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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

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye putting in the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament at City Golf Course in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov—The State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament commenced at City Golf Course, here, yesterday.

At 6.15 a.m, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye arrived at the golf course where he was welcomed by Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC members and Chairman of the Organizing Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauang.

The golf tournament kicked off at 6.45 a.m, attended by the Secretary-1, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, depart-

mental heads, members of the organizing committee and golfers of the ministerial teams.

First, the golfers took the designated positions. The Secretary-1 and the Minister for Industry-1 opened the tournament by teeing off tracer balls.

The first round of the tournament was held at City Golf Course and Yepyar Golf Course.

This morning, the second round of the golf tournament continued at City Golf Course and Yepyar Golf Course with the participation of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, the SPDC members and the ministers.

This was followed by the participation of the golfers from 36 teams and all the events ended in the evening.

At 6.30 p.m today, the prize presentation ceremony was held at City Golf Course, attended by the Secretary-1. Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of (See page 8)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose together with golfers of the Ministry of Defence team.—MNA

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## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 1 December, 2008

### Fight AIDS with national awareness

Today, the World AIDS Day, reminds us to notice the danger of AIDS threatening humans and nations of the world. The United Nations has designated December 1 each year as World AIDS Day.

The disease was first identified when a study was made on the tissue of a sailor died in Britain in 1959. It was found again in the United States, Haiti island and Africa in 1978. The disease was found in California in 1981 and WHO named it human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in 1986.

AIDS is the worst disease that threatens the entire mankind. No cure for HIV infection or AIDS has yet been found so there is no method to treat the disease. Prevention, therefore, is the only way. HIV is transmitted directly or indirectly through behaviours which the people do not accept.

Arrangements are to be made to prevent the infection with the help of the young possessing adequate health knowledge. Educating people about AIDS, both at schools and in the community, has become the chief approach to prevention process.

In Myanmar the Central Committee was formed in 1989 to carry out anti-AIDS programmes as the national duty. The programmes include conducting course on anti-AIDS and counseling the people with HIV or AIDS. Departments concerned and organizations are implementing the tasks in accord with the health policies. At the same time many individuals and social organizations, including community-based groups are working to enhance public awareness of AIDS.

It is the paramount duty of all the national people to fight against the scourge of the disease in accord with the slogan of this year, Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise. Scaling up prevention, treatment and care.

### Fire preventive measures taken in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 30 Nov—Under the supervision of fire preventive measures supervisory committee of Mawlamyine Township, educative talks on fire preventive measures was held at No. 8 Basic Education High School on 5 November and No. 1 Basic Education High School on 18 November in order to take fire preventive measures of Township Fire Services Department. Head of Township Fire Services Department U Kyaw Kyaw gave talks on fire preventive measures.

Similar talks will be held at BEHSs and BEMSs in Mawlamyine Township.

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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

### Development of printing and publishing interrelated with development of literary world

YANGON, 30 Nov—At the meeting hall of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division of Printing and Publishing Enterprise in Bahan Township, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met executives of Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association this morning.

Chairman of the association U Maung Maung briefed the minister on functions of the association.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association is to implement the aims for ensuring modernization and development of printing and publishing works, uplifting livelihoods of the workers in printing and publishing circle and serving the interest of the State. The Ministry of Information is rendering necessary assistance for them, he said. It is necessary to cooperate in solving the problems in work, he added. He said that development of printing



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with executives of Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association.—MNA



and publishing is interrelated with development of literary world, adding that improvement of literary world and businesses reflect development of printing and publishing. In conclusion, he urged the executives

to harmoniously carry out the tasks of the association. Those present took part in the discussions. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks of the minister.—MNA

### STI Education to inaugurate certified ethical hacking

YANGON, 30 Nov — STI Education will conduct courses on certified ethical hacking that are suitable for IT security officers, auditors, security professionals, site administrators, network engineers, computer architects, solution providers and other IT experts. A certified ethical hacker is a skilled professional who understands and knows how to look for the weaknesses and vulnerabilities in target systems and uses the same knowledge and tool as malicious hacker.

Those who take the courses will have the opportunity to learn about intrusion detection, policy creation, social engineering, DDoS attacks, buffer overflows and virus creation. Moreover, they will learn PowerPoint, live demonstration, challenging lab and real world insights. Upon completion of the course, the trainees will be well-prepared for Certified Ethical Hacker Exam of EC Council.

Those interested may contact STI Education: Bld 4, Room 7, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township,

Yangon and No. 337, Upper Shwethontha Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon (Ph: 250056, 700273, 507048, 507151/52.—MNA

### MBE publishes books for matriculation students

YANGON, 30 Nov— The Myanmar Board of Examinations has continued publishing books on questions and answers of (chemistry, physics and biology) combination tested by MBE in the states and divisions in 2008.

The book carries answers to the questions compiled by subject-wise professors of the respective universities themselves in line with the marking system. And other remaining combinations such as (chemistry, physics and economics) and (geography, history and economics) will continue to be published.

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Young Pakistanis look at a house after a missile hit it in the tribal region of North Waziristan last month. —INTERNET

## Iran blames West for global crisis

DOHA, 30 Nov — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad blamed the West for the global financial crisis on Saturday, saying other countries were being dragged in to help resolve Western problems.

“Leaders of the Western bloc ... are trying to extend their own crisis to the rest of the globe to portray it as global,” Ahmadinejad told a UN aid conference in the Qatar’s capital Doha.

“They dispatch different delegations to other countries and hold regional meetings and conferences in order to force other governments to get involved in this crisis to cover a part of their loss.”

The credit crunch has frozen lending markets, forced trillions in government bailouts and sent a raft of nations into recession with many others hovering on the cusp of a severe economic downturn.

The crisis has taken a heavy toll on poorer nations through trade and an inability to access credit markets.

According to World Bank estimates, 40 million people will be dragged into poverty in 2009 as a result of the global financial crisis and related economic meltdown.

The Iranian president, who often rails against the West, said the capitalist era had come to an end and said the world should adopt a new system based on “religious, spiritual and non-usury” principles.

“The capitalist bloc imposes its standards unilaterally on others,” he said. While it prices its goods by itself, it determines the prices for the commodities of other nations to secure its own interests by using deceptive economic ploys.

MNA/Reuter

## Sierra Leone Navy battles pirates

LONDON, 30 Nov — Four men have been killed after Sierra Leone’s navy acted against a pirate attack, police say.

A group of pirates from neighbouring Guinea opened fire on a Chinese fishing vessel, the Shanghai Three, police spokes-

man Ibrahim Samura told the BBC.

He said following the intervention of the navy, two pirates were shot dead and two men believed to be Guinean soldiers drowned.

A BBC reporter says pirate attacks are rare in

West Africa, outside Nigeria.

At least four alleged pirates, from Guinea and Sierra Leone, were arrested.

“The pirates boarded the vessels... and put the crew under gunpoint. We responded to a distress call from one of the vessel’s captains and a three-hour battle ensued,” Mr Samura said.

The fishing boat’s Chinese and Sierra Leonean crew was unharmed.

BBC West Africa correspondent Will Ross says there have been warnings that piracy is growing in the region and the small under-resourced navies need help to counter the threat.

The fact that West Africa is being used as a staging post for Latin American cocaine is adding to the insecurity. —Internet



Palestinian Bilal Dana, 6, receives treatment in hospital after he was allegedly attacked by Jewish settlers in the West Bank city of Hebron recently. The boy was attacked by Jewish settlers and suffered moderate head injuries near the settlement of Kiryat Arba, and was taken by ambulance by Israeli soldiers in the area, Palestinian medical sources said. —INTERNET

*Wounded Afghan soldier lies aboard a medical helicopter on his way to Jalalabad 2008. He was resting under a tree with seven fellow Afghan soldiers this week when US helicopters opened fire.*

INTERNET



## Chinese, Pakistani FMs vow to advance bilateral ties, condemn Mumbai terrorist attacks

BEIJING, 30 Nov — Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Saturday pledged joint efforts during their phone conversation to push forward bilateral ties.

During their conversation, the two foreign ministers also strongly condemned the terrorist attacks in India’s financial hub of Mumbai on Wednesday that have killed at least 195

people and injured another 295. Strongly denouncing Mumbai attacks, Qureshi said Pakistan extended deep sympathy and condolence to the victims’ families and Pakistan was willing to offer all necessary assistance to India. Yang also strongly condemned the terrorist at-

tacks, and said China was firmly against all forms of terrorism, hoping Pakistan and India could continue to strengthen cooperation, maintain the Pakistan-India peace process, and to advance bilateral ties in a healthy and steady way.

