official with the

PLA General Staff Meteorological Bureau said: "Extreme weather conditions have threatened the safety of soldiers and outfits and affected the effectiveness of weapons and maneuvers in recent years."

Climate change had caused rising sea levels, affecting the army's coastal and island strategies and battlefield construction, he said.

The specialist panel, composed of well-known meteorologists and academicians, aimed to "serve the army that conducts various tasks" and "explore the impact that climate change exerts on military activities" so as to offer reliable meteorological decisions.

Internet



Regie d'electricite de Loos, is allowing homeowners to sell back solar produced electricity to the utility. They are doing so using the ability of Echelon's NES meter to measure the amount of electricity produced separately from the energy consumed. This the first instance of Echelon's meter to be used in an alternative energy application in France.

INTERNET

20 militants killed in Pakistan's tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 7 Nov— Around 20 militants were killed and ten others injured in Pakistan's tribal region, official Associated Press of Pakistan reported on Friday.

Security forces, in their ongoing operation in different parts of Bajaur tribal agency, pounded militants' hideouts, leaving about 16 militants dead and ten others injured, said the report.

Meanwhile, security forces killed four militants Thursday night in the operation in Chinari and Zoorbandar areas.

Rehman Malik, the Advisor to Prime Minister, on Friday told reporters at a news conference in Peshawar, capital city of North West Frontier Province, that the operations against militants would continue until they are eliminated.

Internet



Managing Director Audi India Benoit Tiers poses with the company's new "R8" car at a launch ceremony in New Delhi on 7 Nov, 2008. Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, on Friday launched its "R8" priced at 11,700,000 rupees (\$245,283) in New Delhi, a media release said.—INTERNET

DPRK to expand relations with Iran

PYONGYANG, 7 Nov — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) will further develop friendly and cooperative relations with Iran, the official KCNA news agency reported Friday, citing a senior official.

Bilateral ties "forged in the struggle for independence against imperialism and the United States" should be strengthened, said Yang Hyong Sop, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, at a reception Thursday for visiting Iranian Vice President Mohammad Javad Haji Ali Akbari.

In his speech, Akbari said friendly and cooperative relations between Iran and the DPRK, forged by the leaders of the two countries, are developing steadily in the political, economic, cultural and other fields.

Akbari arrived in Pyongyang Thursday, at the head of a delegation of the National Youth Organization of Iran.—Internet

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG DA VOYNO (8010)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOYNO (8010) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.11.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Vietnam GDP growth
re-set at 6.5% in 2009**

HANOI, 7 Nov—Vietnam's gross domestic product (GDP) growth is estimated at 6.5 percent, the People newspaper reported on Friday, citing with the adopted resolution by the National Assembly (NA).

The resolution on 2009 socio-economic plan by National Assembly on Thursday put forth changes to other several socio-economic targets previously proposed by the government in the fear of negative impacts of the global economic crisis, deputies agreed.

The GDP growth for 2009 was adjusted at 6.5 percent as saying instead of the proposed seven percent. The export turnover was altered to 13 percent from the suggested 18 percent, according to the resolution.

Other socio-economic targets were also adjusted to ensure the stable economic development in the 2009 plan.—*Internet*

**Will Obama stick to the
timetable?**

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov— In his campaign to win the White House, a cornerstone of Barack Obama's campaign was a pledge that from day one in office he would work to end the war in Iraq.

But as Obama readies himself to take the reins as commander in chief, some military and foreign policy experts say Obama may show some flexibility in how he goes about withdrawing troops from Iraq. Any retreat from his campaign promises, however, runs the risk of displeasing the anti-war movement that backed him. At the center of Obama's plan for Iraq was a call to bring home all US combat troops within 16 months of taking office, but on the campaign trail over the summer—and as conditions on the ground in Iraq improved—Obama's tone on Iraq also shifted.

Obama increasingly spoke of a "sensible withdrawal" and underscored on the stump that no timetable should be "overly rigid." He also has been open to keeping a residual force in Iraq for an undetermined length. Michael O'Hanlon, a national security expert at the Brookings Institution in Washington, said that Obama has enough political capital to free him from "pleasing the left" of the Democratic Party as he presses forward with his strategy for Iraq and Afghanistan.—*Internet*

**Golfer records five holes-in-one
in a week**

KAPPA, 7 Nov—Central Illinois amateur golfer Curt Hocker is on a roll. Five rolls, to be exact. Just ask anyone at the El Paso Golf Club, where the 22-year-old has recorded five holes-in-one in the last week, including two on Saturday. In this year alone, Hocker has seven aces, five on par-4s, and two other double eagles.

