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**Government has built necessary infrastructural buildings including transport ones in order that rescue and relief tasks can be launched in time if there is natural disaster**

**Senior General Than Shwe inspects rehabilitation tasks in storm-hit Bogale and Pyapon townships**

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected progress in implementing rehabilitation tasks and met local people in storm-hit Bogale and Pyapon townships in Ayeyawady Division this morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Maung Shein of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, and  
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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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 3 November, 2009

**Strive for ensuring more consolidated national forces through culture values, literature and fine arts**

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions filled with the deep national cause and noble objectives have been held yearly, and the 17<sup>th</sup> has been held successfully this year.

The number of contestants in various subjects of the competitions at different levels as well as that of genres has increased year after year. And the younger generations have made more and more efforts to show their artistic talents in handing down the good legacy of traditional culture to next generations.

A review of the Myanmar culture had shown that according to evidence found in Pyu cities such as Tagaung, Beikthano, Hanlin and Srikestra on Myanmar soil, the civilization has emerged with high literature, music and fine arts for the past 2000 years.

The national characteristics of a country or a people such as faith, way of thinking, lifestyles and social status are largely based on the cultural values of that country or people. And those cultural values can be judged from their culture and fine arts.

Myanmar culture that has passed through various eras has flourished on the basis of Buddhist teachings, national unity and successful experiences in trying to thwart the alien invasions.

Such being so, it is incumbent upon the main forces of Myanmar traditional performing arts with a fine tradition of having mobilized the strength of the people in successive eras to strive for ensuring more consolidated national forces.

### Data about Myanmar ICT reported

YANGON, 2 Nov—A ceremony to report data about Myanmar information, computer technology

was held along with the awarding ceremony at Myanmar Info-Tech in Universities Region



**Chairperson Daw Wah Wah Tun presents prize to first prize winner Ma Khin Khin Htut.—MNA**

(Hline Campus) here on 31 October.

Chairperson of the Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association Daw Wah Wah Tun made an introductory speech. Representatives from Novel Light Media Ltd presented the collected data about Myanmar ICT world.

It was followed by a lucky draw programme for those who participated in the programme to collect Myanmar ICT data. First prize (notebook computer worth 650 US\$) went to Ma Khin Khin Htut (20224), second prize

(notebook computer worth 500 US\$), to Ma Phyo Wai Khaing (18991), and third prize (notebook computer worth 300 US\$) to Dr Khaing May Zaw (8013). Ten 30,000-kyat prizes and fifteen 20,000-kyat prizes were also chosen by chance.

For this programme, about 40 questions were asked to over 28,000 visitors to Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009 held from 15 to 18 October. And based on the findings, the association made a review of present Myanmar ICT world. Those Myanmar ICT and mobile communication groups, and Internet-based media groups interested in the review may contact the Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association (Ph: 01 652238).—MNA

## People's Desire

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

### Bilateral Consultations Meeting of Foreign Ministries of the Union of Myanmar and Lao PDR held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—At the invitation of U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, the Laotian Delegation led by HE Mr B o u n k e u t SANGSOMSAK, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, arrived Yangon by air in the evening of 29 October 2009 to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Bilateral Consultations Meeting of the two Foreign Ministries of the Union of Myanmar and Lao People's Democratic Republic. On 30 October, the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs accompanied by HE Mr Kouily A. Souphakhet, Ambassador of the Lao PDR to Myanmar and party left for NyaungU by air.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Bilateral Consultations Meeting between the Foreign Minis-



**Deputy Minister U Maung Myint discussing with Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Bounkeut SANGSOMSAK of Lao PDR.**

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tries of the Union of Myanmar and the Lao PDR was held in the afternoon on 30 October, at Bagan Hotel in Bagan. The meeting was attended by the Myanmar delegation led by the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, and the Laotian delegation led by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR. The two

sides discussed matters relating to further strengthening of the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries as well as enhancing mutual cooperation in regional and international forums.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the Laotian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and the

delegation at Bagan Viewing Tower in the evening of 30 October 2009. During their stay in Bagan, the Lao delegation paid homage to Shwezigon and Bupaya Pagodas, Ananda and Sinmyarshin Temples.

The Laotian Vice Minister and party left Yangon by air in the evening of 1 November 2009.—MNA

### Software engineering diploma course to open

## MPEC

Myanmar Professionals Education Centre

YANGON, 2 Nov — Myanmar Professionals Education Centre will open a new class for CICT Diploma course in Software Engineering conferred by Cambridge ICT in Malaysia in November.

Anyone who has basic computer knowledge can take the course that lasts nine months. The

course includes not only the six major subjects but also a project. Course fees can be paid by installments and for detail information, contact Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC), No.112, Room (11/12), 8<sup>th</sup> Mile, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon (Ph: 668779, 668259, 650124).

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## Tobacco Kills

## Bombings kill 7, wound more than 45 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — Bombings in central and western Iraq killed at least seven people and wounded 45 others on Sunday, the Interior Ministry said.

In an attack south of Baghdad, a motorcycle rigged with explosives blew up in the predomi-

nantly Shiite town of Mussayyab. At least five people died in the marketplace bombing. Another 37 were wounded, according to the ministry.

In another attack, insurgents detonated a pair of car bombs in the western city of Ramadi, the

ministry said.

The vehicles exploded near the headquarters of the city's traffic police. Two people were killed and eight people were wounded in the bombing.

Late Saturday, mortars slammed into southern Baghdad, wounding at least nine people in the capital's Dora district, the ministry said.

Internet



Young men look at one of several wrecked vehicles caught in one of two suicide bombings in the western city of Ramadi, 100kms west of the capital Baghdad. A spate of violence across Iraq killed at least 10 people on Sunday, as officials said repairs to government offices struck by massive bombings last week will cost around 16 million dollars.—INTERNET

## China's Africa goals more than just natural resources

BEIJING, 2 Nov — Barely a month goes by without some new energy or mineral deal being struck between China and an African nation. These deals have transfixed the West, but China gets far more from the relationship than raw resources.

Africa offers China two important things — a chance to earn the global respect it believes it deserves in recognition of its growing economic clout, and friends who do not judge it, or who at least have little reason to directly fear China's rise.

Communist China's friendly relations with Africa go back decades, to when Beijing backed newly independent states as well as liberation movements. The continent's backing was vital in getting China into the United Nations in 1971.

"You could argue that the contemporary driver is economic, but they've always had a political interest in Africa, from the mid-1950s onward," said Chris Alden, an Africa expert at the London School of Economics.—Internet



A Chinese woman receives a free shot of the A(H1N1) vaccine at a hospital in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province on 29 October. China has inoculated over 3.78 million people against swine flu and distributed over 26 million doses of vaccine to ward off a serious outbreak of the disease, the government said on Sunday.—INTERNET

## Two members of NATO-led force killed in attacks

KABUL, 2 Nov — The US military says militants have killed two members of the international force in Afghanistan in bomb attacks.

The military says the service members died on Saturday in separate attacks while they were on patrols in the south. The US on Sunday identified one of the casualties as an American who died of wounds suffered from a bomb attack.

Internet

## Blast kills 35 in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI, (Pakistan), 2 Nov — A suspected Taliban suicide bomb killed at least 35 people in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi on Monday, officials said.

Officials said many of Monday's victims were elderly people who had gathered at a bank to withdraw their pensions. The military said four soldiers were among those killed. Two suspected militants were later killed by a second bomb that exploded during a routine vehicle check in the eastern city of Lahore, police said. They said 15 people were wounded by the blast, three seriously, including several police officers.—Internet



Police officials stand at the scene of a suicide bomb blast in Rawalpindi, in the outskirts of the capital Islamabad on 2 November, 2009.—INTERNET

## Iraqi woman killed, 11 people injured in Karbala bombing

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — A woman was killed and 11 people were wounded in a bomb explosion in the holy Shiite city of Karbala south of Baghdad on Sunday, a local police source said. "An explosive charge attached to a minibus carrying passengers detonated in the Baladiyat neighbourhood in the city of Karbala, some 110 km south of Baghdad, killing a woman and wounding 11 people," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the area as ambulances transported the victims to a nearby hospital, the source said.

Earlier on Sunday, six people were killed and 37 others injured in a bike

bomb explosion at a busy popular market in Mussayyab town south of Baghdad, while at least seven people were wounded in two coordinate car bomb explosions at a parking-lot in central Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's western Anbar Province.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraq as part of recent deterioration in security which shaped a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country after more than three months of US troops pullout of cities and towns.—Xinhua

## Devastating drought alters life for Kenya nomads

DELA (Kenya), 2 Nov — When 64-year-old Jimale Irobe was a young man, he guided his herds of cows and camels through knee-high grass.