Internet

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



## Clashes along Israel-Gaza fence

JERUSALEM, 30 Nov —Israeli troops have clashed with Palestinian gunmen along Israel’s border with the Gaza Strip, the Israeli military has said.

Palestinian sources say one Palestinian was killed and four injured.

Israel says its troops identified a group of gunmen trying to place explosives on the security fence that separates between Gaza and Israel.

The officials said the gunmen had opened fire as the patrol approached, and soldiers had returned fire.

The clash comes as a five-month truce between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza is looking more and more shaky.

Clashes, an Israeli airstrike and Palestinian rocket fire broke out on 4 November. These have continued since at relatively low levels, though Israel and Hamas officials say they are committed to maintaining the truce.

Internet

## India and Pakistan simmer over Mumbai attacks

MUMBAI, 30 Nov — Indian accusations of a Pakistani link to the attacks on Mumbai that killed nearly 200 people threaten to damage attempts to improve ties between the rivals.

Indian officials have said most, perhaps all, of the 10 attackers who held Mumbai hostage with frenzied attacks using assault rifles and grenades came from Pakistan, a Muslim nation carved out of Hindu-majority India in 1947.

An official in Islamabad said the next one to two days would be crucial for relations between the nuclear-armed neighbours. Pakistan has condemned the assaults and denied any involvement by state agencies.

After a final battle between militants and security forces inside the Taj Mahal, Mumbai's best-known hotel, a crowd of protesters outside pumped their fists and shouted "Our soldiers came and Pakistan ran away."

A senior Pakistani security official said Islamabad would divert troops to its border with India and away from fighting militants on the Afghan frontier if the tension spilt over. "If something happens on that front, the war on terror won't be our priority," the official told reporters at a briefing.

"We'll take out everything from the western border. We won't leave anything there."

Elite Black Cat commandos killed the last of the gunmen on Saturday after three days of room-to-room battling inside the Taj Mahal, one of several landmarks struck in co-ordinated attacks on Wednesday night.—Internet



A view of the shattered windows at the lobby of Trident-Oberoi hotel, a day after the operations to dislodge militants ended in Mumbai on 29 November, 2008. The toll from a series of attacks in India's financial capital Mumbai has risen to at least 195 dead and 295 wounded, the local disaster control room said.—INTERNET

Models present cheongsam creations designed by Li Xiafang in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 28 Nov, 2008. Li Xiafang's cheongsam show was held at the Oriental Pearl Theatre in Shanghai on Friday. INTERNET



## Belgium's PM stresses support to Lebanon stability

BEIRUT, 30 Nov — The Prime Minister of Belgium Yevs Letherme said Saturday here in Beirut that his country supports political stability in Lebanon, local Elnashra website reported.

National dialogue should be re-launched, and the upcoming parliamentary elections (2009) should be taken place in Lebanon, stressed Letherme in a joint Press conference with his Lebanese counterpart Fouad Seniora.

Letherme said that he exchanged views with the Lebanese prime minister on the relationship between Syria and Lebanon, as well as the current situation with the state of Israel. He confirmed his country's commitment to maintain its participation in the United Nations Interim forces (UNIFIL) in south Lebanon, in order to preserve peace in the region.

He revealed that his country is also committed to developing economic cooperation with Lebanon, and that Belgian companies are interested in investing in Lebanon as well. — MNA/Xinhua

## Iran proposes gas transfer to Kuwait

TEHERAN, 30 Nov —Iran's Oil Minister Gholam-Hossein Nozari said his country had proposed to transfer 500,000 cubic feet of gas per day to Kuwait, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Saturday.

Iran and Kuwait have discussed about a deal in this regard for over four years and "Teheran has made its proposals on the issue," Nozari was quoted as saying.

Earlier in November, Iran's satellite Press TV reported about an imminent gas deal between the two neighbors and quoted Nozari as saying that "we have already discussed the issue on the sidelines of the recent OPEC meeting in Doha."

According to the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED), Iran has agreed to export gas to Kuwait via pipeline and the first phase of the deal is expected to be launched by 2011.

Iran along with Russia and Qatar have the world's largest natural gas reserves which amount to 56 percent, out of which Iran's share is 16 percent and Russia and Qatar possess 26 percent and 14 percent, respectively.

Both Russia and Qatar are major gas exporters but Iran is a net importer despite its huge reserves.

However, Iran wants to turn into a major player in the gas market and proposes to develop a formal organization akin to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).—Internet

## OPEC defers output decision to December, seeks \$75 oil price

CAIRO, 30 Nov — OPEC deferred a decision on whether to cut production again this year by two weeks to gauge the impact of previous cuts, as it seeks to push oil prices back up to \$75 a barrel.

Crude oil prices have slumped 62 percent from July's record of \$147.27 a barrel as the global recession cuts fuel demand. Ali al-Naimi, the oil minister of Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest exporter and its de facto leader, said yesterday that \$75 a barrel oil represents a "fair price" needed to support investment in new oil fields.

OPEC, the producer of more than 40 percent of the world's oil, will next meet in Oran, Algeria, on 17 Dec. In a statement after yesterday's meeting in

Cairo, the group warned that oil demand will be "much lower" than expected a month ago. Prices have continued to slide even after the group agreed on 24 Oct to cut production by 1.5 million barrels a day starting 1 Nov.

Internet

Examinees wait to enter examination rooms in Shanghai on 30 Nov, 2008. A total of 775,000 people took a nationwide exam in 38 cities of China to qualify for 13,500 posts as national civil servants on Sunday. — XINHUA





Visitors take photos of a dish during the 6th National Cooking Contest (Hubei Zone) held in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 29 Nov, 2008. More than 200 contestants took part in the contest on Saturday. — XINHUA

## China's reform and opening-up "very successful"

BERLIN, 30 Nov—China's three decades of successful reform and opening-up demonstrates that a country can enjoy sustainable development without copying Western models, said the first German vice chairman of Shanghai Volkswagen.

"Today, China attracts more attention from many newly industrializing countries, because it has demonstrated another successful development model that is different from the West," Martin Posth told Xinhua in a recent interview.

The former automaker executive first came to China in November 1984 to visit a Chinese car company in Shanghai that had signed a joint venture contract with Volkswagen.

After seeing Chinese workers hammering iron sheets in rundown workshops, Posth grew doubtful how that plant could ever produce cars. But at that time, Shanghai was the only place in China that could mass produce cars, though productivity remained stagnant.

In 1978, China decided

to develop its own car industry and began to seek foreign partners. Major carmakers like General Motors, Ford, Toyota and Volkswagen sent delegations to China for negotiations on possible joint ventures.

In the end, Volkswagen was chosen as a partner and a joint venture with China, Shanghai Volkswagen, was established in 1985.

There were great challenges ahead at the time, Posth said, but he remained confident about China's potential.—Xinhua

### Six killed in riots in S Pakistan's Karachi city

ISLAMABAD, 30 Nov — Separate incidents of violence in southern Pakistan port city of Karachi on Saturday left six persons dead and 58 others injured.

The riots started in Banaras area of the city where some unknown armed men opened fire at passing vehicles and also pelted them with stones, killing six and injuring 58 others, private TV channel Geo reported.

Unknown miscreants also set on fire seven vehicles in different parts of the city, said the report.

The injured have been shifted to Qatar Hospital in Orangi Town in Karachi for treatment. —Xinhua

### Austrian police seize five kilos of cocaine

VIENNA, 30 Nov — Austrian police seized five kilos of cocaine with an estimated street value of 1.1 million euros last week in Vienna, with four suspects arrested, a report of the police said on Saturday.

The police said that the drugs were hidden in the checked luggage to the Vienna International Airport and were found during luggage inspection. In order to arrest all drug smuggling suspects, the police followed the owner of the luggage instead of arresting him immediately.—Xinhua

### All items from Xinhua News Agency



The Russian nuclear propulsion cruiser "Peter the Great" is anchored in the La Guaira port in Vargas State of Venezuela, on 29 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA

## Obama policy key to future Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

JERUSALEM, 30 Nov — As Israel prepares for February's general election and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' term nears its end in January, US President-elect Barack Obama's involvement in the peace process will play a crucial role in directing future Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, analysts said.

While the one-year anniversary of the 2007 Annapolis peace conference passed with no conclusive agreement in sight, Israel, the United States and the Palestinians all accepted that there would not be a peace accord before US President George W Bush leaves office in January.

Conflict resolution should begin with lessons learned from the failure of Oslo pact, Menachem Klein, professor of political studies at Bar Ilan University told Xinhua, noting that it was crucial for Israel and the Palestinians to reach an agreement as early as possible and for the United States to guide the process.

