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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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening ceremony of 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit Economic councils formed by ACMECS countries to encourage private sector



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended the opening ceremony of the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit (ACMECS) held at the Room -241 of National Convention Cen-

tre in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 9 a.m on 7 November.

Present on the occasion were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Boupavanh, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, Thai Prime Minis-

ter Mr Somchai Wongsawat, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein, Director-General of Government

Office Col Thant Shin and heads of departments Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam and high-ranking officials, ambassadors of foreign embassies in Vietnam, business communities of ACMECS member countries and specially invited guests.

At the outset, ministers, high-ranking officials, invited guests from ACMECS member countries arrived at the National Convention Centre starting 8 a.m. Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung welcomed Prime Minister

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Vietnamese PM Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at the opening ceremony of the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit.—MNA

The common projects and bilateral projects included in ACMECS cooperation strategy are to be assessed in order to contribute to ensuring long-term development of the region in the future and not to lose common objectives.

PERSPECTIVES

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Cooperation of four nations for economic and social progress

Nowadays, there occurs environmental deterioration resulting in global warming and world climate change. Cooperative efforts are being made region-wise for food sufficiency and energy security as the climate changes are concerned with all the nations.

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 4th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) Summit and the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam between 5 and 7 November.

The 4th summit was also attended by Prime Ministers from Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, ASEAN Under Secretary-General, Ministers for Foreign Affairs and businessmen.

At the opening of 4th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) Summit in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 6 November, Prime Minister General Thein Sein stressed the need to make efforts for success of the projects being jointly undertaken by the four nations. Now food insecurity and the problem of energy security call for special emphasis on the agricultural and energy sectors.

CLMV nations are implementing the projects in accord with the Vientiane Declaration laid down four years ago and they are making progress. They are also seeking ways and means to effectively carry out the future work programmes.

We firmly believe that the summit will continue to promote traditional goodwill relations among the nations and spirit of integration in order to produce fruitful results in economic and social fields in the sub-region.

Director Daw Nu Mra Zan accepts cash donations from General (Retd) Lertrat Ratana Vanich and wellwishers.

MNA



People's Desire

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

Education Minister visits universities in Yangon

YANGON, 9 Nov—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visited Yangon University, Dagon University, Yangon East University and National Management College in Botahtaung Township this morning. During his inspection tour, the minister met the rectors, the principals and faculty members of the universities and gave instructions on academic and management matters.

On 8 November morning, the minister went to Yangon University of Foreign Languages, Yangon University of Distance Education, Yangon Institute of Education, Yangon



Minister Dr Chan Nyein views learning of UDE students at Yangon West University.—EDUCATION

Institute of Economics (Kamayut) and Yangon West University where he heard reports on salient

points of the higher learning institutions presented by prorectors and professors. After

hearing the reports, he attended to the needs and viewed learning of students.—MNA

Immigration task inspected in MraukU, Maungtaw District

NAYPYITAW, 9 Nov—Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin on 4 November met staff of MraukU Township Immigration and National Registration Department and inspected

systematic keeping of records and files at the office.

On 5 November, the minister met with officials at Border Region Immigration Inspection Headquarters in Kyeeganbyin of Maungtaw Township. He inspected systematic keeping of facts and data of local population and families at the office.

At Nay Myo Hall, the minister met staff of the headquarters and Maungtaw District INRD and viewed the jetty of No. 1 check point in Maungtaw.

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Cash donations for National Museum

YANGON, 9 Nov—Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association and wellwishers made cash donations to National Museum of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture at the museum on Pyay Road here today.

At the ceremony, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag explained the purpose of the donations, and Director Daw Nu Mra Zan of the museum spoke words of thanks.

Next, Chairman of Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association General (Retd) Lertrat Ratana Vanich handed over cash presented by Thai Embassy, Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association, Kandawgyi Royal Palace Hotel and organizations, Thai business men in Myanmar to the director of the museum.

The donation totaled US\$ 16,000 which will be spent on renovation of booths of the four-storey museum.

MNA

Karaweik Gardens World Tazaungdine Fun fair and Market Festival

YANGON, 9 Nov—With the sponsorship of Karaweik Gardens World and with the assistance of Dagon Brewery Co Ltd, the Karaweik Gardens World Tazaungdine Fun fair and Market Festival are being held from 8 to 12 November.

Vocalists are presenting free entertainment to the audience from 6 to 8 pm daily.

At the market festival are U Pe Thein electronics, Bon Bon Bakery "09" mobile phone and accessories, Swanahshin Lubrication, SSS confectionery, 'C' CARE Skin Care products, Huggies Baby Diapers, Kleenex Facial Tissues, Scott facial Tissues, Fancy 96 Collection, Zizawa Book Shop, Uni Teak Furniture, Mini Kids child collection, Dear Face Korea cosmetics, CP products, Mars mosquitoes repellents, Wax King, My Collection, Dagon Brewery products, Kangaroo footwear, Shoe gallery, Happy Cow condensed milk, Mortain Shieldtox, Khao Shong coffee and others.—MNA

Russia says fresh US proposals on missile shield unsatisfactory

Moscow, 9 Nov — Russia is not satisfied with new US proposals aimed at easing Russia's concern over US missile defence plans, a local newspaper reported on Saturday, citing a Foreign Ministry source. Russia has not responded to the US proposals on its missile shield yet as the United States did not consult with Russia before disclosing relevant information to media, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in an interview with Commercant. The United States proposed allowing Russia's staff to visit missile defence facilities deployed in Poland and

the Czech Republic, but this is not the key to the issue, Ryabkov said.

He said the two sides have to reach consensus on the assessment of missile threat and responsive measures in this regard.

The United States is now trying to convince Russia that the missile shield is not targeted on Russia, he said, adding that the notion would not be accepted.

US Acting Undersecretary of State John Rood said on Thursday that the United States had offered Russia new proposals on nuclear arms reduction and missile defence.—Internet



Cambodians march alongside a car decorated as a dove in front of the royal palace during the Independence Day celebration in Phnom Penh on 9 November, 2008. Cambodia celebrates its 55th anniversary of independence from France on 9 November. —INTERNET



A man stands next to his relative, a policeman who was wounded in a bomb attack, in a hospital in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad on 8 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,192

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov — At least 4,192 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,388 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet

Kidnapped Canadian journalist freed in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 9 Nov — Mellissa Fung, a journalist working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp in Afghanistan, was freed on Saturday after being kidnapped a month ago near the capital, Kabul, her employer said.

The CBC said Fung was safe in the Canadian Embassy and undergoing a medical checkup after being released to Canadian forces.

Fung was abducted by armed men at a UN refugee camp on the outskirts of Kabul on 12 October and taken to the mountains west of the city, the network said in a statement.

Afghanistan — one of the most dangerous nations in the world for reporters — has seen a spike in assassinations and kidnappings of foreigners.

“Obviously it was not a random abduction,” Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper told a news conference.

He said no ransom had been paid by Ottawa, the CBC or anyone else to free Fung, whom he spoke to after her release. “She sounded in remarkably good spirits under the circumstances,” he said.

The CBC said it seemed likely the kidnappers were criminals rather than members of the Taliban.

Harper said hundreds of Canadian and Afghan officials had been involved in the effort to free Fung and that he called Afghan President Hamid Karzai to thank him.—Internet

Stolen UN vehicle raises security worries in Kabul

KABUL, 9 Nov — Authorities searched for a United Nations vehicle stolen from the Kabul airport on Saturday, amid concerns militants could use the SUV as a car bomb or to ferry attackers close to sensitive sites.

UN personnel, Western security officials and Afghan police were looking for the white Toyota Land Cruiser with the UN agency's name painted in blue letters, a security official said.

The main UN compound in Kabul is on the road to the presidential palace. The road is secured by a gate and armed guards, but UN vehicles are usually waved quickly through check points.

One police official said the missing vehicle was being treated as a highly sensitive issue, and that police commanders had been instructed to not speak publicly about it. He spoke on condition of anonymity for that reason.

It was not known if the vehicle had been stolen by thieves or if it was an inside job by a UN staff member or relative.

Internet

Boat breaks Gaza Strip blockade, sails into port

GAZA CITY, 9 Nov — A group of European lawmakers sailed from Cyprus into Gaza on Saturday, defying an internationally backed blockade of the Hamas-run territory with activists promising to send more visitors and goods to end the coastal strip's isolation.

Israel's navy did not try to block the vessel, Dignity, which made its third run from Cyprus to Gaza since August. The 23 passengers included 13 members of various European parliaments and an Israeli journalist, who will stay until Tuesday.

“We came on a boat. Many more boats can come. Let's have dozens of boats and then we can open up the siege,” said Clare Short, a former member of the British Cabinet.

