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Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspects progress in supply of water to Meiktila Plain



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects supply of water to 1,000 monsoon paddy plantations through three canals of Kinda Dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence yesterday inspected No. 2 pump station and water tank, the water pumping machine to be installed at No. 2 station near Kon Village of Wundwin Township for supply of water in Meiktila Plain.

He viewed cultivation of paddy and other crops around Daingkaungkon canals and construction of feeder canals.

On completion, Daingkaunggon water pumping station will benefit the agriculture, livestock

breeding and transport of the local people and contribute to extended cultivation of 30,000 acres of crops land for ensuring local food sufficiency.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint looked into supply of water to 1,000-acre monsoon paddy plantations through three canals of Kinda Dam. Next, he viewed thriving monsoon paddy fields, flow of water into the left canal of Kinda Dam and construction of bridges in the region.

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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

Small storm becomes stronger

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The small storm crossing near Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday has intensified into a tropical storm. According to the observation at 9.30 a.m. MST today, the small storm will continue to move towards North-West and cross Tamil Nadu beach of India within the next 12 hours, it was announced by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Chelsea set Drogba price



MILAN, 26 Nov—Latest reports state that Chelsea have contacted Inter to name their price for Didier Drogba and they are demanding a part-exchange agreement.

Drogba was strongly tipped with a transfer to San Siro this summer as Inter boss Jose Mourinho has stressed his desire to work with the Ivorian in Italy.

After a honeymoon period with new boss Luiz Felipe Scolari, it has become clear that Drogba is unsettled at Stamford

Bridge, but Chelsea won't let him leave cheaply.

Following rumours that Drogba and his agent met Inter director Marco Branca in a restaurant in Fulham, Chelsea have reportedly put a price tag on the 30-year-old.

According to Sportmediaset, the Blues want £34m plus enigmatic hitman Adriano in exchange for Drogba.

Recent indiscretions have called Adriano's Inter career into question and he would be unlikely to stand in the way of the move.

Internet

Jurassic turtles could swim

SKYE, 26 Nov — Around 164 million years ago the earliest aquatic turtles lived in lakes and lagoons on the Isle of Skye, Scotland, according to new research.

Recent scientific fieldwork led by researchers from UCL and the Natural History Museum on Skye, an island off the north-western coast of Scotland, discovered a block of rock containing fossils that have been recognised as a new species of primitive turtle *Eileanchelys waldmani*.

Months of work at the

Natural History Museum freed these skeletons from the rock, revealing four well-preserved turtles and the remnants of at least two others. These remains, and a beautiful skull found nearby,

represent the most complete Middle Jurassic turtle described to date, offering substantial new insights into the early evolution of turtles and how they diversified into the varied forms we see today.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Value and safeguard independence

Independence Day is observed every year with the aim of realizing the value of independence regained through the efforts of the entire national people sacrificing their lives, blood and sweat with solidarity and inculcating younger generation with the spirit of safeguarding the independence forever.

The coordination meeting of the Central Committee for Organizing the 61st Anniversary Independence Day was held at the Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw recently and Chairman of the Central Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the meeting.

In order to observe the Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2009 nationwide with essence, four national objectives have been laid down. They are –

- (a) All the national people to constantly join hands for safeguarding the perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State;
- (b) All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- (c) All the national people to harmoniously make all-out efforts for building up a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accord with the new State Constitution that has been approved by the entire national people; and
- (d) All the national people to cooperate in realizing the State's seven-step Road Map with Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.

The 61st Anniversary Independence Day will be observed on a grand scale in Nay Pyi Taw in Nay Pyi Taw District, Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships.

It is the duty of all the national races to always safeguard the independence regained thanks to many sacrifices made by our ancestors.

Workshop on Disaster Management

YANGON, 26 Nov — Jointly organized by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center-ADPC and Department of Metrology and Hydrology (DMH), the Training Workshop on Incident Command System for Disaster Management commenced here on 24 November.

Dr Tun Lwin, Director-General of the DMH and Mr SHM Fakhruddin, Technical Specialist of ADPC, delivered opening remarks at the ceremony.

Altogether 50 representatives from governmental organizations, NGOs and local community representatives from six townships of Ayeyawady Division are participating in the workshop.

During the three-day workshop, the incident command system practiced in many disaster-prone countries will be introduced in the training workshop and the participants will also seek the most appropriate and effective system, which will be suitable for Myanmar. The workshop was held till 26 November.

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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

Training courses of Ministry of Industry-1 conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The Industry Reporting System Software Applying Course No. 2/2008, the English Proficiency Course No. 1/2008 and the Management Course No. 1/2008 concluded at the Ministry of Industry-1 here yesterday, with an address by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and certificates to all trainees.

The training courses were attended by 145 trainees and the courses lasted five weeks.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung presents award to an outstanding trainee.

INDUSTRY-1



Ministry of L&F holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held the coordination meeting at its hall, here, on 24 November.

At the meeting, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein stressed the need to breed sheep, goat, cow and pig for development of the meat sector, to generate electricity for rural areas through bio-gas and to take preventive measures against avian influenza.

Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Deputy Director U Maung Maung Sein of Apiculture Department, Pro-Rector Dr Myint Thein of University of Veterinary Science, Managing Director Dr Than Shwe of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Product Enterprise and officials reported on their respective

sectors.

The first-day session of the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

In the second-day session, the minister gave instructions on production of aquatic products, efforts to be made for meeting the targets of the plans and future tasks.

The minister presented prizes to the outstanding students and athletes.

Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of Fisheries Department reported on breeding of fresh water and sea fish, prawn and crabs, releasing of fingerlings into dams and rehabilitation works in storm-hit areas. Divisional level officials also submitted reports.

Later, the minister gave the concluding remarks.

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EP No. 2 Ministry organizes courses for staff

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The opening of Spoken English and Reading and Writing Skill Course No. (2/2008) organized by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 took place at the ministry here yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.

Altogether 30 trainees are taking the six-week course. The minister also addressed opening of Building and Maintaining of Power Grid Course No. (1/2008) at the same avenue here this afternoon.

A total of 42 engineers are taking the one-week course. —MNA



Director-General Dr Tun Lwin of DMH delivers speech at opening ceremony of Training Workshop on Incident Command System for Disaster Management.—MNA

Afghanistan demands 'timeline' for end of military intervention

KABUL, 26 Nov—President Hamid Karzai demanded at a meeting with a UN Security Council team on Tuesday that the international community set a "timeline" for ending military intervention in Afghanistan, his office said.

Karzai told a delegation from the Council that his country needed to know how long the US-led "war on terror" was going to be fought in Afghanistan or it

would have to seek a political solution to a Taliban-led insurgency.

A US-led invasion ousted the extremist Islamic Taliban regime in 2001 and launched the "war on terror" which has brought nearly 70,000 mainly Western troops to Afghanistan, most of them under a UN Security Council mandate.

US President-elect Barack Obama has said that Afghanistan would be

a priority for his government and campaigned on a pledge to shift US forces from Iraq to Afghanistan with around 4,000 due in January.

"The international community should give us a timeline of how long or how far the 'war on terrorism' will go," Karzai's chief spokesman Homayun Hamidzada cited the president as telling the delegation.

Internet

UN nuclear agency chief critical of US

VIENNA, 26 Nov—The chief UN nuclear inspector has urged caution against prematurely judging Syria's atomic program by reminding diplomats about false US claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

Mohamed ElBaradei made the remarks on Monday while speaking to diplomats on the International Atomic Energy Agency's board. His comments at the closed meet-



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei speaks during a IAEA general conference in September 2008 in Vienna.—INTERNET

ing were made available to *The Associated Press* on Tuesday.

At issue is whether the agency should give Damascus potentially sensitive nuclear guidance at a time when Syria is being investigated for alleged secret atomic activities.

ElBaradei did not mention the United States by name. But the claims were used by the US as the rationale for going to war with Iraq.

Internet



Security forces seal off the area around a burned out bus which was carrying trade ministry employees when it was hit by a roadside bomb in east Baghdad.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,206

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—As of Tuesday, 25 Nov, 2008, at least 4,206 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 3,393 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. Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 30,840 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.—Internet

Iraqi civilians inspect the wreckage of a bus bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 24 Nov, 2008. A female suicide bomber blew herself up near an entrance to the US-protected Green Zone and a bomb tore through a bus carrying Iraqi government employees in separate attacks on Monday, killing at least 18 people, Iraqi officials said.—INTERNET



Sunni might withhold support for US pact

BAGHDAD, 26 Nov—A leader of the largest Sunni Arab bloc in parliament hinted he might withhold support for a proposed pact that would allow American troops to stay in Iraq through 2011, making it difficult for the Shiite-led government to win the big victory it needs in Wednesday's vote.

A comfortable parlia-

mentary majority would ensure the legitimacy of an agreement that sets a clear timetable for US withdrawal after years of war and could lead to full sovereignty for Iraq.

But intense debate and backroom dealing continued over the pact, which has supporters and detractors from both Sunni and Shiite communities jockeying for political gain

ahead of provincial and general elections next year.

"The national division over the agreement is very clear," said Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, who leads one of three parties in a Sunni bloc called the Iraqi Accordance Front. "Consensus appears to be very difficult, if not impossible," he said on Tuesday.—Internet



Residents stand under the roof of their house, damaged during fighting in April between the US soldiers and Mehdi army, in Baghdad's Sadr City on 15 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

US says two servicemen killed in shooting in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 Nov—Two American servicemen were killed on Tuesday when a gunman in an Iraqi army uniform opened fire while they were distributing humanitarian aid in northern Iraq, the US military said. It was the third such shooting in the Mosul area in less than a year purportedly involving Iraqi soldiers, raising concerns about infiltration of the Iraqi security forces in one of the most dangerous areas in Iraq.