"The US role would be to bring the sides to agree on the status of a final agreement ... to accept the US idea that can produce an agreement," Klein said, adding that the United States should push both sides to gather support through elections or referendum to back up the agreement.—Xinhua

## Indonesia faces with int'l terrorists threat

JAKARTA, 30 Nov — Global and regional terrorists have started to expand their threat to Indonesia, Antara news agency on Sunday quoted National Defence Forces (TNI) Chief Gen Djoko Santoso as saying.

"We have to admit that the threat of terrorism is already in Indonesia," Antara news agency quoted the military chief as saying.

The threat in the country could come in the form of physical violence and other acts such as bombing threats conveyed by telephone, he added.

"As we know, terrorist acts have happened in Mumbai, India and in Thailand.

We have detected and prevented such acts from happening in Indonesia," he said on Saturday in Blitar, East Java Province.

"At a recent Asia-Pacific Military Commanders Conference in Bali, we agreed on a common perception in the management of terrorism," he said.

"It is said in the law that one of the TNI's tasks is to overcome all forms of terrorism in Indonesia. Of course we cannot do it ourselves and therefore we will continue to coordinate with both the national and regional police," Djoko Santoso said.—Xinhua



Police protect themselves behind their shields from stones being thrown by leftist demonstrators during clashes in Ankara on 29 Nov, 2008.—XINHUA

## Four former Yugoslav countries pledge to cooperate in fight against organized crime

BELGRADE, 30 Nov — Four former Yugoslav countries on Saturday signed a joint statement in the Bosnian capital Sarajevo, pledging to intensify police cooperation in the fight against organized crime, terrorism and corruption.

Officials from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia were unanimous at the end of the two-day infor-

mal regional meeting of ministers of security and interior that it is necessary to adjust their respective national legislation to the European Union's acquis communautaire.

"The ministers agreed that they will try to apply European standards in their national legislation with the aim of improving the efficiency and facilitating their cooperation," Bosnia's Security Minis-

ter Tarik Sadovic told the press. He said that the ministers would implement the signed agreements on police cooperation and conclude new ones, strengthen cooperation in preventing money laundering, in conducting financial investigations as well as in witness protection programs and enhance their cooperation also in the fight against cyber crime. —Internet

## Italians voted best looking but bald, old are OK too

SINGAPORE, 30 Nov — Italians are considered the most handsome men in the world while men who are balding and aging do not necessarily lose their looks, according to an international survey on what makes men attractive.

A "Male Beauty" survey of nearly 10,000 men and women in 12 countries conducted by market research firm Synovate found that good hygiene was actually the top requirement for men

to being considered handsome.

The second main requirement to be considered good-looking was confidence, with nearly one fifth of all respondents saying a man must carry himself well, followed by having a "great smile."

Hair, or a lack of, seemed to have little impact with only one percent of respondents saying that a full head of hair was needed to be handsome.

Older men can also

take heart as 60 percent of respondents said a man's appearance gets better with age, with Americans, Chinese, Greeks and Malaysians agreeing with that the most.

—Internet

## Holiday sales get off to slow start

COLUMBIA (Maryland), 30 Nov — The holiday shopping season got off to a slow start as consumers, squeezed by the economic crisis, bought carefully and said they would wait for better deals closer to Christmas.

Early results from the Black Friday weekend, which kicks off holiday sales one day after US Thanksgiving, bolstered forecasts by some analysts that total holiday sales could contract for the

first time since that data started being collected in the early 1990s.

ShopperTrak, which measures customer traffic, said on Saturday that Black Friday sales rose 3 percent to \$10.6 billion. That was slower than an 8.3 percent rise in 2007.

"The initial response by many people may be positive," said Telsey Advisory Group analyst Joseph Feldman of the increase.—Internet



A woman shops at a Walmart store on "Black Friday" in Oakland, California, on 28 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

## Indian official says terrorists wanted to kill 5,000

MUMBAI, 30 Nov — An Indian official said the coordinated terrorist attacks that killed at least 183 people in nine sites across Mumbai this week could have been much worse.

"We found bullets with them, hand grenades, bombs," RR Patil, deputy chief minister of Maharashtra state, said at a news conference. "Based on our investigation, we believe they had planned to kill 5,000 people."

Indian authorities also were investigating whether some of the attackers may have gotten away, blending into Mumbai's 18 million residents.—Internet

## US cops recover Hitler bookmark stolen in Spain

US police recovered a stolen bookmark once reportedly given to Adolf Hitler by his mistress Eva Braun and arrested a man in a sting operation, authorities said on Wednesday.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said officers arrested Christian Popescu, 37, outside a coffee shop in Bellevue, Washington, he allegedly attempt-

ed to sell the 18-carat gold bookmark to undercover agents.

The bookmark was reportedly given as a present to Hitler by his long-term mistress in 1943 to console the German dictator after the German defeat at the hands of Soviet troops in the Battle of Stalingrad, ICE said in a news release.

It was among several items that had been due to be sold off by an

auction house in Madrid, Spain, in October 2002, which were stolen by thieves.

Popescu made an initial appearance in court on Wednesday, charged with sale or receipt of stolen goods. He faces up to ten years in jail and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.



This photo, provided by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shows a stolen 18-carat gold bookmark, alleged to belong to Adolf Hitler, circa 1943, that was seized by ICE agents in Seattle, Wash. Federal prosecutors said the bookmark, reportedly given to Hitler by his long-time mistress, Eva Braun, was among several items taken in an auction-house heist in Madrid six years ago.



Models pose with a 'Bugatti' during a press presentation prior to the Essen Motor Show in Essen. About 550 exhibitors from 19 countries will present their latest developments at the Essen trade fair.

## Man accused of stealing teachers' Frozen lunches

A man was accused of breaking into a Dayton preschool and making off with the teachers' frozen lunch entrees. Police said an officer who responded to a burglar alarm at a Miami Valley Child Development location last Saturday noticed a 51-year-old man walking away from the building.

The officer reported the suspect was carrying a blue bag around his neck that contained screwdrivers, cutting pliers, a flashlight and several microwave dinners.

Other officers arrived at the school and found a screen had been cut, a window near the teacher's lounge was open, and the lounge freezer had been looted.

Workers build a 45-metre-high Christmas tree in Mexico city, capital of Mexico.



## Full-size cardboard figure causes NJ bank standoff

A standoff at a New Jersey bank is over after police learned a "person" seen inside was actually a full-size cardboard figure.

Officers went to the PNC Bank in Montgomery Township on Thursday night after an alarm went off. They saw what they thought was at least one person through the windows of the bank, which had its blinds drawn.

The area was sealed off and three nearby apartment buildings were evacuated as a precaution. Meanwhile, authorities used bullhorns and made telephone calls in a bid to make contact with whoever might be in the bank.

After repeatedly failing to get a response, a SWAT team entered the building and discovered the cardboard figure.

It was not immediately clear what set off the bank alarm.

NEWSALBUM

# Pontoons serving interest of local people

Article: Maung Tin Hlaing (Hotels & Tourism)

In line with the instructions of the State, the Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport is converting the barges without engines into pontoons for speeding up the production momentum for development of the nation and ensuring smooth and speedy flow of commodities.

A barge without engine was transported by Vessel *Bandoola* from Yangon to Kanbet Village along 158-mile Yangon-Maubin-Shwelaung-Kyon-mange-Kakayan-Kanbet-Bitwet-Labutta route. I had the opportunity to accompany Chief Navigation Officer U Thein Myint

Township and remaining branches in other States and Divisions. Indeed, the IWT is serving the interest of the State and the local people in the transport sector.

As necessary, the IWT has been converting the vessels installed with engines into the cargo barges, the cargo barges into the passenger ships in addition to major conversion from the watercraft without engines into the transport vessels.

Pontoons are being used as jetties at the ports of IWT branches. Moreover, the department launched new routes of vessels and built the ports at suitable villages.



TaKha 13 type pontoon seen with Vessel *Bandoola* in Kanbet Village.

department could make arrangements for berthing of watercraft at villages and townships for serving the interest of the people.

line from Yangon to Bhamo was commissioned on 24 June 2006. Furthermore, the IWT permitted the use of a TaKha (13) type pontoon that measures 82 feet x 20 feet x 6 feet and 10 inches at Kanbet Village of Labutta Township in Ayeyawady Division on 20 October 2008.

Kanbet Village is 158 nautical miles from Yangon, and it is located on the bank of Pyanmalok River, 13 miles northeast of Labutta District, Ayeyawady Division. The village is enjoying development of health,

economic, education and social sectors. A total of 95 villages of 12 village-tracts in Kanbet region is home to 61,533 people.