Parliamentarians and activists say they are not seeking to legitimize Hamas' rule of Gaza, which it seized last year after pushing out security forces loyal to Fatah. Hamas' takeover prompted Israel and Egypt to seal its borders with Gaza, only allowing in humanitarian aid and a trickle of commercial goods.—Internet



Residents inspect the site where a roadside bomb went off, in SulaiKh neighbourhood, northeastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 Nov, 2008, killing a civilian and injuring seven others included a police officer, police said.

INTERNET



The two-day meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors is opened in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 8 Nov, 2008.—XINHUA

China in good position to expand economy

SAO PAULO, 9 Nov — World Bank President Robert Zoellick said on Saturday that China is in a good position to have a strong fiscal expansion, a way to offset the effects of the international financial crisis.

“China is in a very good position to have a strong fiscal expansion. The Chinese authorities spoke of

that aspect,” he told a press conference in Sao Paulo, where he participates in a G20 meeting.

Officials from the finance ministries and central banks of the world’s key developed and emerging countries began a two-day meeting here Saturday to look at ways to tackle the global economic crisis.

Zoellick compared Chi-

na’s situation in comparison with other developing countries which cannot expand their expenditures so much.

Zoellick considered “very wise” China’s decision to make large improvements in its infrastructure in the last few years, adding that it could be taken as a model by other countries.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

OPEC to hold another extraordinary meeting to mull output cut

ALGIERS, 9 Nov — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is to hold an extraordinary ministerial meeting on 17 Dec to study world oil market outlook, said its current president Chakib Khelil.

The meeting, which comes in the wake of the cartel’s extraordinary meeting in Vienna on 24 Oct, will be held in the western Algerian town of Oran and to study the market outlook for the first half of 2009, said Khelil, who is also Algeria’s energy minister.

He does not rule out another output cut if crude oil price remains below 70 US dollars per barrel, saying that the cartel’s objective is to have the oil prices range between 70 and 90 dollars a barrel.

If all OPEC members seriously follow the output cut decision, and the price still does not reach the anticipated level, there will probably be another production cutback, said Khelil.

Ahead of the Oran meeting, the Arab member states of OPEC, which include Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Iraq besides Algeria, will meet in Cairo on 29 Nov, Khelil added.

At the 24 Oct meeting in Vienna, OPEC ministers agreed to reduce output by 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) to 27.3 million bpd from 1 Nov to stem the falling of oil prices.—Xinhua

Palestinian unity dialogue postponed due to Hamas boycott

CAIRO, 9 Nov — Egypt decided on Saturday to put off a long-awaited Palestinians national unity dialogue that is planned to open in Cairo on 10 Nov, after the Islamic Hamas movement announced to boycott the talks.

“The scheduled talks would be postponed,” said an Egyptian source on condition of anonymity, adding an alternative date to start the dialogue has yet be determined.

According to the Egyptian MENA news agency, Egypt has decided to postpone the Palestinian dialogue after Hamas informed Egyptian mediators that it will not show up in the meeting.

Xinhua



The Russian nuclear submarine “Vepr” is pictured in 2004. More than 20 people were killed and another 20 injured when a fire extinguishing system was inadvertently activated aboard a Russian nuclear submarine in the Pacific Ocean, the Russian navy said on Sunday.—INTERNET

More than 20 killed in Russian nuclear submarine accident

MOSCOW, 9 Nov— More than 20 people have been killed in an accident on a Russian nuclear submarine, local media reported on early Sunday.

“Over 20 people have been killed on 8 Nov, as a result of accidental activation of the fire extinguishing system at a nuclear-powered submarine of the Pacific Fleet during sea trials,” Itar-Tass cited a navy spokesman.

The radiation on the submarine is normal as its nuclear reactor is working at normal status, said Igor Dygalo, an aide to the commander-in-chief of the Russian Pacific Fleet.

Among the killed are workers of a shipyard and military servicemen, he said.

The submarine is sailing to a temporary base in Russia’s far east Primorye territory with the escorting of an anti-submarine warship and a rescue vessel to evacuate another 21 injured people, Dygalo said.

There were 208 people aboard the submarine during the accident and 81 of them were military servicemen.—Xinhua



People leave their home in search of shelter as Hurricane Paloma approaches in Santa Cruz del Sur, Camaguey Cuba on 8 November, 2008.

INTERNET

Four Italian tourists killed in Tanzania plane crash

NAIROBI, 9 Nov — Four Italian tourists were killed on Saturday when a Kenyan-registered plane crashed into Mawenzi peak on Mt Kilimanjaro in northern Tanzania.

According to independent Kenyan television, NTV, on Saturday, the Kenyan pilot, however, survived in the accident which occurred on Saturday morning.

The television said in its hourly news bulletin quot-

ing the Kilimanjaro regional police commander, Lucas Ng’hoboko, as saying that the six-seater Cessna 206 hit the rugged peak at 1100 hrs (0800 GMT).

The plane, Registration No 5YA00, was said to belong to a Nairobi-based company, the regional police chief said. He said the four tourists died on the spot when the plane went down at an altitude of 4,330 metres above sea level.—Xinhua

Local girl is pictured as she looks after her family’s crop in a field in southern Ethiopia. As impoverished and landlocked Ethiopia was choked by high oil prices, the government allocated more than 400,000 hectares (988,000 acres) for biofuel crops development as part of a national strategy enacted last year.—INTERNET



Turkish security forces arrest 36 illegal migrants

ANKARA, 9 Nov — Turkish security forces arrested 36 illegal migrants in northwestern Turkey on Saturday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

During a routine traffic control on Bursa-Izmir highway, the police stopped a truck carrying illegal migrants of Afghan and Palestinian origin in Karacabey town of the northwestern province of Bursa, said the report.

The migrants and driver were detained and the captured migrants would be deported following legal proceedings, it added.

Thousands of immigrants from Asia and Africa have entered Turkey illegally on their way to European countries in search of jobs and better life.—Xinhua

Hu, Obama discuss China-US relations

BEIJING, 9 Nov — Beijing and Washington should “accommodate each other’s concerns,”



Chinese President Hu Jintao

Chinese President Hu Jintao told US president-elect Barack Obama in a phonecall that stressed good Sino-US ties, state media said Sunday.

Hu and Obama spoke Saturday, with the Chinese leader calling for co-operation on issues such as the current global financial turmoil but also urging US respect for Chinese positions on touchy issues such as Taiwan, *Xinhua* news agency said.

The conversation is thought to be the pair’s first since Obama’s election victory last week, with Hu becoming the latest world leader to get acquainted with the man whose election has been welcomed worldwide.

“Hu pointed out that since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries 30 years ago, bilateral relations have generally kept developing despite setbacks,” the report said.

The report did not say how long they spoke for or who initiated the call. However, Obama has been busy calling world leaders who had sent written congratulations on his defeat of Republican John McCain.

Hu was one of those leaders.—*Internet*

Medvedev, Obama say need to meet soon

Moscow, 9 Nov — The Kremlin said Russian President Dmitry Medvedev had agreed with US President-elect Barack Obama in a telephone call Saturday that they need to meet soon.

Medvedev congratulated Obama on his election win, and the two agreed on a need to work on Russia-US ties, a Kremlin statement said. Several issues have tested relations between Moscow and Washing-

ton, including NATO’s possible eastward expansion and US plans for placing components of a missile-defence system in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Moscow has strongly objected to the missile-defence plans, and on Wednesday — a day after Obama’s election — Medvedev announced he would respond by stationing short-range missiles in Russia’s Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad,

on the doorstep of Poland and Czech Republic.

Obama’s plans remain unclear regarding the defence system, the deals for which were brokered under US President George W Bush.

The Kremlin statement said Obama and Medvedev agreed in their phone call on Saturday “to create constructive and positive interaction for the good of global stability and development.”

It said they spoke of “the priority of the nature of relations of Russia and the USA ... the positive development of which is principally important not only for the people of both countries, but for the international community as a whole.” Obama takes over from Bush on 20 January.

Internet

Israeli forces and Hamas gunmen exchange fire

GAZA CITY, 9 Nov — The Israeli army and Hamas militants say their forces traded fire on Gaza’s border, testing a shaky truce in place since June.

The gunbattle between Israeli forces and Hamas gunmen took place Saturday morning on Gaza’s eastern border. The Israeli army says its soldiers were detonating two explosive devices on the border fence when Hamas gunmen opened fire, prompting the exchange. There were no reports of casualties.

The gunbattle is the latest test to a five-month-old Egyptian-mediated truce between Israel and Palestinian militants. The truce was shaken earlier this week after an Israeli incursion, clashes and airstrikes left seven Palestinian militants dead.—*Internet*



Palestinian Bilal Dana, 6, receives treatment in hospital after he was allegedly attacked by Jewish settlers in the West Bank city of Hebron, on 8 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

Moderate earthquake strikes North Island in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 9 Nov — An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale shook the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand’s North Island early Sunday morning, causing no casualties or damages.