The shooting, southwest of Mosul near the Syrian border, came on the eve of a parliament vote on a pact that would allow American troops to remain in Iraq three more years. Iraq's government says its police and army are not ready to maintain security on their own.—Internet

Venezuela's Chavez welcomes Russian warships

LA GUAIRA, 26 Nov— Russian warships sailed into port in Venezuela on Tuesday in a show of strength as Moscow seeks to counter US influence in Latin America. Russia's first such deployment in the Caribbean since the Cold War is timed to coincide with President Dmitry Medvedev's visit to Venezuela, the first ever by a Russian president.

Russian sailors dressed in black-and-white uniforms lined up along the

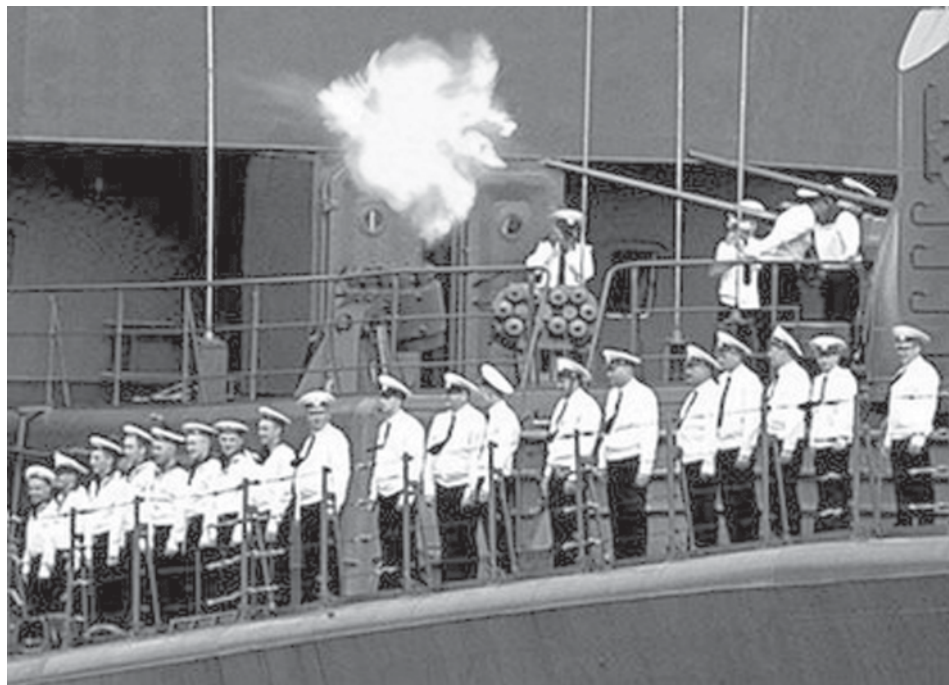
bow of the destroyer Admiral Chabanenko as it docked in La Guaira, near Caracas, and Venezuelan troops greeted them with cannons in a 21-gun salute. Two support vessels also docked, and the nuclear-powered cruiser Peter the Great, Russia's largest navy ship, anchored offshore.

Chavez, basking in the support of a powerful ally and traditional US rival, wants Russian help to build a nuclear reactor,

invest in oil and natural gas projects and bolster his leftist opposition to US influence in the region.

He also wants weapons — Venezuela has bought more than \$4 billion in Russian arms, including Sukhoi fighter jets, helicopters and 100,000 Kalashnikov rifles, and more deals for Russian tanks or other weaponry may be discussed after Medvedev arrives on Wednesday.

Internet



Russian Udaloy-class Admiral Chabanenko anti-submarine vessel crewmen stand in attention on the deck as a salvo is fired in salutation, upon her arrival at the port of La Guaira, 30 km from Caracas. —INTERNET

Seven bodies dumped at Mexican school field

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 26 Nov— Seven bodies were dumped before dawn on Tuesday at a school soccer field in the Mexican border city of Juarez.

Neighbours in an upscale neighbourhood found the bodies lined up along the field's fence, along with three banners allegedly signed by a Mexican drug gang. Officials wouldn't give details on the messages.

Alejandro Pariente, a spokesman for the local prosecutor's office, said officials were still trying to identify the victims.

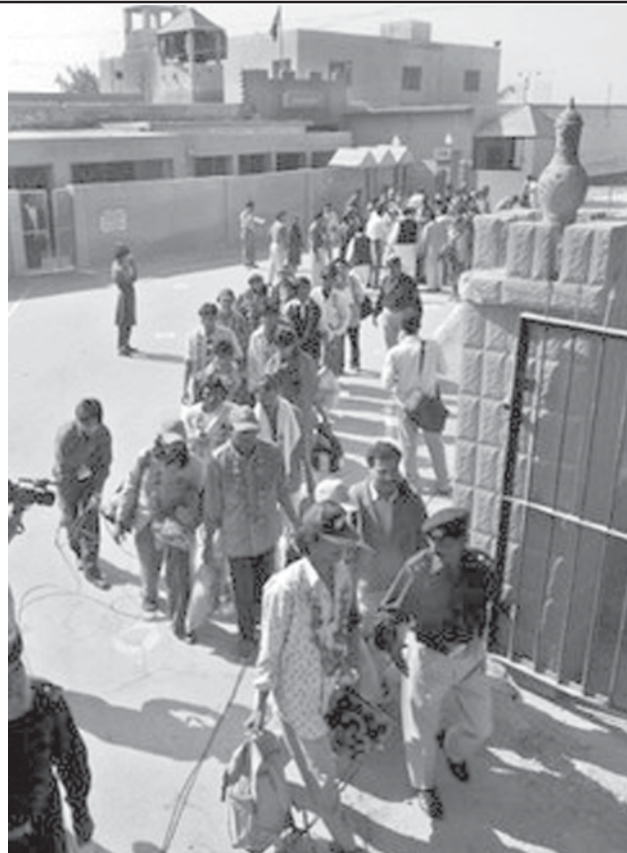
They had no suspects in the killings.

The victims had been shot, beaten and choked, but the exact cause of death was still being determined.

The homicides were the latest of hundreds of gruesome killings in Ciudad Juarez.

Mexico is caught in a rising wave of violence as drug gangs battle for territory and fight off a nationwide crackdown led by President Felipe Calderon.

Calderon has sent more than 20,000 soldiers across the country to take back territory controlled by cartels.—Internet



Indian fishermen walk out of a prison in Karachi prior to their departure for India on 25 Nov. Pakistani prison authorities on Tuesday released 99 Indian fishermen as a goodwill gesture, reciprocating the recent release of 28 Pakistani prisoners from Indian jails, officials said.—INTERNET

Wash sues feds over Hanford nuclear site cleanup

RICHLAND, 26 Nov— Washington state is suing the federal government to seek a faster cleanup of the Hanford nuclear reservation, after nearly 18 months of negotiations failed to produce an agreement.

"In Washington state, we have been patient. In Washington state, we have been reasonable. And today, our patience has simply run out," Gov Chris Gregoire said on Tuesday. "They were steadfast on putting us in a legal position that is not good for the people of this community."

Gregoire said she was willing to accept deadlines proposed by the Energy Department, which manages the cleanup. But the Justice Department re-

fused to make those deadlines enforceable in court, she said, leaving the state no choice but to sue in US District Court.

The federal government created Hanford in the 1940s as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb. Today, it is the nation's most contaminated nuclear site, with cleanup costs expected to top \$60 billion.—Internet

Bridge blast kills five Indian police officers

NEW DELHI, 26 Nov— Suspected communist rebels blew up a bridge in India's restive east on Tuesday, killing five police officers who were escorting election officials, police said.

The election officials were not harmed in the blast, which also left one police officer wounded, said Amarnath Upadhyaya, an inspector-general of police.

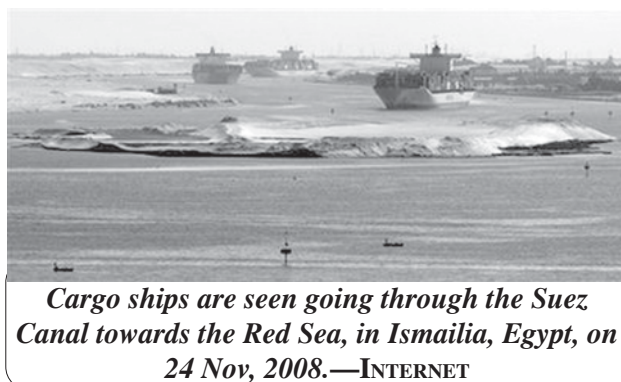
Officials from India's Election Commission are in the region to hold polls for the state legislature.

The rebels triggered the land mine as the police were walking across the bridge in Bastar district in Chattisgarh state, said Upadhyaya. The rebels then escaped into a forested area.—Internet

Egypt's Suez Canal feels the heat as piracy spikes

CAIRO, 26 Nov— The Suez Canal, a vital shortcut between East and West for nearly 140 years, is facing an enormous challenge, as the scourge of Somali piracy prompts major shipping companies to seek another route.

Egypt, which is heavily dependent on the fees it charges ships to go through the Canal, has expressed concern over a possible drop in income — though it says it's hopeful an international flotilla patrolling the pirate-infested waters will be able to ensure safe passage.