"I don't know what to think," said Hocker, who

works in the club's pro shop. "After each one I say it's over, and it keeps happening."

Friends and family, 15 of whom have witnessed Hocker's strokes of luck while playing with him, are equally mystified.

"It's incomprehensible this kind of luck could happen, but it does happen," said El Paso pro Steve Fulton. "There are other things in life that

have been just as weird and eerie that have happened. What are the odds?"

Hocker said he's just glad that his club membership comes with "hole-in-one insurance."

That "insurance" means the club—and not Hocker—has to honor the golf tradition of buying everyone in the clubhouse a drink after an ace is made.—*Internet*

A glassblower looks at a glass swan figure at the only one of its kind Museum of the Glass near the town of Beloslav, east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 6 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET



**IEA urges huge investment
in oil industry**

PARIS, 7 Nov—The oil industry needs "massive investment" to ward off a possible energy crisis in the next 20 years, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said Thursday.

"The immediate risk to supply is not one of a lack of global resources, but rather a lack of investment where it is needed," the agency said in a summary of its annual World Energy Outlook report to be published in full next week.

"Massive investment in energy infrastructure will be needed" to raise production capacity to meet increasing demands, the report said.

Statistics showed that lack of investment would cause the output of some 800 oil fields to fall by up to 10.5 percent a year on average from 2008 to 2030.

Meanwhile, the IEA said global daily oil consumption would rise to 106 million barrels by 2030, or an overall increase of 45 percent.—*Internet*

**Drive
with care**

**Vanishing jobs, stressed
consumers feed
downturn**

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov— A vicious cycle of vanishing jobs and stresses on American consumers is spelling deeper trouble for the already sinking US economy.

All the economy's woes — a housing collapse, mounting foreclosures, hard-to-get credit and financial market upheaval — will confront President-elect Obama when he assumes office early next year. Obama has shifted from campaign mode to the task of building a new Democratic administration. A top priority will be quickly assembling his economics team, including the secretaries of Treasury, Commerce and Labor.

On the crucial jobs front, the situation is likely to move from bad to worse next year.

Employers have slashed jobs in the first nine months of this year. A staggering 760,000 losses have been racked up so far.

Internet



A group of Internally Displaced People (IDP's) wait for food aid given out by the Red Cross near a camp for IDP's near the provincial capital Goma. Rebels and pro-government militia clashed for a second successive day in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday, rocking a fragile ceasefire as Kenya announced it would host an emergency summit on the crisis. —INTERNET



The fifth king of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck (1st L) meets with people at the coronation ceremony in Thimphu, Bhutan, on 6 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Britain sets new constitution for Falkland Islands

LONDON, 7 Nov— The disputed Falkland Islands have a new constitution, the British and Falkland Islands' governments said Thursday.

The new document, approved by Queen Elizabeth II on Wednesday, formalizes the system of self-government on the South Atlantic archipelago while giving Britain the final say on foreign policy, policing and the administration of justice, according to a joint statement. The British government's role in administering the overseas territory is highly sensitive: The islands, known in Spanish as Las Malvinas, are claimed by Argentina, which invaded the archipelago in 1982 and then was defeated by Britain in a 73-day war.

The conflict cost the lives of 255 British servicemen, many of them lost at sea, and more than 600 Argentines. Although Britain and Argentina restored diplomatic ties in 1990, relations remain touchy. Argentina insists the islands will eventually be returned by peaceful means. The Argentine government condemned the new constitution, which it called a "violation of Argentine sovereignty and international law." It said it had lodged a formal protest with British authorities.

The Falklands, which have about 3,000 residents, elect eight members of a legislative assembly every four years. Three of them serve on the islands' Executive Council.

Internet

Fierce early-season blizzard traps SD motorists



Kya Olson, 3, left, hides her face from winds gusting to 60 mph sweeping through her family's Rapid City, SD front yard, where she and her brother Jaden, 9, play in the snowdrifts of an early season blizzard.