The quake, which took place at 12:57 am local time (1157 GMT), was centered 20 km west of Rotorua, at a depth of 200 km, New Zealand’s Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS) reported. The quake was widely felt in the North Island.—*Internet*

Owner of collapsed Haiti school arrested

PETIONVILLE, 9 Nov — Police arrested the owner of a Haitian school that collapsed on top of students and teachers during school hours, killing at least 88 people and launching a frantic search for



A rescue worker searches at the scene of the church school that collapsed on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince on 8 Nov, 2008. The death toll in the collapse of a ramshackle school in Haiti rose above 90 on Saturday after rescue workers uncovered a room full of dead, many of them children, officials said.—*INTERNET*

survivors amid tons of concrete rubble.

Fortin Augustin, the preacher who owns and built College La Promesse in suburban Port-au-Prince, was arrested late Saturday and charged with involuntary manslaughter, said police spokesman Garry Desrosier. Augustin was being held at a police station in Haiti’s capital as a US rescue crew searched overnight for survivors of Friday’s collapse of the three-story building, which normally holds 500 students and teachers.

In a rare moment of joy in a grim task, Haitian rescuers pulled four children alive Saturday from the rubble and cradled them in their arms as they ran toward ambulances, said UN police spokesman Andre Leclerc.

Leclerc said he did not know the extent of the injuries to the two girls, ages 3 and 5, and two boys, a 7-year-old and a teenager. But he added the 3-year-old had a cut on her head and seemed to be OK. “She was talking and drinking juice,” Leclerc said.—*Internet*

Police attempt to remove anti-nuclear protesters who have chained themselves to train tracks near the western German town of Berg the day before the arrival of a train with nuclear waste from the La Hague re-processing plant in north-western France.

INTERNET

Pilot lost control of plane crashes in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 9 Nov — An official overseeing the investigation into a plane crash that killed Mexico’s interior secretary say the jet was not on fire and did break up prior to the crash, and evidence indicates the pilot lost control.

Officials say the plane was traveling at almost 300 mph (500 kph) when it crashed into cars on a Mexico City street on Tuesday, killing 14. The plane was supposed to be turning east toward the city’s international airport, but was traveling almost northward when it crashed. Investigation head Gilberto Lopez said on Saturday that “this clearly proves what we had believed, that there was an abrupt loss of control.”

Lopez did not give a cause. Investigators are looking at whether turbulence from another plane played a role. — *Internet*



Conservative former trader wins New Zealand vote

WELLINGTON, 9 Nov — New Zealanders chose a wealthy, conservative former financier on Saturday to help navigate the country through the global financial meltdown, handing long-serving left-wing Prime Minister Helen Clark a crushing election defeat. John Key, the 47-year-old leader of the conservative National Party, swept easily to power in this South Pacific country of 4.1 million people, ousting Clark's Labour Party after nine years in office.

"Today, New Zealand has spoken, in their hundreds of thousands, they have voted for change," Key told supporters at a packed victory celebration in the country's largest city, Auckland.

New Zealand's farming export-dependent economy fell into recession early this year, and Key said the



Prime Minister elect John Key celebrates the National Party's victory during the New Zealand General election in Auckland, New Zealand, on 8 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

worldwide downturn is the most immediate problem for the country.

Key has promised a more right-leaning government than Clark's, which for almost a decade made global warming a key policy issue.—Internet

New York family opposes end to care for brain-dead boy

NEW YORK, 9 Nov — A Washington hospital has asked a judge for permission to stop treating a brain-dead 12-year-old cancer patient, even though his ultra-religious New York parents want to keep him on life support.

Motl Brody of

Brooklyn was pronounced dead this week after a half-year fight against a brain tumor, and doctors at Children's National Medical Center in Washington say the seventh-grader's brain has ceased functioning entirely.

But for the past few days, a machine has continued to inflate and deflate his lungs. As of late Friday afternoon, his heart was still beating with the help of a cocktail of intravenous drugs and adrenaline.

Internet

Mideast mediators meet in Egypt

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, 9 Nov — Mideast mediators met Sunday in a bid to preserve US-backed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks despite their looming failure to produce a deal by year's end.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas kicked off the meeting of the Quartet, which includes the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia, by standing up and shaking hands.

Before the meeting began, Livni told Israeli

Army Radio that she would not be presenting any dramatic reports of progress and her goal at the meeting was to keep the pressure off Israel as elections approach.

She said she believes that if mediators see Israel is serious about an agreement with the Palestinians, they will not pressure the Jewish state about deadlines or the specifics of the negotiations right now.

Israel is scheduled to hold parliamentary elections on 10 Feb, and polls show that Livni, the chief Israeli negotiator, is neck and neck with former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who opposes negotiations with the Palestinians at this point.

Internet



Mideast mediators have begun meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on 9 Nov, 2008, in a bid to preserve Israeli-Palestinian peace talks despite their looming failure to produce a deal by year's end.—INTERNET

Philippine militants release kidnapped nurse

ZAMBOANGA (Philippines), 9 Nov — Militants in the southern Philippines released a kidnapped nurse they had been holding for four months after payment of a hefty ransom, authorities said on Saturday. Preciosa Feliciano, 24, was turned over to a local official in the nearby island of Basilan late Friday and brought by the military to this southern Philippine city on Saturday.

She was kidnapped on 7 July by suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim extremist group linked by intelligence agencies to the al-Qaeda terror network.

Feliciano said she had largely been kept alone in a house and had just been abruptly informed that she was being freed.—Internet

NEWSALBUM

Blinded pilot guided safely to ground

A British pilot who was suddenly blinded by a stroke during a solo flight was talked safely down by a military pilot, the Royal Air Force said on Friday.

Jim O'Neill asked for help after he was sent blind 40 minutes into a flight from Scotland to southeastern England last week. The BBC reported that O'Neill, flying a small Cessna aircraft, lost his sight 5,500 feet in the air.

"It was terrifying," O'Neill said. "Suddenly, I couldn't see the dials in front of me." The air force said in a news release that O'Neill initially believed he'd been "dazzled" by bright sunlight, and made an emergency call for help. He then realized that something more serious was happening, and said, "I want to land, ASAP."



Workers walk near a large pair of jeans made in a factory in San Juan de Lurigancho in Lima. Seamstresses in Peru, hoping to snag a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records, presented what they say is the world's largest pair of jeans on Thursday, complete with back pockets, buttons and a belt. Cranes lifted the enormous pair onto a giant metal made to model the pants, which measure 40 metres (131 ft) tall, 30 metres (98 ft) wide and weigh more than 2 tonnes. The jeans were cut from some 3,000 metres (9,842 feet) of cloth.

Spectators get a close up view of a huge record-breaking pinata in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently. Breaking the Guinness Record for the world's largest pinata, according to an onsite Guinness adjudicator, the giant mock donkey measures 28.5 metres long; 7.2 metres wide and 18 metres tall and is filled with 8,000 pounds (3,628 kilograms) of candy.



French scientists discover new species of gecko

French scientists say they hatched a new gecko species from an egg plucked from its nest in a South Pacific island and carried it 12,000 miles to Paris in a box lined with Kleenex.

France's National Museum of Natural History said it was the first time a new lizard species has been catalogued based on an individual raised from an egg.

Given the Latin name *Lepidodactylus buleli*, the gecko makes its home near the tops of the trees that line the west coast of Espiritu Santo, one of the larger islands of the Vanuatu archipelago east of Australia, the museum said.

A 2006 expedition to Espiritu Santo to study the ecosystems of the forest canopy led to the discovery of the 3-inch-long gecko.



French scientist Ivan Ineich displays a never-before-seen species of gecko, baptised with the latin name *Lepidodactylus buleli*, at France's Natural History Museum in Paris. This gecko was born in Paris from an egg that was plucked from the canopy of forest on the west coast of Espiritu Santo, one of the larger South Pacific islands of the archipelago of Vanuatu, east of Australia.

Man's love wakes wife from 30-year coma

A woman woke from a 30-year coma thanks to her husband's good care and unwavering love in E'zhou, Hubei Province.

Doctors believe the love of Chen Dulin, who was recently selected as one of the province's model husbands, has helped Zhao Guihua wake up.

Zhao's blood pressure and heart and lungs are stable in the wake of a thorough examination.

Zhao lapsed into a coma following an accident three decades ago, but Chen never gave up on his wife and cared for her at home after she had two operations.

Chen has used syringes and soft plastic pipes to inject milk, egg custard and other liquid food into Zhao's stomach ever since.

Now 77, he still talks to the love of his life every day.

Kyangin-Pwintbyu (Thayet-Pwintbyu) railroad section inspected



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of railroad along Thayet-Pwintbyu road section.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, heard reports on construction of earth work of Thayet-Pwintbyu railroad section and future tasks presented by Assistant General Manager (Civil) U Than Htay of Engineering Section of Myanma Railways at the

briefing hall of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project on 6 November.