Cargo ships are seen going through the Suez Canal towards the Red Sea, in Ismailia, Egypt, on 24 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

"For sure it will have a bad effect" if it continues, Gen. Ahmed Fadel, head of the Suez Canal Authority, told *The Associated Press* on Monday at his office overlooking the canal.

At least two shipping

companies have announced their vessels will take the long route around the southern tip of Africa rather than go through the canal, which requires crossing through the Gulf of Aden, scene of most pirate attacks.—Internet



A gun lies on the floor at the crime scene where a woman was killed and a police investigator injured during a shooting in Tijuana, Mexico, on 25 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Fitch slashes credit rating on Toyota



File photo shows assembly line workers on a Toyota Motor's production line at the company's Tsutsumi factory in Aichi prefecture, Japan.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 26 Nov—Fitch Ratings on Wednesday downgraded Toyota Motor Corp by two notches, warning that in the current slump even the strongest carmaker no longer deserved its top rating.

Fitch lowered its long-term debt rating on Toyota to AA from AAA.

"Toyota is suffering severely from the ongoing turmoil in the global automotive sector," said Fitch director Tatsuya Mizuno.

"Multiple negative developments, including

the rapid and significant appreciation of the yen, the concurrent downturn in all major auto markets and high raw material costs, have occurred simultaneously and are impacting earnings and cash flow, even for the strongest players in the sector.

"The negative developments in the industry are so substantial and fundamental, that even the strongest player — Toyota — can no longer support a 'AAA' rating," he added.

Toyota had enjoyed

record sales and profits in recent years, helped by a weak yen and brisk demand for its vehicles, particularly in the United States.

But analysts said its rapid expansion left it vulnerable during the financial crisis, which is putting people off buying cars.

Earlier this month Toyota said it expects annual profits to plunge more than two-thirds in the current financial year to hit the lowest level in nine years.

Internet

China's Bosai, Guyana consider a one billion dollar alumina plant

GEORGETOWN, 26 Nov—China's Bosai Minerals and Guyana have agreed to conduct a feasibility study on building an aluminum oxide plant expected to cost one billion dollars, officials said.

Bosai Minerals Managing Director Zhilyun Yuan said that if the study determines the plant can be built, his company would pay for 30 percent of the plant construction and borrow the remainder from a consortium of Chinese banks.

Bosai officials believe the plant could annually produce one million tonnes of aluminum oxide, also known as alumina and used to produce aluminum metal.

Internet

Malaysia's AirAsia X unveils 99-pound fare to London

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Nov—Malaysian budget carrier AirAsia X said it will fly to London from next March with fares starting at 99 pounds (150 dollars), and that the cost could halve if the service is popular.

AirAsia X will fly five times a week between the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur and Stansted Airport on the outskirts of London, it said late Tuesday.

Tony Fernandes, founder of the long-haul



File photo shows AirAsia X's first leased Airbus A330 long-haul aircraft on the tarmac of Kuala Lumpur International Airport.—INTERNET

airline's affiliate AirAsia, said he hoped to attract Europeans who would explore the region through AirAsia's extensive route network in Southeast Asia.

"AirAsia X's London-Kuala Lumpur route is the realisation of a long-held ambition to open up affordable access between Malaysia and Europe for both (Southeast Asian) and European communities," he said in a statement.

Fernandes told The Star daily that the one-way fare of 99 pounds could fall to as low as 49 pounds

if the flight frequency was increased.

"Volume is the key. If we can find the plane and get two or three flights a day, I guarantee you 49 pounds will be a reality," he told reporters at the launch in London.

AirAsia X, which currently flies to Australia's Gold Coast, Perth and Melbourne, and Hangzhou in China, has ambitions of expanding sales tenfold to one billion dollars by the end of 2010, despite the global slow-down.

Internet

Bag lady on a mission: collecting milk boxes

Entering Jiang Meigui's home, you cannot miss the colorful tote bags piled in the corner. Jiang is not a fashionable collector of bags but a recycling activist. All the carry-all bags are made of hard-to-recycle milk and juice boxes.

Jiang, 55, is a volunteer official in her community and environmental protection is her passion. Since July 2005 she has been collecting empty Tetra Pak (a brand of package) milk boxes (950ml) and soft drink bottles since she heard that Tetra Pak had a recycling program to reuse the boxes.

Jiang and her friends washed and collected more than 3,000 boxes with the help of her friends, but they found that program had been discontinued, she said. "It was a headache to deal with the boxes," she says. "You cannot just pile them there."



Jiang Meigui, 55, is obsessed with transforming all kinds of Tetra Pak milk boxes and soft drink bottles into fashionable handbags.

High-protein meals may help overweight burn fat

Higher-protein meals may help overweight and obese people burn more fat, the results of a small study suggest.

Research has shown that over-weight people are less efficient at burning fat after a meal than thinner people are.

In the new study, Australian researchers looked at whether the protein composition of a meal affects that weight-related gap.

They found that overweight men and women burned more post-meal fat when they ate a high-protein breakfast and lunch than when they had lower-protein

meals.

That is, the added pro-tein seemed to modify the fat-burning deficit seen in heavy individuals.

"Our research suggests that people with higher body fat burn fat better after a high-protein meal than people with lower levels of body fat," lead researcher Dr Marijka Batterham, of the University of Wollongong in New South Wales told Reuters Health.

A number of studies have suggested that high-protein diets may help people shed weight more easily—possibly, in part, because protein suppresses appetite better than fat or carbohydrates do.



Swimmers swim in the river Aare during a traditional swimming event in Bern.



A three-year old Persian leopard named Ashur stands in Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo on 24 Nov, 2008.

Man steals woman's rings after grabbing dog

Police are looking for a man they say stole two rings worth nearly \$25,000 from a woman after grabbing her dog.

Brunswick police Detective William Collins said a woman was walking her Shih Tzu on Monday when a man picked up the dog and demanded the rings if she wanted the dog back.

Police said the victim gave

up her rings, and that the suspect fled on foot after returning the dog. The rings were a 6.57-carat sapphire with diamonds valued at \$18,500 and a .96-carat diamond solitaire valued at \$5,000.

The suspect was described as a professional-looking, clean-shaven white man in his late 20s or early 30s.

Dog and eight puppies healthy after C-section

A dog is the proud new mother of eight puppies after having a Caesarean section in Wuhan, Hubei province.

A local woman, surnamed Li, was reduced to tears when she found her pet named Ya Ya gravely ill and unable to give birth naturally recently.

Animal doctors immediately organi-ized a Caesarean

operation for Ya Ya at the city's Jiangtan pet central hospital.

Li was all smiles again two hours later after Ya Ya had delivered.

Both the mother and her babies are now in good health.

NEWSALBUM

HU calls for strengthened Sino-Greek cultural exchange

ATHENS, 26 Nov—Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Tuesday he hoped China and Greece will strengthen exchanges in the cultural field.

China and Greece, both boasting splendid civilizations, have more reasons to join hands, not only in political and economic fields, but also in the cultural area, Hu said when bidding farewell to his Greek counterpart Karolos Papoulias.

“I believe that the

cultural exchanges will deepen the friendship between our two peoples and promote our comprehensive strategic partnership,” Hu said. Two Chinese universities have run Greek language courses and more and more Chinese young people have begun to learn Greek, said Hu. Papoulias said it was “good news” that Chinese universities have set up Greek language courses and the Confucius Institutes in Greece will

also offer good chances for the Greek people to know more about Chinese culture. China’s Great Wall and Athens’ Acropolis are both witnesses of the two countries’ long history, Papoulias said. The glorious civilizations created by Greek and Chinese people are still influencing the contemporary fields of learning such as philosophy, astronomy and architecture, he added.

Xinhua



In this undated photo released by Canadian electric truck-maker NEMO, one of their vehicles is on display in Canada. Canada's auto manufacturing sector stands to lose 1.7 billion dollars this year, more than in the previous two years, according to a Conference Board of Canada forecast on Tuesday.—INTERNET



Residents, carrying food, wades through a flooded street in Itajai, state of Santa Catarina, Brazil, on 25 Nov, 2008. Rescue workers desperately digging through the wreckage of homes engulfed by mudslides found more bodies on Tuesday in southern Brazil, raising the death toll from rain-spawned floods and hillside collapses to 84.—INTERNET

Air Chief says Pakistan can stop drone raids

ISLAMABAD, 26 Nov—Pakistan’s Chief of the Air Staff, Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed said on Tuesday that Pakistan Air Force (PAF) was fully capable to stop drones flights and missile strikes.

Private TV channel Geo quoted Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed as saying that it was up to the government to decide whether it wanted to benefit from PAF capabilities and deter the aggressors violating territorial integrity of the country. Pakistan’s tribal areas have seen an array of cross-border attacks conducted by suspected US drones. Terming them violations of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Pakistani Government has repeatedly protested against them and asked the US to stop the attacks.

He made the remarks while speaking to reporters during an exhibition at the Expo Centre in the southern port city of Karachi.—Xinhua

Somali pirates hijack Yemeni cargo ship

NAIROBI, 26 Nov—Somali pirates have hijacked a Yemeni cargo ship in the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden, a regional maritime official said on Tuesday.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of the Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP), however, did not say when the *MV Amani* was captured and crew members aboard.

“A Yemeni cargo ship *MV Amani* has been hijacked by sea pirates in the Gulf of Aden,” Mwangura told *Xinhua* without divulging more details. The Somali pirates have caused mayhem this year in the Gulf of Aden, one of the world’s busiest shipping lanes. Accompanied by Papoulias, Hu later visited the venue of the first modern Olympic Games on Tuesday. Hu said one important gain of the 1.3 billion Chinese people after hosting the Beijing Olympic Games is that they savvy more about the Olympic spirit and the sportsmanship.