INTERNET

RAPID CITY, 7 Nov — A wintry blast of punishing wind and close to 4 feet of snow in places pummeled the Northern Plains on Thursday, stranding un-

known numbers of motorists for a day or more and knocking out power to thousands.

State officials said some people could be without power for days, but they had a simple message for anyone thinking of trying to drive in western South Dakota's blizzard: Don't.

"This is a dangerous storm," Gov Mike Rounds told reporters in a telephone conference call Thursday evening. "Western South Dakota is basically under a no-travel advisory."

A long stretch of Interstate 90 was closed, and Rounds said most of the dozens of vehicles stranded along the stretch of highway had not been moved. Some have been stranded for more than 24 hours, he said, adding that search teams can't get to them because of zero visibility.—*Internet*



Iraqi women who recently returned to Iraq after years in Iran, stand outside a reed hut at a farmers settlement near the Shiite holy city of Najaf, 160 kilometres (100 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 Nov, 2008.

Eleven Iraqi families that fled Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War returned to Najaf, Iraq, two months ago due to the improving security in Iraq.

INTERNET

Evaluating your child's vision

NEW YORK, 7 Nov — Vision problems in a young child may be difficult to identify, especially before the child

starts school. But the earlier these problems are found and treated, the better off your child will be. The Nemours Foundation offers these warning signs for vision problems in young children: Rubbing the eyes frequently. Sensitivity to light, or difficulty focusing.

Problems following an object. Eyes that are frequently red. Frequent tearing. An eye pupil that is white instead of black.—*Internet*

A Stradivarius violin on display. A Swiss researcher said Thursday he had hit on an unlikely way of recreating the unique sound of a Stradivarius violin — by treating the wood of a replica instrument with mushrooms.

INTERNET

China awards outstanding people in spacewalk mission

BEIJING, 7 Nov—China held a meeting Friday morning to award people who made outstanding contributions to the Shenzhou VII manned space flight.

Chinese President Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao and other top leaders Jia Qinglin, Li Changchun, Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang and He Guoqiang attended the meeting. Vice-Premier Li

Keqiang announced a decision jointly made by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the State Council and the Central Military Commission, which decides to award Zhai Zhigang with the title of "Space Flight Hero" and Liu Boming and Jing Haipeng with the title of "Heroic Astronaut".

Chinese President Hu Jintao presented the three with medals and certificates to mark their outstanding performance during the spacewalk mission.

He said Chinese astronauts' successful spacewalk was an important milestone in the country's space flight history and was one of the major achievements in building an innovative nation.

Chang Wanquan, chief commander of the manned space project said that the success of Shenzhou VII's space flight showed the great strength of national cohesion and boosted the confidence of people working for space missions to make new achievements.

Internet

Honda shows wearable device that helps you walk

TOKYO, 7 Nov— Imagine a bicycle seat connected by mechanical frames to a pair of shoes for an idea of how the new wearable assisted-walking gadget from Honda works. The experimental device, unveiled Friday, is designed to support bodyweight, reduce stress on the knees and help people get up steps and stay in crouching positions.



A researcher shows off Honda Motor Co's experimental walking assist device with bodyweight support system as the device is unveiled in Tokyo on 7 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Honda envisions the device being used by workers at auto or other factories. It showed a video of Honda employees wearing the device and bending to peer underneath vehicles on an assembly line. Engineer Jun Ashihara also said the machine is useful for people standing in long lines and for people who run around to make deliveries.

"This should be as easy to use as a bicycle," Ashihara said at Honda's Tokyo headquarters. "It reduces stress, and you should feel less tired."

To wear it, you put the

seat between your legs, put on the shoes and push the on button. Then just start walking around.

In a test-run for media, this reporter found it does take some getting used to. But I could sense how it supported my moves, pushing up on my bottom when I squatted and pushing at my soles to help lift my legs when I walked.

Internet



SPORTS

Silvestre set to face United

LONDON, 7 Nov—Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger is ready to gamble on the fitness of Mikael Silvestre after suggesting the defender will face former club Manchester United on Saturday.

The 31-year-old Frenchman suffered a broken nose against Fenerbahce in the Champions League on Wednesday evening.

Silvestre joined the Gunners on a free transfer from the Old Trafford club during the summer but is set to shake off the facial injury and face his former teammates in Saturday's lunchtime kick-off. —*Internet*

Man City 3-2 FC Twente



Robinho's spectacular strike was his seventh goal of the season.