After giving instructions on timely completion of the work, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw viewed construction of the railroad with the use of heavy machinery.

On completion of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, local people can travel from Pathein to Pakokku directly

and they can proceed from Pakokku to Gangaw and Kalay, ChaungU, Monywa, YeU, KhinU and Myitkyina.

During the tour, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw looked into thriving cotton plantation in Natmauk Township. Later, they went back to Nay Pyi Taw through Natmauk-Pyawbwe road to Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo speaks at concluding of the on-job training course No. 1/2008 for clerks of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College.

MNA



On-job training for GAD clerks concludes

YANGON, 9 Nov —Organized by General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs, an on-job training course No. 1/2008 for clerks of General Administration Department who had completed their study from Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College

concluded at Administration Development Training School in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo made a closing speech on the occasion.

A total of 50 trainees attended the eight-week course.—MNA

Myanmar-Thai Boxing Challenges

YANGON, 9 Nov — The fights of Myanmar-Thai Boxing Challenges were held at National Indoor Stadium – 1 in Thuwunna, here, yesterday.

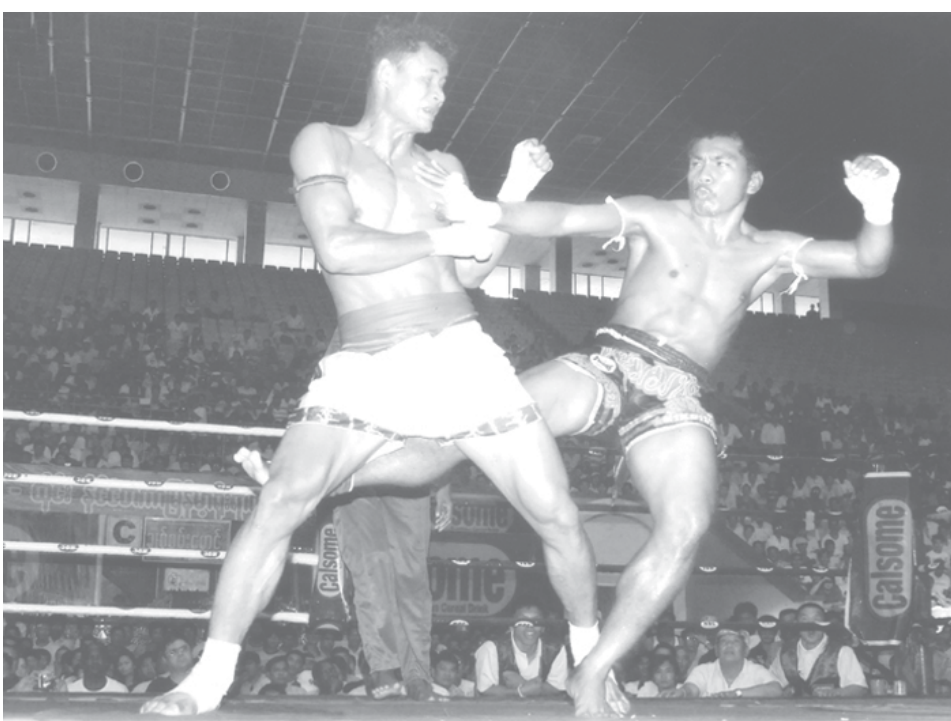
Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the competitions.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the ministry, the Chairperson of Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Chairman of Thai-Myanmar Friendship

Association General (Retd) Lertrat Ratana Vanich, Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag and staff of the embassy and President of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation U Win Myint.

In the competitions, seven 5-round matches for local and two 5- round matches for international were competed.

After the competitions, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and President U Win Myint presented rewards and prizes to the winners.—MNA



Lon Chaw fighting with Htun Htaung in Myanmar-Thai Boxing Challenges.—NLM



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and prime ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam pose for documentary photo at the opening ceremony of the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening ...

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General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar upon his arrival at the National Convention Centre of Hanoi at 8.55 a.m.

Similarly, the Vietnamese Prime Minister welcomed Cambodian Prime Minister Sanadech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and Thai Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar posed for a documentary photo together with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Somchai

Wongsawat and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

Afterwards, the opening ceremony of the 3rd Ayeyawady - Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit (ACMECS) commenced with an opening address by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh also made speeches.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein made a speech on the occasion, saying that the first ACMECS summit was hosted in Myanmar.

The leaders from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand signed the Bagan Declaration. Unity among the ACMECS member countries, mutual respect and friendship, good neighborliness and active cooperation are expressed in the Bagan Declaration. The main aims of economic cooperation strategy started from the Bagan Declaration are to raise competitiveness among member countries, to ensure development in border areas, to develop in agriculture and industry sectors, to create more job opportunities, to reduce of income gap, and to take measures for peace, stability and prosperity in

the region. He also said that with the aim of ensuring smooth flow trade and investment, cooperation in agriculture and industries, transportation links, tourism cooperation and development of

human resources that are five areas included in ACMECS, common projects and bilateral projects had been drawn and are being implemented.

As the private sector plays an important role in ACMECS economic cooperation, economic councils were formed by the countries concerned in order to encourage the private sector, he said. He acknowledged the active participation of economic councils in the ACMECS work programmes.

At present, Myanmar is taking part in 33 common projects and bilateral 67 projects that include in ACMECS cooperation strategy.

The common projects and bilateral projects included in ACMECS cooperation strategy are to be assessed in order to contribute to ensuring long-term development of the region in future and not to lose common objectives. Only then, will the effective and efficient cooperation be possible.

The topics discussed in the third summit are the

ones related to challenges many nations are facing and the important sectors that are indispensable for regional integration.

As ACMECS nations mainly rely on agriculture, cooperation in the agriculture sector is to be made for ensuring food security, he stressed.

In the meantime, they are to step up cooperation in seeking ways and means for exploration of alternative-fuel as well as for production of bio-fuel.

Individual or in group, nations are to redouble their efforts to fulfill the requirement of ACMECS nations and to successfully implement the ACMECS work programmes, he disclosed.

Under the influence of climate changes there have occurred natural disasters such as storms, floods and earthquakes. Therefore, all the nations in the region are required to strive together in the event of such natural disasters.

Next, the Thai Prime Minister made a speech on the occasion and then the opening ceremony of the ACMECS summit came to a close.—MNA

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein back from Hanoi of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, departmental heads, Prime Minister General Thein Sein left

Hanoi Daewoo Hotel in Hanoi for Noiboi International Airport at 2.30 p.m VST yesterday.

The Prime Minister was seen off at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Thein and wife, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Than Aung and wife, Military Attaché Col Tin Tun Aye and wife, em-

bassy families and Vietnamese Minister of Information and Communications Mr Le Doam Hop.

A Vietnamese girl presented bouquet to the Prime Minister. The special aircraft carrying the Prime Minister and party left Noiboi International Airport at 2.30 pm VST and arrived back here at 3.50 pm.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being seen off by Vietnamese Minister of Information and Communications Mr Le Doam Hop at Noiboi International Airport.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 3rd Summit of ACMECS

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 3rd Summit of Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) at Room 339 of National Convention Centre in Hanoi of Vietnam at 9.45 a.m on 7 November.

Also present at the summit were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr Somchai Wongsawat, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, departmental heads, ministers and high ranking officials of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and Prime Minister



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy Summit at National Convention Centre in Hanoi.—MNA

Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh of Lao PDR discussed progress of cooperation between ACMECS member countries and future tasks.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein participated in discussions on reviewing the cooperation of ACMECS and future tasks.

Thai Prime Minister

Mr Somchai Wongsawat discussed improvement of cooperation and future prospects of ACMECS cooperation.

At the summit, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and Prime Ministers of ACMECS member countries focused on the role of private sector for effective implementation

of ACMECS member countries' cooperation, uplift of the role of ACMECS Economic Council, establishment of the Working Group on environmental cooperation, participation of ACMECS in trade and investment at border regions, cooperation in agriculture, industry, energy, transport, human

resources, tourism, public health and vital part of environmental conservation. They exchanged views on organizing the 4th Summit of the ACMECS. They approved the declaration of the 3rd Summit of the ACMECS. Next, they approved Cambodia to host the 4th ACMECS Summit in 2010.

The 3rd Summit of Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) concluded at 11 a.m with an address by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

Later, the Prime Ministers had lunch together at Room 243 of the National Convention Centre.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits National Institute of Animal Sciences in Hanoi

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development

U Soe Tha, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, departmental heads, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein and officials, arrived at the National Institute of

Animal Sciences in Tu Liem District of Hanoi, Vietnam, at 8 a.m yesterday.

At the hall of the institute, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Region Development Mr Vu Van

Tam extended greetings.

Principal Dr Hoang Van Tieu reported on the history and sections of the institute, livestock breeding and rural development tasks.