These days the scrubby blades barely reach his ankles even in the rainy season, and there is never enough grass to go around. The cattle cannot feed, and the nomadic families that depend on them for milk and meat cannot survive.

So Irobe scrapes out a living by selling charcoal made from burning the trees in the fields where his father's herds once grazed.—Internet

## Protectionism a threat to recovery

KUWAIT CITY, 2 Nov—A top Chinese central bank official warned on Sunday that rising trade and investment protectionism remains one of the major threats to the global economic recovery.

"We have noticed that major risks threatening (the) global economic recovery still remain," Li Dongrong, an assistant governor of the People's Bank of China, said in a speech at Kuwait Finan-

cial Forum.

These included "rising trade and investment protectionism, prolonged dysfunction of the financial system and inadequate coordination in macro-economic policies," he said.

Dongrong stressed the most pressing task of the international community was to "strengthen global cooperation, prevent protectionism of all kinds and support stabilization

of financial markets and economic growth."

"China, as always, will cooperate closely with the various parties to establish a new world financial order that is fair, just and inclusive," he said.

Dongrong said despite recent positive indicators pointing to a global economic recovery, it was "not yet solid due to multiple uncertainties at home and abroad.

Internet



Japan's Bridgestone Corp has said it will end its tyre supply contract with Formula One after late 2010, citing a changing "business environment".—INTERNET

## China imposes duties on imported chemicals

BEIJING, 2 Nov—China on Monday imposed anti-dumping duties of as much as 35 percent on a chemical from the United States, in the latest tit-for-tat trade measure ahead of a visit by US President Barack Obama.

The tariffs on adipic acid, which will also be imposed on imports from the European Union and South Korea, will be effective for five years at a rate from five percent to 35.4 percent, the commerce ministry said in a statement.

"Investigation authorities concluded that the products made in countries and regions like the US and EU are being dumped (in China), causing substantial damages to the domestic adipic acid sector," said the statement posted on its website.

Adipic acid is mainly used to make nylon but is also a pharmaceutical ingredient and can be used to produce food flavouring.—Internet



A chemical plant of Chinese energy giant CNOOC and Anglo-Dutch firm Shell petrochemical plant in Daya Bay in southern China.—INTERNET

## Bridgestone to quit F1 in late 2010

TOKYO, 2 Nov—Japanese tyre maker Bridgestone Corp said it would quit Formula One next year, dealing a further blow to the sport after the recent withdrawal of other high-profile firms due to the global downturn.

Bridgestone said it would end its contract as the official tyre supplier to the FIA, raising questions over who would replace it after French rival Michelin pulled out in 2006 and US maker Goodyear left in 1998.

"Bridgestone today announced that it will not enter into a new tyre supply contract with the FIA Formula One World Championship series," the Tokyo-based tyre and rubber industry giant said on Monday in a statement.

Internet

## Nokia to close N-Gage service next year

BEIJING, 2 Nov—Nokia will close its N-Gage service in September 2010. "We will no longer publish new games for the N-Gage platform," Nokia said on its N-Gage blog on Sunday, to which a user calling himself Jon replied: "It's a sad day for N-Gage fans."

Nokia said the N-Gage games could be purchased until the end of September 2010 and the community site would remain in operation throughout 2010.

According to Nokia the move is part of the Finnish phone maker's master plan to integrate its games service onto a central platform — its Ovi Store which opened last year, a smaller rival to Apple's popular App Store.—Xinhua

## Cisco, EMC cooperate on cloud computing

BEIJING, 2 Nov—Cisco Systems Inc and EMC Corp are teaming up to sell a new line of hardware aimed at cloud computing, according to media reports on Monday.

The line of products named vBlock will help the two companies to better compete against International Business Machines Corp (IBM) and Hewlett-Packard Co (HP), which sell a

broader array of data centre equipment than either Cisco or EMC offer on their own.

Cisco will provide the networking gear and server computers to the vBlock line, while EMC contributes storage equipment and virtualization

technology from its VMware Inc software subsidiary, according to the reports.

One part of the partnership calls for the two companies to form a joint venture that will sell vBlock as a hosted service.

Xinhua

## Sony shares slide despite lifting annual outlook

TOKYO, 2 Nov—Shares in Sony Corp (6758.T) lost nearly 6 percent on Monday as investors shrugged off the electronics maker's upward revision to its earnings forecast and sold on worries over the US market and a stronger yen.

Sony posted its fourth consecutive quarterly loss on Friday but cut its annual operating loss forecast by 45 percent to 60 billion yen (\$669 million) on cost-cutting.

Panasonic Corp (6752.T), which vies with

Sony for the title of the world's largest consumer electronics maker, also cited cost-cutting in lifting its annual operating profit estimate on Friday by 60 percent to 120 billion yen.

Sony's shares lost 5.8 percent to 2,625 yen by the end of the morning, far worse than the Nikkei average, which fell 2.7 percent, and Panasonic's loss of 1.6 percent.

The steeper fall in Sony's stock reflects its heavy exposure to the US market and a stronger yen.

"This is pretty much because of forex and a tumble in New York," said Mizuho Securities analyst Ryosuke Katsura.

"If it were not for what happened to the yen and Wall Street, Sony shares could very well have gained ground."

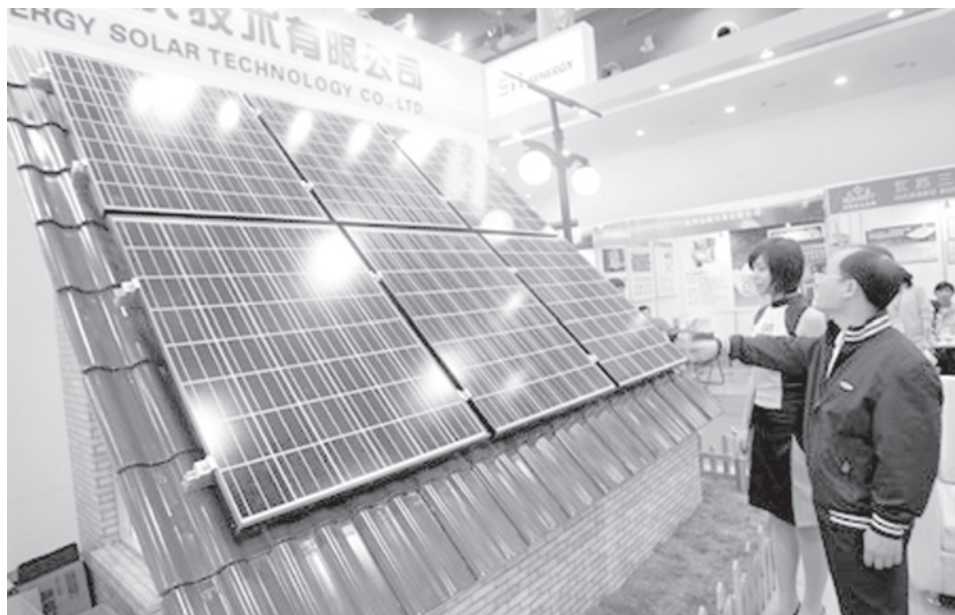
The yen rose to two-week highs on Monday, while the Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) suffered its worst slide since July on Friday, triggering a tumble in Japanese stocks as well.

Internet



A man looks at Sony's digital cameras at an electronic store in Tokyo on 30 October, 2009.

INTERNET



### Three killed in Poland's border guard helicopter crash

WARSAW, 2 Nov—Three border guards were killed when a Polish border guard helicopter crashed on the Belarussian side of the border, a spokesman for the Podlaskie fire-brigade rescuers said on Sunday.

The wreckage of the helicopter that disappeared on Saturday afternoon was discovered on Sunday morning in Belarus some 200 meters from the Polish border, the spokesman was quoted by Polish news agency PAP as saying.

Deputy Polish Interior Minister Adam Rapacki said the crew had no chance to survive the crash as the helicopter was completely destroyed.

The cause of the accident, which occurred during a routine patrol of the border in north-eastern Poland, remains unknown.

Xinhua

Visitors watch a building-top solar power system at the 2009 Hangzhou International Recycling Economy and Environmental Industry Expo of China in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 31 Oct, 2009. —XINHUA

### All Items from Xinhua News Agency

### Egypt opens Rafah crossing for stranded Palestinians

GAZA, 2 Nov—Egyptian authorities on Sunday opened the borders with the Gaza Strip in Rafah town to allow movement of Palestinians stranded on both sides, the Palestinian interior ministry said.

The ministry added that at least 3,000 Palestinians have applied to travel from Gaza, adding that most of them were patients, students and holders of foreign passports and residency permits in other countries.

