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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 receives goodwill delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—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 received a goodwill delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 9 a.m. today.

Also present at the call together with 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 were member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Brig-Gen Than Soe of the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint.

The delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi was accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Mazlan Muhammad.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives a goodwill delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Exert more efforts for development of own regions

Thanks to integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, departments and well-wishers in relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks, storm-hit regions in seven townships of Ayeyawady Division have returned to normalcy.

Livelihoods of local people such as agriculture, fisheries, salt industry, etc that are the mainstay of the region are now in full swing.

In Ayeyawady Division, the government built life-saving hillocks, cyclone shelters and ten road networks that can be used as shelter in the event of natural disasters in future. The construction of ten road networks has contributed much to better transport in the region.

The living standard of local people has improved with the construction of new homes for storm victims and reconstruction of educational, health and religious buildings. Such great achievements gained in a short period can be attributed to benevolence, goodwill and farsighted guidance of the Head of State and concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Upholding the concept that the collapse of earthen bricks will be substituted with stone bricks, the rehabilitation tasks have been carried out successfully.

At a time when the government has been able to successfully launch reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in storm-hit regions, it is incumbent upon all the local people to exert more efforts for development of own regions, realizing the goodwill and visions of the Head of State.

Moethaukpan Journal comes out

YANGON, 6 Nov—Myawady Publishing House published Volume (12), No (35) Moethaukpan Journal on 10 November.

The journal features cartoons by Tin Aung Ni, Thant Zin, Maung Maung Nhet, Shwe Ko Oo, Myay Za and Theikkha, the story told by U Saw, the poem by Ko Ko Khant Chaw (Kathamyay), the article by Oo Oo, puzzles and sudoku. The journal is distributed every Tuesday.

Those who want to subscribe Moethaukpan Journal may contact No (15) Tetmyay, Mogaung Pagoda Road, Ward 15, Bauktaw, Yankin Township and No (181), 32nd Street (Upper), Pabedan Township, and dial 559273 and 371244.—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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attends ASEAN Council of Japan Alumni Conference

YANGON, 6 Nov—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the 18th ASEAN Council of Japan Alumni (ASCOJA) Conference at Chatrium Hotel in Tamway Township, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yasuo Fukuda, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Conference and members, Chairman of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association and party, representatives of ASEAN countries and Japan.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing read the message sent by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence presents gift to former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yasuo Fukuda.—MNA

Next, Mr Yasuo Fukuda delivered an address. Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented gift to mark the conference to the former Japanese PM. The patron of the Japan Alumni of Myanmar made a speech.

Afterwards, Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Kazuyuki Takeuchi of the Japanese

Embassy extended greetings. Prof Shigeru Okeda of Okayama University of Japan introduced the paper on Bridging Japan and ASEAN countries through better education.

The Chairman of the Japan Alumni of Myanmar gave an opening speech on the paper-reading session.

The representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam took part in the discussions.

Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Kazuyuki Takeuchi hosted a dinner in honour of the representatives to the conference at Parkroyal Hotel, here.—MNA

Preliminary meeting of 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Preliminary meeting of 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference was held at No.7 Transit camp here this morning. Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health chaired the meeting and delegate U G Khaw Yein of Kachin State and delegate U Saw Aung Pwint of Kayin State acted as the members of the Panel of chairmen.

Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt explained the matters on the conference and delegates discussed the proposals to be submitted to the Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference. The purposes of holding the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference are to uplift standard of Myanmar traditional medicine, improve the quality of Myanmar traditional medicine and to enhance traditional practitioners' image.—MNA



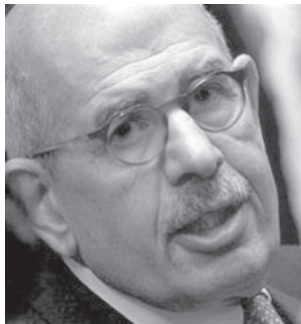
Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt explains matters on Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference.—MNA

IAEA found nothing serious at Iran site

VIENNA, 6 Nov—UN inspectors found “nothing to be worried about” in a first look at a previously secret uranium enrichment site in Iran last month, the International Atomic Energy Agency chief said in remarks published on Thursday.

Mohamed ElBaradei also told the *New York Times* that he was examining possible compromises to unblock a draft nuclear cooperation deal between Iran and three major powers that has foundered over Iranian objections.

The nuclear site, which Iran revealed in September three years after diplomats



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohamed ElBaradei speaks during a media conference in Teheran on 4 Oct, 2009.

INTERNET

said Western spies first detected it, added to Western fears of covert Iranian efforts to develop atom bombs. Iran says it is en-

riching uranium only for electricity.

ElBaradei was quoted in a *New York Times* interview as saying his inspectors' initial findings at the fortified site beneath a desert mountain near the Shi'ite holy city of Qom were “nothing to be worried about.”

“The idea was to use it as a bunker under the mountain to protect things,” ElBaradei, alluding to Tehran's references to the site as a fallback for its nuclear programme in case its larger Natanz enrichment plant were bombed by a foe like Israel.—*Internet*



A burned down room is seen in the destroyed guesthouse that left five UN staffers dead in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 5 Nov, 2009. The United Nations said on Thursday that it is temporarily relocating more than half its international staff in Afghanistan following last week's deadly Taliban attack against UN workers, the most direct targeting of its employees during decades of work in the country.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills two, wounds two in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Nov—Two persons were killed and two others got wounded as a roadside bomb struck a vehicle of a road construction company in Khost Province, in east Afghanistan, on Thursday, police said.

“The incident occurred in Duamanda district this morning as a result two local employees of an Indian road construction company were killed and two others sustained injuries,” police chief of Duamanda district Gulab Shah told *Xinhua*.

He also blamed “the enemies of peace,” a term used against Taliban militants.

However, the militants who often carry out roadside bomb attacks have not made comment.

Xinhua

Venezuela deploys 15,000 more troops to border with Colombia

CARACAS, 6 Nov—Venezuela announced on Thursday a supplementary deployment of more than 15,000 agents of the National Guard to six border states amid alleged invasion of Colombian irregular groups.

The troops would be deployed to the southern states of Amazonas, Apure and Bolivar, and to the southwestern states of Barinas, Tachira and Zulia, Venezuelan Vice President and Defence Minister Ramon Carrizalez told the press on Thursday.

The deployment, called

“Sentinel Operation,” aimed to strike illegal mining and combat the presence of irregular groups in the Venezuelan territory.

This action was followed by the detainment of five alleged Colombian paramilitaries during a clash with the Venezuelan police in Tachira on Thursday morning.

Two of the detainees were killed, from whom two fusils, taken from two agents of the National Guard killed on Monday in the border area, were found, the authorities said.—*Xinhua*

Afghan villagers say NATO strike kills 9 civilians

KANDAHAR, 6 Nov—An overnight rocket strike by international forces killed nine civilians, including at least three children, villagers said on Thursday. Local Afghan authorities said they had no reports of civilian deaths.

NATO said the target of the strike was a group of people believed to be planting a bomb and that the alliance was investigating the allegations.

The incident illustrates the confusion and blame that regularly result from night raids and strikes in Afghanistan and threaten US-led efforts to curb the Taliban.

In Kabul, the head of the UN mission warned that Afghanistan cannot count on international support indefinitely unless the government tackles corruption and bad governance.

Residents of Korkhashien village drove the bodies to the governor's office in the nearby provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, and *Associated Press* footage and photos showed at least two children among the dead.—*Internet*

Gunman injures three near Tokyo, hides in building

TOKYO, 6 Nov—A lone gunman shot and wounded three men on Friday in a residential area near Tokyo and then took refuge in a building, officials say.

Police were negotiating with the gunman in Yokohama, police spokesman Shigeki Umehara

said.

He said one of the three wounded men was in critical condition and the other two had light injuries.

Media reports said the shooting appeared to be gangster-related, and TV footage showed police sur-

rounding a building.

The shooting took place in a residential area in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, according to Ken Koide, a city fire department official.

Guns are strictly controlled in Japan, and shootings are rare.—*Internet*

12 killed, 31 wounded in shooting at US army base

HOUSTON, 6 Nov—Twelve people were killed and up to 31 injured in two shootings on Thursday at Fort Hood Army Base in Killeen, Texas, the US Army said.

The 12 dead include one suspect, a soldier. Two other soldiers were taken into custody, according to Gary Tallman, a spokesman at the Pentagon.

Earlier reports said seven people were dead and at least 12 injured when gunmen opened fire at about 1:30 pm in an area near a theater and a sports dome, also known as the soldier readiness area.

It was not immediately

known if the victims are soldiers or civilians.

The shooting prompted the base and nearby schools to order a lockdown.

A message on the Fort Hood Web site said, “Effective immediately, Fort Hood is closed.” “This is not a drill. It is an emergency situation,” it said.

US President Barack Obama has called the incident a “horrific burst of violence” and expressed his sympathy to the victims and their families.