Xinhua

Susan Rice becomes top contender for Obama’s UN envoy

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—Susan Rice, a long-time foreign policy adviser to US President-elect Barack Obama, has emerged as the leading contender for next US ambassador to the United Nations, ABC News reported on Monday.

Neither Rice nor the Obama Transition Team had any comment and a formal announcement will not come until after Thanksgiving of 27 November.

Rice, a member of former president Bill Clinton’s National Security Council and a former assistant secretary of state for African affairs, was a senior foreign policy adviser for Obama’s presidential campaign.—Xinhua

Businesswoman named Obama’s WH social secretary

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—Desiree Rogers, a prominent Chicago businesswoman will be named the first African American White House social secretary, Obama transition team said on Monday.

Rogers, 49, is a friend of President-elect Barack Obama and his wife Michelle, and a leader in Chicago corporate and civic circles.

Her appointment signals that the first couple consider the job crucial to how they introduce themselves to the country and the globe.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Russia launches new space development plan

MOSCOW, 26 Nov—Russia launched a space development plan on Tuesday to deploy its Glonass navigation system, update navigation satellites and develop a new space transportation system by 2012.

According to the *Interfax* news agency, the Russian Government said the overall operation of Glonass, a global navigation satellite system, will be the first priority of the space plan.

Glonass, which is designed for both military and civilian use, allows users to identify their positions in real time. It is reported that the system will include 24 satellites in 2009 to provide services worldwide.

Under the plan, Russia will deploy a new generation of navigation satellites, create conditions for users to receive signals on home-made navigation equipment and update or replace parts of navigation satellites. In addition, Russia will also develop a space satellite system to tackle problems such as communications, monitoring and meteorological observation in the Arctic.

Xinhua



A visitor stands in front of artist Ju Duoqi’s work ‘Pickled Cucumber on the Volga’ during her ‘The Vegetable Museum’ exhibition at a photo gallery in Beijing on 25 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Bo Myat Tun Bridge facilitating regional transport

Article: Khaing Zaw; Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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In order to know how much the bridge had contributed towards regional development in a decade, our media team of the Kyemon Daily conducted an interview with some locals.

Ma Nilar Myint said, "I am a native of Sakkawt. In the past, I had to wait for the Z-craft to get to Nyaungdon side to go to my office. So, I had to take a lot of time and energy to go to work. Here is the confluence of the Ayeyawady River and the Panhlaing River, so the river is a little wider here. So, I had to make a hard decision about going to Nyaungdon whenever I needed to do so. But, now I can go there with convenience at any time whether the weather is fine or not. Our region has developed a lot in some



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(Ma Nilar Myint, a local)

past years due to the work the government has done."

Bus driver U Sein Win said, "I live in Pathein. It is convenient for me to drive here due to this bridge. I am a bus driver, so I want to reach my destination safe and sound in a short time. I feel disappointed when it took me a long time to get across a river or

creek on the way. Now, we can drive at any time, so both we bus drivers and passengers are happy with it."

Passenger U Han Nyunt told us, "I do not think you have been here before, Sirs. I am a native of Pantanaw. In the past, I had to wait for a boat or ship to go to Yangon and Nyaungdon with my goods (greens). It took me a long time and I was always offered less



Now I make more profit on my business because I can transport my goods to Yangon at less cost in a short time.
(U Han Nyunt, merchant)

prices for my goods. But, now I make more profit on my business because I can transport my goods to Yangon at less cost in a short time."

U Zaw Moe, a bus driver of Aung Chan Tha Bus Line plying between Yangon and Wakema, said, "I am a native of Bago. I began driving before this bridge was constructed. In the past, I could make only few runs because I had to get to the bank some time ahead to catch the Z-craft. But, now I can make more runs daily. Yangon-Pathein Road and Yangon-Wakema Road are now being upgraded, so I think there will be smooth transport here soon."

Their voices serve as evidence that local people have been enjoying better living conditions thanks to river-spanning bridges. Owing to the hard work of white and blue collar workers of the Ministry of Construction, river-crossing bridges are emerging one



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after another across the nation, and the network of the nation's roads and bridges has taken its shape, as a result.

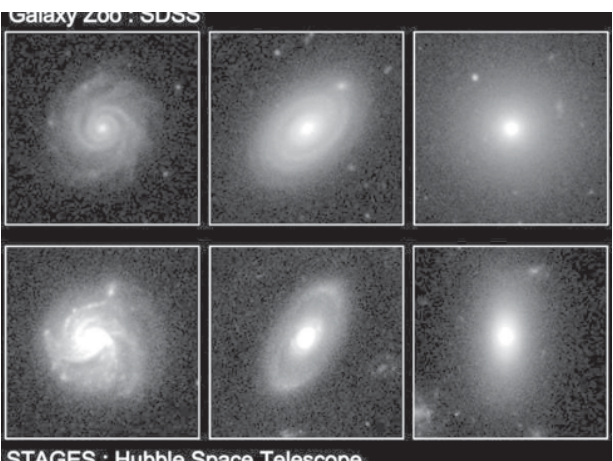
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It is convenient for me to drive here due to this bridge. I want to reach my destination safe and sound in a short time. (U Sein Win, bus driver)



Strangulation of spiral Galaxies: 'missing link' discovered

LONDON, 26 Nov — Astronomers in two UK-led international collaborations have separately



uncovered a type of galaxy that represents a missing link in our understanding of galaxy evolution.

Galaxy Zoo, which uses volunteers from the general public to classify galaxies, and the Space Telescope A901/902 Galaxy Evolution Survey (STAGES) projects have used their vast datasets to disentangle the roles of "nature" and "nurture" in changing galaxies from one variety to another.

Both studies have identified a population of unusual red spiral galaxies that are setting out on the road to retirement after a lifetime of forming stars. Crucially, nature and nurture appear to play a role in this transformation: both the mass of a galaxy as well as its local environment are important in determining when and how quickly its star formation is shut down. The scientists' work appears together in a forthcoming edition of Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.—Internet

Sports Ministry holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The Ministry of Sports held its work coordination meeting at the ministry, here, on 23 November with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Director-General U Thaug Htaik of the Sports and Physical Education Department reported on holding of competitions, selection of new generation youth players, repairing of stadiums and gymnasiums meeting set standard and sanitation and beautifying tasks. Heads of State and Division Sports and Physical Education Departments reported on their respective sectors. After the minister had given necessary instructions, the meeting came to an end.—MNA

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspects progress...

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Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected construction of 11 miles and two furlongs long earth road section of No. 2 district-to-district road in Wundwin Township, construction of wooden bridges, thriving monsoon paddy, cotton, sesame and maize

plantations and construction of 25 miles and five furlongs long earth road section of No. 2 district-to-district road in Thazi Township.

After inspecting Hlinet Canning Factory of Myanma Agriculture Service, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint viewed cultivation

of monsoon paddy with the use of water from Nyaungyan Minhla Lake and condition of rural roads.

Afterwards, he looked into Nyaungyan Railway Station and left for Nay Pyi Taw through Thazi-Mandalay-Yangon railroad.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents championship shield to Yangon Command men's Track and Field team.—MNA

Commander presents prizes to winners at Tatmadaw Track and Field

YANGON, 26 Nov—The final events and prize presentation of the 39th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Track and Field Competitions were held at Aung San Stadium here today.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, officers of

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports.

The commander watched men's and women's 100-meter events and men's and women's 400-meter relay events.

After the competitions, military officers presented prizes to winners in individual and team events.

Next, the commander gave championship shield to Yangon Command men's and women's Track and Field teams.

In the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Track and Field Competitions, Yangon Command men's team won 18 successive times in the events and women's team 5 successive times.

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Cash donations to doyen literati

YANGON, 26 Nov—Wellwishers are donating cash and kind to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association for a ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati in commemoration of the Sasodaw Day.

Responsible persons accepted handbags and journals donated by Snapshot Journal, K

131,000 by Palmist Dr San Tin Aung (Shwebo), K 100,000 by wellwishers from Muse, K 30,000 by Yin Nway Htar (Law), K 10,000 by Yankin Township WJA, K 10,000 by U Than Lwin (Thein Zaw-Shweli Oo) and wife Daw Yi Win and son Maung Kyaw Zeya Lwin, K 11,000 by U Bo Gyi (Bo Thanmani-

Taungwingyi) and K 10000 by Insein Township WJA and presented certificates of honour to them.

Wellwishers may donate cash and kind at No (529/531) Sarpay Beikman Building at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street, Yangon (Ph: 385273 and 252417).—MNA

9th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference

2-3 December 2008

Nay Pyi Taw

Traditional medicine, principal contributor to public health

Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, a genuine Myanmar legacy left by ancestors

Old law students to pay respects to faculty members on 28 Dec

YANGON, 26 Nov—The respect paying ceremony of old law student who studied at Law Department in Yangon University from 1975 to 1980 will be held at Karaweik Palace, here, on 28 December. The students, who joined in

1975 and graduated in 1980, are invited to attend the ceremony without fail.

Those wishing to donate cash may contact chairman of paying respect organizing committee Daw Swe Swe (Tel: 095-114203),

secretary U Thein Htun (Tel: 0980-23778), members of the committee Daw Soe Myat Thu (Tel: 095-161957), Daw Aye Aye Khine (Tel: 095-181065), Daw Yin Myo May (Tel: 095-181065) and Daw San San Aye (Tel: 383946).—MNA

High-level roundtable on Post-Nargis Relief and Recovery Efforts held

YANGON, 26 Nov—The high-level roundtable on Post-Nargis Relief and Recovery Efforts was held at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Road here this morning.