A statement by the ministry, updated regularly on its website, said that the travelers and patients were being sent to the Egyptian side of the crossing via buses and ambulances.

The only crossing for the Gazans will remain open for three days, the ministry said, adding that Egypt has opened the terminal exceptionally for the humanitarian cases. Palestinians returning to Gaza can also cross until Tuesday evening.

To keep the crossing open, Hamas, which controls Gaza, must allow security forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas to deploy on the crossing since a US-brokered protocol says that the crossing can not work without pro-Abbas forces and monitors from the EU.

In 2007, Hamas routed pro-Abbas forces and seized control of the coastal Strip. Since then, Abbas has been based in the West Bank and Rafah closed except for brief openings on monthly basis. —Xinhua

## UN needs \$39 bln in six years to fight child top killer pneumonia

BEIJING, 2 Nov—The UN said on Monday it needs 39 billion US dollars over the next six years to fight pneumonia, the world's top killer of children. On the first World Pneumonia Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF are releasing a global plan aiming to save more than 5 million children from dying of pneumonia by 2015.

Pneumonia, a severe inflammation of the lungs usually caused by a bac-

terial infection, is responsible for one in four child deaths, more than HIV/AIDS, malaria and measles combined. The disease kills approximately 1.8 million children below five years of age every year, making it the world's leading child killer.

"This is very simply the biggest killer people never hear about," said Orin Levine, a public health expert at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health, who has advised WHO and UNICEF.

WHO and UNICEF made a joint appeal to fund a six-year plan for pneumonia prevention and treatment in 68 developing countries, mostly in Africa and Asia, plus parts of Central and South America, where it is prevalent. "We know the strategy will work, and if it is applied in every high-burden country, we will be able to prevent millions of deaths," Margaret Chan, director general of the WHO, said.

Xinhua



Palestinians wait to cross the Rafah crossing in Gaza, on 1 Nov, 2009. Egyptian authorities on Sunday opened the borders with the Gaza Strip in Rafah town to allow movement of Palestinians stranded on both sides, the Palestinian interior ministry said. —XINHUA

### Indonesia to spend \$84m on solar energy in rural areas

JAKARTA, 2 Nov—Indonesian Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry announced that it would spend 800 billion rupiah (about 84 million US dollars) to build solar power plants with a total capacity of 2,234 kilowatts-peak to expand access to electricity in rural areas next year, the *Jakarta Globe* reported here on Monday.

"The electricity produced by the plants will benefit 150,000 to 200,000 households in different parts of the country," Jacobus Purwono, the ministry's director general of electricity said.

The Kilowatts-peak is a measure used to describe maximum output by a solar power plant under ideal conditions, expressed in kilowatts. —Xinhua

### Heavy rains in S Brazil leaves three dead, 3,000 homeless

BRASILIA, 2 Nov—Heavy rains in the south-eastern Brazilian state of Espirito Santo have claimed three lives and affected over 500,000 people among whom 3,000 were homeless, authorities said over the weekend.

A landslide resulting from the four-day heavy rains killed a man and his two daughters, aged 5 and 1 respectively, in the town of Cariacica, local media reported on Saturday.

The younger child was brought to hospital alive but later died while receiving medical attention.

The mother and another seven-year-old daughter who were sleeping in the destroyed house have managed to escape in time and was recovering from injuries at a local hospital.

Xinhua

### Russia launches two European satellites

MOSCOW, 2 Nov—Russia has successfully launched two European scientific research satellites with a Rokot carrier rocket from the Plesetsk space centre in north-west Russia early on Monday, said a spokesman for the Russian Space Forces.

The carrier rocket blasted off with the SMOS and the Proba-2 satellites at 04:50 am Moscow time (0150 GMT), said Aleksei Zolotukhin.

The SMOS (Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity) is scheduled to enter its orbit at an altitude of 756 km at 06:00 am Moscow time (0300 GMT), and the Proba-2 (Project for On-Board Autonomy) mini-satellite at 07:50 am Moscow time (0450 GMT), he added. The launch mission of the 665-kg SMOS spacecraft is within the framework of the Living Planet Programme of the European Space Agency (ESA). —Xinhua



A Russian tiger trainer performs with tigers during the 12th China Wujiao International Circus Festival in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China's Hebei Province, on 2 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

## Norwegian warship in sea-battle off Somali coast

BRUSSELS, 2 Nov—A Norwegian warship inspecting fishing boats off the coast of Somalia for suspected pirate activity was caught in heavy gunfire in the early hours of Sunday, a European Union naval commander said.

The Norwegian sailors, cruising just off the north-eastern Somali coast, were fired upon in the dead of night by a dhow with between five and seven men on board and armed with heavy weaponry and Kalashnikov rifles, he added.

“These were not innocent fishermen, they were armed with heavy machine-guns and Kalashnikovs and were clearly up to no good,” said John Harbour of the EU naval mission in the Gulf of Aden, Operation Atalanta.

Internet

## China says efforts ongoing to rescue hijacked ship

BEIJING, 2 Nov—China said on Monday that efforts were ongoing to rescue the 25 crew members aboard a cargo ship hijacked last month by Somali pirates, as Premier Wen Jiabao headed to Egypt for talks with African leaders.

“Rest assured that the rescue work is under way,” assistant foreign minister Zhai Jun told reporters at a briefing on Wen’s upcoming visit to Egypt from 6 to 8 November.

“For the smoothness of the rescue operation and the safety of the personnel on the ship, I will not disclose any more news.”

A Chinese coal-carrying vessel called De Xin Hai was seized on 19 October by armed bandits in the Indian Ocean with 25 crew members on board.

Internet



Accompanied by their parents and teachers, Greek and Turkish Cypriot students toured together historical monuments located in both sides of the divided capital Nicosia on Sunday as part of the efforts to enhance bi-communal understanding and reconciliation.

XINHUA

## Organ donors hit with shocking bills

AUSTIN, 2 Nov—Kidney donors may face huge medical bills because having one kidney may constitute a pre-existing condition under which coverage is denied, officials confirm.

A Texas hospital official said organ donors are told, but only orally, that having one kidney may be a pre-existing condition affecting insurance.

Philip Knisely, 53, of Austin, Texas, who donated a kidney to a co-worker a year ago, has received more than \$18,000

in related medical bills, and said he was not informed that if he ever lost his employment-related insurance, insurers might consider his having a single kidney an uninsurable pre-existing condition, the American-Statesman reported on Sunday.

James Pittman, transplant programme director at North Austin Medical Centre where the transplant was done, said donors receive that information orally, the newspaper reported.

As Congress debates

reform of the healthcare system, it should require Medicare to ascertain that donors are covered, as provided by a 1972 law, regardless of states’ conflicting policies, said Donna Luebke, a cardiology nurse practitioner at MetroHealth Medical Centre in Cleveland, a kidney donor and nationwide advocate for living donors. Luebke urges legislation prohibiting insurers from discriminating against donors for having “pre-existing conditions.”

Internet

## 17 fishing boats reportedly missing in Philippines

MANILA, 2 Nov—Seventeen fishing boats sailing out in northern Philippines went missing as weather turned rough early on Monday morning, local police said. It is not immediately clear how many people are on board.

A group of fishing boats left the port of Claveria town in Cagayan province at around 4 am local time (2000 GMT on Sunday night) to Pagudpud town of Ilocos Norte province, local media quoted regional police as saying.

Some boats were forced to sail back due to bad weather as a new storm is brewing at the northeastern tip of the country.

Police said they have sent helicopters to look for the missing boats.

Xinhua

## Man, 78, has 241 piercings on his body

Guinness World Records said a 78-year-old British man with 241 piercings on his body has been certified as a world record holder.

John Lynch of Apsely, England, is listed as having more piercings than anyone else in the world in the 2010 Guinness Book of World Records, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.



Robots (TUG) will contribute to a cleaner environment by moving independently throughout the hospital carrying medical supplies and patient meals.

Lynch, a retired bank manager, said he got his first piercing in his 40s upon leaving the bank and followed it up with hundreds of piercings and tattoos.

“I never thought about breaking the record. I’ve always just done it because I like it but it is quite an achievement,” he said. “I was actually a few short so had 20 or so popped into my arms to up the numbers and if somebody beats me I could always find space for a few more.”

## Ga woman scares off burglar by acting like a dog

Police are investigating after an Athens woman scared off a would-be burglar by acting like a dog.

The Athens Banner-Herald reported that the woman scared off the suspect around 11 pm on Saturday.

According to police, the woman got on the floor and began scratching at the door and acting like a large dog when the suspicious man tried turning the woman’s door knob.

The police report did not say what specific dog-like behaviors, such as barking, the woman mimicked.

The woman said the man, who appeared to be homeless, quickly ran from the porch.