Local people depend on livestock farms and fishing farms as the main businesses. Local farmers can boost production of paddy. The people have easy access to other villages by boat because watercrafts of the IWT regularly berth at the village. Thanks to concerted efforts of the village-elders, Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Soe Lwin, local villagers and departmental

personnel, the rural road, the bridge leading to the jetty and the drinking water lake were built in Kanbet Village-tract. Moreover, arrangements were made to run 20-HP engine-installed watercrafts for smooth transportation and successfully build a concrete jetty for the large vessels. Thanks to efforts of the IWT, a pontoon could be put to use at Kanbet Village in the interest of the local people and the department.

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TaKha 13 type pontoon tugging at Vessel *Bandoola*.

and staff to observe the transport of the barge.

The Inland Water Transport is one of the economic organizations: five departments, five economic organizations, a university and an institute totalling 12 set up by the Ministry of Transport of the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

Freight Transport Division is opened in Botahtaung Township, Delta Division in Seikkan

Thanks to ardent efforts of the IWT, the local people of Kakayan Village enjoy the services of transport facility because vessels under the IWT can berth at the jetty of the village as from 3-9-1982.

Time and again, IWT has been discharging additional duties assigned by the government as necessary while carrying out its original duty for transportation of passengers and freights without fail. The

In accord with the aim of the ministry: "Economic progress through transportation", the ship master, the engine room in-charge and sailors made concerted efforts for rehabilitation of the regions of Ayeyawady Division hit by the storm.

The IWT launched the freight speed vessel lines plying Yangon-Labutta route and Yangon-Bogale runs on 12 June 2006. Moreover, one more speed vessel



TaKha 13 type pontoon anchored in the river at Kanbet Village.

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends...

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Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, members of the organizing committee and golfers.

Before the ceremony, vocalists entertained those present with variety songs to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan modern music

troupe.

First, Chairman of the Organizing Committee Minister U Aung Thaung explained the purpose of holding the tournament.

On behalf of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo presented the SPDC Chairman's Trophies to the leader of the Ministry of Defence team that stood first in both team (handicap) and (scratch) events of the tournament.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence gave away the second prize to Ministry of Home Affairs team and the third prize to Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs team in the team (handicap) event.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence also awarded the second prize to Ministry of PBANRDA team and the third prize to Ministry of Home Affairs team in the team (scratch) event.

Minister U Aung Thaung presented best loser awards to the respective teams in the team handicap and scratch events, most birdie, most par, longest drive and nearest pin awards to the respective winners.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence presented first, second and third prizes to the win-

ners in the individual handicap event; Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, first, second and third prizes to the winners in the individual scratch event; and Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, U Soe Tha, Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Brig-Gen Lun Thi, best score awards to the winners.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin gave away prizes to the winners from 4th position to 13th position in the individual handicap event; and Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor and Minister Col Thein Nyunt, the winners

from 14th position to 20th position in the individual handicap event.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party posed for documentary photo together with players of the Ministry of Defence team.

In the golf tournament, Ministry of Defence stood first with 658 strokes in the team handicap event, Ministry of Home Affairs, second with 674, Ministry of PBANRDA, third with 690.

In the team scratch event, Ministry of Defence secured the first prize with 828 strokes, Ministry of PBANRDA, second prize with 844 and Ministry of Home Affairs, third prize

with 848.

In the individual handicap event, Captain Aung Naing Win of the Ministry of Defence bagged the first prize with 125 strokes, Police Captain Tun Tun Wai of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the second prize with 128 and U Ye Htut of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, the third prize with 128.

In the individual scratch event, Captain Aung Naing Win of the Ministry of Defence won the first prize with 161 strokes, U Htan Eik of the Ministry of Sports, the second prize with 161 and U Tun Lwin of Ministry of Forestry, the third prize with 162.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein participates in the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents championship trophy to leader of Ministry of Defence's team.—MNA

## New train schedules come into effect beginning 1 Dec

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov — Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation announced new train schedules for railroad sections for the convenience of the travelling public. The new schedules for railroad sections will come into effect beginning 1 December 2008.

No. 7 Up-train leaves Yangon Railways Station at 11.00 a.m. and arrives at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana at 7.45 p.m. The train stops at Bago and Toungoo stations for three minutes. No. 29 Up-train leaves Yangon Railways Station at 12.15 p.m. and arrives in Mandalay at 4 a.m. the following day. It stops over at Bago, Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Thazi stations. No. 9 Up-train leaves Yangon Railways Station at 8.30 a.m. and reaches

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana at 9.30 p.m. No. 25 Up-train leaves Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana station at 9.30 p.m. and arrives in Mandalay at 5.30 a.m. the following day. No. 1 Up-train leaves Yangon Railways Station as usual and reaches Mandalay at 6.10 a.m. the following day. No. 10 Down-train leaves Pyinmana station at 4.30 a.m. and arrives in Yangon at 5.45 p.m.

New Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad section will be opened on 30 November. Trains will run on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Shwenyaung-Loikaw Railroad section. No. 147 Up-train leaves Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana station at 10.30 p.m. and reaches Loikaw at 8.15 p.m. the following day. No. 140 Up-train leaves

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana station at 11 p.m. and arrives at Shwenyaung station at 1.35 p.m. the following day. No. 142 Down-train leaves Shwenyaung at 11.30 a.m. and arrives at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana station at 3 a.m. the following day. No. 148 Down-train leaves Loikaw at 5.45 a.m. and arrives at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana station at 3.30 a.m. the following day. No. 143 Up-train leaves Thazi station at 5 a.m. and arrives at Yaksawk station at 7.15 p.m. No. 144 Down-train leaves Yaksawk station at 5.30 a.m. and arrives at Thazi station at 8.45 p.m.

The schedules will also be posted at the respective stations in states and divisions.—MNA

## Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Badminton Tournament opened

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov — The opening ceremony of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Badminton Tournament was held at the stadium of North West Command in Sagaing on 26 November.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe delivered an address on the occasion.

The commander and wife watched men's individual events. Next, the commander inspected paddy plantations along both sides of Monywa-Shwebo motor road and paddy harvesting of farmer U Kyaw Naing Htay at Kyeekan (South) Village in Wetlet Township. At Kyeekan (North) Village, the commander inspected pumping with paddy-husk-fired engine of Agriculture Mechanization Department, and ploughing to grow groundnut at the farm of farmer U Than Cho.—MNA

## Volume 5, No. 23 of Dokyeywa Journal in circulation

YANGON, 30 Nov — Volume 5, No. 23 of Dokyeywa Journal was in circulation on 1 December.

The journal carries a wide array of informative and entertaining works including articles on agriculture, livestock breeding and health, short stories, articles on U Soe Pyaing Library, Parahita School in Hsinchan Village, Kawhmu Township, Somali pirates, model Htoma Village enjoying economic development

plus cartoons, poems, Myanmar video plays and brief news.

The journal is available at the offices of Information and Public Relations Department of various townships and book houses in Yangon at the rate of K 200 per copy.

For manuscripts and advertisements, contact No. 228, Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Tel 371340 or 371342)—MNA





**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence addresses coordination meeting on production of 100 baskets of summer paddy per acre.—MNA**

## Officials target summer paddy per acre...

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water for farm lands and electricity for water pumps and construction of canals.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin briefed on arrangements for hiring farm equipment at reasonable prices.

Departmental officials and responsible personnel of

Yangon Division Agricultural coordination group reported on efforts to meet the target and measures taken by the departments concerned.

Zone-1 in-charge Chairman of Dagon International Co.Ltd U Win Aung and Zone-2 in-charge Chairman of Shwe Nagar Min Co.Ltd U Win Myint reported on stockpiling of farm implements, completion of cultiva-

tion of summer paddy.

The entrepreneurs reported on implementation of the tasks.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on start of cultivation of summer paddy, construction of roads and canals, cultivation of high yield paddy and less expenditure.

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## Priority being given to secure and smooth...

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economic development, will national economy develop. And only then, efforts for national development will be fruitful. The Head of State has given guidance, saying that only when there is better transport, will economic, social and administrative sectors of a region develop, and that for development of a region there requires better transport in the region.

In line with the guidance, steps have been taken for regional development in Mandalay Division. As a result, people of Mandalay Division are now enjoying the fruitful results of development in agriculture, education, health, fish and meat, forest, communication, electric power, technological, information and transport sectors as well as in border areas.

Realizing the goodwill of the State, local people in Mandalay Division are urged to actively take part in regional development tasks by doing their bit for development of their regions. In the past, people from Shan State (south) and Kayah State had to spend much energy and cost on transport of goods to Yangon by train as they had to use Thazi Station as transit.

At present, with the emergence of the new Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Railroad, people from Shan State (south) and Kayah State will be able to directly transport local products to Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, and they are not necessary to use Thazi Station as transit.