“These are men and women who have made the selfless and courageous decision to risk and

at times give their lives to protect the rest of us on a daily basis,” Obama said when he delivered speech at the closing ceremony of the tribal nations conference.

“It's difficult enough when we lose these brave Americans in battles overseas. It is horrifying that they should come under fire at an Army base on American soil,” he said.

FBI agents are headed to Fort Hood to assist the Army Criminal Investigation Division, which is the lead agency, said FBI spokesman Jason Pack.

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Emergency personnel carry the wounded at the US Army post in Fort Hood, Texas, on 5 Nov, 2009.

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In this photo taken by Feature Photo Service: Hundreds of holiday job-seekers line up in NYC, on 5 Nov, 2009 for the chance to showcase their Love-of-the-Loo in open auditions to find five Charmin Ambassadors to work in the Times Square Restrooms for a \$10,000 salary.—INTERNET

South Korea OK's India free trade agreement

SEOUL, 6 Nov—South Korea on Friday ratified a free trade deal with India that promises to slash tariffs on goods and services between two of Asia's biggest economies.

The agreement was passed in a vote by lawmakers in the National Assembly, said two officials in the body's secretariat.

They refused to give their names, saying they were not authorized to

speak to media.

An official vote tally was to be released later in the day, they said. South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency reported that the bill passed by a margin of 192-0, with five abstentions in the 298-seat assembly.

The two countries signed the deal, known officially as a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, in August in Seoul.

Trade between India and South Korea — Asia's third- and fourth-largest economies, respectively — has grown steadily and reached \$15.6 billion last year. In 2002, it amounted to just \$2.6 billion.

The two countries will abolish or cut tariffs for 90 percent of Indian goods in terms of value and 85 percent of South Korean products, according to South Korea.—*Internet*

Unemployment nears 10 pct as rebound remains slow

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov—The economy is rebounding from its deepest slump since the 1930s, but it probably won't seem that way when the government releases its monthly employment report on Friday.

Employers aren't expected to start adding jobs for several more months. Many are skeptical about the strength and sustainability of the recovery.

The nation's economy probably lost a net total of 175,000 jobs in October, pushing the unemployment rate to 9.9 percent, according to a survey of Wall Street economists by Thomson Reuters. The Labour Department report is scheduled for release at 8:30 am EST.—*Internet*

Eurozone employment falls since outbreak of financial crisis

BRUSSELS, 6 Nov—Euro area and EU employment began to fall as the global financial crisis began, official figures showed on Thursday.

The number of persons employed in the 16-nation euro area fell by 1.8 percent between the second quarters of 2008 and 2009, representing 145.5 million persons, according to first estimates from the European Union's statistics agency Eurostat. During the same period, the number of persons employed in the 27-nation EU, which represents 222.7 million persons, decreased by 1.9 percent.—*Xinhua*

Chinese investments in Italy increase

ROME, 6 Nov—Chinese investments in Italy, although still limited compared with that in the rest of Europe, are growing with more and more Chinese firms operating in the country's strategic sectors, said an Italian government agency on Thursday.

Invitalia, the Italian governmental agency for promoting foreign investment and enterprise development, said there are just 38 Chinese firms operating in the country, but Chinese investments have grown rapidly since 2000.

Four Chinese compa-

nies, namely Chongqing Lifan (motorcycle), Enhallor (chemicals), Zhejiang Xiongfeng Holdings (textile) and a major producer of tools and accessories for safety in sport activities, entered the Italian market in July.

Most of the Chinese companies in Italy are small in dimension and are highly concentrated in the northern region of Lombardy, with the metropolitan area of Milan as the prevailing investment zone.

The nature of Chinese investments has recently changed, undergoing a



The skyline of the business district in Auckland, New Zealand where the unemployment rate has hit a nine year high of 6.5 percent in the September quarter as the effects of a long recession hit businesses, official figures have shown.

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APEC to maintain stimulus till recovery in place

SINGAPORE, 6 Nov—APEC leaders will maintain hefty stimulus packages until they secure a "durable" recovery from the global economic slowdown, according to a draft communique obtained by *AFP* on Friday.

"We will maintain our economic stimulus policies until a durable eco-



Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong is seen on 3 November during a news conference on the Asia Pacific leaders' summit in Singapore.

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nomie recovery is secured," the draft said, stressing that "economic recovery is not yet on a solid footing".

Leaders of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, including the United States and China, will meet in Singapore on 14-15 November to discuss global economic recovery, environmental issues and free trade.

Internet

Kenya calls for regional trade blocs to expand market

NAIROBI, 6 Nov—Kenya said on Thursday that countries from the Great Lakes Region with their small economies and small populations will continue to experience under-development unless they are integrated into a larger regional market.

Kenyan Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka noted that this problem is compounded by the fact that most of these countries only recently emerged from conflict situations.

Such countries therefore, he said, need to invest in peace and reconciliation efforts to foster national unity as a prerequisite for creating an enabling environment to attract foreign investments.

Xinhua



A man walking in the desert in the Mauritanian Kiffa region. A "conspiracy of silence" is stifling debate over the future of people who become displaced through climate change, a top UN official for refugees says.—INTERNET



Visitors view gold exhibits on a jewellery exhibition held at China International Exhibition Center in Beijing, China, on 5 Nov, 2009. The 5-day-long 2009 China International Jewellery Exhibition kicked off here on Thursday with about 600 companies from 15 countries and regions on shown. —XINHUA

Major subsidiary of China's top aircraft manufacturer to go public

BEIJING, 6 Nov—AVIC Aircraft Corporation Ltd, a major subsidiary of China's top aircraft manufacturer Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), will go public by injecting assets into AVIC's Shenzhen-listed arm, Xi'an Aircraft International Corp, *China Daily* reported on Friday.

It was part of AVIC Aircraft's plan to complete an overall listing by 2011

amid a restructuring of China's aviation industry, the newspaper said.

The company planned to complete the asset restructuring by the first quarter of next year and use Xi'an Aircraft International as the platform for the listing, the newspaper said, citing Hu Xiaofeng, general manager of the AVIC Aircraft Corp.

AVIC Aircraft will inject assets worth 8 billion

yuan (about 1.2 billion US dollars) into Xi'an Aircraft International, according to Hu.

Xi'an Aircraft International manufactures the MA600 turboprop regional aircraft. It is expected to be a parts supplier to China's home-made large passenger plane, the C919, boosting expectations for the plane maker's passenger aircraft business.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Addis Ababa to host annual African economic conference

ADDIS ABABA, 6 Nov—Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, Africa's meeting place, is to host the fourth annual African Economic Conference from 11 to 13 November, it was learned on Thursday. Close to 400 policy makers, development experts and economists will attend the annual African economic gathering, whose theme is "Fostering Development in an Era of Financial crisis."

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi will give the keynote address, and other key figures attending include Donald Kaberuka, president of the African Development Bank; Paul Collier, director of the Center for the Study of African Economies at Britain's Oxford University; and several central bank governors and ministers of finance from African countries.—Xinhua

Spain reports highest cocaine consumption in EU

MADRID, 6 Nov—Spain is the largest cocaine consumer in the European Union (EU), a report by the European drug monitoring authority showed on Thursday.

While marijuana consumption slightly fell among the Spaniards, cocaine consumption has spread in the country.

Over the past year, 3.1 percent of the Spaniards admitted having consumed cocaine, while 1.1 percent said they did it in the past month, according to the report presented by the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction.

During the last four of five years, Spain's cocaine consumption has stabilized after registering a large increase in the years before. But "this is small progress, there is still much to do," the report said.—Xinhua



The plump children cheer after the first day's training in the weight-reducing summer camp held in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, recently. XINHUA

Somali pirates seize Greek cargo ship

NAIROBI, 6 Nov—Suspected Somali pirates are believed to have hijacked a Greek cargo ship early on Thursday with crew members from Ukraine and Philippine onboard.

Regional maritime official said Delvina was heading for the Kenyan port city of Mombasa from Mediterranean when it was captured 250 miles northwest of Madagascar.

"I am still not sure whether Delvina was hijacked or attacked by the pirates. The vessel was sailing to Mombasa when it was seized or attacked by pirates, about 250 miles northwest of Madagascar," Andrew Mwangura, the coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) told *Xinhua* by telephone.

"The ship had Ukrainian and Filipinos on board but I have not established the correct number of crew members," Mwangura said.—Xinhua

Workers clear the Xiamen Xiang'an Tunnel, the first undersea tunnel in Chinese mainland, in Xiamen, south-east China's Fujian Province, on 5 Nov, 2009. The 8695-meter-long Xiamen Xiang'an Tunnel was run-through on Thursday.—XINHUA

Peru discovers new gas reserves

LIMA, 6 Nov—Peruvian President Alan Garcia said on Thursday Peru has found a new gas field, which has a reserve of quintillion cubic feet, enough to guarantee the country's energy demand till 2050.