INTERNET

LONDON, 7 Nov — A stunning Robinho strike helped Manchester City see off a spirited FC Twente side in Group A of the Uefa Cup.

Shaun-Wright Phillips

put City ahead with a low shot but hesitant home defending allowed Eljero Elia to level.

City struggled until Robinho fired into the top corner after the break and Benjani's deflected shot made it 3-1.

But Rob Wiewaert's header pulled a goal back for Twente and, after Robinho hit the post twice for City, a late miss by Stein Huysegems cost Twente a point. It was an entertaining and completely open game which summed up City's inconsistency under manager Mark Hughes this season.

Internet

Sisterly tears as tennis ace Venus win becomes a landslide

DOHA, 7 Nov — Venus Williams made certain of reaching the last four of the WTA Championships with a landslide 5-7, 6-1, 6-0 victory over sister Serena Williams here on Thursday.

The result brought the first love set between them in any of their 18 WTA Tour matches and twice reduced the younger sibling to tears.

The Wimbledon champion's win over the US



US player Serena Williams reacts after losing a point to her sister Venus during their season-ending WTA Championships tennis match in Doha. Venus won 5-7, 6-1, 6-0.

INTERNET

Open champion was her third in three days, enabling her to finish her top of her round robin group, and ensuring that she joined Jelena Jankovic and Vera Zvonareva in the knock-out semi-finals of the women's season-ending event.

But Serena, who has only one win, will need to beat Olympic champion Elena Dementieva on Friday if she is to be sure of keeping alive the chances of an all-Williams final.

"I couldn't keep a ball in play," Serena said. "I couldn't keep more than two balls in play. I have no idea why."

"I have never played like that before. I have never been in a situation where I can't do anything. I was very, very frustrated."

Internet



River Plate from Argentina players stand on the field following their Sudamerican Cup quarter-finals loss to Chivas from Mexico in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 6 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

Cristiano Ronaldo wanting all three points at the Emirates Stadium



Manchester United's winger Cristiano Ronaldo.

MANCHESTER, 7 Nov — Manchester United's winger Cristiano Ronaldo says that he is looking forward to another clash with his and the club's old adversaries, Arsenal.

The Portuguese superstar also said that the fix-

ture is the one that he looks forward to the most.

He added that he has the utmost respect for Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger and he expected the club to turn their flagging season around soon.

Ronaldo concluded by saying that the spirit in the Manchester United was great and the hunger to win the Barclays Premier League this season was still great and that the edge since the days of Manchester United's Roy Keane and Arsenal's Patrick Vieira had been lost.

Internet

Bent sparks English revival, AC Milan leave it late in UEFA Cup football



Darren Bent scores his third goal during Tottenham's 4-0 win over Dinamo Zagreb in a UEFA Cup group match in London on 6 Nov. —INTERNET

PARIS, 7 Nov — A Darren Bent hat-trick in Tottenham's 4-0 win over Dynamo Zagreb sparked an English renaissance in the UEFA Cup, while tournament favorites AC Milan left it late to see off Braga.

Manchester City's Shaun Wright-Phillips ensured former England coach Steve McClaren's visit to home soil got off to a bad start on Thursday when he played a one-two with Brazilian Jo to slam in the opener in the second minute. Mark Hughes' men lost the one-goal advantage 15 minutes later when FC Twente's Eljero Elia punished poor City defending by latching on to a loose ball to shoot past Joe Hart from the edge of the box. That left City with it all to do in the second period but Brazilian star striker Robinho duly obliged 12 minutes in when he got on to the end of a Stephen Ireland pass to curl a shot high into the top corner. —*Internet*

Last gasp Ronaldinho saves Milan's blushes



AC Milan's Brazilian forward Ronaldinho (R) celebrates with teammate Clarence Seedorf after scoring a goal Sporting Braga at San Siro Stadium in Milan. —INTERNET

MILAN, 7 Nov — Former twice world player of the year Ronaldinho came off the bench to score an injury-time winner as AC Milan beat Sporting Braga 1-0 at the San Siro on Thursday.

The Brazilian struck

three minutes into time added on to deal a cruel blow to the Portuguese visitors who had enjoyed the better chances throughout the evening.