The Prime Minister spoke words of thanks.

The principal replied to the queries of the Prime Minister on academic, management and research matters of the institute.

The Vietnamese Deputy Minister presented books

published by the institute to the Prime Minister.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party visited the Feedstuff Factory, the Thuy Thuong Pig Research Centre and the poultry farms.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits feedstuff factory of National Institute of Animal Sciences in Hanoi.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Vietnamese PM



Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with ACMECS leaders and delegation members attend the dinner hosted by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung hosted a dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with ACMECS leaders and delegation members at the Dining Hall (109) of National Convention Centre in Hanoi at 7 p.m on 7 November.

It was also attended by Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Thai Prime Minister Mr Somchai Wongsawat, Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Thein, departmental heads and senior officers.

At the dinner, the Vietnamese Prime Minister extended greetings and the Thai Prime Minister delivered an address. During the dinner, Vietnamese cultural troupe entertained them with traditional songs.

Next, the Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister went back to Hanoi Daewoo Hotel.—MNA

There are lots of trade, investment and tourism...

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sector usually work together to overcome difficulties and enjoy benefits, he noted.

In reviewing the situation of trade and investments among the ACMECS countries and the presentations of ACMECS business communities, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said according to the presentations of the private sector in which efforts for smooth flow of cross border trade should be made in accord with the provisions included in ASEAN-Mekong Sub-region Frame Work and across border trade agreement are found to be appropriate.

Responsible persons

of two countries each are to coordinate matters to sign a banking system agreement necessary for the development of cross border trade in the trade and investment sector. The matter of improving basic cultural tourism and bilateral cross border tourism services is also found to be appropriate. The fact that the tourists of the third country need a visa only to travel to ACMECS countries is right in terms of principle but there still need time and coordinated efforts to practically implement the task.

The Prime Minister went on to say that the presentations regarding the importance of building infrastructures, especially East-West Eco-

nomics Corridor and establishment of special economic zones along Thai-Myanmar Highway for trade, investment and tourism in border regions of ACMECS countries are found to be appropriate. However, as it is the matter of great investment, the member countries need to coordinate with each other.

For the development of human resources, an efficiency enhancement plan is to be drawn to conduct vocational training courses for those from the State and private sectors. As the matter of establishing a central unit for extending foodstuff production businesses in order to fulfill the requirements of foodstuff production busi-

nesses of the ACMECS region is a necessary issue, there needs coordination between the member nations.

Signing agreements on building of sister cities in ACMECS countries will contribute to economic cooperation and border region development. Out of the common projects to be implemented according to ACMECS economic cooperation strategy, some can be implemented simultaneously by member nations. But it is not yet ready for some projects to be implemented simultaneously by member nations concerned. So the private sector needs to know that there are still some projects that are to be undertaken by a nation by taking time. Bilateral projects are to be under-

taken with a view to serving long-term bilateral interest in accord with the ACMECS economic strategy. The Prime Minister added that there are lots of opportunities for trade, investment and tourism among the ACMECS member countries.

In the efforts for development of trade and investments in the region, member countries are to take remedial measures on a coordinated basis for implementing the provisions of AFTA and AEC in accord with their existing laws, rules and procedures.

He spoke of the need to promote cooperation in other priority sectors including trade and investment among ACMECS member nations and to prevent those nations from putting pressure and control of some nations of economic power with

awareness.

He said food sufficiency and stability of food prices is now a priority issue in the region. Exchange of technology, technical cooperation and mutual assistance are to be undertaken through understanding among the nations under the ACMECS.

The summit will promote trade and increase investment, he said. the private sector on its part is to learn the government's policies and future tasks and the government can provide requirements and solve the difficulties.

Next, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Somchai Wongsawat spoke on the tasks of ACMECS economic forum.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung delivered a concluding speech. The summit ended at 4 p.m.—MNA



Minister U Nyan Win attends ACMECS Foreign Ministers Meeting at National Convention Centre.—MNA

CLMV, ACMECS Foreign Ministers meet

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, who accompanied Prime Minister General Thein Sein, attended the Working Dinner hosted to ministers of foreign affairs from the ACMECS countries at Hanoi Daewoo Hotel at 7 p.m on 5 No-

vember.

On 6 November morning, Minister U Nyan Win joined the CLMV Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting and ACMECS Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting at National Convention Centre.

At the meetings, Ministers for Foreign Affairs

reviewed the implementation of the CLMV and ACMECS cooperation plans and future tasks.

They approved the reports submitted from the CLMV and ACMECS high-ranking officials meetings and the joint-declarations to be issued at the summits.—MNA

Deutsche Post to shed thousands of US jobs



Deutsche Post delivery bikes are parked in Hamburg, April 2008. German logistics giant Deutsche Post will on Monday announce thousands of job losses in the United States in the wake of heavy losses.

BERLIN, 9 Nov— German logistics giant Deutsche Post will on Monday announce thousands of job losses in the United States in the wake of heavy losses, a German newspaper reported.

In its edition to appear Monday the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ) says that group chief executive officer Frank Appel “cannot do other than announce massive job cuts” when he presents third quarter results that day.”

According to the FAZ,

“40,000 jobs are under threat in the United States,” of which “20,000 are directly linked to Deutsche Post and as many again to the US partners.” The paper said that within the group there was talk of a “bloodbath”.

Deutsche Post had already revised downwards its objectives for 2008 and “assesses for this year alone at 1.3 billion dollars, or five million dollars a day, the loss recorded in the United States,” the FAZ said.

It said Appel “wants to

pull out of all the commitments where he thinks the risks can no longer be calculated and costs no longer controlled.”

His predecessor Klaus Zumwinkel had invested heavily in the United States but, said the FAZ, “the transatlantic adventure has failed.”

The group has been hard hit by the economic slowdown in the US where it is represented by, among other activities, the express courier service DHL.

Internet

WHO calls for further promotion of traditional medicine

BEIJING, 9 Nov— The World Health Organization (WHO) here on Saturday called for further promotion of traditional medicine and its integration into health care systems. WHO issued a “Beijing Declaration” at the end of its congress on traditional medicine on Saturday, which recognized traditional medicine as “one of the resources of primary health care services to increase availability and affordability”.

According to the declaration, “traditional medicine” covers a wide variety of therapies and practices varying greatly from region to region.

It might also be referred to as “alternative or complementary medicine”. It said governments should formulate regulations and standards to ensure appropriate, safe and effective use of traditional medicine. “The knowledge of traditional medicine, treatments and practices should be respected, preserved, promoted and communicated widely and appropriately based on the circumstances in each country,” said the declaration.— MNA/Xinhua

Therapy helps some kick habit after heart attack

NEW YORK, 9 Nov— Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) appears to help people who are depressed after suffering a heart attack to avoid smoking cigarettes, but only if they believe they have adequate social support, new research shows.

The findings suggest that most smokers will need more than CBT alone to give up the habit after a heart attack, but they also underscore the value of this therapy in treating depression in people with heart disease, Dr Mickey Trockel of the Stanford University School of

Medicine and colleagues report.

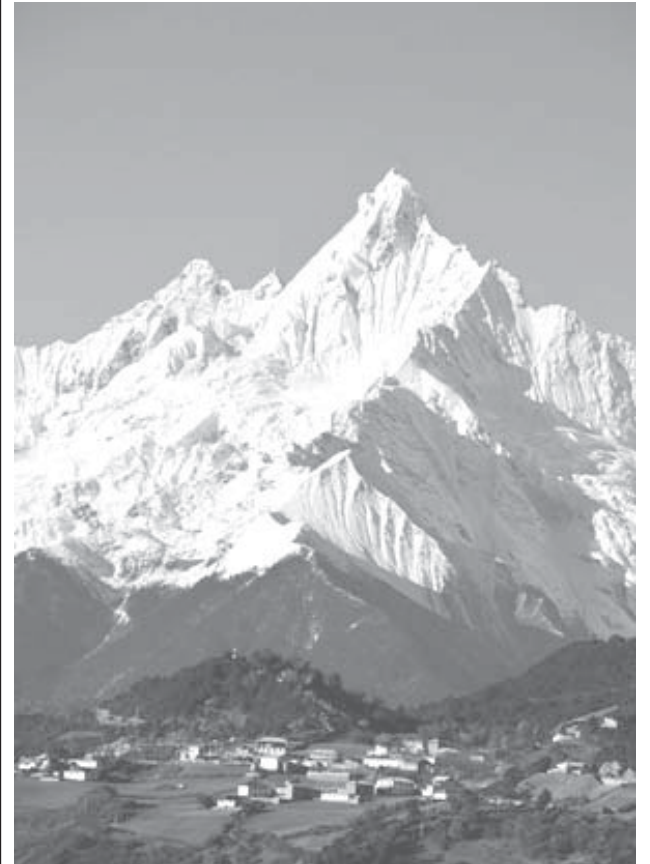
After a heart attack, smokers can substantially reduce their risk of dying if they quit, the researchers note in their study, published in the journal Psychosomatic Medicine. But people with heart disease frequently suffer

from depression, which can make kicking the habit more difficult.