Rail transportation is a reliable public transport capable of transporting passengers and goods in large volume

in a short time and of saving time and money. This being the case, the government built a network of railroads in different regions, and there have now emerged a large number of railroads in the states and divisions.

It is safe to say that the newly opened Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Railroad linking Mandalay Division and Shan State (South) and Kayah State will contribute to secure and smooth transport to certain extent, he said and thanked staff members of Myanmar Railways who made relentless efforts for completion of the new railroad in a period of one year and ten months.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min delivered a speech. He said while the State Peace and Development Council is striving in all aspects for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the Ministry of Rail Transportation is also doing its bit to improve the public transport sector as well as the rail transport sector. He quoted the guidance of the Head of State as saying that there are main requirements in national-building tasks and out of them, smooth and secure transport is a very important factor. Not only politics and economy but also transport plays an important role in the development of the State. Only when transport is smooth and secure, will the economic and social affairs of the State improve. So, the minister noted, as guided by the Head of State, the transport sector plays a very important part in nation-building tasks.

Thanks to the opening of Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad section, one can travel direct from Pyawbwe to

Phayangazu without a necessity to go through Thazi. So it can save about half of travelling time, to be exact, about 15.56 miles. Along the railroad section are 34 bridges including three bridges with 100 feet and above in length, three stations and one level crossing. Construction of the railroad started on 15 January 2007 and lasted one year and 10 months.

The minister went on to say that in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is taking measures such as upgrading railroads, improving the road transport, building more railroads for regional development, domestically assembling railway carriages and coaches at a low cost and providing services for the convenience of the passengers.

Today, Nay Pyi Taw is developing day by day. For ensuring smooth and secure transport in Nay Pyi Taw and states and divisions, the ministry has extended railway routes such as Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan and Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine. As Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad has been opened, Nay Pyi Taw-Shwenyauang and Nay Pyi Taw-Loikaw routes will be opened.

Before 1988, there were 1,976.35 miles of railroads. In the time of the Tatmadaw government there are 3,203.05 miles of railroads including the present one. There were 478 stations and 5,650 bridges before 1988 and there are now 815 stations and 10,232 bridges.

He said 322-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, 95-mile Katha-Bhamo railroad, 198-mile Namhsan-Kengtung railroad, 132-mile Dawei-Myeik railroad and 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad are under construction.

The State Peace and Development Council is making efforts for national development in all sectors. The Ministry of Rail Transportation will discharge its duties for ensuring the transport sector upholding the interest of the nation and the people.

Next, U Tin Soe of Pyawbwe Township expressed thanks for construction of the railroad. The commander and the minister formally opened the new railroad.

Next, the commander, the minister and Deputy Minister U Pe Than sprinkled scented water on the special train. They got on the train and presented gifts to the passengers on board. The special train arrived at Phayangazu station and they were welcomed by local people.

Construction of the 16.19-mile new railroad started on 15 January 2007. The railroad includes 34 bridges, three stations and one level crossing.

The previous Pyawbwe-Thazi-Phayangazu railroad is 31.75 miles long. The new road saves 15.56 miles. In the past, passengers bound for Nay Pyi Taw changed the train at Thazi. Now they can go to Nay Pyi Taw from Shwenyauang and Loikaw in a short time. The new railroad makes easier and better transport for local people in Shwenyauang, Namhsan and Monai in Shan State (South) and Loikaw in Kayah State.—MNA



**Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min cut the ribbon to open Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad.—MNA**

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“Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.”

“Scaling up- prevention, treatment and care”

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### Merits shared for construction of two-storey building

YANGON, 30 Nov—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence yesterday morning attended the ceremony to share merits gained for construction of Thu-

dhamma Manijotadhara two-storey building in the precinct of Thadu Pariyatti Monastery in Kyimyindine Township.

The building, 80 feet long and 25 feet wide, was

built with over K135 million donated by Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Ar Wah (a) U Tun Win-Daw San San Maw and family (Sanpya Gold Fish Co Ltd).—MNA

### Monsoon paddy brings over 80 baskets per acre in Sagaing Div

YANGON, 30 Nov — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe fulfilled the need of local farmers in Zeedaw village, Shwebo Township on 26 November. He viewed

paddy harvesting in 3-acre monsoon paddy plantation of a local farmer in the village. In Shwebo District, 812,411 acres of monsoon paddy have been cultivated in 2008-2009. So far, 220,851 acres have been reaped and the average per acre yield is 88.01 baskets.

In 2008-2009, 1815424 acres have been put under cultivation of monsoon paddy in Sagaing Division. Of them, 469673 acres have been harvested and the average of per acre yield is 84.02 baskets.

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### Minister inspects industrial zone

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein yesterday morning inspected the completion of earthworks and laying for cornerstone for construction of Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly & Component Parts factory near Magway.

He instructed officials to strive for completion of the project in June 2009.

At No. (2) Agricultural Machinery Industries in Malun, the minister looked into assembling of 80-horsepower tractors and three-wheel rollers, and production of parts including gearboxes and fuel injections.

The minister spoke of the need to ensure customer satisfactory, to produce a large number of quality goods and to conduct research and introduce innovative means for improving quality of products. —MNA

### Tatmadaw football matches

YANGON, 30 Nov — The first round matches of the 47th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Football Tournament continued at the designated zones yesterday.

In Group-A (South-East Command Zone), Mawlamyine, Nay Pyi Taw Command team and South-West Command team drew 0-0, in group-B (South West Command Zone), Patheingyi, No.22 LID and No.55 LID ended in 1-1 draw, in group-C (North-West Command Zone), Monywa, No.88 LID beat No.77 LID 1-0, in group-D (Central Command Zone), Mandalay, South-East Command-A scraped past Western Command-C 1-0, in group-E (Southern Command Zone), Taungtha, No.66 LID beat No.44 LID 4-0 and Coastal Region Command drubbed No.101 LID 6-0.

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives FAO Resident Representative Mr Shin Imai and Mr Christopher Baker, leader of group to formulate environment conservation and food sustainability programme.

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### A&I Minister receives FAO Resident Representative

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Resident Representative of FAO Mr Shin Imai and Mr Christopher Baker, leader of group for formulating environment conservation and food sustainability programme at the Irrigation Department here on 29 November. At the meeting, they discussed matters on cooperation in boosting of paddy cultivation.—MNA

### Office Job Refresher Course No. 1/2008 opened

YANGON, 30 Nov— Minister for Electric Power No. (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning attended opening of the Office Job Refresher Course No. 1/2008 held at the meeting hall of the Yangon City Electricity Supply Board and made a speech on the occasion.

The one-week course is being attended by 46 government employees from districts and townships.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint viewed CT meters to be used in gauging the power consumption at factories and sub-power stations and CT coils.

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Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects No. (2) Agricultural Machinery Industries in Malun.—INDUSTRY-2





*The mechanical design of Philips Research's intelligent pill (iPill) in the form of an 11 x 26 mm capsule is seen in this undated handout illustration. Dutch group Philips has developed an "intelligent pill" that contains a microprocessor, battery, wireless radio, pump and a drug reservoir to release medication in a specific area in the body. —INTERNET*

## UN urges climate cash boost for poorest

LONDON, 30 Nov — The United Nations and aid groups are pushing for an urgent increase in international funding to help the world's poorest countries cope with climate change, even as the global credit crunch strains rich nations' budgets. Aid experts say tens of billions of dollars are needed to prepare for more extreme weather and other effects of global warming like rising seas. The issue will be on the agenda at 190-nation climate talks starting on Monday in Poznan, Poland.

"The need for real progress on tackling climate change has never been more urgent," said Yvo de Boer, the UN's top climate change official, in a statement ahead of the meeting. "The effects of climate change that science has identified are already weighing upon those most vulnerable, and who await the financial and technological resources they need to deal with these impacts."

UN Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes told *Reuters* governments should put more emphasis on adaptation to climate change in international negotiations, which focused mainly on cutting greenhouse gas emissions until a year ago. "We're seeing the effects (of climate change) already in terms of more disasters and more intense disasters: more floods, more hurricanes, more droughts... We need to be dealing with that now and not just in the future," he said. —MNA/Reuters



*A child flies a kite with a red ribbon during a World AIDS Day event at the Olympic Green in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Nov, 2008. UNAIDS and China Red Cross on Sunday jointly organized an event "One Goal One Dream - of a world without Stigma", in commemoration of the World AIDS Day 2008 which falls on 1 December. —INTERNET*

## 153 students sick in N-E China after eating at school cafeteria

CHANGCHUN, 30 Nov — More than 150 students became sick after eating in a school dining hall in northeast China's Jilin Province, local authorities said on Saturday.