Police searched the neighbourhood for him, but were unsuccessful.

## Man took pay from NJ company he never worked for

An Illinois man has admitted banking more than \$470,000 in paychecks from a New Jersey company he never worked for.

Thirty-five-year-old Anthony Armatys (AHR’-muh-tees) of Palatine, Ill, pleaded guilty in New Jersey Superior Court to one count of theft as part of a plea bargain.

Prosecutors say Armatys accepted a job with Basking Ridge, NJ-based telecommunications company Avaya Inc. in September 2002, then changed his mind.

But the company’s computer system never removed his name from the payroll. Paychecks were deposited into his bank account until February 2007, when Avaya auditors discovered the mistake.

Prosecutors are recommending a six-year prison term and restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for 8 Jan.



A crow flies while carrying a chunk of bread during a sunny autumn day in a park on the lake Lemanshore in Lausanne on 1 November, 2009.

## NEWS ALBUM



Tourists visit the ruins of the ancient desert city of Caral, 110 miles (177 km) north of Lima, on 31 October, 2009. The sacred city of Caral, located in the Supe valley, was declared Cultural Patrimony of Mankind by UNESCO. Archaeologists have made scores of discoveries in 15 years of digging at the sandy site, which dates back some 5,000 years, unearthing evidence of sophisticated engineering and design skills.

## 7<sup>th</sup> joint-meeting of economic cooperation committees of UMFCCI and JCCI held

*Joint-meeting of UMFCCI and Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry in progress.—MNA*

YANGON, 2 Nov—With a view to boosting trade and investment between the two nations, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) established economic cooperation committees and the 7<sup>th</sup> joint-meeting of the committees was held at Traders Hotel this morning.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun gave an opening speech and Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa spoke on the occasion.

President of economic cooperation committee of Myanmar-Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry and President of the UMFCCI U Win Myint and President of economic cooperation committee of Japan-Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr Sumitaka Fujita extended greetings.



Next, Vice-President of the committee U Zaw Min Win presided over the meeting and Mr. Sumitaka Fujita co-chaired the meeting.

The two sides held discussion about econo-

mies of Myanmar and Japan, further cooperation between the UMFCCI and JCCI which was followed by remarks of the chairman and co-chairman of the meeting.—MNA

## Mohnyin Hospital at the service of locals

*Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

Mohnyin is one of the four districts in Kachin State. It is the southern district. Being a district town, it has a large hospital.

As the State is striving to fulfil the needs in health, education and transportation, Mohnyin District also owns these facilities. Mohnyin District Hospital has been extended to the 100-bed one by adding 50 beds.

Myanma Alin news crew had a chance to observe the district hospital and to interview District Medical Officer Dr Daw Nwe Nwe Win and physicians on its visit to Kachin State to write articles about the regional developments.

"The district hospital was upgraded to 100-bed hospital from 50-bed one in 9 February 2005. And the State opened the two-storey broad crest type building in 1993. There are eight specialists, 10 assistant surgeons, 76

nurses in the hospital taking care of the health of the locals", said Dr Daw Nwe Nwe Win.

She added, "Township Peace and Develop-



**Dr Daw Nwe Nwe Win**  
**District Medical Officer,**  
**Mohnyin.**

ment Council holds ceremony to donate funds to buy medicine every year after Thingyan and now township PDC has set up K 15 million fund. So we can now provide the medicines worth K 0.15 m per month to the patients from K 2 million interests."

Child specialist Dr Daw San San Myint explained, "The most harmful diseases to in-



**Mohnyin Hospital.**

fants of the region are hepatitis B, diarrhea and brain malaria. Preventive measures are being taken."

"In our hospital, there are more pregnant patients who delivered babies by Caesarean section and pregnant patients from Indawgyi region and Mawlu of Sagaing Division also come to the hospital", OG Dr Daw Aye Aye Han



**Dr Daw San San Myint**  
**Child Specialist.**

explained.

There are paediat-



**OG Dr Aye Aye Han.**

rics specialists, surgeons, OGs, general practitioners, anaesthet-

ists and orthopaedics in Mohnyin District Hospital. Facilities such as medicines and ultrasound equipments are available in the hospital.

So, the State has upgraded Mohnyin hospital to become a reliable facility for locals.

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## Government has built necessary infrastructural buildings ...

(from page 1)  
officials from SPDC Office, left Yangon by helicopter and arrived at Bogale Township in Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Division, at 8.55 am.

Senior General Than Shwe and entourage were welcomed there by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials.

On arrival at Bogale Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Senior General received a welcome from service personnel, members of

storm-hit areas, construction of the town hall and a gymnasium, progress in building a 16-bed hospital and a communication centre of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs in Set Hsan Village, water supply programmes in urban wards and villages, assistance for agricultural farming and fishing, outputs of agricultural produce and marine products, building of cyclone shelters, ongoing road and bridge projects, and regeneration of mangrove forests.

The chairmen of Htoo Trading Co and



**Senior General Than Shwe greets trainees of Basic Domestic Science Special Course No. 2 organized by PBANRDA Ministry at Thiri Annawa Hall in Pyapon.—MNA**

**Cyclone shelters are designed to be used as schools in normal times, and in times of natural disasters, they can be used as shelters.**

Diamond Mercury Co reported on construction of cyclone shelters and raised ground and digging a lake for freshwater.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on progress in construction of bridges and roads on eight roads of Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Project:

Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaukpi-Mawla-myinegyun; Mawla-myinegyun-Hlinephone-Thitpok-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu; Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu; Labutta-Thongwa-Oaktwin-Hteiksun; Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani; Bogale-Set Hsan-

Htawpaing-Amar; Pyapon-Kyongadun-Daw Nyein-Ahmar; and Kyongadun-Set Hsan, and ongoing bridge on road projects.

The Head of State asked about bridges to be constructed on respective roads and completed bridges, and gave guidance, observing the

map of road and bridge projects.

The Senior General also gave guidance, calling for rapid development of agricultural and fishing farms for improving the living conditions of local people, systematic rehabilitation of storm-hit villages, establishment of plantations of wind-breaking trees, sooner completion of raised ground and completion of other rehabilitation tasks on schedule.

The Senior General inspected progress of Bogale by car.

He inspected by helicopter the roads, thriving fields of paddy and other crops, and mangrove forests in Set Hsan, Kyeinchaung, Kadon Kani and Ahmar villages.

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**Photo shows extended 200-bed hospital of Pyapon.—MNA**

social organizations and townsenders.

Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe reported on progress in rehabilitation tasks and agricultural farming in Bogale Township.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung, in charge of Bogale Township rehabilitation tasks reported on progress in reconstructing storm-ravaged hospitals, health care centres, schools and religious buildings in the township, rural housing in



**Cyclone Shelter in Daminseik village of Pyapon Township.—MNA**



**Government has built necessary infrastructural buildings ...**

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Upon arrival at Daminseik Village in Pyapon Township, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, members of social organization and village elders from Daminseik Village and nearby villages.

At the cyclone shelter in Daminseik Village, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing reported on location, population and transportation of Daminseik Village, the site chosen for building a cyclone shelter and progress in building cyclone shelters.

Chairman of the Committee for Rehabilitating Towns and

shelters are being built: one in Letkhokkon in Yangon Division, eight in Pyapon District, four in Pathein and seven in Labutta. The cyclone shelters are designed to be used as schools in normal times, and in times of natural disasters, they can be used as shelters.

The construction of two-storey 500-capacity

members of social organizations and local people from Thameinhtaw, Kondan, Tinpahlwe, Theingon, Kani, and Daminseik villages. They proceeded by helicopter and arrived at Pyapon at 1 pm.

They were welcomed there by the chairman of Pyapon District PDC and

farms, and inter-village roads. Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe gave a supplementary report.

The chairman of Dagon International Co Ltd reported on the donation of a 200-bed hospital in Pyapon.

The Senior General gave guidance, saying that the entire people lent their helping

Labutta Township has been upgraded into a district level.

Next, the Senior General Than Shwe called for providing assistance to building village and inter-village roads and creek-spanning bridges.

He inspected the units around the 200-bed hospital under construction.

conducted at Thiri Annawa Hall in Pyapon by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. He cordially greeted the trainees of special course No (2) for cottage industries and viewed the works of the trainees and pedagogical aids.

The Senior General also cordially greeted the trainees of carpentry, mason and steel fixing course No (2).

In his guidance, the Senior General said that the purpose of the courses is to generate family incomes with the emergence of technicians in the region, and to scale up the development of the region with local work forces engaging in construction projects in the region. He called for hard work to apply the knowledge and experiences gained in the courses.

Senior General Than Shwe and entourage left Pyapon by helicopter and arrived at Yangon at 4.10 pm.