"This early morning I was told, directly from the jungle, that we could confirm that in Field 58, we have found a great amount of gas," Garcia said, adding he was waiting for more details.

"Apparently, there is more than 1 quintillion cubic feet of gas in the first well, and it is one of five wells or structures.—Xinhua



Malaysia slams British ban on advertisement

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Nov—The British's decision to ban a Malaysian palm oil advertisement has drawn attention from Malaysian officials, local media reported here on Friday.

Malaysian Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Jacob Sagan was quoted as retorting the British government's reason to ban the

advertisement.

He said that Malaysia federal and state authorities had put in great effort to protect the environment and the natives' welfare.

He added that any move deterring the export of Malaysian palm oil would unavoidably affect the livelihoods of those working in the plantations.

It was reported that the

advertisement placed by the Malaysian Palm Oil Board said that the palm oil industry was sustainable and contributed to poverty-eradication in Malaysia.

However, the British regulatory board viewed the content as misleading as it ruled that the industry had infringed on the native's rights.—Xinhua

POSCO starts work on steel plant in Turkey

SEOUL, 6 Nov—South Korean steelmaker POSCO said on Friday it has begun building a plant in Turkey to produce steel for automobiles.

The plant, when completed by June 2010, will have an annual capacity of 170,000 tonnes of steel for automakers including Ford, Renault, Fiat, Hyundai Motor, Toyota and Honda, POSCO said in a statement.

The company, the world's fourth largest steelmaker by output, currently has 41 steel processing facilities in 12 countries.—*Internet*

Sweden, Finland okay Russia's Nord Stream pipeline

STOCKHOLM, 6 Nov—After years of procrastination, Sweden and Finland agreed on Thursday to allow the Russian-led Nord Stream pipeline to pass through their waters in the Baltic Sea, a crucial step for the project destined to supply Europe with Russian gas.

The breakthrough approvals come as new tensions have been playing out between Moscow and Ukraine, raising fears for a new row between the countries that could jeopardize Russian gas supplies to Europe.

By going under the Baltic Sea, Nord Stream's pipeline could free the European Union of the risks posed by disputes between Moscow and the Ukraine, through which 80 percent of Russian gas currently transits on its way to Europe. One quarter of all gas consumed in Europe comes from Russia. "The government authorises Nord Stream to build a pipeline in international waters inside the Swedish economic zone," Swedish environment minister Andreas Carlgren told reporters in Stockholm.

A few hours later, the Finnish government issued a statement saying it "granted consent for Nord Stream AG's plan to construct an offshore natural gas pipeline system that would traverse the Baltic Sea."—*Internet*



The POSCO flag flutters in front of the company's headquarters in Seoul. POSCO said on Friday it has begun building a plant in Turkey to produce steel for automobiles.

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Airbus debuts new A330-200 freighter

PARIS, 6 Nov—French Airbus company lifted its new A330-200 freighter into first flight-test on Thursday, a stride for more market share.

A330-200 freighter succeed a four hour maiden flight over Toulouse, in southeast France, starting its 180 hour flight-test and certification campaign.

The group said the new plane has greater range and a higher maximum payload with much lower unit cost compared with its closest competitor, which is obviously the American plane maker Boeing.

Specifically speaking, the mid-sized new freighter has two operational configuration and can carry more than 64 metric tonnes over 7,400 kilometres or more than 69 metric tonnes up to 5,930 kilometres non-stop flight.

"The A330-200F is the right aircraft at the right time. We are at the eve of a market recovery, and now is the time for airlines to prepare for future freight growth," John Leahy, chief operating officer of Airbus said.

In its news release, Airbus anticipated a demand of over 3,400 freighters in the next 20 years to cater for a 5.2 percent average annual growth rate.—*Xinhua*

German Red Cross worker shot in Indonesia's Aceh

BANDA ACEH, 6 Nov—Officials say a German working for the Red Cross has been shot by men on a motorcycle in Indonesia's Aceh province.

Police say Erhard Bauer, 50, was shot on Thursday in the arm and stomach. The motive is unknown. Red Cross spokeswoman Svenja Koch says Bauer was flown to Singapore for treatment.

She could not say if the injuries were life threatening. Aceh Gov Irwandi Yusuf visited Bauer before he was evacuated but declined to comment to reporters.

Aceh, which was hit by the Indian Ocean tsunami nearly five years ago, was the scene of a string of shootings ahead of elections in April, but it has been months since an incident.—*Internet*



Handicraftsman Zhang Tianwei displays his new work, a miniature bicycle, in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province. This bicycle is 20 mm long, 12 mm high and has two wheels, which are 7 mm in diameter.

Man tries to rob bank with a spoon

A would-be bank robber held a teaspoon to the neck of a cashier pretending it was a knife, a *Polish* news website said.

But *Gazeta pl* said the two women behind the counter at the bank in the southern Polish city of Lublin on Monday were not fooled, and scared the man away with their screaming. Police have compiled a photo-fit of the suspect.

NEWS ALBUM

Lost keys lead NJ police to home invasion suspects

Tracking down three alleged home invaders became easier for Paterson police after one of the bandits dropped the keys to their getaway car.

Authorities said the gun-toting men entered a city apartment early on Friday, expecting to find loads of money.

They woke one man and demanded cash as they tried unsuccessfully to bind his arms.

But the man began screaming and fought with one bandit, stabbing him with scissors before another suspect beat him with a shotgun.

Realizing they targeted the wrong residence, the men then fled with just a three-foot, beer bottle-shaped piggy bank containing \$2 in change.

Police soon arrived and, after finding the lost keys in a bedroom, used the car alarm to locate a deserted vehicle in a nearby parking lot.

Its registration led them to the alleged robbers, who were sitting in a taxi outside one suspect's home.

The three men face robbery, burglary and weapons charges.



Not guilty plea entered for praying theft suspect

A judge has entered a not guilty plea for a man accused of robbing an Indianapolis check-cashing business after hugging and praying with a clerk.

Twenty-three-year-old Gregory Smith apologized on television last week for the robbery and says he was driven to it after losing his job.

Defence attorney Jack Crawford says

it's too early to negotiate a plea agreement with prosecutors.

Smith appeared in a Marion County court on Tuesday on charges of robbery, criminal confinement, pointing a firearm and carrying a handgun without a license.

He is charged in two robberies this month.

19th century quake aftershocks still felt

A new study suggests aftershocks of Midwestern US earthquakes occurring in 1811 and 1812 are still being felt today.

The joint Northwestern University and University of Missouri-Columbia research, led by Northwestern Professor Seth Stein, suggests most small earthquakes that occur in the central United States are aftershocks of magnitude 7 earthquakes that occurred in the New Madrid seismic zone nearly 200 years ago.

"This sounds strange at first," Stein said. "On the San Andreas fault in California, aftershocks only continue for about 10 years. But in the middle of a continent, they go on much longer."

A two-month-old poison dart frog sits on a one euro coin at the animal park in the southern German city of Nuremberg.



In this 13th July, 2009 photo, construction continues on the site of the Burj Dubai, the world's tallest tower in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Visitors will have to wait until early next year for the opening of the world's tallest building in Dubai.

Beautifying development works with concerted efforts of Magway Township DAC

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

As part of efforts to gain development momentum in the country, development tasks are being carried out day and night in all regions of the nation in line with the motto "build new structures and maintain old ones for development of rural and urban areas". Therefore, remarkable progress can be seen in rural and urban regions of all States and Divisions.

On arrival at Magway of Magway Division, the news team of Kyemon Daily met with Executive Officer (Deputy Director) U Thet Tun of Magway



Townselder of Kyagan Village.

sion DAC."

He offered us to observe the construction of rural roads and rural water supply. Accompanied by officials of the department,

We all are pleased that we will be free from the problems on shortage of water. So, we thank officials of the Development Affairs Committee for their efforts in sinking tube-well."

In an interview with a woman who fed the workers with snacks, we asked for use of water before sinking the tube-well. While pointing to a monastery, she said, "We took water at a stream near the monastery. We enquired her feeling on supply of water from the tube-well. She told us, "I am so happy. I wish to quickly complete the task."

Magway Township DAC plans to re-sink and maintain tube-wells and sink new wells in order to supply potable water to the rural people.

The news team continued its trip along Magway-Taungdwingyi Road. We turned to the gravel road from Myingun Junction and got off from the car in front of the signboard "Welcome to Shazaungkan Village". Pieces of gravel were placed on two miles long and 12 feet wide Shazaungkan Road section in 2008-2009 and the remaining five furlongs long section is being placed with gravel.

We saw the move of a yellow roller on the gravel of the road. The chairman of Village PDC introduced a man on a motorcycle driving along the road. Therefore, we had an interview with him.