The victims, from the No. 3 Experimental Primary School in Changyi District in the provincial capital of Changchun, began vomiting and had diarrhoea after eating lunch on Thursday.

According to a city government spokesman, the children ate rice, cake, and boiled Chinese cabbage with green bean noodles. They also drank soybean.

Investigators from the health department suspected food poisoning. They are awaiting the results of tests done on the food.

Altogether, 153 students went to see doctors. Among them, eight showed no abnormal symptoms and have been discharged, 105 are being treated as outpatients and 40 others are still in the hospital. —MNA/Xinhua



*Photo taken on 30 Nov, 2008 shows an examination room in Beijing No. 1 Middle School in Beijing. A total of 775,000 people took a nationwide exam in 38 cities of China to qualify for 13,500 posts as national civil servants on Sunday. —INTERNET*

## China reports 264,000 HIV carriers, "AIDS" patients

BEIJING, 30 Nov — A total of 44,839 HIV carriers and AIDS patients were found in China and 6,897 others died of the disease in the first nine months this year, the Ministry of Health said on Sunday.

The ministry said 264,302 people in China were reported to have contracted HIV, including 77,753 AIDS patients, by the end of September 2008. —MNA/Xinhua



## Oman's oil production up 6.5% in first nine months

ABU DHABI, 30 Nov — Oman's total production of crude oil and condensates hit 205.5 million barrels during the first nine months of 2008, up 6.5 per cent over 193.41 million barrels in the corresponding period

of last year, the *Oman Daily Observer* reported on Saturday.

The average daily production stood at 750,000 barrels by the end of September 2008, representing a growth of 6.1 per cent compared with

707,001 barrels in the 2007 period, the report quoted the latest monthly statistical bulletin by the National Economy Ministry as saying.

The average price of Oman oil stood at 103.87 US dollars per barrel during the first nine months of 2008, up 66.2 per cent compared with 62.50 dollars per barrel in the same period of 2007.

*Volunteers form a red ribbon during a World AIDS Day event at the Olympic Green next to the Bird Nest in Beijing, capital of China on 30 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET*

MNA/Xinhua

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## Germany plans lab tests for airport

BERLIN, 30 Nov — Germany will begin laboratory tests in the next few weeks on full-body airport screening devices to see if they can produce images that do not show passengers naked, the Interior Ministry said on Saturday.

Earlier this month, the European Commission shelved plans to introduce the security check, dubbed a “naked scanner” by German critics, but said it still aimed to use body scanners in future.

Germany last month described the EU scanner plan as “nonsense,” and an Interior Ministry spokesman said tests would attempt to show whether images of concealed explosives or ceramic knives could be generated without also showing passengers naked.

The Netherlands already uses the high-tech machines.—Internet

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (313)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (313) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.12.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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An Italian truffle weighing just over 1 kilo is seen on the monitor from the Grand Lisboa hotel casino in Macau as three operators receive offers during an international auction held in London, Abu Dhabi, Macau and Rome on 29 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

## Truffle fetches 130,000 pounds at auction

ROME, 30 Nov — Defying the economic downturn, an Italian white truffle weighing just over 1 kg (2.2 lb) sold at an international auction on Saturday for \$200,000 (130,000 pounds).

The prized tuber went for the second year running to Hong Kong-born

casino mogul Stanley Ho after an auction held simultaneously in Rome, London, Abu Dhabi and Macau, auction organisers said.

Last December, Ho bought a 1.5kg specimen — one of the biggest truffles unearthed in half a century — for a record \$330,000.

The 1.08kg truffle — the biggest found in Italy this year — was flown first class to Macau, with an Italian chef accompanying it, for Saturday’s auction after it was picked on 21 November in the central Molise region.

Truffles can vary considerably in size and are

prized in Italian cooking for their flavour and aroma.

Output of white truffles — which are not cultivated and only grow naturally in forests — has fallen in Italy over the past few years, largely because climate change has brought a damaging mix of drought and torrential rains.

Scarce supply has pushed prices for normal-sized truffles above 4,000 euros (3,307 pounds) for one kg and Italian restaurants have kept purchases to a minimum, although demand from foreign restaurants has remained stable, truffle associations say.—Internet

Photo taken last week shows a Christmas decoration on the Guanqian street of Suzhou city, east China’s Jiangsu Province.—XINHUA

## Rare fragment of early copy of Gospel goes on sale

LONDON, 30 Nov — An unusually large fragment from possibly the oldest copy of part of the Gospel of John will go on sale next month, when the torn piece of papyrus with Greek writing is expected to fetch up to 300,000 pounds (\$460,000).

The fragment is believed to date to 200 AD, less than 170 years after the crucifixion of Christ, when Christianity was still illegal and around 100 years after experts believe the original Gospel was first written. “This is either the first or the second oldest copy of this part of the text of the Gospel of John,” Sotheby’s specialist Timothy Bolton told Reuters as he held the document displayed between two sheets of clear plastic.

“It is one of the finest and most celebrated of Gospel fragments, as there are very few pieces of this spectacular quality.” The appearance of page number 74 in one corner shows the leaf came from a relatively large volume of the whole Gospel, he explained, and adds to the rarity of the piece.

The fragment was discovered in 1922 by British archaeologists Bernard

Grenfell and Arthur Hunt at the site of the important early Christian community at Oxyrhynchus, about 120 miles from Cairo. It is believed to have been written in Alexandria.—Internet



A fragment from a copy of the Gospel of John, circa 200AD, is displayed at Sotheby’s auctioneers in London, on 28 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

## Spanish film wins top prize of Cairo film festival

CAIRO, 30 Nov — A Spanish film has won the Golden Pyramid in the 32nd Cairo International Film Festival (CIFF) that ended on Friday.

During the closing ceremony of the film festival held on Friday evening in Cairo Opera House, the jury announced that “Return to Hansala” won the prize for the best film. The film directed by Chus Giutierrez is a story of a Moroccan woman, who loses her brother in an illegal immigration attempt to Spain and must return his body to their homeland.

The film “bridges two continents in a deeply sympathetic study of multiracial understanding,” said the jury. The Belgian film “Cut Loose” grabbed the Silver Pyramid prize.

The prize for the best director went to Pernille Fischer Christen from Denmark for his film “dancers”.

Juan Diego Botto got the prize for the best actor and the prize for the best actress was awarded to Yolande Moreau. According to the organizing committee, 46 films out of some 150 movies from 59 countries and regions, including 22 movies from nine Arab states, took part in the competition of the event. —Internet

## Tap local expertise to fight global epidemic of AIDS

BEIJING, 30 Nov — Jihuoheigare has expanded his authority as a degu, an ancient profession of folk mediator in his ethnic Yi community in southwest China, to a new role in the local combat against the modern demon of AIDS: admonishing drug takers to drop the addiction.

Taking a traditional post revered by local people as knowledgeable and candid, the man in his 60s would use clan dispute arbitration as a platform to alert people to the threat of HIV, a virus that is taking its toll on locals in Liangshan, Sichuan Province.

A juncture of Sichuan and Yunnan, a province adjacent to the drug source of the Golden Triangle in Southeast Asia, the mountainous abode to more than two million ethnic Yi people unfortunately falls into a victim of heroin, and the Yi communities have to face greater risks of HIV infections because of popular needle sharing among drug users.

Since finding its first HIV carrier in 1995, Liangshan, with a population of 4.3 million, has reported more than 6,000 infection cases, among which over 90 percent are Yi people.

Internet



An overview shows Germany's oldest Christkindlesmarkt (Christ Child Market) in Nuremberg, on 28 Nov, 2008. The first official record of this pre-Christmas market dates back to 1628. A list of notices for stall holders from 1737 shows that almost all of Nuremberg's craftsmen were represented. —INTERNET

## Canadian scientists find fragments of 10-ton space rock

OTTAWA, 30 Nov— Canadian scientists said on Friday they have found fragments from the 10-ton space rock that fell in western Canada last week.

The bright, colorful rock caused a late-night light show as it fell near the Alberta-Saskatchewan border.

Thousands of local residents witnessed the scene and videos and cameras recorded it. Planetary scientist Alan Hildebrand and graduate student Ellen Milley from University of Alberta said they found meteorite fragments in a rural area

near the border town of Lloydminster, Alberta, late Thursday.

They are currently searching the area to collect additional fragments, which they believe are strewn across a 20-square-kilometre area.

They reportedly found the 10 fragments on a frozen pond, the biggest being a fist-sized meteorite. They believe there may be thousands of fragments on the ground.

Canada's largest meteorite shower took place in Alberta, when more than 700 fragments were recovered in 1960.