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**Senior General Than Shwe greets members of social organizations, and local people of Thameinhtaw, Gontan, Tinpulwe, Theingon, Kani and Daminseik villages in Pyapon Township.—MNA**



**Senior General Than Shwe greets students of Kani village BEHS (Branch) at Daminseik village Cyclone Shelter in Pyapon Township.—MNA**

Villages Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein reported on construction of 20 cyclone shelters in Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions and work progress; and the chairman of Yuzana Construction, on progress in building cyclone shelters in Daminseik Village.

The Senior General called for completion of cyclone shelters by March.

Now, 20 cyclone

shelter in Daminseik village has been completed by nearly cent per cent so far.

Next, the Senior General inspected nearby village and raised ground. He viewed the cyclone shelter where students from Kani Village affiliated Basic Education High School were studying, and cordially greeted them.

The Senior General also cordially greeted

members, departmental officials and townselders.

They inspected progress of Pyapon, and Pyapon Bridge in a motorcade.

On arrival at the 200-bed hospital in Pyapon, the Senior General heard a report by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing, on work progress for rehabilitating the storm-hit areas in Pyapon, Kyaiklat and Dedaye townships, agricultural

hands to local people of Ayeyawady Division hit hard by the storm; and that the State recorded their humanitarian assistance.

He said that the government has built necessary infrastructural buildings including transport ones in order that rescue and relief tasks can be launched in time if there is a natural disaster; and that in order to carry out rescue tasks effectively,

He visited carpentry, mason and steel fixing course No (2)

**20 cyclone shelters are being built: one in Letkhokkon in Yangon Division, eight in Pyapon District, four in Pathein and seven in Labutta.**

## Secretary-1 addresses prize...

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Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence presented prizes to the winners in men's classical/modern song singing contest at each level.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presented prizes to the winners in women's classical/modern song singing contest at each level.

Chairman of Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut presented prizes to the winners in dancing contest and narrative contest (kwatseik).

Next, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented prizes to the winners in marionette drama contest at amateur level (first class), Illisa Dvicitta drama contest, marionette contest, "Thakaung Yadana" drama contest at amateur level (first class) and "Uggasana Jataka" drama contest at amateur level (first class).

Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented prizes to the winners in song composing contest. Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Swe, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Chief-Justice U Aung Toe, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Brig-Gen Than Soe and Maj-Gen Maung Ohn of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw presented prizes to the winners who participated in harp, xylophone, piano, guitar and mandolin contests.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin presented first, second and third prizes for amateur level (first class) men's Donmin contest, amateur level (second class) men's Donmin and higher education level men's Donmin contest to the winners.

Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in musical instrument contest at men's Donmin contest at basic education level (aged between 15 and 20), basic education level (aged between 10 and 15) and basic education level (aged between 5 and 10), and at women's Donmin contest at amateur level (first class) and amateur level (second class).

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in musical instrument contest at women's Donmin contest at higher education level, basic education level (aged between 15 and 20), basic education level (aged between 10 and 15), basic education level

(aged between 5 and 10).

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe presented first, second and third prizes to winners in musical instrument contest at oboe contest at amateur level (first class), amateur level (second class), higher education level, basic education level (aged between 15 and 20), basic education level (aged between 10 and 15) and basic education level (aged between 5 and 10).



**Member of CSSTB U Kyaw Aung presents first prize to Paukkyawma and troupe of Yangon Division in women's orchestral contest (First Class).—MNA**

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) men's violin contest, amateur level (second class) men's violin contest and higher education level men's violin contest.

Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein presented first, second and third prizes to winners in basic education level (aged 15-20) men's violin contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' violin contest and basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' violin contest.

Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) women's violin contest, amateur level (second class) women's violin contest, higher education level women's violin contest, basic education level (aged 15-20) women's violin contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' violin contest and basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' violin contest.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) men's orchestral contest (single), amateur level (second class) men's orchestral contest (single), higher education level



**Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun presents prize to first prize winner Maung Thura Htet Naing in men's orchestral contest (single).—MNA**

men's orchestral contest (single) and basic education level (aged 15-20) men's orchestral contest (single).

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun presented first, second and third prizes to winners in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' orchestral contest (single), basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' orchestral contest (single), amateur level (first class) women's orchestral contest (single) and amateur level (second class) women's orchestral contest (single).

Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo presented first, second and third prizes to winners in higher education level women's orchestral contest (single), basic education level (aged 15-20) women's orchestral contest (single), basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' orchestral contest (single) and basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' orchestral contest (single).

Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) men's orchestral troupe contest, amateur level (second class) men's orchestral troupe contest, higher education level men's orchestral troupe contest, basic education level (aged 15-20) men's orchestral troupe contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' orchestral troupe contest and basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' orchestral troupe contest.

Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Aung presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) women's orchestral troupe contest, amateur level (second class) women's orchestral troupe contest, higher education level women's orchestral troupe contest, basic education level (aged 15-20) women's orchestral troupe contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' orchestral troupe contest and basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' orchestral troupe contest.

Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) men's Ozi contest, amateur level (second class) men's Ozi contest, higher education level men's Ozi troupe contest and basic education level (aged 15-20) men's Ozi contest.

Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo presented first, second and third prizes to winners in amateur level (first class) men's Dobat contest, amateur level (second class) men's Dobat contest, higher education level men's Dobat contest and basic education level (aged 15-20) men's Dobat contest.

The ceremony concluded after the performance of the first prize winner in higher education level men's mandolin contest. —MNA

## MOSA organizes talks

YANGON, 2 Nov—Myanmar Overseas Seafarers Association and Maritime Education & Team jointly organized an educative talk at Yuzana Hotel in Bahan Township this morning, with an address by Secretary U Soe Min Aung of the association.

Dr Tun Lwin, Director (Rtd) of the Hydrology and Meteorology Department gave talks on meteorology, Captain Pe Than Maung on H,S,E,S and Donal Aung on sailor and replied to the queries raised by those present.

Next, responsible persons presented gifts to them and certificates of honour to those who contributed cash to the association.

It was attended by departmental personnel, member sailors of MOSA, youths interested in navigation, guests and observers.—MNA



**Secretary U Soe Min Aung of MOSA gives a speech at the education talk organized by MOSA and Maritime Education & Team.**

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## Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development works in Mandalay, Magway divisions



**Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects the chosen site for construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku).—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials, inspected scattering of fertilizers at the monsoon paddy plantation in Theegon Village, Meiktila Township,

Mandalay Division, and met with the villagers on 30 October.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road section, paddy and crops plantations and the monsoon paddy plantation in Kaing Village in Kyaukpadaung Township, Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung roadworks and monsoon pigeon peas

plantation in Indaw Village.

After inspecting condition of Kyaukpadaung-NyaungU road section, Lt-Gen Tha Aye went to NyaungU where he was welcomed by Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials. They then viewed the monsoon paddy plantation in

Thukaungte village in NyaungU Township, met the local farmers and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Latpanche village, Lt-Gen Tha Aye was welcomed by Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and party. At the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge

(Pakokku) construction project, the superintending engineer reported on the axis for the bridge and construction work. Lt-Gen Tha Aye stressed the needs for meeting set standards and inspected the project site.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected Myakantha Garden and the monsoon paddy plantations in Pakokku Township. Officials concerned reported on supply of water. Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions and met with the local farmers. He met military officers and other ranks and their families at the hall of the local battalion and presented gifts to them. On 31 October morning, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the water tank in Ward-15 in Pakokku and construction of the three-storey main building of the University of Computer Studies (Pakokku).

On arrival at the station of the University of Computer Studies on Pwintphyu-Pakokku road

section, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on project tasks and gave instructions. He also inspected construction of stations along University of Computer Studies-Begyi-Myitche-Kyunchaung station railway and harvesting of monsoon paddy in Pauktaw village, supply of irrigation water and Pathein-Monywa road section.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited the domestic training school in Myaing and presented gifts to the trainees. He then inspected monsoon paddy fields, land reclamation and Watkhoat Village rural health centre in Yesagyo Township and met the local people.

Later, he inspected Taungyama bridge, monsoon paddy fields in Salingyi Township, Ngwechi (6) long staple cotton plantation in Ngwetha village, Textile Factory (Salingyi), Salingyi-Monywa road section and Myaukyama Bridge. — MNA

## Commander, Minister inspect Minbu-An-Sittway railroad construction project

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, yesterday inspected maintenance of railroad and stations between Pyi Taw Tha station and Yechanpyin station in Sittway.

At the briefing hall of the Minbu-An-

Sittway railroad construction project, the commander and the ministers heard reports on ongoing and future tasks presented by the project manager.