Present were Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, ASEAN Representative and current ASEAN Chairman Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag, Resident Representative of UNDP and UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator Dr Bishow Parajuli, members of

TCG, diplomats, representatives from UN agencies and international and regional organizations and NGOs, groups participating in relief and resettlement tasks in post-Nargis, journalists from ASEAN nations and local media officials.

On behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat, Thai Ambassador extended greetings. Next, Dr Bishow Parajuli spoke.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu reported on Post-Nargis Relief and Recovery Efforts. In the morning session, the deputy minister presided over the meeting.

Officials concerned

reported on reviews on efforts six months after the storm, assessment of TCG, rehabilitation and prevention projects. Those present took part in the discussions.

Thai Ambassador presided over the afternoon session. Officials reported on upgrading cooperation at township level, immediate rehabilitation project based on villages and the role of ASEAN.

In the evening session, Ambassador of Singapore Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and officials took part in sector-wise discussions. The roundtable ended later in the evening.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu speaks at high-level roundtable on Post-Nargis Relief and Recovery Efforts.—MNA

World Diabetes Day for 2008 marked

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The Ministry of Health and World Health Organization held the ceremony to mark the 2008 World Diabetes Day at the meeting hall of the ministry, here yesterday, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech, saying that preventive measures against diabetes, which is one of the health problems likely to occur in the country, started during 1993-1996 in accord with the national health policy laid down. Preventive measures against diabetes are being taken in cooperation with the WHO in line with the two objectives of the ministry. According to the WHO's report, 246 million people in the world are suffering diabetes. If harmonious efforts are not carried out to prevent diabetes, the number of people with diabetes will reach up to 380 million in the next 20 years. It is required to

practice healthy lifestyle since childhood. The entire people are to take cooperative measures with the ministry to reduce health problems resulting from diabetes.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Head of Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Kyi Kyi Win, leader of Nationalities Affairs Working Group Daw Kyin Khine, leader of Environmental Conservation Working Group Daw Nilar Thaw, CEC member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry, rectors, medical superintendents, directors, heads of health department from states and divisions, medical superintendents and officials concerned.—MNA

Myanmar, India to deal regular trade of beans and pulses

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein received an Indian delegation led by Deputy Minister of Customer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution of the Republic of India Mr NK Raghupathy at the Ministry of Commerce here at 10 a.m. on 23 November.

In his discussion, the Indian Deputy Minister said that India wanted to deal a regular trade of beans and pulses with Myanmar; that in that regard the Indian government would assign duties to State Trading Corporation; and that India would purchase Myanmar beans and pulses at international current prices.

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein said that India was one of Myanmar's trade partners as well as one of friendly nations that coexisted peacefully together with Myanmar; and that duties would be assigned to the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to sell beans and pulses to India.

A Myanmar team led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and the Indian delegation held a meeting at 1.30 p.m. The Indian side proposed quantities of beans and pulses India wanted to get month-wise. The meeting reached an agreement to deal a trade at current price through a bi-monthly contract between UMFCCI and State Trading Corporation of Republic of India.

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the two sides on 24 November.

On 24 November, UMFCCI and State Trading Corporation of India held discussions about detailed work programmes for the contract.—MNA

**Minister
Dr Kyaw Myint
makes speech at
ceremony to
commemorate World
Diabetes Day 2008.**

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Books and cash donated to village self-reliant libraries in Bago

YANGON, 26 Nov—A ceremony to donate cash, books and journals to village self-reliant libraries in Shwetaung Township in Pyay District, Bago Division (West) was held at Township Peace and Development Council office on 21 November. At the ceremony, Pyay District Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated K 50,000 and 25 books each, Township WAO, K 30,000 and 50 books, Township MCWA K 20,000 and 50 books and wellwishers, books and journals.

Afterwards, Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Information and Public

Relations Department of Bago Division (West) spoke of words thanks.

Priority will be given to distribution of books and journals to libraries that meet 5 standards for each village-tract. Today, a total of K 150,000 and 4502 books and journals worth K 677,920 were donated.—MNA



2nd Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations held

YANGON, 26 Nov—At the invitation of U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, the Egyptian Delegation led by His Excellency Ambassador Hussein Haridy, the Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs visited Myanmar from 24 to 26 November 2008.

During the visit, the Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and the Egyptian Delegation led by the Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs, Ambassador Hussein Haridy, held the 2nd Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations on 25 November at Sedona Hotel here. At the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed and

exchanged views on mutually beneficial cooperation in agriculture, trade and tourism as well as on further promotion of the existing friendship and cooperation between the two countries in regional and international spheres.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister and delegation at Le Plenteur Restaurant in the evening. The Egyptian delegation visited the National Museum, and Shwedagon Pagoda during their stay in Myanmar.

The Egyptian Delegation left here by air this morning.—MNA

**Deputy Minister for
Foreign Affairs
U Kyaw Thu holds
discussion with
Egyptian delegation.**

MNA

Swa Creek Bridge Project goes well

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected the progress in constructing Swa Creek Bridge Project at Bridge No. (1/199) on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay Highway this afternoon. The reinforced concrete type facility is 270 feet long with a four-lane motorway and two three-foot-wide platforms on it. It can withstand 60 tons of loads. *MNA*

Htinponseik Model Village takes shape

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 23 November inspected progress in construction of houses in Htinponseik Village in Kungyangon Township which was hit by the storm. During the tour, the minister inspected the digging drains and erecting lamp posts in the model village. He also visited the thriving vegetation, sports grounds, the clinic and library of the village. Petronas Co based in Malaysia has funded the project to reconstruct Htinponseik Model Village in Sukalat Village-tract which was damaged by the storm. The project includes 40ftx60ft houses, clinic, library, sports grounds and water and power supply facilities. The project also includes agriculture and livestock breeding to improve the living standards of the local people. — *MNA*

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“Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.”

“Scaling up- prevention, treatment and care”

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Health Ministry holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov —A coordination meeting of the Ministry of Health was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. Next, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gave a speech. After hearing reports on respective works of departments concerned presented by the directors-general and officials of Health Department, Medical Science Department, Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar), Health Planning Department and Traditional Medicine Department, the minister attended to the needs. Afterwards, heads of State/Division Health Department, the rectors and medical superintendents of central level hospitals reported to the minister on works being carried out and the minister fulfilled the requirements. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister. *MNA*



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivers speech at work coordination meeting of the ministry.—*MNA*

Cash, kind donated to storm victims

YANGON, 26 Nov — On behalf of wellwisher Ratnanidhi Charitable Triat of the Republic of India, All Myanmar Hindu Organization donated cash and kind to storm victims through Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement today. The organization handed over 4,000 packages of sanitary materials and 2,000 packages of stationery worth US\$ 23174.96 to officials concerned. Bandoola Goenka family donated K 6 million for construction of 20 houses; Chairman of KB International Co Ltd U Maung Maung K 12.6 million for construction of 21 houses; All Myanmar Hindu Organization and Thanantana Dhammapalaka K 12 million for construction of 20 houses to Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials concerned at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township. *MNA*

Diabetes Day commemorative talks held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — An educative talk to mark World Diabetes Day was held at the meeting hall of Disease Control Division of Health Department in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Specialist Dr Ko Ko, Lecturer of Medicine Department of the University of Medicine-2 (Yangon), gave talks on facts about World Diabetes Day and Specialist Dr Myat Kaung of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital, on diabetes. Nurses, health staff and enthusiasts attended the talks. Next, those present viewed a commemorative booth displayed at the hall.—*MNA*



CASH DONATION: A ceremony to donate cash to Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Myanmar), which looks after for disabled people of Myanmar, was held at the Strand Hotel in Yangon on 8 November. Photo shows donor of capital fund of K 10 million U Myat Thu Win (Managing Director, Shwe Min Thar Co Ltd), explaining the purpose of the donation.—*NLM*

Affiliated associations of MFF to hold AGM on 30 Nov

YANGON, 26 Nov — The annual general meeting of Myanmar Fish Farmers Association, Myanmar Aquafeed Association and Myanmar Freshwater Fisheries Association under Myanmar Fisheries Federation will be held at the Thiri Annawa Hall of MFF at 9 a.m. on 30 November. Members of the associations are invited to attend the meeting without fail. *MNA*

International conf on education opens in Geneva

GENEVA, 26 Nov—The 48th International Conference on Education (ICE) opened here on Tuesday with an aim to promote inclusive education and pool efforts to reduce the number of school dropouts.

The four-day conference, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO), has drawn some 1,500 delegates, including government ministers, experts, representatives of NGOs and UN agencies.

“Children with disabilities and children from marginalized groups (migrants, street children, HIV/AIDS orphans) are still today largely excluded from the school system,” UNESCO said

in a statement.

The conference, under the theme “Inclusive Education: the Way of the Future”, aims to share experience regarding inclusive education and examine the role of governments in implementing policies promoting inclusion, it said. According to UNESCO figures, 75 million children around the world still do not have access to education. Even among those who do have access to school, a substantial number may never reach the educational level required for them to succeed professionally, it said.

Moreover, some 650 million people are estimated to be deprived of their rights to education because of physical or mental disabilities, or their special learning needs—MNA/Xinhua



Alfredo Ochoa and his one-year-old daughter, Josefina, attend a rally to ask state lawmakers to stop home foreclosures and help modify loans at the State Capitol in Sacramento, California, on 25 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

16 crew from capsized cargo rescued in N. Philippines

MANILA, 26 Nov—Sixteen crew members on board a small cargo ship that sank off northern Philippines has been rescued by Wednesday noon, the chief commander of the Philippine Coast Guard said.