Internet

## NASA closely monitoring weather for space shuttle's Sunday landing

WASHINGTON, 30 Nov — As the crew of US space shuttle Endeavor prepare for landing, NASA mission managers are closely monitoring a cold front that could affect Sunday's entry and landing at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

Forecasters are predicting the front could bring rain, possible thunderstorms and crosswinds that would violate the shuttle's

flight rules into the Florida spaceport area, according to updates posted on Saturday night at NASA's official website.

The two landing opportunities at Kennedy Space Center are at 1:19 pm and 2:54 pm EST on Sunday (1819 and 1954 GMT). Should mission managers wave off landing in Florida, there are two chances at Edwards Air Force Base in California

at 4:25 pm and 6:00 pm EST. The California forecast is favorable.

NASA's ground control center on Saturday declared the shuttle's heat shield healthy and safe for entry and landing. The report followed a review of imagery obtained by the Orbiter Boom Sensor System on Friday after Endeavor undocked from the International Space Station. —Internet

## India minister wants all school kids to learn yoga

CHENNAI (India), 30 Nov — India's Health Minister on Saturday said he wants to push all school-going children to learn yoga, in the hope that it can reduce the prevalence of diseases such as diabetes and hypertension in years to come. Last week, Malaysia's National Fatwa Council, comprising Islamic scholars, sparked widespread protests when it told Muslims to avoid yoga because it uses Hindu prayers that could erode Muslims' faith.

"There should be extensive scientific deliberations on yoga. And today I blatantly put that yoga reduces diabetes, yoga reduces hypertension, yoga reduces

stress," Anbumani Ramadoss told a regional diabetes summit in Chennai in southern India. "I am going to make yoga mandatory for all school-going children in India (from) the coming year." The Malaysian Islamic scholars' decision drew a sharp rebuke from many Muslims and saw Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi move to contain the damage, telling national news agency *Bernama* that Muslims could carry on doing yoga but minus the chanting. Adult-onset diabetes has been linked to risk factors like aging, an inactive lifestyle, unhealthy diets, smoking, alcohol and obesity. —MNA/Reuters

## Improper microwaving blamed for salmonella outbreak in US

LOS ANGELES, 30 Nov — A salmonella outbreak in many US states last year was caused by improperly cooked microwaveable pot pies, the website HealthDay News reported, citing a report by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Investigators said frozen, not-ready-to-eat microwaveable pot pies was a source of the salmonella infections, which involved 401 cases in 41 states, said the report published in the latest issue of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

A further review determined that 77 percent of those sickened after eating the pies had cooked them

in microwave ovens, and consumer confusion about microwaving instructions might have led to improper cooking of the pies, the report said.

According to the report,

some of these products contain raw ingredients that require not only warming, but full cooking, which cannot be provided by microwave ovens. — Internet

## US researchers closer to creating new solar cells

LOS ANGELES, 30 Nov — US researchers have taken one step closer to creating high-efficiency solar cells using cheap plastic with a dash of sili-

con, it was announced on Saturday. The solar cells, being developed by researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), have significantly greater sunlight absorption and conversation than previous polymers, the university said in a press release on its website. The researchers want these easy-to-use plastic solar energy cells

to be sold at local hardware stores, and then hung like posters on the wall, said the release.

"We hope that solar cells will one day be as thin as paper and be attached to the surface of your choice," said co-author Hsiang-Yu Chen, a UCLA graduate student in engineering. "We'll also be able to create different colors to match different applications." The research team found that substituting a silicon atom for carbon atom in the backbone of the plastic markedly improved the material's photovoltaic properties, said the release. — Internet



The acrobats perform on the stage during the awarding ceremony of the 7th National Acrobatic Contest held in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, on 28 Nov, 2008.

XINHUA

# SPORTS



Aston Villa's James Milner (top) shoots at the Fulham goal during their English Premier League match at Villa Park in Birmingham, on 29 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

## Juve sink Reggina 4-0, Lecce draw at Catania

ROME, 30 Nov — Juventus clinched a stylish 4-0 win over lowly Reggina on Saturday when Lecce drew with Catania 1-1 in the Italian Serie A.

Mauro Camoranesi tucked away Pavel Nedved's pull-back for his first domestic goal of the season on 28 minutes. Pinto Santos struck the crossbar for Juve but it was La Vecchia Signora who doubled their lead moments before half time.

Juve, beaten 1-0 at Inter last weekend, made it three when defender Giorgio Chiellini glanced in Marco Marchionni's free kick just past the hour.

Del Piero netted his 250th Juve goal with a penalty after a dubious foul on Sebastian Giovinco on 74 minutes. Now Juve are three points adrift of Inter in second while Reggina were left in the drop zone third from bottom. —Xinhua

## Bolton on rise after rout of Sunderland

LONDON, 30 Nov — Bolton Wanderers illuminated a dull day in the Premier League on Saturday with a 4-1 victory at Sunderland that lifted them to seventh in the standings.

Djibril Cisse gave Sunderland an early lead but Bolton, hot tips for relegation a few games ago, hit back in style with Sweden striker Johan Elmander scoring twice to leave Sunderland in the bottom three.

Fourth-placed Aston Villa failed to take advantage of the three sides above them not being in action, drawing 0-0 at home to Fulham when victory would have taken them above champions Manchester United.

Hull City remained sixth after drawing 1-1 at Stoke City, Ricardo Fuller's penalty earning Stoke a point after Marlon King had given the visitors a glimpse of a fifth away league victory.

Newcastle United edged out of the relegation zone thanks to a 0-0 draw at north east rivals Middlesbrough while bottom club West Bromwich Albion lost 2-1 at Wigan Athletic and remain four points adrift of fourth-bottom Newcastle.

Internet



Kevin Davies (R) and Gary Cahill (L) of Bolton fight for the ball with Craig Gordon (C) of Sunderland, on 29 Nov, 2008. INTERNET

## Ethiopian, Russian runners seize record-breaking wins in Shanghai marathon

SHANGHAI, 30 Nov — Ethiopian Gashaw Asfaw lifted the Shanghai International Marathon title in a record-breaking time here on Sunday. Asfaw, finishing seventh in the Beijing Olympic Games, clocked a winning time of two hours 9 minutes 28 seconds, shaving about

three and a half minutes off the former mark.

Russian Irina Timofeeva, also a seventh place finisher in Beijing, clinched the women's title in 2:26:19, beating the previous best of 2:29:28. Kenyan Michael Kimani and his fellow countryman Joshua Chelanga finished

second and third respectively while Chinese Wei Yanan and Weijie bagged the women's silver and bronze. —Internet

## Barca extend lead with 3-0 win over Sevilla

MADRID, 30 Nov — Barcelona extended their lead in the Spanish Primera Liga with a 3-0 win at Sevilla on Saturday.

Trailing Barca by three points at the start of the play on Saturday, Real Madrid found themselves further left behind following a 3-1 loss to city rivals Getafe.

An on-form Samuel Eto'o opening scoring for the visiting Barca in the 20th minute.

Lionel Messi added a second 12 minutes from time when he latched on to a defensive header forward.

Sevilla's misery was doubled when Luis Fabiano received marching order on 86 minutes for tangling with Sergio Busquets before Messi sealed the victory in stoppage time.

Real Madrid went off to a bad start when only three minutes in Jaime Gavilan crossed for Juan Albin to head past Iker Casillas. The visitors saw their evening worsened two minutes after the break as Albin scored his second.

Javier Saviola halved the deficit for Real but the hosts struck again through Ikechukwu Uche.

Xinhua

## BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(30-11-2008)

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| Manchester City | 0-1 | Manchester Utd |
| Portsmouth      | 3-2 | Blackburn      |
| Tottenham       | 0-1 | Everton        |
| Chelsea         | 1-2 | Arsenal        |

## “Village club” seals easy win, Bayern stay in title race

BERLIN, 30 Nov — “Village club” Hoffenheim saw an easy 3-0 win against Bielefeld on Saturday to defend their leadership in the Bundesliga standings, while defending champions Bayern Munich overcame major rival Leverkusen 2-0 to stay in the race for top position.

It was Hoffenheim's eighth win in nine games while struggling Bielefeld wait for an away win since 11 August, 2007.

Hoffenheim were without regulars Sejad Salihovic, Luiz Gustavo, both suspended and Chinedu Obasi with knee injury, but it took them just five minutes to open the scoring.

In a major clash on Saturday, defending champions Bayern Munich beat main rival Leverkusen 2-0, sealing the second place to stay in the race for the Bundesliga leaders before the winter break.