Next, the commander and the ministers inspected the chosen site for construction of Kuntaung station near Kuntaung village in Ponnagyun Township and, station and staff quarter of Ponnagyun station.

Next, the commander

and the ministers inspected earth works near Kyaukseik village in the township and met with

townselders of village to fulfill the requirements of the village.

Upon completion of

the railroad, everywhere in the country will be accessible via Sittway-An-Minbu railroad.—MNA



**Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspect earth works near Kyaukseik village in Ponnagyun Township.—MNA**

## EU urges use of black-boxes for motorists

BEIJING, 2 Nov—The European Commission is looking in to the efficacy of fitting black-box recorders into motorists' cars.

The study, entitled Project Veronica, is looking at whether installing Event Data Recorders into cars would be useful to authorities and companies such as

insurance firms in determining what exactly occurs in the moments leading up to and the moments immediately following road traffic accidents. The EDRs would be capable of tracking a driver's every move and this has made the project unpopular with civil rights groups. Although information

gathered by the EDR such as when brakes are applied, when the horn is used and when the indicators were turned on could all be useful in determining who is at fault during a crash, some say that the technology could be used to keep a constant eye on a drivers every move.

Internet

## Europe probe tracks global warming impact on water

PARIS, 2 Nov—The European Space Agency on Monday launched a water tracking satellite that will help give faster predictions of floods and other extreme weather incidents caused by global warming.

The 315 million euro (460 million dollar) Soil Moisture and Ocean

Salinity (SMOS) was carried into space on a Russian Rocket launcher from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in northern Russia.

The ESA said it is now orbiting 760 kilometers (470 miles) above Earth from where it will gauge the impact of climate change on the movement

of water across land, air and sea. By providing precise measures of soil moisture and ocean surface salt levels, SMOS will fill important gaps in scientific knowledge about the water cycle and help meteorologists make more accurate forecasts in near-real time, say experts.

Internet

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**Peru seizes about 130 kg cocaine**

LIMA, 2 Nov—The Peruvian authorities seized a total of 129.94kg basic cocaine paste in the Apurimac and Ene Rivers Valley (VRAE), Peru's top coca-producing valley, a police chief said on Sunday.

In a raid on drug traffickers on Saturday, police seized 121.24kg of drugs in a van in the Pichari district in the Cusco Region and detained the driver and his companion, Colonel of the National Police Hector Silva said. Meanwhile, in Huanta city, Ayacucho province, a women with 8.7 kg of cocaine hydrochlorate was detained when she was boarding a passenger vehicle. The VRAE is an area where the four provinces of Ayacucho, Apurimac, Cusco and Junin abut. It is one of the zones with the highest yield of illegal coca leaves in the country.—Xinhua

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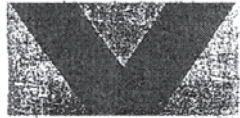
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**Saudi police discover al-Qaeda weapons cache**

RIYADH, 2 Nov—Saudi authorities have discovered large quantities of weapons in the capital Riyadh belonging to al-Qaeda terror network, an Interior Ministry spokesman said on Sunday.

The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Maj Gen Mansour al-Turki as saying the discovery included 281 assault rifles and 51 ammunition boxes.

Al-Turki said police learned about the cache after investigating a group of al-Qaeda suspects ar-

rested in August.

He said the weapons were found buried in a vacant house in the capital.

He said police are searching for the owners of the house whom they suspects of having links with al-Qaeda.

The al-Qaeda terror group, whose leader Osama bin Laden is a Saudi, has called for attacks on the kingdom's oil facilities as a means of crippling both the kingdom's economy and the hurting the West.

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of bin Laden and home to 15 of the 19 Sept 11 hijackers.

The government has pursued an aggressive campaign against militants since May 2003, when they first began attacks in the kingdom.

On 19 Aug Saudi authorities announced the arrested of 44 suspected militants with al-Qaeda links in a yearlong sweep that also uncovered dozens of weapons and electronic circuits for bombs.

Internet

**Increase in British wildlife crime**

LONDON, 2 Nov—Crimes against wildlife in Britain have increased more than two-fold since last year, pushing one species to the brink of extinction, authorities say.

Examples of cruelty to wildlife include badger baiting, deer poaching, bird trapping, egg theft, general habitat destruction and hare coursing — using dogs to chase hares by

sight not scent, which is generally considered sport — *The Sunday Telegraph* reported. The hen harrier, a bird of prey, has been hunted on grouse moors to the point of extinction.

National Wildlife Crime Unit Detective Inspector Brian Stuart said the motive for such crimes appears to be money.

"We are seeking to use wider policing powers,

such as the Proceeds of Crime Act, to target criminals where it hurts them most — in their pocket," he said.

The Wildlife Trusts and other conservationists accuse police of inconsistent enforcement tactics, giving offenders a sense they will not be prosecuted, the *Telegraph* said.—Internet

**Indonesia ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> most confident country in Q3**

JAKARTA, 2 Nov—Indonesia ranked as the second most confident country in the world in terms of economic growth in the third quarter, a survey showed on Monday. The AC Nielsen Company Indonesia, a leading survey company, said that Indonesia ranked second after India in the survey conducted on 28 Sept to 16 Oct, followed by Norway in the third place while the lowest position was occupied by Latvia and Japan.

The Nielsen's Global Consumer Index examined consumer's confidence, main concern and spending by more than 30,500 Internet users in 54 countries.

"Meanwhile, consumer's confidence in Indonesia heavily depends on inflation. When we have high inflation, consumers tend to react by showing decreasing level of consumer's confidence," said Catherine Eddy, the company's executive director for consumer research.—Xinhua

**Shanghai set to build Disneyland**

HONG KONG, 2 Nov—The Chinese government could give the green light this week for a multi-billion dollar Disney theme park in Shanghai, a report said on Monday.

Quoting an unnamed government official with direct knowledge of the project, the *South China Morning Post* said the 3.6 billion dollar amusement park had been approved.

Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng told media on Sunday that there would be an announcement later this week, but he declined to confirm whether the plan had received final approval, the report said.—Internet

**Gainesville public names zoo's baby otters**

GAINESVILLE, 2 Nov—Florida zoo officials said they picked names for 6-month-old twin brother-and-sister otter pups from about 1,000 names solicited from the public.

The Asian small-clawed otter babies, born April 30, could not be named until officials at the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo in Gainesville, Fla, could determine the otters' sex, the *Gainesville Sun* reported.

The zoo rejected names such as "Oliver and Olivia" and "Scratch and Sniff" that would have required the pair to be kept together in order to work, John Miot, the zoo's assistant director said.

Because the zoo is part of a national-level association, the brother and sister might not always be in the same locations, Miot said.—Internet



**“Slumdog Millionaire” child actors Rubina Ali (centre) and Azharuddin Ismail (2nd from right) wait in a classroom during a function in Mumbai in February 2009. Two child stars from the Oscar-winning film “Slumdog Millionaire” may lose their monthly allowance unless they improve their school attendance, a report said on Monday.—INTERNET**

## Scientists calls for sustained research on Malaria

NAIROBI, 2 Nov—World’s largest malaria conference kicked off in Nairobi late Sunday with a call for substantial and sustained support for research to guide evidence-based policies and the development of new malaria tools, which together could save countless lives.

The fifth Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) Pan-African Conference brings together 2,000 researchers, health workers, public health officials, policymakers and activists from across Af-

rica and around the world.

“The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Building Knowledge for Action’, but the key question for malaria is ‘which knowledge for which action?’” said Dr Adrian JF Luty, Senior Researcher at Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center, the Netherlands, and Chair of the MIM conference Scientific Committee.

“If we as a global community are to be ready to achieve eradication, we must invest in the science that can guide these efforts

and provide the tools and methods that will make success possible.”

The first MIM conference to be held in four years, it will highlight the latest research in malaria prevention and treatment.

Although preventable and treatable, malaria continues to be one of the world’s most deadly and persistent diseases. Up to 90 percent of all malaria deaths occur in Africa, and 85 percent of these deaths are among children under the age of five.

Xinhua

## Some mushrooms can contain heavy metals

CIUDAD REAL, 2 Nov—The amount of heavy metals in 12 species of mushrooms varies depending on the type of mushroom, researchers in Spain found.

Researchers at the University of Castilla-La Mancha analyzed the presence of heavy metals in 12 species of mushroom collected from non-contaminated natural areas. The study, published in the journal *Biometals*, found the largest quantities of lead and neodymium are found in chanterelles.