"I am a Shazaungkan villager. And, I am headmaster of Basic Education Primary School," he introduced himself. He continued to say, "Our village has over 400 houses and 418 households. All the households are engaging in growing various crops. In the past, they faced hardships to send their produce to the main road. Now, they can carry their produce by light vehicle or motorcy-



A beautiful triangle landscape seen at junction of circular road and Natmauk Road in Magway.

cle."

The chairman of Village PDC participated in the interview. He said, "Engineer Ko Kyaw Khaing Tun, who is closely supervising the construction of the road, is a best friend of all villagers and he is known to all."

Indeed, the reliance and belief of rural people is the successful result of the department.

On the way, we stopped over at Hsugauksan Village. At the entrance to the village, in-charge of the road Junior Engineer-II U Aung Kyaw Min explained, "Our committee constructed this road with 30 feet width in 2007-2008 financial year. Taking one year break for ensuring proper condition of the ground, we start to construct the gravel road that measures 5130 feet

long and 12 feet wide."

Village Chairman U Ko Ko Oo said, "In the past, the road was not enough for two bullock carts. While two carts were dodging each other, green snakes from roadside trees fell on the carts."

We saw the straight main road of the village. For durability of the road, bullock carts have their tracks on both sides of the road.

We went back to Magway. In the oilfield region, we witnessed beautiful scenes of the grand signboard at the entrance to the town, the triangle landscape of the junction of circular road and Natmauk Road, the landscape at Lotus Flower Roundabout at Taungdwingyi Road and circular road, the traditional oil-sinking ma-

chine and roundabout with flowery plants in the background.

In the urban area, we saw the straight Myitta Road and tarmaking of Thitsa Road as the pride of the town.

Nowadays, Magway Township Development Affairs Committee is realizing 16 work guidelines on development tasks for ensuring equitable improvement of rural and urban areas. Moreover, the committee is joining hands with the local people in supplying potable water and constructing the rural roads. As a result, the region is gaining development momentum day by day.

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Sinking a tube-well in progress at Kyagan Village of Magway Township for supply of potable water to rural people.

Township Development Affairs Committee to learn duties and functions of the committee for keeping the town clean and pleasant.

The Executive Officer said, "The Township DAC is striving for timely completion of development tasks in rural and urban areas under the supervision of the department, Division and District Peace and Development Councils and Divi-

we made a trip to rural area of Magway Township.

We, together with Assistant Engineer Daw Saw Myat Mon, arrived at Kyagan Village. While in the village, we saw sinking of a tube-well.

We enquired a local of over 60 years old among those who helped the sinking tube-well. The old man said, "We help the workers in sinking tube-well as much as we can for supplying water to our village.



Workers seen at construction of gravel road to Hsugauksan Village in Magway Township.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife host dinner to Malaysian Defence Minister and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn hosted a dinner to the delegation led by Minister of Defence Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi and wife of Malaysia who are here to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar, at Shwe Nan Daw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at 7 pm yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Myanmar Military Attaché Col Aung Thaw to Malaysia, Malaysian Ambassador Dato' Mazlan Muhammad and wife, Defence Adviser Colonel Gan Seng Look and wife and officials.

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence and wife host dinner to Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi.

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Goodwill delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister and wife arrives

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A good will delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi and wife Dato' Seri Hamidah bte Khamis arrived here by special flight of Malaysian Royal Armed Forces yesterday afternoon.

The delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw airport by Deputy Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Min Zaw, Brig-Gen Than Soe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, senior military officers and department

officials, Myanmar Military Attaché Col Aung Thaw and Malaysian Ambassador Dato' Mazlan Muhammad and wife, Malaysian Defence Adviser Colonel Gan Seng Look and officials.

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Winners awarded in Kachin State Inter-Township Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win attended the final match of the Kachin State PDC Chairman's Cup Men's (Open) Football Tournament at the Kachin State People's Sports Ground in Myitkyina on 31 October.

After the match, the commander presented prizes to the respective winning teams.

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Economic delegation of Dehong Prefecture of China meets UMFCCI officials

YANGON, 6 Nov—A 15-member delegation led by Managing Director Mr He Hai of Economic and Commercial Department of Dehong Prefecture of the People's Republic of China met with Myanmar entrepreneurs led by Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Joint General Secretaries U Myint Soe and Dr Myo Thet, CEC members and executives at the office of the federation, here, on 4 November.

They discussed participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in China-Myanmar Border Economic Expo in Shweli of Yunnan Province from 2 to 6 December, practicing of banking system for payment in commodity trading between the two countries and implementation of banking system as quickly as possible, assistance of the federation for economic cooperation and investment matters, sales of agricultural produce and marine products through border trade, and cooperation in smoothening and promoting border trade.—MNA



Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung of UMFCCI receive Chinese delegation led by Mr He Hai.

UMFCCI

Myanmar, Egypt sign agreement to cooperate in culture, education and technology

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Myanmar and Arab Republic of Egypt signed an agreement to cooperate in culture, education and technology at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here on 2 November.

It was attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, departmental heads, Egyptian Am-

bassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Youssef Kamal Botros Hanna and officials.

Minister U Soe Tha and the Egyptian Ambassador signed and exchanged the agreement

notes. Next, the minister and the Ambassador discussed matters related to mutual cooperation.—MNA



Minister U Soe Tha and Egyptian Ambassador Mr Youssef Kamal Botros Hanna sign agreement to cooperate in culture, education and technology.—MNA

Talks on MCPA Exam on 14 Nov

YANGON, 6 Nov—With a view to turning out qualified IT experts needed in IT industry, Joint-Secretary-1 U Ye Yint Win of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association will give talks on MCPA Exam, organized by MCPA for

ICT development at Room No. 205 of Myanmar Info-tech, Hline Township here on 14 November.

Those who have passed the matriculation exam, students from Universities of Computer Studies and Technological

Universities, those who are from IT field and IT enthusiasts may attend the talks free of charge.

For more information, contact MCPA office, Building (4), Room (4), Ph-652276.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence sees to local development tasks in Monywa, Gangaw Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, inspected Monywa-Yinmabin Road and Myaukyama Bridge on 2 November.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the monsoon paddy farm and paddy strains and met with local farmers in Lengauk Village. He then inspected Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton farm in Thayatkan Village, Yinmabin Township.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton farm in Pale Township.—MNA

viewed the paddy farm and met with the local farmers in Lettaungkyi Village,

Pale Township.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the

Winthuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 and Ngwechi-6 long staple

cotton farm in Northern Ward of Pale and Kandaung Dam near

Kandaung Village, Pale Township.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected Monywa-Pale-Gangaw road, station hospital and railway station of Kyawtaik Village and donated cash towards the fund of hospital.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with the headmistress, teachers and local people in Yaymyatni BEHS (Branch) and donated a computer set in Htilin Township. Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the tarring of Myoywa-Pale-Gangaw road and Yaymyatni-Gangaw road.

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Photo shows Kandaung Dam in Pale Township.—MNA

Vocalist selection of Premier coffee now reaches final

YANGON, 6 Nov—Jointly organized by Premier coffee and Ginseng Korea ginseng tonic, Vocalist selection and beauty contest of Premier coffee Part 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 had been held successfully and Part 6 and 7 had just been held in Monywa, Shwebo, Kawlin, Myitkyina, Bhamo, Muse, Lashio, Taunggyi, Kalaw and Kyaukse.

Composer Naung Naung (Sun flower) judged the contests and vocalists

Khine Shwe Wah, Naung Naung, Aung Khant and July (Melody World) assisted the contests. Winners of the contests will have to compete in final at national level at City Hyper Market and handsome prizes will be presented to first, second and third prize winners.

The previous contests were said to be packed with consumers of Premier coffee, departmental personnel and township reps.—MNA

IBTC Open Golf Championships on 12-15 Nov

YANGON, 5 Nov—The IBTC Open Golf Championships (Mandalay), the fourth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, will be held at Yedaguntaung Golf Club in Mandalay from 12 to 15 November.

Professional golfers and amateur golfers (handicap 0-12) are allowed to take part in the championships that will be held in line with the Saint Andrew rules and regional rules and regulations. Deserved prizes will be awarded to the hole-in-one scorers.

Those wishing to participate in the championships are to contact 09-5017049 and 09-2037671 and enlist at Yedaguntaung Golf Club, not later than 2 pm on 10 November. International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) will mainly sponsor the championships together with co-sponsors Air Bagan Ltd, KBZ Bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), INAX, T-Home, CEPASA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and Yedaguntaung Golf Club.—NLM

Minister attends ceremony to launch drilling of Shwe Pyi Thit No 6 test well

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, accompanied by Business in-charge Mr Tang Hai of Chinese Embassy to the Union of Myanmar, Executive Vice-President of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) Mr Zhu Weilin, officials from Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, and Managing-Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd, attended the ceremony to launch drilling of Shwe Pyi Thit No (6) test well in M-10 block in Mottama Offshore region yesterday.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Actinia Semi Submersible Rig, the minister and party heard the reports presented by Chairman of CNOOC (Myanmar) Ltd Mr Li Mingde on the programme of exploration of Shwe Pyi Thit No (6). The minister extended greetings and attendees expressed thanks.

The minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi

and CNOOC Executive Vice-President Zhu Weilin opened the ceremony to launch drilling of Shwe Pyi Thit No (6) test well.

At 9.54 am, the minister formally launched drilling of Shwe Pyi Thit No (6) test well. Next, the minister and party viewed Actinia Rig.

The minister presented a basket of fruits to foreign technicians and staff of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise who are working on the rig.

The M-10 block in Mottama Offshore region is mutually explored with CNOOC Company of the People's Republic of China. It is learnt that Hydro Carbon was found in three test wells in First Campaign in 2008 open season. New three wells will be sunk in 2009 open season in Second Campaign. There are prospects for other new natural gas deposits in Mottama Offshore region.

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MoU signed for implementation of Saidin, Upper Beluchaung hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A ceremony to sign the MoU between Hydropower Administration Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and Future Power Co Ltd for Saidin Hydropower Project and the similar department and Min Anawrahta Group Co Ltd for Upper Beluchaung Hydropower Project through Build, Operate & Transfer system was held at the hall of the ministry yesterday evening.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min extended greetings.

The director-general of HAD and Managing Director U Aung Zaw Naing of Future Power Co Ltd signed the MoU on Saidin Hydropower Project and exchanged notes. Next, the director-general and Managing Director U Khaing Oo of Min Anawrahta Group Co Ltd signed the MoU and exchanged documents.

Hydropower Admin-

istration Department signed the MoU on implementation of Saidin Hydropower Project with Future Power Co Ltd and that of Upper Beluchaung Hydropower Project with Min Anawrahta Group Co Ltd.

Also present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.—MNA

Cash donated to respect paying ceremony to doyen literati

YANGON, 6 Nov—Wellwishers donate cash to the funds for the respect paying ceremony to doyen literati to be organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association on Sarsodaw Day.

Today, Mandalay City Development Committee donated K 500,000, YCDC K 200,000, U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Hay Mar) of Alinka Wutyi Fine Arts Family K 1.31 million, U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay)-Daw Nyunt

Nyunt Than (H&T) K 60,000, U Khin Zaw (Khin Zaw-Mayangon) K 60,000 and 150 books worth K 150,000, WO-I Yin Min Htwe (Ko Htwe-Kalaw GTI)-Daw Hla Kyawt Khaing family K 40,000, U Han Nyunt (Han Nyunt-Law) (Director-General of Attorney-General's office)-Daw San Myint (Nyo Nyo Yin-DaikU) K 30,000, U Kyaw Nyunt Yi (Kyaw Nyunt Yi)-Daw Wah Wah Kyaw (Kyaw Nyunt Yi Sarpay) K 20,000, and U Tun

Shein and Than Win Shein Literary House K 12,000.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) and officials accepted the cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds may contact MWJA at Sarpay Beikman Building at 529/531 at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street, Tel: 01-252417 and 01-385273.—MNA

Yesagyoo with development facilities in all aspects

Article & Photos: Pe Tun Zaw

Nowadays, Yesagyoo has gained development momentum in various sectors. The town is packed with new housings, driving of various sized vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles along the local roads. Indeed, these developments prove prevalence of peace and tranquility.

To write bylines on various development undertakings of Yesagyoo Township, the news crew of Kyemon Daily had an interview with Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Mya Ngwe at his office.

Yesagyoo Township is sharing border with Myingyan Township of Mandalay Division in the east, Myaing Township of Magway Division on the west, Pakokku Town-

ship of Magway Division in the south and Myaung Township of Sagaing Division in the north. With regard to the geographical condition, Shinma Hill, Kyauktet mountain ranges, TaungU Hill and Hsindaga mountain range in addition to the plains are located in the area of the township. The areas on the eastern bank of Chindwin River and on the western bank of Ayeyawady River and the eastern part of Yesagyoo-Pakokku Road are alluvial lands. The western and the northern parts of the town are land areas.

Yesagyoo Township is formed with eight wards and 245 villages in 81 village-tracts.

Before 1988, the township was a dry, hot and drought region where

water was scarce. In the time of the Tatmadaw government after 1988, the township was included in the 13-district greening project in accord with the farsighted guidance of the Head of State. To make the township lush and green, efforts are being made to conserve the forests, establish manageable forest plantations, designate the forest reserves, grow fuel plantations in villages and cultivate plants along both sides of the roads annually. Therefore, the township becomes the lush and green region.

In the past, the township faced many difficulties to grow paddy for achieving local food sufficiency. At present, the government has built five dams and seven river wa-



Photo shows Nyaungsauk-Yesagyoo Tarred Road.

ter pumping stations. Moreover, the local people constructed 18 small-scale dams and lakes on self-reliance basis under the leadership of Division Peace and Development Council. To seek the water sources, the authorities concerned joined hands with the local people in construction of 7400 feet long Paygon canal, 5200 feet long Kanadunt canal, 3000 feet long Pahnyin canal and 3500 feet long Thetywa canal. In addition, a total of 120 acres of farmlands were reclaimed and 408 acres of croplands were tamed to the farmlands.

Rail-cum-road Hsinbyushin Bridge contributes to the extended plying of new bus lines and smooth and speedy flow of commodities in

the region.

In providing health care services, a total of 15 doctors, eight health assistants, 32 nurses and 93 midwives were assigned duties in the township. And 2655 persons who have attended the traditional medicine courses are also taking part in health care services for the local people. These health personnel are discharging duties at one 50-bed Township Hospital, four 16-bed facilities, four rural health centres, 34 rural health branches, one maternal and child health centre, seven private clinics, one traditional medicine clinic and three disease control units.

To have easy access to other regions through communication facility, the township has been

equipped with four post offices, one digital exchange, one computer fax-telegraphic office, 506 auto-telephones, 150 manual phones and 378 CDMA phones. A total of 450 telephones are being installed.

The township has 8580 feet long tarred roads, 3600 feet long gravel road, 13530 feet long laterite roads and 15 miles earth road.

At present, Township General Administration Department is implementing the objectives of the State and future tasks in cooperation with the local authorities, social organizations and local people so as to develop the township.

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Kyemon: 30-10-2009



Monsoon paddy plantations are thriving in irrigated fields through Paygon canal.

Health Ministry orders investigation into alleged illegal medical practice

BEIJING, 4 Nov—China's Health Ministry said Wednesday it has ordered its Beijing bureau to investigate the Peking University's First Hospital for alleged illegal medical practice that caused the death of a professor.

The ministry said in a statement that the Health and Education Ministries had issued a special regulation on clinical internship for

medical students, which mandates that medical students are forbidden to provide clinical services without a qualified doctor's supervision.

It pledged to publicize the result of the investigation as soon as possible.

Prof. Xiong Zhuowei with the Peking University died of pulmonary failure after receiving a backbone surgery in the hospital

affiliated to the university on Jan. 31, 2006.

Wang Jianguo, Xiong's husband who is also a professor with the university, later brought a lawsuit against the hospital for illegal medical practice after he collected a series of evidence showing that the medical staff involved in her wife's death were still medical students.

Xinhua



798 Art Zone is located on the east side of Jiuxianqiao Road which is at the Dashanzi exit of the airport expressway. It is the most distinctive culture and creation-related industrial cluster area in Beijing, attracting a large number of domestic and foreign tourists and celebrities.—INTERNET

Ex-head of NY police pleads guilty to eight charges

NWE YORK, 5 Nov—Former New York City police commissioner Bernard Kerik pleaded guilty Thursday to eight charges including tax fraud and lying to White House officials.

A federal judge accepted the plea bargain,

under which Kerik would be sentenced to between 27 and 33 months in prison, but was not required to plead guilty to several other charges.

The judge also said he would not make a final judgment until formal sentencing on Feb. 8,

2010. The possible maximum sentence is 61 years.

Kerik admitted that he lied to White House officials while being vetted for head of the Homeland Security Department by denying that he had financial dealings with anyone doing business within New York City.

Kerik, 54, was once hailed as a 9/11 hero. He was widely praised for his firm leadership after the September 11 attacks when he was New York City Police Commissioner from 2000 to 2001. As a rising star, he was nominated as Secretary of Homeland Security by President George W. Bush in December 2004.

Xinhua



A perfect stocking stuffer for active women, GoGirl allows the simple convenience of taking bathroom breaks standing up in situations where restrooms are unfit or nonexistent.—INTERENT

Microsoft CEO sees Yahoo partnership outside US

TOKYO, 6 Nov—Microsoft Corp Chief Executive Steve Ballmer said on Thursday the company's search engine partnership with Yahoo would not be limited to the U.S. but would be introduced around the world, once it gets regulatory approval.

Earlier this year Microsoft and Yahoo signed a 10-year global Web search partnership to challenge Google Inc, a pact that US and European antitrust regulators are evaluating.