But Ronaldinho's goal showed the quality that Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti was so keen to secure in the off-season as he let fly from just over 20 yards, finding the top corner despite a host of bodies blocking his target.

"I'm happy, not because I scored but because the team has earned an important result," said the match-winner.

"Everyone worked really hard and we played with a lot of calm. I hope we can continue along this path. —*Internet*

Utd boss Ferguson charged by FA



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson takes his seat before the Champions League Group E match against Celtic at Celtic Park in Glasgow.

LONDON, 7 Nov — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was charged Thursday with improper conduct by the Football Association.

The charge concerns an incident after English and European champions United's hard-fought 4-3 Premier League victory against Hull at Old Trafford on Saturday, when Ferguson remonstrated with referee Mike Dean.

Ferguson has been given until 19 November to respond to the charge.

The Scot was clearly unhappy with Dean's display during a match where he did not send-off Hull's Michael Turner when the defender upended United and England midfielder Michael Carrick, having previously shown the defender a yellow card. —*Internet*

Matteson's career-low round gives him Disney lead



Troy Matteson watches his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the Children's Miracle Network Classic PGA golf tournament at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla, on 6 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

LAKE BUENA VISTA, 7 Nov — It didn't take Troy Matteson long to realize it was going to be a special round of golf Thursday in the Children's Miracle Network Classic at Disney.

Matteson opened with an eagle on the Palm Course, ran off three straight birdies at the turn and wound up with a career-low round of 9-under 63 to take a one-shot lead.

"When you start like that, it kind of puts you at ease," Matteson said.

Internet

Venezuela, Russia discuss 46 cooperation projects

CARACAS, 7 Nov— Venezuela and Russia discussed 46 cooperation agreements during the 5th High Level Inter-governmental Commission held here Thursday. Venezuelan Vice President Ramon Carrizales and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin attended the meeting, which reviewed a series of initiatives to be signed by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Russian President Dimitri Medvedev later

this month. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro said after the meeting that “the unipolar world is collapsing and finishing in all aspects, and the alliance with Russia is part of that effort to build a multipolar world”.

Projects being discussed include, among others, the creation of a bi-national investment bank, the opening of a direct air route between Caracas and Moscow, the building of an aluminum

plant, the construction of a gas platform off the Venezuela coast, plans for automobile production, and Venezuela’s acquisition of Russian planes and ships.

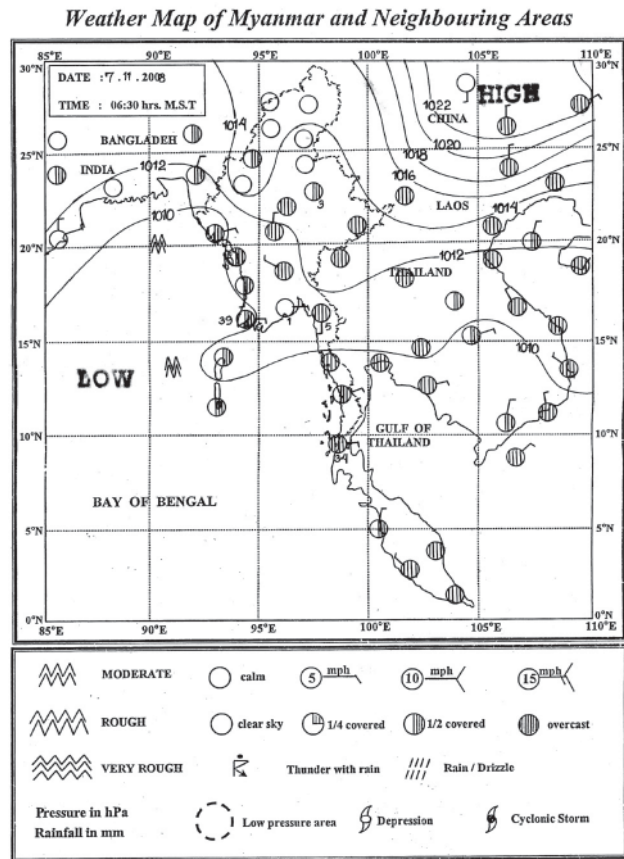
The two countries also reached agreements on the development of outer space and the use of nuclear energy. Maduro said the two countries “will develop all what has to do with technology and satellite in the space,” and will continue to work at using nuclear energy with peaceful means to generate alternative energy.