Overall, the researchers found, patients who had CBT were no less likely to report smoking than those who did not receive therapy.

But when they limited their analysis to patients who believed they had adequate levels of social support, therapy cut their likelihood of smoking by 32 per cent.

MNA/Reuters



The photo taken recently, 2008 shows the Kawadgarbo Peak, the highest peak of the Meili Snow Mountain with an altitude of 6,740 meters in Deqin, southwest China's Yunnan Province.—INTERNET

Rebels and pro-government militia clashed for a second successive day in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Some 65,000 people have been displaced due to the conflict, an estimated two thirds of whom are children.—INTERNET



Suicide bombing hits NATO convoy, killing two in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Nov— A suicid bomber on Sunday afternoon exploded himself near a NATO convoy patrolling in western Afghan province of Herat, killing two Spanish soldiers on the spot, police spokesman in the western region Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said.

“It was around 12:30 am local time (GMT 0800) when a suicide attacker

driving an explosive-laden car blew it up next to a convoy of Spanish troops in Qalai Rustam village of Azizabad district killing two soldiers and wounding four others including three soldiers and a passerby,” Ahmadi told Xinhua.

Earlier, Akramudin Yamal, police chief of western region, told Xinhua that the suicide

bombing left two Italian soldiers dead and four more wounded.

“Three civilian nearby were also wounded,” he added.

However, no comment from ISAF is available so far while some media reports quoted Spanish Defence Ministry as saying that two soldiers from Spain martyred in the attack.—Internet

China air show concludes with deals of 102 aircraft inked

ZHUHAI (GUANGDONG), 9 Nov— The 7th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, also known as Airshow China, concluded here Sunday with deals of 102 aircraft inked, the organizer said.

Some 4 billion US dollars worth of deals were signed at the six-day event held in the coastal city of Zhuhai in south China's Guangdong Province, a spokesman with Airshow China's Organizing

Committee said.

Among the deals, the Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China (COMAC) will sell 25 ARJ21-700 regional jets to GE Commercial Aviation Services of the United States. The deal is valued at 5 billion yuan (733 million U.S. dollars). The first jet will be delivered in 2013, with one per month thereafter.

COMAC Board Chairman Zhang Qingwei said it was the first time

Chinese-developed and manufactured regional jets have entered Western airline markets.

Some 600 aviation businesses from 35 countries and regions attended the largest show of its kind in China, with more than 60 aircraft being exhibited.

The event marked the maiden show of China's home-built J-10 fighter and FBC-1 fighter bomber.

Internet

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 12th November (Wednesday) 2008, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
Central Bank of Myanmar

Robot plays the flute better than humans

TOKYO, 9 Nov — Robots could soon be taking over the orchestra if this chap is anything to go by, and if they do they will be wearing snazzy hats too.

The robot flautist, or WF4IV as he likes to be called (you know what these musical types are like) is the latest creation from Waseda University.

He is able to play complex musical scores perfectly and is even able to engage with the audience giving him what his creators say is a human-like quality. —Internet



A trishaw rider takes a nap in front of a giant Christmas tree outside a shopping mall in Singapore on 7 Nov, 2008. Christmas may be more than a month away, but retailers in Singapore have already started preparing for the festive decorations. —INTERNET

New Yorkers trying to save historic Tin Pan Alley

NEW YORK, 9 Nov — A group of New Yorkers is fighting to save Tin Pan Alley, the half-dozen row houses where iconic American songs were born.

The four-story, 19th-century buildings on Manhattan's West 28th Street were home to publishers of some of the catchiest American tunes and lyrics — from "God Bless America" and "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" to "Give My Regards to Broadway."

The music of Irving Berlin, Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, George M Cohan and other greats was born on Tin Pan Alley.

Internet

Former Afghan president warns of cultural invasion

KABUL, 9 Nov — A former Afghan president Burhanudin Rabbani on Saturday expressed concern over what he described "cultural invasion" in the conservative country and cautioned his countrymen against it.

The soft-spoken Rabbani who owned Afghanistan seat at UN from 1992 till the collapse of Taleban regime in late 2001, called on Afghans, particularly the youth, "not to allow any one to invade your religious and national values".

"Our young generation are facing cultural invasion. They are invaded culturally to be deprived

of their religious and national identity," Rabbani told a gathering of hundreds of people in Afghan capital of Kabul.

In the post-Taleban Afghanistan, media has been developing rapidly as more than 90 radios and over a dozen private television channels and cable TVs are operational and airing western films and Indian soap operas.

Religious leaders often criticize government for airing Indian serials and western movies, saying the government broadcasting such programmes would promote vulgarity.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE'S low-cost airline records 34% growth in net profit

ABU DHABI, 9 Nov — Air Arabia, a low-cost airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), announced on Saturday a net profit of 374 million dirhams (102 million US dollars) for the first three quarters of 2008, representing a growth of 34 per cent over the same period last year.

According to a statement by Air Arabia, the airline registered a turnover of 1.495 billion dirhams in the first three quarters of this year, surging by 68 per cent over 889 million dirhams in the 2007 period.

In the first nine months of 2008, the airline also recorded a growth of 33 per cent in the number of passengers it served, which reached 2.6 million passengers.

Launched in October 2003 and modeled after leading American and European low-cost carriers, the Sharjah-based Air Arabia is the first and largest low-cost carrier in the Middle East and North Africa.

The airline is now carrying out an expansion strategy to capitalize on the potential in North Africa and Southern Europe. —MNA/Xinhua

Early exposure to peanuts may prevent allergy

NEW YORK, 9 Nov — Contrary to widespread recommendations, the consumption of peanuts in infancy is associated with a low prevalence of peanut allergy, the results of a new study suggest.

"Our study findings raise the question of whether early introduction rather than avoidance of peanut in infancy is the better strategy for the prevention of peanut allergy," write researchers in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

In the UK, Australia and, until recently, the United States, guidelines have recommended that women avoid peanuts during pregnancy and breastfeeding, and should not introduce peanuts into their children's diets during infancy, note Dr George Du Toit of King's College London and colleagues.

The researchers analyzed the prevalence of peanut allergy and diet histories for 5,171 Jewish children from the UK and 5,615 Jewish children from Israel.

They found that children from the UK had a prevalence of peanut allergy that was 10-fold higher than that of children from Israel — 1.85 percent versus 0.17 percent.

"This difference is not accounted for by differences in atopy," the investigators write. Atopy is the inherited tendency to develop common allergic diseases such as eczema, hay fever or asthma. —Internet



A youth playing a video game at an arcade. A nine-year-old Japanese boy drove a car alone for three kilometres (two miles) to see his grandmother, saying he was confident at the wheel after playing video games, police said on Friday. —INTERNET



Cod swim at a fish farm. Nine fishermen were found guilty in a Swedish court on Wednesday of illegally fishing more than 100 tons of cod in the Scandinavian country's largest ever poaching case.

INTERNET



The aerial view photo taken on 6 Nov, 2008 shows the roads and vegetation are devastated by the landslides and mud-flows in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture of southwest China's Yunnan Province. Chuxiong is one of the worst-hit areas in the rain-triggered disasters that are known to have killed 40 people so far. Some villages in Chuxiong were completely isolated after roads were cut off by the landslides and mud-flows over the past 10 days. —INTERNET



Local residents enjoy the traditional malecon (seafront) in Havana, as Hurricane Paloma approaches the centre-east region of the country. Dangerous Hurricane Paloma lashed the Cayman Islands on Saturday with winds near 230 kilometres (145 miles) an hour on a collision course with Cuba, where half a million people were evacuating.—INTERNET

Bionic hand makes inventions list

LONDON, 9 Nov — The world's first commercially available bionic hand has been recognised as one of the top inventions of 2008.

The hand, developed by Livingston company Touch Bionics, was named alongside the Super Hadron Collider in *Time magazine's* top 50 innovations.

It came in at 14th place, beating competition from the latest Mars Rover, designed to explore the red planet. The hand took 20 years to develop and has five separately working fingers.

This makes it more versatile than previous hands, which have often been hook-like and limited to simple opening and closing movements.

The i-limb hand has a much wider range of capabilities. It has a credit-card grip, for taking hold of narrow objects, and a power hold for larger objects such as mugs.

It is made of high-strength plastics, and the fingers can easily be unscrewed from the hand, making it easy to service.

Other prosthetic hands have to be removed

entirely if they break meaning amputees are sometimes left for weeks without a hand while they wait for a repair.

More than 400 patients have now been fitted with the i-limb hand since its launch. Touch Bionics chief executive Stuart Mead hailed the recognition as a "tremendous achievement". He said: "We are delighted to have been identified by *Time* as one of the inventions of the year, a real honour for any innovative company."