"It's possible that we

will extend that partnership (with Yahoo) outside the U.S.," Ballmer told reporters at a news conference. "We will have to wait and see if we can get approval and consummate that partnership inside the U.S. first." The deal, struck in July, must be approved by regulators in the United States and Europe in order to go into effect.

As soon as those regulators give approval, the agreement goes into effect worldwide, although implementation in a specific country would be

postponed if regulatory approval is required but not yet obtained. That should not postpone implementation in other places, a Microsoft spokesman said.

Internet

China adopts "malaria diplomacy" as part of Africa push

HONG KONG, 6 Nov—In a laboratory in China's southern city of Guangzhou, scientists are trying to enhance the rare sweet wormwood shrub, from which artemisinin—the best drug to fight malaria—is derived. China hopes to improve and use the drug as a uniquely Chinese weapon to fight malaria not on its own soil, where the deadly disease has been sharply pruned back, but in Africa, where it still kills one child every 30

seconds.

Already, a Chinese-backed eradication programme on a small island off Africa has proven a huge success. Away from its practical application, scientists back in the lab in Guangzhou are also achieving results. In one of the lab's refrigerators sit a dozen triangular test-tubes holding seedlings of the sweet wormwood shrub, also called *Artemisia annua*, which

has only been found in the wild in China and Vietnam.

"There are about 0.6 parts of artemisinin in every 100 parts of the plant in the wild, but we have managed to increase the artemisinin content to between 1.2 and 1.8," said Feng Liling, assistant professor at the Tropical Medicine Institute in Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

MNA/Reuters

Saudi air force hits Yemen rebels after border raid

RIYADH, 6 Nov—Saudi Arabia has launched heavy airstrikes on rebels in northern Yemen and is moving troops nearer the border after a raid into its territory by the Shi'ite insurgents, a Saudi Government adviser said on Thursday. Saudi Government officials said only that the Air Force had bombed

Yemeni rebels who had seized a border area inside the kingdom, which they said had now been recaptured. The officials said at least 40 rebels had been killed in the fighting.

The Yemeni Government—which has long dismissed accusations by rebels that it has colluded with Saudi Arabia to combat them—

denied that Saudi planes had struck across the border. "Saudi Arabia did not hit targets in Yemen", a Yemeni defence official told *Reuters*, declining further comment.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, has become increasingly anxious about instability and militancy in Yemen, which is also facing separatist sentiment in the south and a growing threat from resurgent al-Qaeda fighters. "As of yesterday late afternoon, Saudi airstrikes began on their positions in northern Yemen", the adviser said, asking not to be named because operations were still going on.

MNA/Xinhua



An 8-year-old male macaque Tasik drinks Cahors wine in the Royev Ruchey zoo in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, 6 November, 2009.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV IDRIS ERDOGDU VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV IDRIS ERDOGDU VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 7.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W.3 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 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 Claim Day.

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EU-India summit to focus on climate change, energy security, trade

BRUSSELS, 6 Nov—The annual European Union-India summit to be held in New Delhi will focus on climate change, energy security and trade.

The one-day summit, which begins 6 Nov, will also discuss various other global issues, such as terrorism, climate change, energy security and the global financial crisis, the European Commission said on Thursday.

The participants will also address questions concerning the international response to the global financial crisis and the reform of international financial institutions following the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh.

The EU and India Annual Bilateral Summit, first held in 2000, provided an apt platform for political dialogue between the two global entities and paved the way in 2004 for a concrete strategic partnership between the EU and India.—Xinhua



Kira, a 5-day-old baboon baby, is fed by an employee of the Royev Ruchey Zoo in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 5 Nov, 2009. Kira's mother refused to feed her cub and now it will be bottle fed.—XINHUA

10 herbal teas found to contain pesticides

STOCKHOLM, 6 Nov—Ten green herbal tea brands popular in Sweden were found to contain pesticides and other hazardous chemicals, a consumer testing laboratory said on Thursday.

The only brand whose trace levels exceeded Swedish Food Administration limits was made by Kung Markatta of Orebro, Sweden, the consumer testing organization Testfakta said.

"We have decided to halt all sales of the tea from our stocks," Kung Markatta's Peter Engberg told Sweden's Ostgota Correspondenten newspaper.

The organic branding organization Krav immediately withdrew its classification of the tea.

"We consider this matter to be very serious as the Krav label stands for production without the use of pesticides," Kristin Cooper at Krav told the *Dagens Nyheter* newspaper.

Testfakta said it tested nine other brands and found traces of Cypermethrin, a neurotoxin found in household ant and cockroach killers; the insecticide Ethion; and Deltamethrin, which has been shown to be highly toxic to aquatic life.

The only brand found free from pesticides was Britain's Clipper, with tea grown in India and China, The Local newspaper of Stockholm, Sweden, reported.—Internet

Plants rated top indoor air 'cleaners'

ATHENS, 6 Nov—US scientists say they have come up with five ornamental plants that do a superior job of removing indoor air pollutants.

The study of 28 types of plants, published in *HortScience*, found *Hemigraphis alternata*, known as purple waffle plant; *Hedera helix* or English ivy; *Hoya carnosa* or variegated wax plant; and *Asparagus densiflorus* or Asparagus fern had the highest removal rates for all five volatile organic compounds introduced.

Tradescantia pallida or Purple heart plant was rated superior for its ability to remove four of the volatile organic compounds.

Study leader Stanley J Kays of the University of Georgia in Athens placed plants in gas-tight glass jars, exposing them to benzene, octane, toluene and alpha-pinene.

The researchers analyzed air samples and then classified plants as superior, intermediate and poor in their ability to remove the five volatile organic compounds from the air.

"The volatile organic compounds tested in this study can adversely affect indoor air quality and have a potential to seriously compromise the health of exposed individuals," Kays said in a statement.

Internet

Schools closed in W Nepal after fever outbreak

KATHMANDU, 6 Nov—All schools in Nepali western Baglung district headquarters have been closed from Thursday following an outbreak of viral fever among students, local media reported on Friday.

A few schools in Baglung bazaar were closed from on Wednesday noon after the students suffered from an unknown disease while other schools announced closure from Thursday.

"A meeting of the schools' principals decided to close the schools for three days," local newspaper *The Rising Nepal* cited Mahesh Chandra Pradhan, principal of Amrit Boarding School, as saying.

The students are showing symptoms like headache, eye itching, cough and cold, and watery eyes.

Tarun Poudel, medical superintendent of Dhaulagiri Zonal Hospital in Baglung district, said it was difficult to diagnose the disease though it may be the symbol of season change, adding that the symptoms look like that of viral fever.

Xinhua

Vancouver Winter Games brings 1 bln Canadian dollars to economy

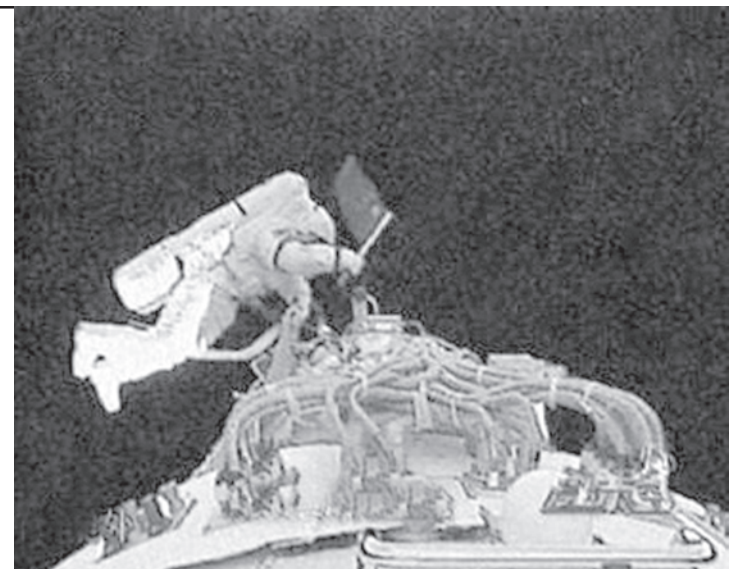
VANCOUVER, 6 Nov—The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games, about 100 days to go, have already generated about one billion Canadian dollars (936 million US dollars) for the economy, according to an independent report released on Thursday. The report, prepared by PriceWaterhouse Coopers, one of the world's largest professional services firms, examined the economic effects the Games brought to the province of British Columbia and elsewhere of Canada from 2003, when the city of Vancouver won the bid, to 2008.

It estimated that preparations for the Games generated between 684 million

and 884 million Canadian dollars (640 million and 827 million US dollars) in GDP for BC as well as an additional 170million Canadian dollars (159 million US dollars) in other provinces across the country. It found that during the period of six years, the Games helped to create more than 20,000 jobs in BC and about 800 new businesses. But in looking at the benefits of the Games, the report does not consider the estimated 1.6 billion Canadian dollars (1.5 billion US dollars) spent on venue construction and other Games-related costs over the same time, making it difficult to determine the true overall situation.—Xinhua

Astronaut Zhai Zhigang of China holds the national flag after exiting the Shenzhou VII space craft in this 27 Sept, 2008 video grab. China supports the peaceful exploration and use of space, President Hu Jintao said.