MNA/Xinhua

S’pore sets aside \$15m to promote more energy efficient firms

SINGAPORE, 7 Nov— Singapore Government is providing 22 million Singapore dollars (15 million US dollars) to help companies defray the cost of purchasing energy efficient technologies and equipment. The new incentive scheme named the Grant for Energy Efficient Technologies (GREET) was announced by Amy Khor, Senior Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry for the Environment and Water Resources, on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua



Bolivia says to fund drug war after dispute with US

LA PAZ, 7 Nov— President Evo Morales, who has banned US anti-drug agents from working in Bolivia, said on Thursday his country can fight cocaine trafficking on its own. Morales, a leftist who used to be a coca farmer, ordered the US Drug Enforcement Administration, or DEA, to stop its work in Bolivia on Saturday after accusing the agency of spying and conspiring to overthrow him. “Some politicians say that with the withdrawal of the DEA, drug trafficking will increase ... I trust that our national police is prepared to fight drug traffickers,” Morales told police officers in Bolivia’s administrative capital, La Paz. “We’re capable of funding the operations of the national police against drug trafficking,” he said in a speech. Earlier this year, Morales’ anti-drug czar Felipe Caceres said Bolivia should “nationalize” the fight against the drug trade, saying the government was ready to invest some 16 million US dollars to that end. — MNA/Reuters



The Jian-10 (Fighter-10), China’s homemade fighter aircraft, performs during the 7th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 4 Nov, 2008. Jian-10 is shown on the exhibition which is held from 4 to 9 Nov. —INTERNET

WEATHER

Friday, 7 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Mon States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Chin and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Shan and Mon States, Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Hakha (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (1.53) inches and Kawthong (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-11-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 7-11-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-11-2008 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2008 was (6.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 7-11-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (110.31) inches at Mingaladon, (120.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (140.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 7-11-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th November 2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Bago Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with temporary rough seas are likely at time Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-11-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for second weekend of November 2008: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Yangon Division and partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 8 November
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:35 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:45 am
 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 7:55 am
 6. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်
- 8:05 am
 7. Musical programme
- 8:15 am
 8. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:20 am
 3. Yan can cook
- 11:50 am
 4. Game for children
- 12:15 pm
 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာကုသေကုသေ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 1:10 pm
 6. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

- 1:50 pm
 7. Mutlitude of market forms
- 2:30 pm
 8. “အားနာတယ်” (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ နိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်စရာ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 2:45 pm
 9. Internatioal news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. Musical programme
- 4:20 pm
 3. Dance of national races
- 4:30 pm
 4. Song to uphold lnational spirit
- 4:40 pm
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
- 4:55 pm
 6. Game for Children

- 5:10 pm
 7. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရှိရာလက်စွဲ
- 5:30 pm
 8. ရှုသမားလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm
 12. “ပွဲလက်ကျောင်းတော်”
- 7:15 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သံယောဇဉ်နောင်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်စစ်ရှာဖွေခြင်း” (အပိုင်း-၅)

2000-acre tea farm to emerge in Natyegan region



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects 12-acre Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation of farmer U Tun Tun Win at Sibintha village in Magway Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe inspected 44 miles and 2 furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana road section and 22 miles long Taungdwingyi road section and teak plantations along Nay Pyi Taw-Pynmana-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi Road on 4 November.

They observed the thriving 500-acre Manaw Thukha strain monsoon paddy field of farmer U Kyaw Min at Thaphangon Village in Taungdwingyi Township, and thriving 12-acre Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation of U Tun Tun Win at Sibinhaya Village in Magway Township.

Upon arrival at Nat Natyegan Hill in Ngaphe Township, Minbu District, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, together with Mandalay

Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, inspected the site chosen for the 2000-acre tea farm project Natyegan Hill Mann Protected Public Forest to be undertaken by the Forest Department (Magway Division).

National entrepreneurs have planned to launch the project in 2009-2010. The Forest Department has carried out the one-acre pilot cultivation of tea.

At the briefing hall of Public Works at Mile Post No. 19 of Natyegan detour road, they heard a report by engineer U Toe Khaing on arrangements for repairing the 32-mile road section from Mile Post Nos 29 to 61 of Minbu-An-Tattaung Road (Natyegan Hill Road). In response, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions, and looked into the one-acre pilot tea plantation of the Forest Department (Magway Division).