Admiral Wilfredo D. Tamayo told Xinhua in a telephone interview that four people might still be missing as the Coast Guards are verifying the information that there are 20 people on board. Tamayo said passing ships cooperated with Coast Guard rescue team in saving the 16 crew members. Two rescue ships and an islander plane has been carrying out the operation at the scene, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Three kidnapped Turks freed in Afghanistan

ANKARA, 26 Nov—Turkish Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that three Turkish citizens, who were kidnapped in Afghanistan late last month, have been released.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the three were freed and taken to the Turkish Embassy in Kabul on Monday, adding that they are expected to return to Turkey on Friday.

The Foreign Ministry also thanked the Afghan

authorities for their efforts to help secure the release of Turkish citizens. “The men were released after intense diplomatic efforts,” said the statement without elaboration.

It was not immediately clear how the men were freed or if any ransom money was paid. The three Turks were kidnapped on October 22 in the eastern province of Khost while working on a communications project.

MNA/Xinhua



A polo player from Italy (right) sits on an elephant while battling for the ball with a player from the US during an elephant polo match in Chiang Rai province, Thailand. Elephant polo, played in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand by a wealthy few to the rules of horse polo but on a smaller field, is uniquely challenging.—INTERNET

Indonesia likely to ban imports of used machinery

JAKARTA, 26 Nov—Indonesia will lift permits for the import of secondhand machinery to support locally made machinery and to help save energy, a newspaper said here on Wednesday. The decision to reduce the import of goods and equipment was also an effort to reduce the use of US dollars which has been squeezed due to the global financial crisis. According to Indonesian Machine and Tool Industry Association chairman (Asimpi) Dasep Ahmadi, imports of machinery and components amounted to a total of eight billion US dollars and five billion US dollars respectively last year. Director general for metal, textile, machinery and miscellaneous industries of the Industry and Trade Ministry Ansari Bukhari was quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying that to support the plan, the government would revise the regulation on it.—INTERNET



‘Dancing with the Stars’ contestants Brooke Burke and her professional dance partner Derek Hough dance during the program 24 Nov, 2008 in this ABC network publicity photograph.—INTERNET

Car blast kills 3 in Russia’s St. Petersburg

MOSCOW, 26 Nov—Three people were killed when a car was blasted in Russia’s northwestern city of St. Petersburg on Tuesday morning, Russian media reported.

The incident occurred near a metro station in the north of the Russia’s second largest city at the morning rush hour, RIA and Interfax news agencies cited local emergencies officials as saying.

The victims, including a child of about three years old, were all in the car reaching the metro station when a hand grenade exploded near it, local police said. No damage was caused to the metro station and the subway transport remains operating, police said.—MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam attracts record \$60B of FDI commitment

HANOI, 26 Nov—Vietnam is estimated to have attracted a record 60 billion US dollars of foreign

direct investment (FDI) in the first 11 months of this year, the local newspaper reported on Wednesday, citing the source with Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI).

During November, 726 million US dollars was pumped into 106 new FDI projects, bringing the total amount of newly-registered FDI capital absorbed by Vietnam to 59 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of 2008, a seven-fold rise over the same period last year, said MPI’s Foreign Investment Agency (FIA).

In November alone, FDI disbursement reached 950 million US dollars, bringing the total amount

of FDI disbursement to 10 billion US dollars so far this year, a year-on-year increase of 44.2 per cent. Vietnam is likely to attract up to 65 billion US dollars in FDI in 2008, three-times higher than last year’s figure. FDI disbursement is expected to peak at 11 billion US dollars, an increase of 37 per cent year-on-year, said FIA director Phan Huu Thang.

However, FDI commitment in Vietnam in 2009 is forecast to decrease, but still reach at least 30 billion US dollars, and FDI disbursement is expected to reach 12-13 billion US dollars, or 9-12 per cent more than this year’s figure, said Thang.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis walk past military vehicles as they arrive at one of the entrances to the fortified ‘Green Zone’ in Baghdad. Iraqi MPs are expected to endorse an historic military pact that will see all US troops withdraw by 2011.—INTERNET

**INVITATION FOR TENDER
(TENDER NO. 7 (T) /LBO(4)/2008-2009)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the Supply of 782±10% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.
2. Tender Closing Date : 9-12-2008 at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : 9-12-2008 at (13:00)hrs.
4. Delivery Time : Dec.'08/Jan. ~ Feb.'09
5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing (27-11-2008) on payment of the One Hundred (100) FEC per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

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based beverages, cocoa
beverages with or without
milk, cocoa-based beverages,
chocolate beverages with or
without milk, chocolate-based
beverages, tea, tea beverages
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**Singapore
manufacturing
falls 13 pct in
October**

SINGAPORE, 26 Nov—
Singapore manufactur-
ing plummeted 13 per-
cent in October from a
year ago as demand for
the city-state's electronic
and pharmaceutical
exports dried up amid
the global economic
slowdown.

Electronics, which ac-
count for 30 percent of
manufacturing, fell 14
percent while pharma-
ceuticals, which make up
22 percent of production,
dove 31 percent, the
Trade and Industry Mini-
stry's Singapore Eco-
nomic Development
Board said in a statement
Wednesday.

The drop in manufac-
turing is another sign that
Singapore likely extended
a recession in the fourth
quarter.

Non-oil exports fell 15
percent in October, stok-
ing fears that the economy
will probably contract for
a third straight quarter in
the October-December
period.

Internet

**Study says HIV could be
eliminated in a decade**

LONDON, 26 Nov—The virus that causes AIDS could theoretically be eliminated in a decade if all people living in countries with high infection rates are regularly tested and treated, according to a new mathematical model.

It is an intriguing solution to end the AIDS epidemic. But it is based on assumptions rather than data, and is riddled with logistical problems. The research was published online on Tuesday in the medical journal, The Lancet.

"It's quite a startling result," said Charlie Gilks, an AIDS treatment expert at the World Health Organization and one of the paper's authors. "In a relatively short amount of time, we could potentially knock the epidemic on its head."

Gilks and colleagues used data from South Africa and Malawi. In their model, people were voluntarily tested each year and immediately given drugs if they tested positive for HIV, regardless of whether they were sick.

Internet



A horseman performs during a rehearsal at Sicab 2008, the International Horse Show of Seville, Spain.—INTERNET

**Search is on for meteor that
lit sky over western Canada**

MONTREAL, 26 Nov—Scientists and amateur astron-
omers have been combing the prairies in western
Canada for a 10-ton meteorite that lit the sky and ex-
ploded with the force of 300 tons of dynamite, ac-
cording to experts from the Canadian Space Agency.

The meteorite, seen on Thursday by thousands of
people in a 700 kilometre (435-mile) radius, fell south-
east of Lloydminster, near the border between Sas-
katchewan and Alberta provinces, astrophysicists Alan
Hildebrand and Peter Brown said in a statement.

At the moment it entered the atmosphere, the aster-
oid fragment weighed approximately 10 tonnes, from
an energy estimate derived from infrasound records,
said Brown, professor of meteor physics at Univer-
sity of Western Ontario.—Internet

**Climate change is a battle
for existence in the Maldives**

MALE, 26 Nov— Among the many grim predictions
of climate change experts, the future fate of the
Maldives stands out as a genuine doomsday scenario
with the island chain nation facing nothing short of
extinction. A one-metre (3.3-foot) rise in sea level
would almost totally submerge the country's 1,192
coral islands scattered off the southern tip of India.
Experts predict a rise of at least 18 centimetres is likely
by the end of the century.

So pressing has the danger become that the new
Maldivian President Mohamed Anni Nasheed has said
his government will begin saving now to buy a new
homeland for his people to flee to in the future.

"We are talking about taking insurance—if the is-
lands are sinking we must find high land some place
close by. We should do that before we sink," Nasheed
said following his recent election victory.

Internet

Grinning onions :
Characters made with
onions are displayed
during the traditional
one-day Zibelemarit
(onion market), which
starts on the fourth
Monday of November
in Bern.

INTERNET



TRADE MARK CAUTION

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Internet

Donate Blood

FDA finds traces of melamine in US infant formula

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov —Traces of the industrial chemical melamine have been detected in samples of top-selling US infant formula, but federal regulators insist the products are safe. The Food and Drug Administration said last month it was unable to identify any melamine exposure level as safe for infants, but a top official said it would be a “dangerous overreaction” for parents to stop feeding infant formula to babies who depend on it.

“The levels that we are detecting are extremely low,” said Dr Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutri-

tion. “They should not be changing the diet. If they’ve been feeding a particular product, they should continue to feed that product. That’s in the best interest of the baby.”

Melamine is the chemical found in Chinese infant formula — in far larger concentrations — that has been blamed for killing at least three babies and making at least 50,000 others ill.

Previously undisclosed tests, obtained by *The Associated Press* under the Freedom of Information Act, show that the FDA has detected melamine in a sample of one popular formula and the presence of cyanuric acid, a chemical relative of

melamine, in the formula of a second manufacturer. Separately, a third major formula maker told AP that in-house tests had detected trace levels of melamine in its infant formula. The three firms — Abbott Laboratories, Nestle and Mead Johnson — manufacture more than 90 percent of all infant formula produced in the United States.

The FDA and other experts said the melamine contamination in US-made formula had occurred during the manufacturing process, rather than intentionally.

Internet

Indian navy mistakenly sank Thai trawler

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Nov—A suspected pirate vessel that was destroyed by the Indian navy last week near Somalia was actually a Thai fishing trawler that had been hijacked by pirates, a maritime official said on Wednesday.

Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau’s piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, said one Thai

crew member died when the Indian frigate INS Tabar fired on the boat in the Gulf of Aden on Nov.

Fourteen others are missing and a Cambodian sailor was rescued four days later by passing fishermen, he said.

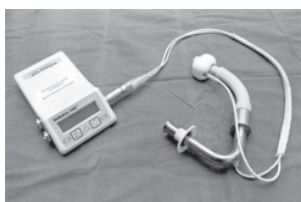
The IMB received a report on the apparent mistake late Tuesday from Bangkok-based Sirichai Fisheries, which owned the Ekawat Nava5 vessel,

he said.

“The Indian navy assumed it was a pirate vessel because they may have seen armed pirates on board the boat which has been hijacked earlier,” Choong said.

India’s navy last week said the INS Tabar, which began patrolling the gulf on 2 Nov, battled a pirate “mother vessel” on 18 Nov, setting the ship ablaze.—*Internet*

Costly heart pumps extend lives for some



The DeBakey titanium miniaturized heart assist pump shown with its power supply at Berlin’s German Heart Centre.—INTERNET

CHICAGO, 26 Nov — Heart pumps can buy time for people with failing hearts in need of a transplant but implanting heart-assist devices in the elderly as a substitute for a heart transplant benefits only some — and at a high financial cost, US researchers said on Tuesday.

They said about half of people 65 and older who got the devices between 2000 and 2006 under

Medicare, the US health insurance program for the elderly, were alive after one year.

“We need to have predictive tools in terms of assigning those patients who are likely to do well with this and being honest with the patients and

families and ourselves for those patients who are extremely unlikely to do well with this,” Dr Adrian Hernandez of Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, North Carolina, said in a telephone interview.

Internet



Marine archaeologists find remains of slave ship

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov — Marine archaeologists have found the remains of a slave ship wrecked off the Turks and Caicos Islands in 1841, an accident that set free the ancestors of many current residents of those islands. Some 192 Africans survived the sinking of the Spanish ship *Trouvadore* off the British-ruled islands, where the slave trade was banned.

Over the years the ship had been forgotten, said researcher Don Keith, so when the discovery connected the ship to current residents the first response “was a kind of shock, a lack of comprehension,” he explained in a briefing organized by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

But after word got out “people really got on board with it,” he said, and the local museum has assisted the researchers.



A marine archaeologist measures and compares the hull remains of the so-called 'Black Rock Wreck' to the dimensions of known shipwrecks off East Caicos in this undated handout photo provided by NOAA on 25 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

He said this is the only known wreck of a ship engaged in the illegal slave trade. Keith and his co-researchers from the Texas-based Ships of Discovery organization came across a letter at the Smithsonian Institution that referred to the sinking and began their search for the ship.

“The people of the

Turks and Caicos have a direct line to this dramatic, historic event — it’s how so many of them ended up being there. We hope this discovery will encourage the people of the Turks and Caicos to protect and research their local history, especially the history that remains underwater,” he said.

Internet

Blood tests may show inherited diseases in fetuses

HONG KONG, 26 Nov—Doctors may soon be able to diagnose inherited diseases such as cystic fibrosis, thalassaemia and sickle cell anemia in fetuses by simply testing a blood sample taken from the mother.

Until now, prenatal diagnoses of such disorders have been possible only through invasive procedures like amniocentesis, which carry a risk of fetal miscarriage.

Amniocentesis is the extraction of a small amount of fluid from the

sac surrounding a developing fetus.

But scientists in Hong Kong and Thailand may have found a way to diagnose in fetuses such “monogenic” diseases, which are caused by a single error in a single gene in the human DNA.

“Such diseases can be diagnosed by a simple blood test (taken from the mother) ... and by counting the relative ratio of the mutant genes against the normal genes,” said lead researcher Dennis Lo at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

This is only possible because fetal DNA circulates in maternal blood, a discovery Lo and his colleagues made several years ago.

Many scientists have since been trying to find the best way to differentiate fetal DNA from mater-

nal DNA, before they can even get down to looking for any anomalies in the fetal DNA.

But these efforts have not met with much success.

In an article published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Lo and his colleagues said they had devised a counting system that could “bring non-invasive prenatal diagnosis of monogenic diseases closer to reality.”

Using highly precise digital blood testing technology, both mutant and normal DNA sequences are counted in maternal plasma and that is then used to calculate the number of mutant genes inherited by the fetus and to determine the probability of the fetus developing any monogenic disease.

Internet

Hoping for survival : Scores of Zimbabwean cholera patients, who have crossed into South Africa, desperately hoping to survive the nationwide outbreak that has killed nearly 300 people, use a water point in the South African border town of Musina.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Fiorentina sent tumbling by Lyon defeat



Lyon's Brazilian midfielder Honorato Campos Ederson kicks the ball against Fiorentina during their Champions League group F football match at Artemio Franchi stadium in Florence. Lyon defeated Fiorentina 2-1.—INTERNET

FLORENCE, 26 Nov — French champions Lyon knocked Fiorentina out of the Champions League with a 2-1 victory here on Tuesday as they ensured their own place in the knock-out stages.

Jean II Makoun and Karim Benzema

gave the visitors a two-goal lead before Alberto Gilardino pulled one back for the hosts while the woodwork was hit five times throughout the match.

Lyon now need a result against Bayern Munich in two weeks time to top the group while Fiorentina need to avoid defeat at Steaua Bucharest in their final Group F match to ensure the consolation of a place in the UEFA Cup.—Internet

Real battle into knockout stage

MINSK, 26 Nov — Spanish giants Real Madrid clinched a berth in the knockout stage of the Champions' League beating Belarus champions BATE Borisov 1-0 in their Group H clash here on Tuesday.

Raul Gonzalez netted the only goal of the match to add three points to Real's balance leaving the Spanish side with nine points from five matches, four ahead of second-placed Zenit St Petersburg.

Last year's Russian champions Zenit recorded a 0-0 draw with group leaders Juventus in the earlier Group H match.

Real coach Bernd Schuster said he was happy with the result and praised Italy's side Juventus for their help.

"It was really important to gain a place in the knock-out phase today," the German said.

"It could be difficult for us to play two important matches against Barcelona (in the Spanish league) and Zenit so closely in December."

"And of course Juventus helped us a lot with their draw with Zenit."

Internet



Real Madrid's Wesley Sneijder (R) fights for the ball against Bate Borisov's Dmitri Likhtarovich during their Champions League football match. Madrid won 1-0.—INTERNET



Bayern Munich's Italian striker Luca Toni (R) is congratulated by his teammates striker Miroslav Klose (L), Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel (2nd L) and French midfielder Franck Ribery (C) after scoring the 2-0 during their Champions League match vs Steaua Bucuresti. Bayern won 3-0.—INTERNET

Klose strikes put Bayern through

MUNICH, 26 Nov — Two second-half goals from striker Miroslav Klose sealed Bayern Munich's 3-0 win over Steaua Bucharest on Tuesday to put the Germans into the Champions League's knock-out stages.

Klose's goals either side of a superb header from Italian World Cup winner Luca Toni at Munich's Allianz Arena made sure Jurgen Klinsmann's side will definitely qualify from Group F alongside seven-time French champions Lyon.

"We are very, very happy," said ex-Germany coach Klinsmann who is in his first season with the German giants.

"On the one hand, we are happy that we are through with a game left to play.

"And we are also happy, because the team is just getting better and better with each game.

"We have the feeling for the last six weeks the team is improving steadily and building momentum. To qualify is a good achievement in itself."—Internet

Caldwell rues Champions League defeat



Aalborg's Brazilian player Caca celebrates after scoring a goal against Celtic during their UEFA Champions League group E football match in Aalborg. Aalborg won 2-1.—INTERNET

AALBORG, 26 Nov — Celtic's Gary Caldwell said lessons would have to be learned after the Scottish champions crashed out of Europe following a 2-1 defeat to Aalborg on Tuesday.

Celtic, who have now taken

just one point from 18 away matches in the Champions League, needed a point to be in with a chance of being involved in European competition beyond Christmas.

But the loss means the Danish champions will take third place and the UEFA Cup spot in Group E with Manchester United and Villarreal qualifying for the last 16.

Scottish defender Caldwell, whose late own goal cruelly sealed the win for Aalborg, says his side hadn't been good enough in Europe this season.

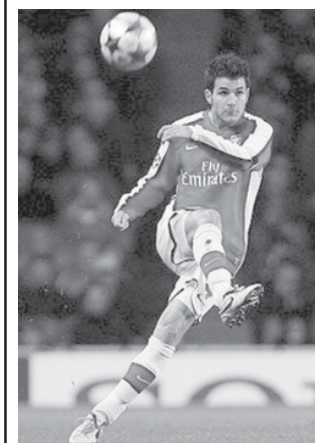
"I think we should be better than Aalborg. I think we did enough at certain times but you have to be better than that away in Europe," Caldwell said.

"You have to be able to see the game out when you are 1-0 up and they are going to throw everything at you."—Internet

Wenger hopes Dynamo win will prove a turning point

LONDON, 26 Nov — Arsene Wenger believes Arsenal's 1-0 win over Dynamo Kiev in the Champions League was worth more than just a place in the last 16.

The Gunners qualified



Arsenal's Spanish footballer Cesc Fabregas takes a shot during the UEFA Champions League football match between Arsenal and Dynamo Kiev at the Emirates Stadium in London. Arsenal won 1-0.—INTERNET

from Group G with a match to spare thanks to Nicklas Bendtner's late goal at the Emirates Stadium on Tuesday.