Internet

Cash found in Ohio house's walls becomes nightmare



In this undated handout photo released by Bob Kitts, contractor Kitts, left, and homeowner Amanda Reece pose with money found at Reece's home in Cleveland. — INTERNET

CLEVELAND, 9 Nov — A contractor who found \$182,000 in Depression-era currency hidden in a bathroom wall has ended up with only a few thousand dollars, but he feels some vindication.

The windfall discovery amounted to little more than grief for contractor Bob

Kitts, who couldn't agree on how to split the money with homeowner Amanda Reece.

It didn't help Reece much, either. She testified in a deposition that she was considering bankruptcy and that a bank recently foreclosed on one of her properties.

And 21 descendants of Patrick Dunne — the wealthy businessman who stashed the money that was minted in a time of bank collapses and joblessness — will each get a mere fraction of the find.

"If these two individuals had sat down and resolved their disputes and divided the money, the heirs would have had no knowledge of it," said attorney Gid Marcinkevicius, who represents the Dunne estate. "Because they were not able to sit down and divide it in a rational way, they both lost."—Internet

Pakistan arrests Forex Co Chief over dollar transfer

ISLAMABAD, 9 Nov — The Pakistani investigation agency on Saturday arrested the chief of the country's largest foreign exchange company on charges of illegal transfer of billions of US dollars abroad, a move taken at a time when the country is facing balance of payment crisis.

Munaf Kalia, Chief Executive Officer of Khanani and Kalia International (KKI), leading exchange company in Pakistan, had been arrested and was being interrogated, said Tariq Pervez, chief of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). Munaf Kalia's

partner and three other foreign exchange dealers from the port city of Karachi and eastern city of Lahore were also arrested, the *News Network International*

(NNI) news agency said. Pervez said the arrests were made following an investigation conducted by intelligence agencies and the FIA.—MNA/Xinhua



A woman displaced by fighting sits with her two children at a feeding centre in the Don Bosco Shelter near the city of Goma in eastern Congo, recently, 2008.—INTERNET

Brain scans show bullies enjoy others' pain

CHICAGO, 9 Nov — Bullies may actually enjoy the pain they cause others, a new study using brain scans suggests.

The part of the brain associated with reward lights up when an aggressive teen watches a video of someone hurting another person, but not when a non-aggressive youth watches the same clip, according to the University of Chicago study, published in the current *Biological Psychology*.

"Aggressive adolescents showed a specific and very strong activation of the amygdala and ventral striatum (an area that responds to feeling rewarded) when watching

pain inflicted on others, which suggested that they enjoyed watching pain," researcher Jean Decety, a professor in psychology and psychiatry at the University of Chicago, said in a university news release.

"Unlike the control group, the youth with conduct disorder did not activate the area of the brain involved in self-regulation (the medial prefrontal cortex and the temporoparietal junction)."

The study compared eight 16- to 18-year-old boys with an aggressive conduct disorder to a group that didn't show unusual signs of aggression.

All participants underwent functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) while watching videos in which people endured pain accidentally, such as when a heavy bowl was dropped on their hands, and intentionally, such as when a person stepped on another's foot.

Internet



File photo shows models on display in a showroom of Korean Air at its headquarters in Seoul. South Korea has its first female civil pilots after two women passed a state test, officials said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Digital albums now offer liner notes, lyrics

DENVER, 9 Nov — CDs come with booklets filled with liner notes, lyrics, photos and more. But a digital album or single comes with bupkis — an omission that started at the dawn of downloadable music.

Now technology has brought a solution: downloadable artist-branded applications for

cell phones and handheld media players. And the first of these work on — not surprisingly — Apple's iPhone. Before the December 16 release of Fall Out Boy's "Folie a Deux," the band will release an iPhone app that at first blush looks like its Web site. It's actually more than that — it's basically an interactive CD booklet, one that's far more advanced than the PDF files that some labels have included with albums from iTunes.

The Fall Out Boy app will contain track listings, photos and lyrics from the band's entire discography that can be accessed directly from the iPhone, as well as links to buy its songs from iTunes.

Perhaps best of all, they can be updated automatically. Just like iTunes and Internet Explorer can receive updates that add functionality, Fall Out Boy will improve its app in the weeks to come.

Internet

SPORTS

United beaten by Arsenal



Arsenal's striker Nicklas Bendtner (right) is challenged by Manchester United's defender Patrice Evra during a Premier League match at the Emirates Stadium in north London. Arsenal roared back into the Premier League title race with a 2-1 win.

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LONDON, 9 Nov — Frenchman Samir Nasri stung champions Manchester United with two goals at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday as Arsenal secured a deserved 2-1 victory to reignite their Premier League title challenge.

Arsenal survived an early storm in a magnificent free-flowing game before the inspired Nasri struck in each half to lift the Gunners above United into third place.

Substitute Rafael's late volley for United could not prevent a second league defeat of the season. More worryingly, United have now taken just one point from their

clashes with title rivals Arsenal, Liverpool and Chelsea this season.

United remain on 21 points and Arsenal have 23 from 12 games, six behind leaders Liverpool who enjoyed a routine 3-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion courtesy of Robbie Keane's first league goals for the club and a late Alvaro Arbeloa strike.—*Internet*



Sparks fly from the car of Scott Wimmer, top, as he gets passed by Kyle Busch during the NASCAR Nationwide Series Hefty Odor Block 200 at Phoenix International Raceway on 8 Nov, 2008 in Avondale, Ariz.—*Internet*

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Liverpool's Robbie Keane celebrates after scoring during their English Premier League match against West Bromwich Albion in Liverpool, on 8 Nov, 2008.—*Internet*

Wilson takes lead in Shanghai and heads back out

SHANGHAI, 9 Nov — Britain's Oliver Wilson held a one-stroke lead after the third round of the HSBC Champions on Sunday before heading straight back out to start his final round at the rain-disrupted tournament.

Wilson, who made his Ryder Cup debut this year but is still seeking his first European tour title, hit four birdies and a bogey in windy conditions for a three-under-par 69 to move to 12 under.

Australian former U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy was in second after carding a 70 to move to 11 under, a stroke ahead of Sergio Garcia, defending champion Phil Mickelson and Swede Henrik Stenson.

After losing all of Friday and three hours of Saturday to wet weather, the players will play as many holes as possible in their fourth rounds on Sunday afternoon before returning to finish the \$5 million tournament on Monday morning.—*Internet*

Venus to face Zvonareva in Doha final

DOHA, 9 Nov — Venus Williams will play Vera Zvonareva in the final of the WTA Championships after both women



Russian tennis player Vera Zvonareva returns the ball to compatriot Elena Dementieva during their semi-finals tennis match in the season-ending WTA Championships in Doha. Zvonareva, who has never won a major title, overcame Dementieva 7-6, (9/7), 3-6, 6-3 - only the second time in six attempts that she has beaten her better known compatriot.

INTERNET

achieved difficult three-set victories on Saturday.

Wimbledon champion Williams overcame Serbian world number one Jelena Jankovic 6-2 2-6 6-3, and Zvonareva beat fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 7-6 3-6 6-3.

The match between Williams and Jankovic produced high-quality rallies as both players defended well but attacked at every opportunity.

Jankovic made a slow start and produced numerous errors, while her American opponent's strong forehand helped her to break twice to lead 4-1. Jankovic raised her game and, although it was too late to save the first set, she took the second.

The final set was the most closely contested, with Williams breaking for 2-1 and then fighting off five break points to hold for 4-2.

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa	1 - 2	Middlesbrough
Blackburn	0 - 2	Chelsea
Fulham	2 - 1	Newcastle
Manchester City	1 - 2	Tottenham



Blackburn Rovers' Danny Simpson (L) challenges Chelsea's Alex during their English Premier League soccer match at Ewood Park in Blackburn on 9 Nov, 2008.—*Internet*

Calzaghe dominates Jones to remain unbeaten in New York boxing showdown

NEW YORK, 9 Nov — Undefeated Welshman Joe Calzaghe recovered from a first-round knockdown and pummeled Roy Jones jr until the final bell Saturday to earn a unanimous 12-round decision in a light heavyweight showdown at Madison Square Garden.

All three judges scored the fight 118-109 in favor of Calzaghe, who improved to 46-0 with 32 knockouts.

US legend Jones saw his three-fight winning streak snapped as he fell to 52-5 with 38 wins inside the distance. Jones knocked down Calzaghe in the first round with a right hand. But Calzaghe responded to dominate until the final bell.—*Internet*



Welshman Joe Calzaghe stands inside the ring prior to his light heavyweight showdown with Roy Jones jr of the US at Madison Square Garden, on 8 Nov, in New York.—*Internet*

Ronaldo is worthy heir to Ballon d'Or, says Kaka

ROME, 9 Nov — Cristiano Ronaldo deserves to succeed Kaka as the Ballon d'Or winner but he also warned the Manchester United winger that he is determined to help Brazil beat his Portugal team this month.