“The aim was to find out if there is a connection between the concentrations of specific heavy metals detected in the mushrooms, based on three factors: the type of substrate, the study area and the species of mushroom,” principal author Juan Antonio Campos said

in a statement. “The third was the determining factor.” The researchers analyzed the presence of lead, neodymium, thorium and uranium in a hundred samples of 12 different species of common mushroom, both edible and non-edible, collected from non-contaminated zones in the Ciudad Real province.

Internet

**Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (C,R) and compatriot Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain hold up their champion trophies with a band of Spanish fans after winning over Cara Black of Zimbabwe and Liezel Huber of the US during the final match of women’s doubles at the WTA Tour Championships in Doha, Qatar, on 1 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA**



## Salt, diet drinks may reduce kidney use

BOSTON, 2 Nov—People who eat a diet high in salt or artificially sweetened drinks have an increased risk of kidney function decline, US researchers said.

Dr Julie Lin and Dr Gary Curhan of Brigham and Women’s Hospital studied more than 3,000 women participating in the Nurses’ Health Study during an 11-year period to identify the impact of sodium and sweetened drinks on kidney function. “There are currently limited data on the role of diet in kidney disease,” Lin said in a statement. “While more study is needed, our research suggests that higher sodium and artificially sweetened soda intake are associated with greater rate of decline in kidney function.”—Internet

## Australian health chief warns of hepatitis link to tomatoes

CANBERRA, 2 Nov—Health authorities in the Australian state of Victoria have renewed their warnings over links between semi-dried tomatoes and an outbreak of hepatitis A.

Victoria’s chief health officer Dr John Carnie on Monday said that so far this year there had been 200 notifications of hepa-

titis A, compared to 74 at the same time last year with a further 23 cases of the infectious disease diagnosed in the past week.

A study into the increase of cases indicates that more than two thirds of people that have become ill recalled eating semi-dried tomatoes, he noted. “Because the incubation period for hepatitis A could be as long as two months, trying to get people who fell ill to accurately pin down what and where they actually ate this product can be difficult,” Carnie told reporters. “We still are unclear as to why there has been a recent spike in cases in Victoria.

“However, we are continuing to work with the manufacturers and suppliers of semi-dried tomatoes to try and identify the source.”—Xinhua

## Bird flu reoccurs in northern province of Vietnam

HANOI, 2 Nov—Bird flu has re-emerged in the northern province Dien Bien of Vietnam, according to a report of the Animal Health Department under Vietnam’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Monday.

The bird flu broke out in nine local farms from 21 to 23 Oct, killing hundreds of poultry, said the report.

Poultry samples tested by provincial animal health agency showed positive for the H5N1 virus, said the report. Local animal health authorities have been implementing measures to curb the spread of the bird flu virus to nearby areas, including the culling of over 2,200 remaining poultry, said the department.

Dien Bien currently is the only province of Vietnam being re-hit by the avian flu after the province was confirmed of being free of the H5N1 virus for several months this year.

Vietnam has reported five human infection cases of bird flu so far this year, and four of them died.—Xinhua

## Afghan gov’t shuts down schools to check A/H1N1 outbreak

KABUL, 2 Nov—As a precautionary measure to check the possible rapid outbreak of the A/H1N1 virus in the war-torn Afghanistan, the Education Ministry of the country has shut down schools for three weeks, local media reported on Monday.

“All the public and private schools will be closed down for three weeks beginning from Monday and this is a precautionary measure to check the outbreak of A/H1N1 in the country,” daily *Rah-e-Nejat* quoted a statement of the ministry as saying.

Xinhua’s scribe contacted a government girl school Totia in Kabul authorities inside confirmed the instruction, saying the students are on three-week leave effective from Monday.

More than 300 people, according to media reports, have been affected by the disease and the epidemic has claimed the life of at least one person over the past couple of weeks.—Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Inter march on as Sampdoria stumble

ROME, 2 Nov—Inter Milan continued their inexorable march towards a fifth straight Italian Serie A title with a 2-0 victory away to lowly Livorno on Sunday.

There may only be 11 games gone in the championship but Inter have already opened up a seven-point lead over second-placed Juventus after the Turin giants were beaten 3-2 at home to Napoli on Saturday.

Sampdoria also failed to keep pace with Inter as they were held to a 0-0 draw at home to newly-promoted Bari on Sunday, leaving them third on goal difference behind Juve.

Internet



**FC Inter's Maicon Douglas of Brazil celebrates after scoring against Livorno during their serie A football match at Armando Picchi stadium in Leghorn. Inter won 2-0.—INTERNET**

## Family man Federer returns to headline at home

BASEL, 2 Nov—Roger Federer returns after six weeks off resting and easing into his new role as a father of twin girls when he headlines at his home event, the Swiss Indoors, starting on Monday.

The world number one opted out of the recent ATP Asian sojourn after a gruelling mid-season, where he re-established ATP superiority with titles at Paris and Wimbledon plus a US Open final appearance.

The St Jakobshalle will miss out on a possible re-run of the US Open final, after ailing New York winner Juan Martin Del Potro withdrew with a lingering wrist injury.

The Argentine has not been the same player since he beat Federer for the trophy in September but the Tour continues apace, with Basel, the Paris Masters and the year-end World Tour Finals in London from November 22 to come as the 2009 campaign draws to a close.

Federer's record 15 Grand Slam titles will be feted in suitably high-



**Roger Federer**  
INTERNET

class style on Monday's opening day, with a ceremony featuring a performance by Spanish soprano Montserrat Caballe.

The Catalan opera singer will be accompanied by the Opera Choir of the Theater Basel and the Basel Festival Orchestra, before Federer's opening match against a qualifier. "I've been back practising and training now for some time and all is going well," Federer said in the run-up to the event he has won for the last three years.

"I feel much better. I'm looking forward to playing my hometown tournament."—Internet

## Poulter off to Shanghai after EPGA Singapore win



**Ian Poulter of England is pictured with the winner's trophy after victory in the Barclays Singapore Open at the Sentosa Golf Club, on 1 November. Poulter won his first European Tour event in three years when he rode his luck to clinch the event by a shot from China's Liang Wenchong.**

INTERNET

SINGAPORE, 2 Nov—Ian Poulter heads to Shanghai this week for the WGC-HSBC Champions and warned his weekend victory in Singapore was just the start.

The flamboyant Englishman took six weeks off before the Singapore Open to recharge his batteries ahead of a seven-tournament run to the end of his season.

He said the break worked wonders and he planned to build on the success. Next stop is China where he will come up against all of Europe's best players as well as the world's top two, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, before playing the Hong Kong Open a week later.—Internet

## Cuban becomes top American chess player in world ranking

HAVANA, 2 Nov—Cuban chess player Leinier Dominguez on Sunday climbed to the 21st in the world rankings to become the top player in the Americas.

Dominguez collected a total of 2,719 Elo (system to measure players abilities) points.

The Cuban Great Master, who in the last two months has not played, regains the leadership of the Americas after going up one place compared with his rankings in September 2009.

Dominguez has replaced US player Hikaru Nakamura, who now is ranked 25th in the world with 2,713 Elo points, as the Americas top player.

Bulgarian player Veselin Topalov leads the world rankings with 2,810 Elo points, and Norwegian Magnus Carlsen jumped from 4th to the 2nd, having now 2,801 points.

Cuba is 19th in the rankings by countries and regions with an average of 2,585 points.

Russia tops the standings with 2,726 points, followed by Ukraine with 2,694 points and Israel with 2,648 points.—Xinhua

## Serena beats Venus to win WTA Championships



**Serena Williams of US holds her trophy after defeating her sister Venus Williams in the WTA Tour Championships final tennis match in Doha on 1 November, 2009.—Xinhua**

DOHA, 2 Nov—Serena Williams put a perfect end to her year as the American stormed to a 6-2, 7-6 win over big sister Venus in the final of the WTA Championships on Sunday.

Serena, world number two behind Russian Dinara Safina, will bag the top position. She will also pocket the maximum 1.5 million US dollars jackpot after she won all of her round-robin matches on her way to claiming the season-ending showpiece for the first time since her debut in 2001.

Xinhua

## Given the hero as Man City deny Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Nov—Shay Given was Manchester City's hero as the goalkeeper produced several fine saves to earn Mark Hughes's men a point in their goalless Premier League draw away to Birmingham City.

Sunday's stalemate here at St Andrews was enlivened by an impressive display from Republic of Ireland international Given, including a penalty save from Scotland's James McFadden.

Manchester City's fourth straight draw was good enough to take the visitors into fourth place in the table.—Internet



**Birmingham City's Lee Bowyer (L) runs with the ball pursued by Manchester City's Nigel De Jong (R) during the Premiership match at St. Andrews in Birmingham. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.**

INTERNET

## PSG and Erding back in rude health at Sochaux

PARIS, 2 Nov—Paris Saint-Germain put their swine flu woes behind them and recorded their first victory since the end of August by winning 4-1 at Sochaux in the French top flight on Sunday.