But after three defeats in four matches, the storm of controversy generated by William Gallas's rant against his team-mates and the France defender's subsequent replacement as captain by Cesc Fabregas, Wenger was more concerned with the positive effect on the team's morale.

With Dynamo just three minutes from holding on for a point that would have left Arsenal without a goal for three games and looking as bereft of inspiration as they ever have under Wenger, Fabregas launched a sublime pass to Bendtner, who lashed his shot past Stanislav Bogush.—Internet

Exit looms for Zenit after Juve stalemate

ST PETERSBURG, 26 Nov

— UEFA Cup holders Zenit St Petersburg are on the brink of Champions League elimination after failing to break down Juventus in a 0-0 draw here on Tuesday.

The Rus-

sians needed to beat the Italians to ensure they would have the chance to progress to the knock-out rounds in two weeks time when they play their final Group H match away to Real Madrid.

A Madrid win away to Belarus minnows BATE Borisov later on Tuesday will eliminate Zenit and send them back into the UEFA Cup.—Internet



Andrei Arshavin (L) of Zenit St Petersburg vies with Giorgio Chiellini of Juventus during their Champions League group H football match in St. Petersburg. The match ended on a goalless draw.—INTERNET

Man Utd, Villarreal in last 16 after another stalemate

VLLARREAL, 26 Nov — Holders Manchester United failed to secure top spot in Champions League Group E but qualified for the knockout stage of the competition after another 0-0 draw with Villarreal at El Madrigal on Tuesday.

Villarreal, still undefeated at home in the Champions League, join United in the last 16 and the final round of group matches will now decide who tops the group.

Manchester United, who have the superior goal difference, host Aalborg on 12 December while Villarreal have a tougher trip to Celtic on the same day.

Internet

China's defence building poses no threat to any nation

BEIJING, 26 Nov— China on Tuesday reiterated that its development and its defence building posed no threat to any other country. Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks in responding to US naval chief's statement about the so-called threat from China's Navy.

It was reported earlier this month that the commander of the US nuclear submarine fleet Vice-Admiral John J. Donnelly said he believed China's Navy was a growing threat and the United States was moving 60 per cent of its submarine fleet to the Pacific to respond.

"Our defence policy is defensive in nature," Qin said, noting that China firmly took the road of peaceful development and followed an independent foreign policy of peace. Meanwhile, in the international arena, he said China also pursued the new security concept featuring trust, mutual benefit, equality and coordination.

MNA/Xinhua



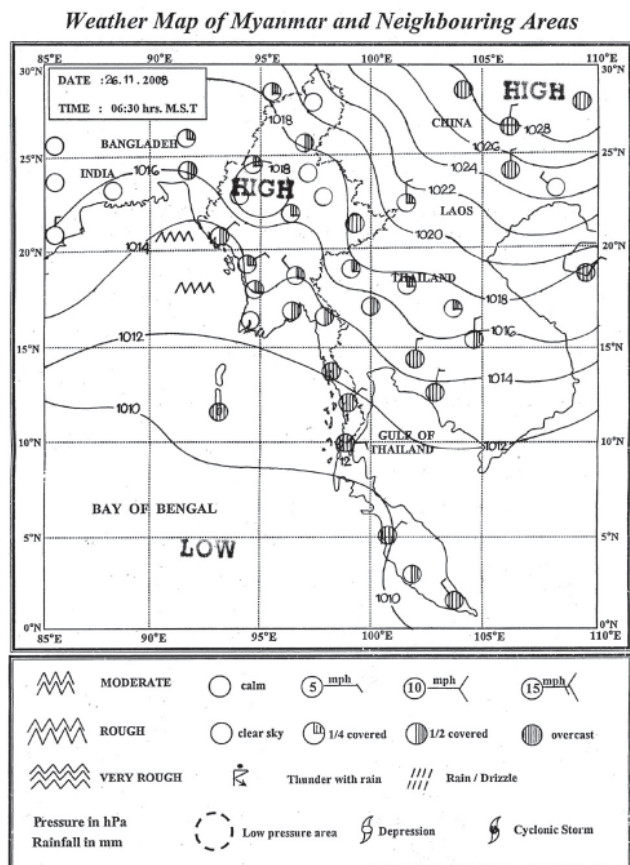
This NASA videograph shows US space shuttle Endeavour Mission Specialist Shane Kimbrough, on 24 Nov, working at the International Space Station. —INTERNET

Britons quarantined on river cruise ship in Germany

BERLIN, 26 Nov— German authorities have quarantined a British ship

cruising the river Rhine after an outbreak of the highly contagious norovirus, a spokeswoman for the German Red Cross said on Tuesday.

All 100 passengers and crew onboard the *Lady Anne* were banned from leaving the ship after the captain contacted the emergency services in Bad Kreuznach when about 42 people showed norovirus symptoms, the Red Cross said. The passengers, most of whom are pensioners were being treated by German medics on board the vessel, which is docked near Boppard in western Germany. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 26 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway Divisions, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (0°C) and Loilem (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-11-2008 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 26-11-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-11-2008 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 25-11-2008 was (8.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 26-11-2008 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 (7) mph from Northeast at (17:30) hours MST on 25-11-2008.

Bay inference: Yesterday's depression which crossing Colombo (Sri Lanka) has further intensified into tropical storm. According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, it is centered at about (260) miles East of Cochin (India) and forecast to move Northwest and cross Tamilnadu Coast India withing the next (12) hours. Atmospheric unstable conditions occur over the South Andaman Sea and South Bay. Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27th November 2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Rakhine State, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon, Kayin, Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of occurrence of atmospheric unstable conditions over the South Andaman Sea and South Bay.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-11-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Wen stresses comprehensive, strategic China-EU partnership

BEIJING, 26 Nov— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao stressed here on Tuesday the comprehensive and strategic partnership between China and the European Union (EU). "Comprehensive" means the promotion of political trust and mutually beneficial cooperation, and "strategic" requires that both sides make concerted efforts in a far-sighted way to ensure the lasting, stable and healthy development of China-EU relations, Wen said. The Premier made the remarks in his meeting with former president of European Commission also former prime minister of Italy Romano

Prodi. Wen highlighted the recent growth in China-EU cooperation, noting that China will firmly support the EU's integration process and welcomes the EU to play a more active role in dealing with international issues.

"We cherish the hard-won achievements on China-EU relations and are willing to further trust and cooperation with the EU based on mutual respect, equality and reciprocity," Wen told Prodi. Wen also called on the two sides to join hands to tackle global challenges and overcome the current difficulties over the world's finance and economy. —MNA/Xinhua



Thursday, 27 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. Dance variety

8:10 am

7. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်" (မေကဗျာဖူးဖူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်[ကုမုဒြာ])

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Cute little dancers

4:20 pm

3. Dance of national races

4:30 pm

4. "အဆုံးအဖြတ်" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ အေးမြတ်သူ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

4:45 pm

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm

6. Musical programme

5:05 pm

7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:20 pm

8. Songs to uphold national spirit

5:30 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. ထူးဆန်းထွေးလာများကိုသိပ္ပံဖြင့် ရှင်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကုန်သွယ်မုန်တိုင်း"

(အပိုင်း-၂၉)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. "ဧရာဝတီရဲ့မနက်ဖြန်"

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စိုးမြတ်သူစာ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊

စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊

ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား"

(အပိုင်း-၄၉)

20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ၅၀ မေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်

Commander inspects cotton harvesting in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects Ngwechi (6) cotton strain plantation of farmer U Win in Myaukmyaik Village, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected Ngwechi (6) cotton harvesting at the cotton plantation of farmer U Win in Myaukmyaik Village, Nay Pyi Taw

Tatkon Township yesterday.

In Kangyi Village the commander inspected harvesting of a model paddy field of farmer U Thar Khaing. An official of Myanmar Agriculture Service

reported to the commander on paddy harvesting. Manawthukha paddy strain yields 119.13 baskets per acre.

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Raul relieved after BATE battle

MADRID, 26 Nov—Real Madrid captain Raul admits his side were made to suffer by BATE Borisov before finally recording the 1-0 win that saw the Spanish giants advance to the last 16 of the Champions League.

Madrid, under pressure following a poor run of recent results that included home and away defeats to Juventus in Group H, could hardly have asked for a better start as Raul netted inside seven minutes to put Bernd Schuster's side ahead.

The Spanish champions had chances to build on that lead, including a Raul effort in the second half that was tipped onto the crossbar, but they could not find the killer second goal and had to play out a nervy end to the match as BATE sought a late leveller.—Internet



Bo Myat Tun Bridge facilitating regional transport

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Around Yangon are several river-crossing bridges that are named to honour Myanmar patriotic heroes such as Bayintnaung, U Aung Zeya, Maha Bandoola and

Bo Myat Tun and so on. Of such bridges constructed in the time of the Tatmadaw government, Bo Myat Tun Bridge lies on Yangon-Pathein Road, spanning the Ayeyawady River and link-

ing Thaugndan and Kyeinbinse villages of Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division.

With a length of 2586.61 metres (8484 feet) or about one mile and five

furlongs, Bo Myat Tun Bridge is the second largest of its kind in Myanmar. It was constructed on 15 November 1999 for delta dwellers who had to rely largely on waterways as

the major source of transport in the past. Due to the facility, Ayeyawady Division is conducive to transport of its products to other regions.

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Bo Myat Tun Bridge on Yangon-Pathein Road, linking Thaugndan and Kyeinbinse villages of Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division.