Ronaldo is strong favourite to take both the 2008 Ballon d'Or and FIFA World Player of the Year awards after inspiring Manchester United to the Champions League and Premier League double last season.

"The match is important for me because we'll play at a stadium that's a few paces from where I was born," the AC Milan playmaker told Saturday's La Gazzetta dello Sport referring to the friendly in Brasilia on 19 November.—*Internet*

Obama's victory shows non-white voters' growing power

LOS ANGELES, 9 Nov—President-elect Barack Obama owed his success to tremendous support from African Americans, Latinos and Asian Americans, according to CNN's latest exit polls. While Obama attracted more support from white voters than did Senator John Kerry in 2004, he garnered just 43 per cent of the white vote while drawing almost all black voters and two out of three Asian and Latino voters, said the polls, published on Saturday.

The data are still preliminary — and will remain so for months — but early analysis suggests that the African American share of the electorate grew from 11 per cent in 2004 to 13 per cent this year. Over that period, the Latino share grew to 9 per cent from 8 per cent — and the number of Latino voters was up by as much as a third. Asian Americans' share of the vote held steady at just over 2 per cent, but their number likely also grew, the polls showed.

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A mother and her children pass by a National Congress for People's Defence (CNDP) fighter as civilians stream from Kiwanja to Rutshuru to escape what they said were attacks by pro-government Mai-Mai militiamen in the area, recently, 2008, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.—INTERNET

Some 110,000 children die of water borne diseases in B'desh

DHAKA, 9 Nov—Every year, about 110,000 children under the age of five die of water borne diseases in Bangladesh due to lack of sanitation, leading English newspaper *The Daily Star* reported on Sunday.

According to official health statistics, 65 million children under five in the country are affected by water borne diseases because of lack of sanitation annually, the newspaper said.

The UN sources said under the global scenario of urbanization and population growth are threatening one of the UN's most ambitious millennium development goals.

The UN had hoped to halve the number of people without access to clean drinking water and sanitation by 2015.

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Israeli army detonates explosive devices in S-Gaza

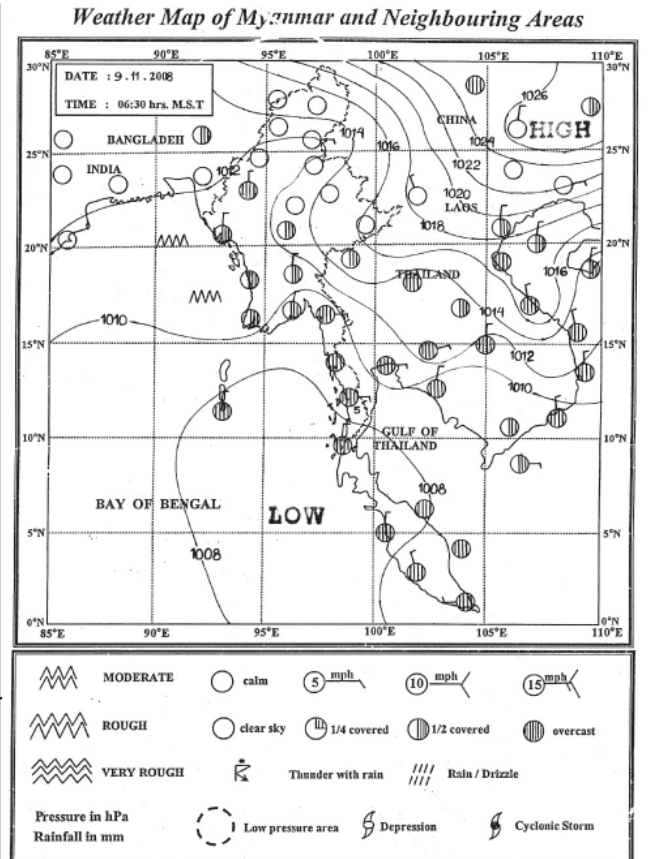
JERUSALEM, 9 Nov—Israel Defence Forces (IDF) operated in southern Gaza early Saturday, detonating two explosive devices on the Palestinian side of the border fence between Israel and the coastal enclave, an IDF spokeswoman said.

Earlier Saturday, Palestinians said that the IDF, operating in the southern part of the Gaza Strip near Khan Younis, infiltrated far beyond the border fence and injured four Palestinians, apparently by shooting, said local daily *Yedioth Ahronoth*.

The IDF spokeswoman told *Xinhua* by phone that there was no shooting, Israeli troops detonated the devices in a controlled manner with no reported casualties.

During the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, 20 explosive devices were uncovered along the border fence, said *Yedioth Ahronoth*, adding that nine rockets were fired at Israeli towns on Friday following an IDF operation to detonate a tunnel.

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WEATHER

Sunday, 9 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Mon State, isolated in Kayin States and Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (6°C) below November average temperatures in Rakhine State, (8°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (0°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (0.86) inch, Ye (0.39) inch and Myeik (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-11-2008 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 9-11-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-11-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 8-11-2008 was (10.2) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 9-11-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (6) mph from North at (9:30) hours MST on 8-11-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10th November 2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kayin State and Yangon Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind 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 10-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-11-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-11-2008: Partly cloudy.



Monday, 10 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
- 7:40 am
 4. “ကျန်းမာသန်စွမ်းညွှတ်ခြင်းမား” (မင်းရာဇာ၊ မျိုးစန့်ကျော်)

- တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်[ကုမုဒြာ])
- 7:50 am
 5. Musical programme (The radio Myanmar modern musical troupe)
- 8:00 am
 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:10 am
 7. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေး
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 4:25 pm
 3. Dance of national races
- 4:35 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 4:40 pm
 5. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ်(စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)
- 4:55 pm
 6. Song to uphold national spirit
- 5:10 pm
 7. Dance variety
- 5:20 pm
 8. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေး
- 5:30 pm
 9. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:45 pm
 10. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:40 pm
 13. နွဲ့လိုက်စို့တူပျော်ပျော်တောင်ကြီး မြို့တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ပွဲတော်
- 7:00 pm
 14. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:10 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရူပီမင်းနှင့်မာနရင်” (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. International news
 18. Weather report
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

There are lots of trade, investment and tourism opportunities among ACMECS member countries

Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses meeting between ACMECS leaders and business communities

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov – Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended a meeting between ACMECS leaders and business communities held at Room No. 318 of the National Convention Centre in Hanoi at 2 p.m on 7 November.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Somchai Wongsawat, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, departmental heads, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and high-ranking officials of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, private entrepreneurs led by Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and business communities of ACMECS member countries.

First, the Vietnamese Prime Minister delivered an opening speech. Vice-Chairman of Vietnamese Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr Hoang Van Dung and Representatives of associations of chambers of commerce and industry of Cambodia and Laos discussed work programmes of ACMECS

members related to smooth flow of trade and investment, development of human resources, development of trade and trade links by establishing wholesale markets in CLMV countries, establishment of banking systems by the governments in order to enable traders to carry out their work smoothly as there has been rapid

commerce and Industry discussed work programmes of ACMECS Business

strategies laid down at the First ACMECS Summit in 2003 and implement-

ACMECS member countries have formed their business councils and a

For the development of human resources, an efficiency enhancement plan is to be drawn to conduct vocational training courses for those from the State and private sectors.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends a meeting between ACMECS leaders and business communities at Room No. 318 of National Convention Centre in Hanoi.—MNA

business forum. Chairman of ACMECS Business Council of Myanmar U Win Aung discussed mat-

progress in cross border trade, transit trade and border trade among the ACMECS countries, awarding scholarships annually and increasing the number of candidates for undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral courses and the importance of emergence of deep sea ports in coastal areas of Bay of Bengal, western part of East-West Economic Corridor.

Next, the representative of Thai Association of Chambers of Com-

Forum. The Prime Ministers of Cambodia and Laos reviewed the work programmes of ACMECS Business Forum.

Regarding the work programmes of ACMECS Business Forum, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said the meeting between the leaders of member countries and business communities at the ACMECS Summit took place for the second time now. It is an important plan for realizing the objectives of economic cooperation

ing the agreements of the Second ACMECS Summit in 2005.

The Bagan Declaration signed by the leaders of four member countries at the First ACMECS Summit held in Bagan, Myanmar, in 2003 adopted four objectives of economic cooperation strategies.

The Prime Minister said private sectors of the countries need to contribute towards the successful realization of these objectives. Now,

joint business council has also been formed. ACMECS Business Council should work more closely together with ASEAN for the development of ASEAN's economic sector. As encouraging the private sector to develop is key to the development of a nation, there must be cooperation between the State sector and the private sector. In an individual country or in the region, the State sector and the private

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