Xinhua

## Australia level Spain on top at Mission Hills World Cup

DONGWAN (South China), 30 Nov — Australia pair Richard Green and Brendan Jones made the title race full of suspense after levelling front-runners Spain on top of the leader board at 22 under 194 after the third round four balls at the Omega Mission Hills Golf World Cup here on Saturday.

Jones's 18th hole birdie finished the Aussies' beautiful day, in which they made eight birdies and an eagle at the difficult 15th to get a 9-under 63.

Jones said: “I missed a little putt on the last hole yesterday, and I had the same sort of length putt today. I made up for it today. We feel a lot better now walking off the golf course with a birdie, as opposed to a bogey. It's a solid round of golf and we are right where we want to be.”

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez and Pablo Larrazabal, who took a four-stroke lead after two rounds, slowed their paces after a mistake-flooded round. They laboured out a 5-under 67 and had to share the lead with the Australians.

Xinhua

## Karlsson, Stenson win World Cup for Sweden

SHENZHEN, 30 Nov — Sweden's Robert Karlsson and Henrik Stenson won the 54th World Cup of Golf by three shots on Sunday after a masterful nine-under-par 63 in the final round foursomes.

European number one Karlsson and world number 12 Stenson, the highest ranked players at the \$5.5 million tournament, overhauled joint overnight leaders Spain with nine birdies in a blemish-free round to finish at 27-under.

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez and Pablo Larrazabal were second after a final round 70, while Australians Richard Green and Brendan Jones carded a disappointing 76 to finish in third place alongside Japan on 18-under.

It was the second World Cup win for Sweden after Per-Ulrik Johansson and Anders Forsbrand's 1991 triumph in Rome and the winning pair each take home a cheque for \$850,000.—Internet

## Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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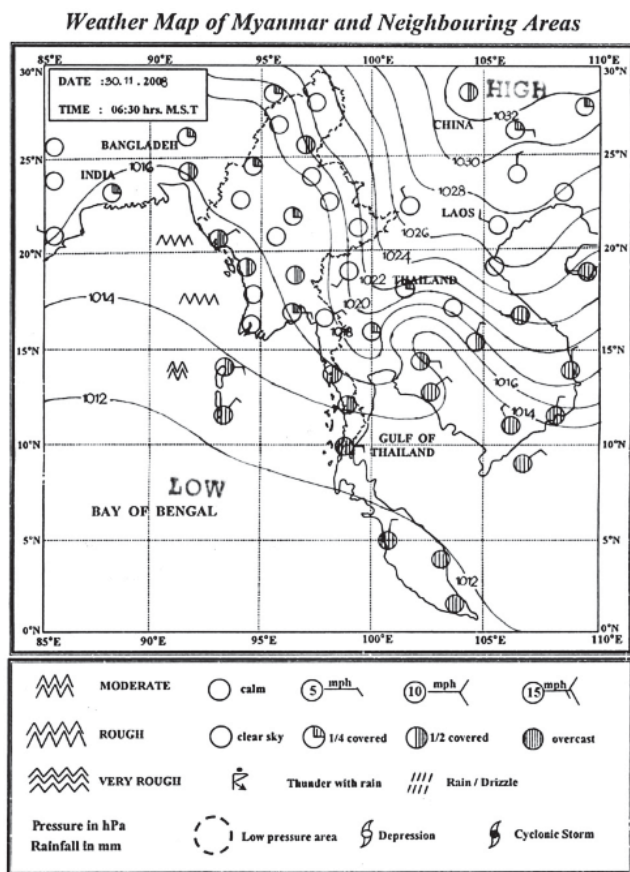
### APA 3rd plenary session issues Jakarta Declaration

JAKARTA, 30 Nov—Participants to the Third Plenary Session of Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) signed the Jakarta Declaration on the Urgency for the Establishment of a New Global Financial Architecture on Saturday morning just before the plenary session came to an end.

“We (Member Parliaments of APA) recognized the need to spare no effort in working on ideas and initiatives aimed at promoting a new global financial architecture that could support a more just and transparent world economic structure, and ensure the stable provision of financing for development which concurrently would promote the achievement of peace and stability in the region,” said the declaration. Thus, APA members encourage the governments to take rapid and comprehensive ways to restore the market confidence and stability, to minimize the risk of the prolonged crisis and to ensure the smooth running of real economy, it said.—MNA/Xinhua



A giant red ribbon is set up outside the Bird Nest during a World AIDS Day event in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 November.—INTERNET



### WEATHER

Sunday, 30 November, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average Temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (7°C) below November average temperatures in Bago Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-2°C) and Namsam (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 29-11-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 30-11-2008 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-11-2008 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 29-11-2008 was (9.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 30-11-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (110.31) inches at Mingaladon, (120.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (140.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (16:20) hours MST on 30-11-2008.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-12-2008:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-12-2008:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-12-2008:** Generally fair weather.



Wang Chen of Chinese Hong Kong returns the shuttle during the final of women's singles against China's Xie Xingfang in the 2008 Yonex Sunrise Hong Kong Badminton Super Series in Hong Kong, south China, on 30 Nov, 2008. Wang won 2-1.—INTERNET

### China's SFDA orders audit of injection producers

BEIJING, 30 Nov—China's drug safety watchdog on Saturday ordered a nationwide overhaul of intravenous and herbal injections following a series of contamination incidents.

The State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) said local bureaus have to finish checks on all injections produced within their respective jurisdictions before the end of the year.

The filed information should include how an injection was produced, the ingredients, what equipment was used, package suppliers, adverse reactions, data from quality spot-checks and risk evaluation.

The SFDA hopes the process will rule out hidden safety problems and reduce risks.

In October, three patients in the southwestern Yunnan Province became sick and another three died after receiving an herbal ciwujia injection produced by the Wandashan Pharmaceutical Company. The medicine was contaminated with bacteria after being exposed to rain.—MNA/Xinhua



Monday, 1 December View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ငါတို့တန်းသားသန့်ပြန်ရအောင် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Dance variety
- 7:50 am 5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:00 am 6. “လှေကားသုံးထပ်ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ” (အရိုင်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်[ဖိုးနစ်])
- 8:15 am 7. Nice and sweet song
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm 2. Song of national races
- 4:20 pm 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေးအသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

- 4:35 pm 4. Songs to uphold national spirit
- 4:45 pm 5. Musical programme (The radio Myanmar modern music troupe)
- 4:55 pm 6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:05 pm 7. Musical programme
- 5:15 pm 8. ကမ္ဘာ့ရခဲအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 5:30 pm 9. “ကမ္ဘာ့ရခဲအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက် ရောဂါတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့ ဉာဏ်စမ်းပဟေဠိပြိုင်ပွဲ”

- 6:00 pm 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm 13. Musical programme
- 7:10 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စူပါမင်းနှင့်မာနရှင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မြင့်မြတ်နုလုံးသားပိုင်ရှင်” (အပိုင်း-၅)

# Officials target summer paddy per acre yield at 100 baskets

YANGON, 30 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the coordination meeting on production of 100 baskets of summer paddy per acre in the country held in Yangon Command in

Konmyinthta, this morning.

At the meeting, he stressed the importance of use of systematic cultivation methods, quality paddy seeds and natural and chemical fertilizers.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint reported on supply of (See page 9)

# Priority being given to secure and smooth transport as it plays pivotal role in national development

## New Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Railroad of Myanma Railways opened

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov— A ceremony to open the new Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Railroad of Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the pandal in front of Pyawbwe Station in Pyawbwe, Yamethin District, Mandalay Division this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, departmental officials, social organizations, local people and others.

In his speech, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe said that the ceremony being held today is the opening of the new 16.19 miles long Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Railroad that links Pyawbwe Station on Yangon-Mandalay Railroad and Phayangazu Station on Thazi-Shwenyaung Railroad.

The government is making all-out efforts for the birth of a new modern and developed nation. In this regard, priority is being given to secure and smooth transport as it plays a pivotal role in national development. Only when there is better transport, will regional economy develop, and only when there is regional (See page 9)



Local people welcome a special train running on newly-built Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad.—MNA

**Rail transportation is a reliable public transport capable of transporting passengers and goods in large volume in a short time and of saving time and money.**

### Guardiola happy with progress

BARCELONA, 30 Nov — Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola felt his side had taken an important step forward after crushing fellow title hopefuls Sevilla at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan on Saturday night.

Buoyed by arch-rivals Real Madrid's loss to Getafe earlier in the evening, Primera Liga pacesetters Barca downed Sevilla 3-0 thanks to goals from Samuel Eto'o and Lionel Messi (2) to extend their lead over Real to six points.

Villarreal could trim Barca's advantage at the top back to four points with a victory over bottom club Recreativo Huelva later today, but whatever happens Guardiola knows his side are in a great position.

Internet



Newly-built Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad.—MNA