In implementing the 2000-acre tea farm in Natyegan region for improving the living conditions of local people and speeding up regional development tasks, the Ministry of Forestry will have to supervise tasks; and the Forest Department (Magway Division), to make arrangements for conservation of department-owned lands. Now, the sites covering protected public forests stretching along Padan-An Road in Natyegan region have been chosen for the project. Nine entrepre-

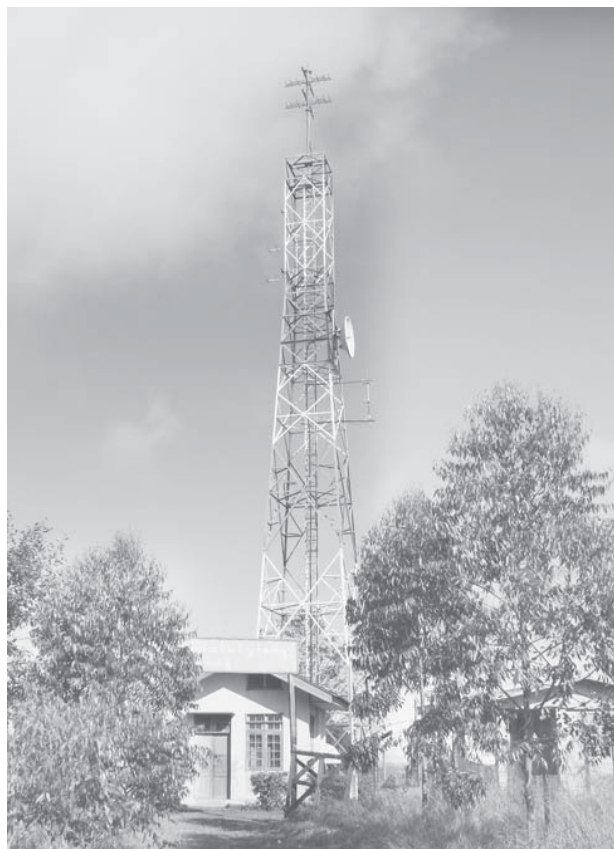
neurs will put 2000 acres under tea plantation in 2009-2010.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also inspected the 3.2-acre coffee plantation and 5-acre tea plantation between Mile Post Nos 15/1 and 15/3 of Natyegan detour road by the Perennial Crops and Farms Enterprise of the Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

So far, Ngaphe Township of Minbu District has put 465 acres of land under coffee plants.—MNA

Chin State on threshold of development

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



TV retransmitting station (Falam).

We members of Kyemon media team headed for Falam, as the last itinerary of our long trip to northern Chin State.

Being a district level city, Falam has now developed a lot with administrative buildings, police station, people's hospital, educational institutions, electric power station, TV retransmitting station, and social buildings.

The hilly city stands at an altitude of 5200 feet. Falam District is constituted with Tiddim, Tonzang, Kyeekha, Thantlang, Reed and Haka townships, and has a population of over 310,000.

We visited the two-storey library run by the Information and Public Relations Department on Bogyoke Road in Ward 4, which was teeming with visitors.

Cupboards stacked with books were kept in a row in the large library. In response to my question, a national race woman with Chin accent said, "I come here in my sparetime. My favorite hobby is reading. I read all genres. There are a lot of publications here. So, it is very convenient for me to choose books."

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Tigers raring to go after defeats to Chelsea and Man United



HULL CITY, 7 Nov—Phil Brown's Hull City will entertain Gary Megson's Bolton Wanderers in the Premiership at KC Stadium on Saturday.

The Tigers, who went down fighting away to defending champions Manchester United last weekend after having lost last midweek to Chelsea, will look to return to winning ways against the Trotters, who are in 18th position.

Brown's side, only in their maiden Premiership season, have been a surprise package in the top-flight with superb performances to their credit. Having beaten Arsenal and Tottenham, Hull rose as high as third in the table, but are now in sixth position following back to back defeats to the title contenders. On the other hand, it has been a struggle for Bolton this season but their victory over Manchester City on Sunday, has given the Trotters the much-needed boost going into the Tigers' den. The visitors will be without captain Kevin Nolan, who is suspended, but will come across a familiar face in the opposition dugout.

Internet