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Ren Houshu shows her camera at Jilin Road Elementary School in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 26 Oct, 2009. Ren Houshu, a nine-year-old student of 4th grade in Jilin Road Elementary School, liked playing pottery pipe and making silk flower. She always presented her handmade silk flower to friends to share the fruit of labour.

INTERNET

Estrogen has protective 'brain effect'

AUGUSTA, 6 Nov — US researchers and Chinese researchers say rat studies show losing estrogen can lead to diminished brain function.

The study, published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, found areas of the brain — such as CA3 — that tend to be stroke resistant and important in learning and memory, became vulnerable to stroke in rats that went without estrogen for long periods. It appears estrogen helps suppress free radical production that can become deadly to cells at higher levels.

"Estrogen must be doing something that is very critical for the protection of CA3 and we think it's suppressing NADPH oxidase production," Dr Darrell W Brann, chief of Medical College of Georgia who was the study's corresponding author, said in a statement.

NADPH oxidase is the enzyme that makes the free radical superoxide, the researchers said.

"If this is also true in humans, just using surgical menopause as an example, most women would be fine unless they came upon a severe stress," Brann said.

Internet

Hybrid molecules may treat Alzheimer's

ANN ARBOR, 6 Nov — University of Michigan scientists say they have developed new molecular tools that hold promise in Alzheimer's disease treatment.

The researchers, led by Professor Mi Hee Lim, said one of the mysteries of Alzheimer's disease is how protein-like snippets called amyloid-beta peptides can clump together, causing cell death, that leads to the disease's memory loss and other mental difficulties.

Although the exact

mechanism for amyloid-beta clump formation isn't known, scientists do know that copper and zinc ions are somehow involved.

Lim and coworkers said they used a new strategy to develop "bi-functional" small molecules that not only grab metal ions, but also interact with amyloid-beta.

"The idea is simple," said Lim. "We found molecules known for amyloid-beta recognition and then attached metal binding sites to them."

The scientists showed the bi-functional molecules were able to regulate copper-induced amyloid-beta aggregation, not only disrupting the formation of clumps, but also breaking up clumps that already had formed.

Internet

Spain registers big rise in A/H1N1 cases

MADRID, 6 Nov — Spain recorded a sharp rise in the number of A/H1N1 flu cases in the week between 25 and 31 Oct. Figures published by the Spanish Ministry of Health on Thursday showed 126,999 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported last week, compared with 80,981 new cases in the previous week.

The ratio of newly infected cases last week stood at 292.45 in every 100,000 inhabitants, while that in the previous week was 182.45 in the same number of people.

The week also saw 10 fatalities, bringing the total number of deaths to 73. However, the mortality rate remains low with just 0.13 fatalities per 1,000 cases, the ministry said.—*Internet*

S Korea reports three more deaths related to A/H1N1

SEOUL, 6 Nov — South Korea on Friday reported three more death cases related to the A/H1N1 flu virus, raising the country's death toll from the new contagious disease to 48.

According to the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs, a two-year-old boy, a 29-year-old woman and a 54-year-old woman died recently after having been infected with the A/H1N1 virus.

The two-year-old boy who lived in Chung Cheong Province, died on Tuesday after being treated with antiviral drug Tamiflu on Monday, the ministry said, adding that it was not clear when he first began showing symptoms of the new flu and the route of infection.—*Internet*

Death toll from A/H1N1 flu rise to 39 in Vietnam

HANOI, 6 Nov — Vietnam confirmed two more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the country's total number of flu deaths to 39, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Friday.

The 38th case is a 54-year-old woman from northern Son La province of Vietnam. She has a history of diabetes and arthritis. The patient was taken to the National Institute of Infectious and Tropical Diseases on Oct. 27 with fever, coughing. She was diagnosed with pneumonia and diabetes. The woman was treated with Tamiflu drug, but died on Nov. 2 due to pneumonia and diabetes. Her test sample showed positive with the A/H1N1 virus, said the ministry.—*Internet*

Abnormal sleep may increase nurse errors

SAN DIEGO, 6 Nov — US researchers say they found nurses who worked in hospital intensive care units may get less regular sleep than other nurses and may commit more errors

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston assessed the

overall sleep quality and vigilance among intensive care unit nurses at the beginning and end of their shift.

They compared their findings with similar measurements in floor nurses.

The intensive care nurses and the floor

nurses completed the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index Questionnaire and were assessed for vigilance at the beginning and end of a 12-hour shift.

The study found the errors at either end of the shift were different only for the nurses who worked in the intensive care unit group, but not on the hospital floors.

The researchers speculated the abnormal sleep and fall in vigilance demonstrated among intensive care unit nurses may have implications for patient safety.

Internet

Asthma linked to late pregnancy folic acid

ADELAIDE, 6 Nov — Folic acid supplements taken late in pregnancy may be tied to allergic asthma in children ages 3-5, researchers in Australia said.

Michael Davies of the University of Adelaide's Robinson Institute said public health guidelines recommend women consume a supplemental dose of 400 micrograms of folic acid per day in the month preceding and during the first trimester of pregnancy to reduce the risk of neural tube defects in children.

The study involved more than 500 women whose maternal diet and supplements were assessed twice during their pregnancy, with follow-up on their child's asthma status at 3.5 years and 5.5 years. Asthma was reported in 11.6 percent of children at 3.5 years and 11.8 percent of children at 5.5 years. Nearly one-third of these children reported persistent asthma.—*Internet*

Six-year-old Venezuelan girl Ariannis Carolina Root trains in a dancing class in Valencia, capital of the state of Carabobo, on Oct 27, 2009.

INTERNET



SPORTS

US Open semi-finalist Wickmayer, Malisse handed doping bans

BRUSSELS, 6 Nov—US Open semi-finalist Yanina Wickmayer and her Belgian compatriot Xavier Malisse were on Thursday handed one-year bans for falling foul of doping regulations, the Belga news agency reported.

Wickmayer, the world number 18, was suspended by the Flemish Doping Tribunal (VDT) for failing to fulfill the controversial “whereabouts rule” while Malisse was also punished for missing a drugs test.

Both players can appeal their suspensions to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The suspension was announced despite 20-year-old Wickmayer currently playing in the Tournament of Champions event in Bali where on Friday she would be attempting to reach the semi-finals.—Internet



Yanina Wickmayer

Tennis ace Djokovic clinches career-best ‘double-bagel’ victory

BASEL, 6 Nov—Novak Djokovic clinched the most comprehensive victory of his career on Thursday when he humiliated Czech journeyman Jan Hernych 6-0, 6-0 to reach the Swiss Indoors quarter-finals.

The 52-minute “double-bagel” was the first for the Serb at the elite ATP level, bettering his 6-1, 6-0 win over Argentina’s David Nalbandian in the Queen’s Club semi-finals in 2008, a route which took four minutes less.

Djokovic also defeated Britain’s Andy Murray by the same scoreline in Miami two years ago.

“I’ve never had one (‘double bagel’) before. It’s really tough to analyse the match,” said the world number four.

“I played enough to win, I had great service games and on his serve I never felt pressure. He didn’t put up much of an effort. Anytime you win like this the opponent has to be playing really poorly.

“I know the crowd wanted him to win the last

game, but I felt the need to win every game. There’s no room for sympathy, we are professionals.”

Second seed Djokovic saved three break points in the first set before stepping on the gas against a 59th-ranked opponent who had claimed his first victory since the US Open in the first round here.

Hernych’s cause was not helped by committing 40 errors in the loss.

Internet



Serbia’s Novak Djokovic returns a backhand to Czech’s Jan Hernych in their 1/8 final match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament in Basel. Djokovic won 6-0, 6-0.—INTERNET

Murray survives Valencia tennis scare

VALENCIA, 6 Nov—Top seed Andy Murray survived a scare before advancing to the quarter-finals of the Valencia Open on Thursday when he defeated Argentina’s Leonardo Mayer 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

The world number four from Britain, who is returning from a six-week wrist injury lay-off, looked set for a comfortable victory as he broke serve in the seventh game of the first set to seal a one-set lead.

But world number 64 Mayer hit back, breaking serve twice as he raced to a 5-0 lead in the second set. Murray was able to recover one of the breaks, but could not prevent the

Argentine from levelling the match.

The experience of Murray eventually told in the third set as he broke serve in the sixth game to open up a 4-2 lead before going on to close out victory with his eighth ace after two hours and 22 minutes.—Internet



Andy Murray

Portugal set to call injury-plagued C Ronaldo

LISBON, 5 Nov—An ankle injury is not enough to save Cristiano Ronaldo from playing as Portugal are set to call the Real Madrid star winger for a key play-off en route to the 2010 World Cup.

Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) president Gilberto Madail insisted Thursday that Ronaldo would be on Sunday’s national team list for the crucial November 14 and 18 matches against Bosnia-Herzegovina.

“Ronaldo will come to the national team training camp,” Madail said in the winger’s native island, Madeira. “I stand by what I said. Cristiano Ronaldo wants to come to play, he is coming to the training camp and he will be evaluated by the federation’s medical team.”

Earlier, Real Madrid had said in a statement that Ronaldo would be off the pitch for at least two more weeks due to an injury to his right ankle.—Internet

No place for football veteran Vieira as Domenech names squad

PARIS, 6 Nov—Patrick Vieira has failed to impress France coach Raymond Domenech, who left the Inter Milan midfielder out of his squad for two World Cup qualifying playoff matches against the Republic of Ireland.

Aly Cissokho was the only surprise among a 24-man squad named by Domenech Thursday, the Lyon defender being given the chance to win his first cap only three years after moving out of the amateur divisions.

France face the Republic in Dublin on 14 November and then host the return leg at the Stade de France in Paris four days later, the aggregate winner gaining entry to the

World Cup finals in South Africa.

Given Vieira’s improved performances for Inter, Domenech had been half-expected to give the defensive midfielder a chance to feature for ‘Les Bleus’ for the first time since a friendly defeat to Nigeria on 2 June.

Internet



Inter Milan’s Patrick Vieira

Tiger surges into a share of the lead at HSBC

SHANGHAI, 6 Nov—Tiger Woods has shot another 5-under 67 in the HSBC Champions, this one giving him a share of the 36-hole lead with Nick Watney in the final World Golf Championship of the year.

Woods overcame mild frustration early in his round Friday by making five birdies over his final 10 holes to catch Watney, a fellow American, atop the leaderboard at Sheshan International. They were at 10-under 134.—Internet



Tiger Woods of the United States reacts after a tee-off at the HSBC Champions golf tournament in Shanghai, China, on 5 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

SAfrica can reach WCup quarter-finals, says Parreira

JOHANNESBURG, 6 Nov—New coach Carlos Alberto Parreira says struggling 2010 World Cup hosts South Africa can defy the odds and reach the quarter-finals.

“The greatest challenge is getting to the second phase. South Africa must work hard but I’m confident we will get there,” he told Brazilian television ahead of a second spell in charge of Bafana Bafana (The Boys).—Internet



Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira (pictured in 2008) says struggling 2010 World Cup hosts South Africa can defy the odds and reach the quarter-finals.—INTERNET

Roma late show shocks Fulham, Celtic face Europa League exit

PARIS, 6 Nov—Fulham compromised their hopes of advancing in the Europa League on Thursday when Roma came from behind to win 2-1 in Italy, the English Premiership side ending the Group (E) contest with nine men, while Everton slumped 2-0 at home to Benfica.

Diomansy Kamara shocked the Stadio Olimpico by netting a spotkick on 19 minutes after Marco Andreolli brought him down but everything went downhill for the visitors thereafter as substitute Erik Nevland was dismissed within

three minutes of coming on for a heavy challenge on Daniele De Rossi.

Internet



AS Roma’s John Arne Riise eyes at the ball during his team’s group (E) UEFA Cup football match vs Fulham at Olympic stadium in Rome. Roma won 2-1.

INTERNET



Arugula Pesto with Peaches and Prosciutto which brings color and flavor quickly and easily to any gathering.—INTERNET

Philippine China Bank net profit for Jan-Sept up by 40%

MANILA, 6 Nov—China Banking Corp., one of the Philippines biggest commercial banks, chalked up 3.21 billion pesos (68.5 million U.S. dollars) in net profit for the first nine months of the year, or up 40.7 percent on year, on back of stronger revenues.

In its disclosure issued to the Philippine Stock Exchange Friday, China Bank officials reported that the bank's revenues increased 22.8 percent on year to 13.02 billion pesos (27 million U.S. dollars).

"With our continued focus on improving service, strengthening our balance sheet, and effective management of risks, we were able to sustain our growth momentum for this year. Our double digit growth is underpinned by our commitment to consistently deliver strong shareholder value," China Bank executive vice president and chief operating officer Ricardo Chua said in a press statement.

To strengthen its balance sheet, provisions for probable credit losses were more than doubled to 493 million pesos (10.4 million U.S. dollars), bringing China Bank's loan loss coverage ratio to 112.21 percent from 82.55 percent last year.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (7-11-2009) (Saturday)

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

Local Transmission

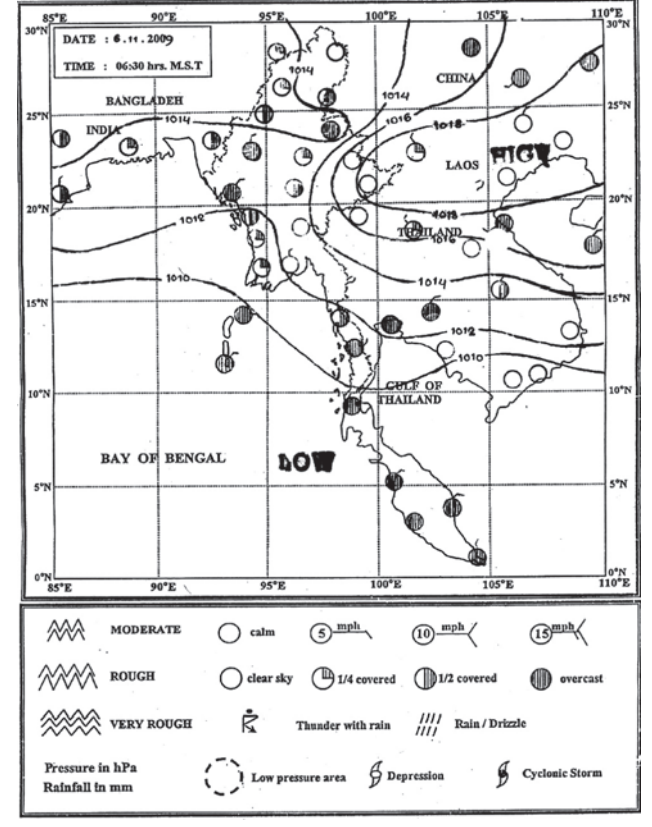
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Travelogue (Hpa-an)
- * A Salient Myin Ma-hti
- * Nan Pan Market Day
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-IV)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Satellite Tracking System for Sea Turtle
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Travelogue (Hpa-an)
- * A Salient Myin Ma-hti
- * Nan Pan Market Day
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-IV)
- * High Income cauliflower
- * Welcome to golden region of Thabeikkyin
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Fabulous Bagan-IV
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 6th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Chin State, scattered in upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Kayah, Mon States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature was Haha (7°C). The note worthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Falam (0.43) inch, Haha (0.28) inch and Kalay (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-11-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 6-11-2009 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-11-2009 was 64%. Total sunshine hours on 5-11-2009 was (10.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 6-11-2009 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 (6) mph from Northeast at (09:30) hours MST on 5-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7th November 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-11-2009: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of November 2009: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 7 November View on today

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| <p>11:50 am</p> <p>4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News</p> <p>1:20 am</p> <p>5. Yan Can Cook</p> <p>1:40 am</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၃)</p> <p>2:35 am</p> <p>7. International News</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta United FC အသင်း နှင့် ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်း)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>2. Musical Programme</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>3. Evening News</p> | <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>4. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>5. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ အလှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p> <p>6:40 pm</p> <p>6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "သရဗူဝတ်တမ်း" (ဂျူးဂျူးကေ၊ နီနီကေ၊ အမရာမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမိုး)</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>8. News</p> <p>9. International News</p> <p>10. Weather Report</p> <p>11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ခိုင်ခိုင်ဆိုင်ဆိုင်သားစုစုစားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၅၅)</p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေ့ဦးကဗျာတေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၉)</p> <p>13. ဝိတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး</p> |
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- ★ 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

Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence receives Malaysian Defence Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence received a Malaysian delegation led by Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi at the SPDC office here yesterday afternoon.

Also present were Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Htay

of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Myanmar Military Attache' to Malaysia Col Aung Thaw and together with the Malaysian Defence Minister were Malaysian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Dato' Mazlan Muhammad and Military Attaché Colonel Gan Seng Lock and senior military officers of the Malaysian Army.—MNA

Human flu preventive and control measures gain momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Ministry of Health has been taking preventive and control measures against the global human flu with added momentum since 28 April. So far there have been 64 people infected with A (H1N1) virus and 62 have been discharged from hospitals after recovering from the illness. The remaining two patients in hospital are in good condition.

The ministry has announced that the public are to follow its warnings against the human flu and participate in the preventive measures.

MNA



Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence receives delegation led by Defence Minister of Malaysia Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi.—MNA