Jeremy Clement was one of the players to have contracted the virus that prompted the last-minute postponement of PSG's match at Marseille last weekend but he struck the opening goal before Clement Chantome notched the second.

Mevlut Erding claimed the third on his return to his former club and Peguy Luyindula was also on target as PSG climbed above Sochaux into 10th place while retaining a game in hand.—Internet



**Paris' French midfielder Clement Chantome is congratulated by his teammate Turkish forward Mevlut Erding after his scoring during the French L1 football match Sochaux vs PSG at the Auguste Bonal stadium in Montbéliard, eastern France. Paris won 4-1.—INTERNET**

## Valencia ride luck to down troubled Malaga

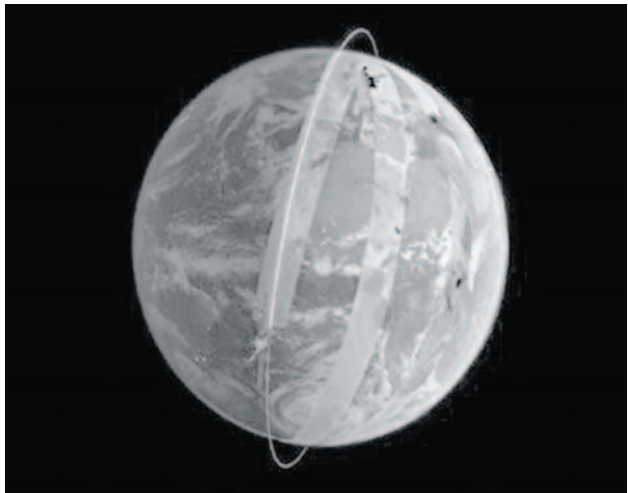
MADRID, 2 Nov—Valencia reclaimed fourth spot from Real Mallorca thanks to a fortunate 1-0 win over bottom side Malaga on Sunday with defender David Navarro's first goal of the season clinching the points.

Centre-back Navarro jumped highest at the back post to head in a Pablo Hernandez cross for the winning goal on 68 minutes as Valencia moved a point behind third-placed Sevilla.—Internet



**Valencia's defender David Navarro celebrates after scoring against Malaga during a Spanish league football match at La Rosaleda stadium in Malaga.**

INTERNET



A 315-million-euro satellite that will gauge the impact of climate change on the movement of water across land, air and sea was hoisted into space early Monday. The Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity (SMOS) probe will shed new light on how water circulates around Earth's oceans.—INTERNET

### Scientists decode DNA of pig, a research favorite

CHICAGO, 1 Nov— An international group of scientists has decoded the DNA of the domestic pig, research that may one day prove useful in finding new treatments for both pigs and people, and perhaps aid in efforts for a new swine flu vaccine for pigs.

Pigs and humans are similar in size and makeup, and swine are often used in human research. Scientists say they rely on pigs to study everything from obesity and heart disease to skin disorders.

“The pig is the ideal animal to look at lifestyle and health issues in the United States,” said Larry Schook, a University of Illinois in Champaign biomedical science professor who led the DNA sequencing project.

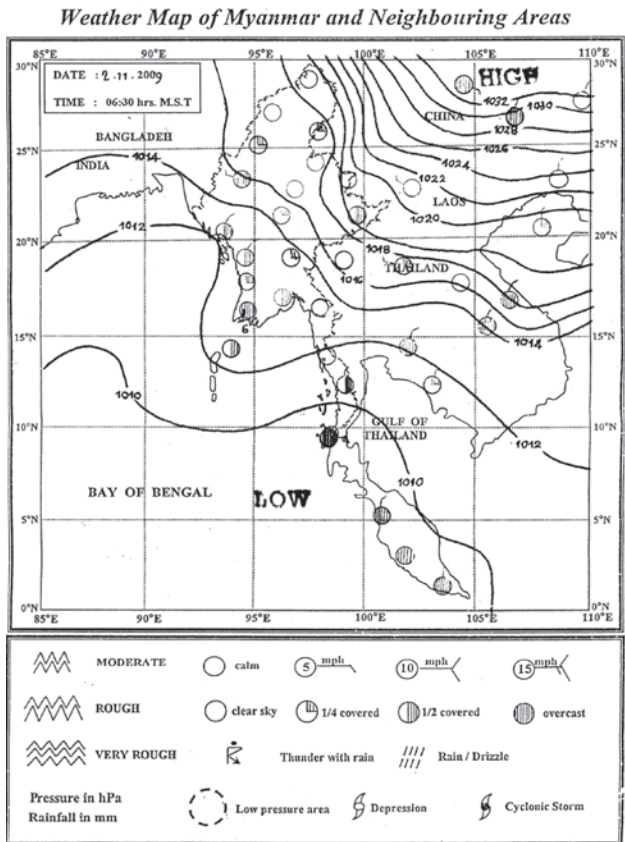
Researchers announced the results of their work Monday at a meeting at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Hinxton, U.K., one of the organizations involved in the research. They’ll spend the meeting discussing ways to use the new information, Schook said.—Internet

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (3-11-2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am)MST

- Local Transmission**
- \* Signature Tune
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
  - \* Road to Mingun
  - \* National Level A.A.C Logo Competition
  - \* Lacquer painting workmanship from Sandadaw Pyae Pagoda
  - \* National Dance
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part-II)
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Evening Flight in Monywa)
  - \* Myanma Natural Spirulina (Part-II)
  - \* Culture Stage
  - \* Memory of Good Time imprinted on My Mind
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Poem Garden “Join Hands together”
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



**WEATHER**  
Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Ayeyawady Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin and Kayah States, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Shan State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi and Nyaungdon (0.24) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 1-11-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 2-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-11-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 1-11-2009 was (7.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-11-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.06) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 1-11-2009.

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

**Special Feature:** According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the tropical storm “Mirinae” over the South China Sea is crossing Vietnam Coast.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Mon State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy 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 decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 3 November View on today

- 7:00 am**
- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိယိဋ္ဌိတော်
- 7:25 am**
- To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- Morning News

- 7:40 am**
- မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
- 8:50 am**
- Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
- စေတနာထားကာကုသပေးပြည်သူများရဲ့ကျန်းမာရေး
- 8:20 am**
- “ကျွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့”
- 8:30 am**
- Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:40 am**
- International News
- 8:45 am**
- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:00 pm**
- Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- Dance Of National Races

- 4:20 pm**
- အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:30 pm**
- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 4:40 pm**
- Musical Programme
- 4:55 pm**
- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအစီအစဉ်တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)
- 5:10 pm**
- Songs For uphold National Sprit
- 5:15 pm**
- “ကျန်ရစ်ခဲ့သောခြင်ထောင်လေးတစ်လုံး”
- 5:25 pm**
- The Mirror Image Of the Musical Oldies
- 5:35 pm**
- သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့်ကြွပ်ကြွပ်အိတ်

- 5:45 pm**
- ရင်မှစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ် (ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း)
- 6:00 pm**
- Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:35 pm**
- ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့
- 7:00 pm**
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အဆီသင့်တဲ့အချစ်” (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm**
- News
  - International News
  - Weather Report
  - မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် “နွလုံးသားလျှိုပွက်ခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၂) (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်ဖြူညွှင်)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

### People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

## Secretary-1 addresses prize presentation ceremony of 17<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—The prize presentation ceremony of 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at Nay Pyi Taw city hall on 31 October morning.

Patron for Organizing the 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General



*Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw presents prize to Ma Su Pyae Phyoo Mon of Yangon Division, first prize winner in Donmin contest (Basic Education Level).—MNA*



*Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein presents first prize to winner Maung Min Thukha of Yangon Division at Men's harp contest. (15-20 Basic Education Level).—MNA*

Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address on the occasion and presented prizes to the winners.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, Commander of Nay Pyi

Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief-Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, senior military officers, director-general of the SPDC office, departmental heads, secretaries and members of the Leading Committee and the Work Committee, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, members of panel of judges (central) and those from states and divisions, team managers, contestants, members of national race study group and guests.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented prizes to the winners at amateur level (first class) men's Maha Gita singing contest, amateur level (second class) men's Maha Gita contest, higher education level men's Maha Gita contest, basic education level men's Maha Gita contest (aged between 15 and 20), basic education level boys' Maha Gita contest (aged between 10 and 15) and basic education level boys' Maha Gita contest (aged between 5 and 10).

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence awarded winners in women's Maha Gita singing contest at each level.

(See page 10)

### Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov— A slight earthquake of intensity 4.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (China) about 700 miles north-east of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 03 hr 42 min 50 sec M.S.T on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA