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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

6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds 9th Plenary Meeting

YANGON, 7 Nov—The 9th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee took place at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye in Mayangon Township this morning. Chairman of the Committee Magway Maha

Withutayama Taikthit Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting. Joint Secretary Mandalay Chanthagyi Monastery Yadana
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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

All Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to improve traditional medicine through scientific research without sacrificing its original essence and effectiveness

Senior General Than Shwe sends message to 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—The following is the full text of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe to the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference.

Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have held the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference in harmony yearly since 2000 with noble objectives of boosting the efficacy

of Myanmar traditional medicines, improving Myanmar traditional medicine, and raising the role of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners. I am deeply encouraged by the fact that the conference is in

its 10th straight anniversary this year.

On this auspicious occasion on which Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners meet
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Myanmar traditional medicine improves remarkably and attracts greater trust and reliance from people due to such prudent policies and tactics, all-round assistance and encouragement of government

Secretary-1 addresses opening of 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo delivered an address at the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, at 9 am

today.

Also present at the conference were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command
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Chairman of NHC Secretary-1 of SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 8 November, 2009

Arid zone water supply bearing fruits

For the development of the entire nation, the government is undertaking the three major projects – the project for development of border areas and national races, the 24 special region development project and the rural area development project.

The rural area development project is being implemented in all places of States and Divisions. The 10-year pure drinking water supply project for rural people included in the five rural development tasks started in 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The final meeting on arid zone water supply technical project and the ceremony to mark the completion of the project jointly implemented by the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and JICA took place at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 October.

With the help of 10 technicians from JICA, 20 tube wells were sunk and 40 old ones were repaired in the three project townships. For the durability of the tube wells, a servicing and maintenance course was conducted for the rural people and development affairs staff.

The course was conducted both practically and theoretically from November 2006 to October 2009. Twenty tube wells were sunk in 20 villages benefiting 13,900 people and 40 old ones repaired in 40 villages benefiting 40,571 people.

The government is working hard for the people in arid regions with a scarcity of water to get clean drinking water. In doing so, it is making best use of the assistance rendered by the State and international bodies.

As the government is fulfilling the basic needs of the national people, they are to work together for regional development by seeking innovative ways to exploit natural resources and make better use of agriculture.

MHF executive leaves for Thailand



Executive U Maung Maung Gyi of MHF seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of the federation Col Htin Zaw Win.—MHF

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 Min Aung Hlaing inspects progress of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project, development of Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region

Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence on 5 November morning inspected progress of

Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project (Kengtung-Monghsat section).

He looked into the ground preparation works

along the axis of the railroad and construction of the reinforced concrete tunnel bridge.

At Women's Vocational Training School in Kengtung of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing viewed practical works of the female trainees from the Advanced and Basic Tailoring Courses.

On arrival at Kengtung Airport Project, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected tarmacking work, maintenance of the runway and carrying out of ground preparation work.



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects Women's Vocational Training School in Kengtung.—MNA

MNA

Commander presents prizes to winning shooters

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—The final matches and prize presentation ceremony of the Triangle Command Commander's Shield Shooting Contest was held at the shooting range of the local training depot in Kengtung Station on 31 October morning.

Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and De-

velopment Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and officials watched the participation of shooters in the contest.

Later, the commander and officials gave away prizes to the winners.

MNA

Myetwunthit Library opened in Hlinethaya Tsp

YANGON, 7 Nov—The opening ceremony of Myetwunthit Library was

held at Yeokkan village-tract in Hlinethaya Township, here, yesterday.

YANGON, 7 Nov—Executive U Maung Maung Gyi of Myanmar Hockey Federation left here by air for Thailand this afternoon to attend the coordination meeting on preparation for holding 2nd Boys' U-18 Asia Cup Hockey Tournament to be organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation in Yangon from 11 to 22 November 2009. The executive was seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of the federation Col Htin Zaw Win.

NLM

Secretary of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung, Staff Officer of the District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Phyu Phyu and Chairman of Village PDC U Kyaw Myo Thu opened the library building.

The secretary delivered an address. Chairman of Market Development Committee U Sein Myint and wellwishers donated cash to the funds of the library through the secretary and officials.

The staff officer of District IPRD explained



Chairman of Market Development Committee U Sein Myint gives K 600,000 for Myetwunthit Library through the Secretary of Yangon North District PDC.—MNA

the purpose of emergence of libraries, and a local spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Erroneous air raids leave over two dozen troops dead, injured in NW Afghanistan



Map locates Badghis province, Afghanistan.

A/H1N1 influenza death toll rises over 6,000, says WHO

GENEVA, 7 Nov—At least 6,071 people worldwide have been killed by the A/H1N1 influenza as infections continue to increase quickly in the northern hemisphere, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a latest update on Friday.

Of all the deaths, 4,399 occurred in the Americas, 661 occurred in South-East Asia and 498 occurred in the West Pacific. The other three WHO regions, Europe, East Mediterranean and Africa reported 300, 137 and 76 deaths respectively.—Xinhua

KABUL, 7 Nov — Over two dozen Afghan and NATO troopers were killed and injured as NATO-led aircraft mistakenly pounded the position of forces in Badghis Province northwest of Afghanistan, Deputy to provincial Police chief Abdul Jabbar said on Saturday.

“A contingent of Afghan and international troops came under Taliban attack in Balamirghab district on Thursday and the troops

called in air support. But the aircraft mistakenly pounded the troops’ position leaving over a dozen soldiers dead and injured,” Jabbar told Xinhua.

Those killed in the so-called friendly fire, he added, include three militants, three police and two Afghan soldiers.

Twelve more Afghan soldiers and one Afghan police constable sustained injuries in the air strike, he said.

Xinhua

Motive probed in US Fort Hood shooting rampage

KILLEEN (Texas), 7 Nov—Investigators searched on Friday for the motive behind a mass shooting at a sprawling US Army base in Texas, in which an Army psychiatrist trained to treat war wounded is suspected of killing 13 people.

The suspected gunman, Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a Muslim born in the United States of immigrant parents, was shot four times by police, a base spokesman

said. He was unconscious but in stable condition.

A woman died overnight from her wounds, raising the toll from Thursday’s shootings to 13 dead and 30 wounded, said Colonel John Rossi, a spokesman at Fort Hood, the biggest military facility in the world.

Hasan was transferred on Friday afternoon by helicopter to the Brooke Army Medical Centre in San

Antonio, Texas, Rossi said. He had been on a ventilator in a civilian hospital.

The Army declined to discuss possible motives while the investigation was under way.

The gunman, with two guns including severely wounded soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, many of whom had lost limbs fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

A Spanish Defence Ministry (SDM) handout photo taken on 12 October, shows the arrival of one of two arrested Somali pirates at the military airport of Tojerron, near Madrid.—INTERNET



Spain refuses demand to free Somali pirates

MADRID, 7 Nov — Spain said on Friday it would not free two captured pirates as demanded by fellow brigands who are holding a Spanish trawler and 33 crew members off the coast of Somalia.

Three crewmen that had been removed from the vessel and taken to the Somali mainland by hijackers to add pressure on Spain to repatriate the arrested pirates were returned to the ship late Friday, Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said.

Moratinos said First Officer Patxi Valdes, ship’s electrician Antonio Manuel Perez and crewman Joaquin Fernandez had been returned to their fishing boat safely.

“Somali authorities have offered all their support to the Spanish government,” Moratinos said.

The trawler’s captain told Spanish media on Thursday that the pirates on board had threatened to start killing the hostages.—Internet

Civilian killed in Iraq’s Diyala violence

BAQUBA, 7 Nov — An Iraqi civilian was killed and two others were wounded in gunfire attack and roadside bomb explosion in Iraq’s volatile province of Diyala northeast of Baghdad on Friday, a provincial police source said.

The civilian, a barber, was killed and another was injured when unknown gunmen showered them with bullets in the shop at the main marketplace in the town of al-Sa’adiya, 60 km north of the provincial capital of Baquba, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces immediately cordoned off the scene and detained two suspects for interrogation, the source said.

In separate incident, one more civilian was wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in the Jurf al-Milih area, just north of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said, adding that five suspects were arrested by Iraqi security forces.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of the capital to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other militant groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 despite repeated US and Iraqi military operations against them.

Xinhua

One killed, five injured in Orlando shooting

ORLANDO, 7 Nov — One people were killed and five others injured Friday after a gunman opened fire in an office building in downtown Orlando, Fla, police said.

Orlando Police Chief Val Demings told reporters there were six total victims and one of them was dead.

All of the wounded were transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center and some of them are in critical condition.

The shooting happened in the high-rise Gateway Center office building near Orlando’s Lake Inavhoe, a considerable distance from the Disney World.

Sgt Barbara Jones of the Orlando Police identified the suspect as 40-

year-old Jason Rodriguez, who is also believed to be the only shooter.

Rodriguez, a former employee at the building, surrendered to police at his mother’s home after fleeing the crime scene.

Swat teams and ambulances descended on the 16-story building after

gunshots were fired at 11:30 am (1630 GMT) in Reynolds Smith & Hill, a transportation engineering consulting firm in the building.

Gateway Center is a 16-story office building that was constructed 10 years ago.

Xinhua



An injured woman is evacuated by emergency personnel from the Gateway Center building, after a shooting incident in a downtown office building in Orlando, Florida, on 7 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Two coalition service members missing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Nov — Two American soldiers disappeared in western Afghanistan after a routine resupply mission, and more than 25 NATO and Afghan security forces members were wounded during the search mission for them, the alliance said on Friday.

Officials indicated it was unlikely the two missing had been taken captive.

NATO forces headquarters in Afghanistan said the two paratroopers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, went missing on Wednesday.

Internet

WTO marks 400th trade dispute case

GENEVA, 7 Nov—The World Trade Organisation said on Friday that 400 trade dispute cases had been filed since the agency was formed in 1995, with the United States and the European Union lodging the most complaints.

“On the eve of its 15th ‘birthday’, the World Trade Organization (WTO) earlier this month reached the milestone of having the 400th trade dispute brought to the

body’s dispute settlement mechanism,” said the trade body.

“This is surely a vote of confidence in a system which many consider to be a role model for the peaceful resolution of disputes in other areas of international political or economic relations,” added WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy.

The 400th dispute was brought by Canada on Monday against the European Union, challeng-

ing a ban imposed by Brussels on imported seal products.

The EU is the second most frequently targeted members of the WTO, with 66 cases brought against it. In turn, it launched 81 cases.

Meanwhile, the United States is both the biggest plaintiff and defendant in WTO disputes, bringing 93 of the complaints and being targeted in 107 cases.

Internet



Workers unload imported steel products in the Belawan port of Indonesia's north Sumatra Province on 2 Nov, 2009. Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Pangestu said on Monday that Indonesia has seen a pick-up in imports of capital good due to the realisation of capacity and new investment, a sigh of economic green shoots.—INTERNET

Indonesia’s economic growth to reach 8% by 2014

JAKARTA, 7 Nov—State Minister for National Development Planning (Bappenas) affairs Armida Alisjahbana estimated that Indonesia’s economic growth to reach 8 percent by 2014 when the present government ends its service, local media reported here on Saturday.

Armida said that Indo-

nesia’s economic condition would continue to improve in the following years with 2010 growth estimation set at a range of 5.5-5.6 percent.

“With extra efforts, by 2011 Indonesia’s economic growth could be boosted up to 8 percent to 2014. With moderate ef-

orts, the growth could reach 7 percent,” Armida was quoted by the *Detik.com* as saying.

She said that the growth estimation is based on normal external factors condition assumption and great support from inside the country.

Xinhua



A Shell refueling station in Los Angeles, California is pictured in 2008. Shell Oil Company will pay California more than 19 million dollars because of environmental violations at service stations throughout the state, officials said on Friday.—INTERNET

China’s passenger vehicle sales continue to grow in October

BEIJING, 7 Nov—China’s auto market continued its robust growth in October, with monthly passenger vehicle sales jumped nearly 80 percent year on year to 923,154 units, *China Daily* reported on Saturday.

But on a month-to-month comparison, passenger vehicle sales in

October dropped 8.1 percent from the previous month, according to figures released by China Passenger Car Association.

In the first 10 months, sales of cars, sports-utility vehicles, minivans and multi-purpose vehicles surged nearly 52.4 percent over the same period

last year to nearly 8.08 million units. “We expect full-year auto sales to touch 13.5 million with a year-on-year growth rate of 44 percent. That in turn, would make China the world’s largest auto market for the whole year,” said Rao Da, head of China Passenger Car Association.—Xinhua

British Airways to cut more jobs after a heavy loss

LONDON, 7 Nov—British Airways (BA) said on Friday that it plans to cut a further 1,200 jobs after reporting a heavy loss in the first-half of its financial year.

The further job cut means that the airline will have shed a total of 4,900 positions by March 2010.

The company suffered a loss before tax of 292 million pounds (about 485 million dollars) for the six months to the end of September, compared with profits of 52 million pounds a year earlier. It is also the first loss in first half of its financial year.

The first half of BA’s financial year is usually stronger because it covers the summer holiday season. BA said revenue over the six-month period was down by 13.7 percent to 4.1 billion pounds, compared with 4.75 billion pounds in the same period of 2008.—Xinhua



Wind turbine complex is pictured on the Zhemo Mountain on the outskirts of Dali, China’s southwestern province of Yunnan. Over the last two years, China has made extensive use of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), created under the Kyoto Protocol, to set up green projects such as wind farms, small hydro projects or methanisation units.—INTERNET

US unemployment rate hits 10.2%

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—US unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point to 10.2 percent in October, the highest in more than 26 years, the Labour Department reported on Friday.

In the past month, the employers cut 190,000 jobs, more than the 175,000 economists had expected but fewer than the 219,000 lost in September.

The October reading of unemployment rate was also worse than the 9.9 percent expected by economists. Since the recession began in December 2007, the US economy has lost a net total of 7.3 million jobs.

US President Barack Obama said the surge in the unemployment rate was a “sobering” figure that underscored the economic challenges ahead.

“Although we lost fewer jobs than we did last month, our unemployment rate climbed to over 10 percent, a sobering number that underscores the economic challenges that lie ahead,” he said.—Xinhua

Canadian employment unexpectedly falls

TORONTO, 7 Nov—Employment in Canada unexpectedly fell by 43,000 in October, pushing the unemployment rate to 8.6 percent, up 0.2 percentage points on September, according to data released by *Statistics Canada* on Friday.

In August and September, employment in Canada had enjoyed mild increases.

According to *Statistics Canada*, part-time jobs in October dropped by 60,000, the second consecutive month of large declines. At the same time, full-time employment increased slightly, adding to the large full-time gain from the previous month.

Most of October’s employment decline came from retail and wholesale trade, “other services” and natural resources.—Xinhua



Guy Nzouba Ndama (R Front), president of Gabon's National Assembly, visits the photo exhibition to demonstrate achievements of the 2006 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Chinese Embassy in Gabon, in Libreville, on 5 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

China, Russia agree to enhance cooperation in public security

BEIJING, 7 Nov—Senior public security officials from China and Russia met here on Friday, vowing to enhance cooperation and jointly safeguard regional peace and stability.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China as well as the 60th anniversary of the establishment of China-Russia diplomatic ties, said China's Public Security Minister Meng

Jianzhu in a meeting with the Director of the Federal Security Guard Service of Russia Yevgeni Murov.

He praised the successful cooperation between the two countries' public security departments in the past years and called on the two sides to further enhance law enforcement cooperation within the framework of bilateral relations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Murov said China had accumulated valuable

experience in safeguarding public security during the Beijing Olympics and the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the founding of New China.—Xinhua

Seoul to host next year's G-20 meeting

SEOUL, 7 Nov—The South Korean government has selected Seoul as the venue for the Group of 20 summit meeting in 2010, government officials said on Friday. "The government has tentatively decided to hold the G20 summit in Seoul," said an official at the presidential office, adding that the details will be announced on Monday.

Seoul has been competing with other municipalities, such as Busan, Incheon and Jeju, to host the international meeting to be held in November

Xie Yuxing (R), a 10-year-old deaf and dumb girl from the mountainous region in northern Fujian Province, reads the extracurricular books, in Nanping, southeast China's Fujian Province, recently.—XINHUA



Inter-American Development Bank supports biomass power project in Chile

SANTIAGO, 7 Nov—The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved a loan of 6.5 million US dollars on Friday to build a 15.6-megawatt biomass power plant in Chile.

The plant, which will use agricultural, forestry and industrial waste as fuel, would have almost zero carbon dioxide emissions and thus meet the strict international environmental standards, the IDB said.

The plant will be located near a paper manu-

facturer, Compania Papelera del Pacifico (CPP), some 60 km south of the capital Santiago.

The CPP will purchase almost half of the electricity and all of the steam produced by the plant. It is expected to start going into operation by the end of 2010.

Two other companies, Coipsa and Tirsa, will supply the biomass for the new plant, buying waste from vineyards, sawmills and packing plants in the surrounding region.

Xinhua

Crew members of Chinese naval flotilla conduct replenishment at sea of Malacca Strait on 6 Nov, 2009. The flotilla of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy has been the fourth task force of its kind that China has sent to the Gulf of Aden and waters off the coast of Somalia since the end of last year. Its first replenishment at sea was started in the morning on Friday. —XINHUA



Foreign air force chiefs call for cooperation, dialogue in airspace

BEIJING, 7 Nov—Foreign air force chiefs attending a Beijing forum on Friday called for more cooperation and dialogue in maintaining airspace security.

They responded positively to Chinese President Hu Jintao's pledge of peaceful exploitation of airspace and his call for cooperation while meeting with them before an

international military forum on peace and development held to mark the 60th founding anniversary of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) air force. In the spirit of peace, development and cooperation, China will continue the commitment to peaceful exploitation and use of airspace, be vigorously involved in international cooperation

on airspace security and facilitate the creation of secure and harmonious airspace, Hu said.

Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of Staff of Pakistani Air Force, said cooperation is very essential for his country's air force and other branches of the armed forces to cope with terrorism and separatism.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Brazil biofuel producers hail government's proposal of 20% biodiesel blend by 2015

BRASILIA, 7 Nov—Biodiesel producers in Brazil cheered the government's proposal to gradually increase the amount of biodiesel in diesel fuel to 20 percent in big cities by 2015.

Sergio Beltrao, head of the Brazilian Biodiesel Union, told a press conference that their producers' plants would be able to provide the new biofuel as of 2010, which would mean an increase of 2,500

million liters.

The union is an association of producers and researchers of biofuels.

The increase in the 20-percent mixture in cities that suffer from pollution would help the government to reduce diesel sulfur levels, Beltrao said.

He remarked that the biofuel sector was able to produce 5,000 million liters per year, but half of the installed capacity was idle for lack of demand.

The union expected that, besides big cities, 10 percent of biodiesel would be added to diesel across Brazil from 2015. To implement these proposals would require changes in the sector's regulatory framework, he added.

Xinhua

Storm-triggered landslide kills 13 in Vietnam

HANOI, 7 Nov — At least 13 people have been killed in a landslide in central Vietnam following storms and flooding that have now left almost 130 people dead, according to officials.

The 13 were killed and another person was seriously injured in the early hours of Friday in the coastal province of Quang Nam, local emergency official Vo Xuan Quang told AFP.

The landslide, triggered by rains that have lashed the country since Tropical Storm Mirinae hit on Monday, dumped thousands of tonnes of earth and mud on a group

of gold miners, who were sleeping at the time, Quang said.

The storm and flooding that followed have

left another 116 people dead, most of them in the country's easternmost province of Phu Yen.

Xinhua



People are seen negotiating a flooded railway in the central Vietnamese province of Binh Dinh, a few days ago, after the passage of tropical storm Mirinae. At least 13 people have been killed in a landslide in central Vietnam following storms and flooding that have now left almost 130 people dead, according to officials.—INTERNET

Tens of thousands of homes flooded in Mexico

VILLAHERMOSA (Mexico), 7 Nov — A week of torrential rain has flooded the homes of more than 200,000 people along Mexico's Gulf coast, officials said on Friday. Residents in some towns complained that no help had arrived.

The flooding in eastern

Tabasco state has worsened as rains persist and more rivers overflow their banks. Three people drowned earlier in the week while trying to flee a torrent of water in a drainage canal.

"People are in a desperate situation," Tabasco Gov Andres Granier said, but he added that many were ig-

noring pleas to move to shelters for fear their homes would be looted. The floods affect more than a dozen towns.

Santos Perez Jimenez said no help had arrived in his rural community of Luis Cabrera.

"We're trying to get our things out as best we can," Perez Jimenez said. "We've radioed for help several times but they have not paid attention to us."

An estimated 20,000 people were in 100 shelters set up by the state. Others, however, set up makeshift tents on dry land near their soaked homes, fearing looting.

Xinhua



A man moves a boat in front of a flooded home near Huimanguillo, Mexico, on 6 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

37 new A/H1N1 flu fatal cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 7 Nov — A European health agency said on Friday that 37 new A/H1N1 flu fatal cases were confirmed in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 11 were reported from Britain and 10 from Spain while the other 16 were from Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy and Sweden, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said

in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed fatal cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 389, with 154 in Britain, 73 cases in Spain, 49 in France and 25 in Italy, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about the H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.—Xinhua

Coffee output expected to exceed 280 tons in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 Nov — The production of coffee in Nepal is expected to exceed 280 tons this year. Growing commercial production and expansion of coffee farms are the reasons for the growth in coffee output, local media reported on Saturday.

The annual production

of coffee was recorded at 270 tons in 2007/08 fiscal year.

According to eKantipur.com, coffee farming in the country has expanded to 1,550 hectares of 25 districts.

Binay Kumar Mishra, executive director of the National Tea and Coffee

Development Board (NTCDB) said, coffee producers of Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Lalitpur, Kaski, Kavre, Parbat and Syangja have been expanding their production to cater to growing demand for the Nepali Arabica variety of filter coffee abroad.

Xinhua

Well here's your problem right here, sir.

A man was caught by Norwegian customs carrying a tarantula in his bag, and a further 14 royal pythons and 10 albino leopard geckos taped to his body, media reported.

The 22-year-old Norwegian was stopped in a routine check by Kristiansand customs after arriving on a ferry from Denmark, newspaper *Faerrelandsvennen* reported.

Customs found the tarantula, before deciding to give him a full body search that revealed 14 stockings — one for each snake — taped around his torso, top selling tabloid VG said.



This undated photo provided by Colorado State University shows Meadow, a Black Angus yearling calf from Ocate, NM, with her new prosthetic hind legs at Colorado State University's James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. Meadow is believed to be the first bovine calf fitted with double prosthetics. The calf lost part of her legs to frostbite. A 15-member team of faculty and students at the school's veterinary hospital performed the surgery and rehabilitation.

Animal slaughter for the World Cup?

South African traditional leaders plan to perform ritual animal slaughters to bless stadiums for the 2010 World Cup tournament ahead of the start of the showcase event next June, they said.

Zolani Mkiva, chairman of the Makhonya Royal Trust, a grouping responsible for coordinating cultural activities, said the tournament, the first to be held in Africa, needed to be blessed in true "African style."

"We must have a cultural ceremony of some sort, where we are going to slaughter a beast (cow)," said Mkiva.

"We sacrifice the cow for this great achievement and we call on our ancestors to bless, to grace, to ensure that all goes well. It's all about calling for the divinity to prevail for a fantastic atmosphere."

NEWS ALBUM

Dinosaur prints found on N Zealand's South Island

Scientists have discovered the first evidence that dinosaurs roamed the South Island of New Zealand with 70-million-year-old footprints found in six locations.

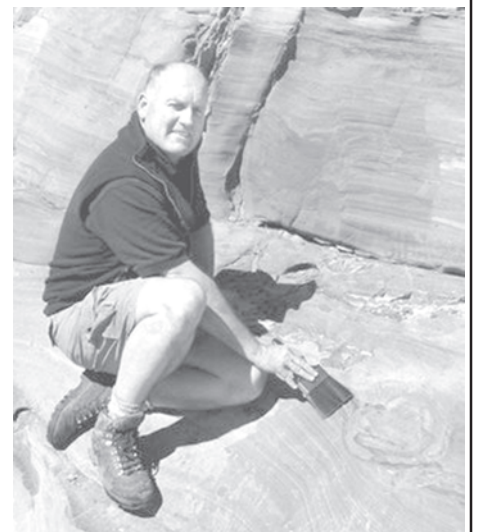
They are the first dinosaur footprints found in the country although bones, mostly vertebrae, have been discovered in two North Island locations.

The footprints were found by scientist Greg Browne in the remote Whanganui Inlet in the northwest of Nelson at the top of the South Island.

They are spread over 10 kilometres and in one area there are up to 20 footprints, Browne said.

Browne, a sedimentologist, believes the footprints belonged to sauropods—plant-eating dinosaurs which were among the largest animals to have lived, growing up to six metres (yards) in length and weighing several tonnes.

A worker poses with four gold Iron Age torcs during a photocall at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, Scotland. The torcs, which date between 300 and 100 BC, were found by an amateur treasure hunter David Booth, and are one of the most important discoveries of Iron Age gold found in Scotland.



Scientist Greg Browne sits next to one of six 70 million-year-old footprints found in various locations in the Nelson region. They are the first dinosaur footprints found in New Zealand although bones, mostly vertebrae, have been found in two North Island locations. Browne, a sedimentologist, believes the footprints belonged to sauropods — plant-eating dinosaurs.



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and share views of traditional medicine with each other in an amicable way in accordance with the fine traditions at the conference, I wish Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners a success in their joint effort to make Myanmar traditional medicine well-known to the international community.

Today, the government is working hard hand in hand with the entire people in shaping the Union of Myanmar into a discipline-flourishing, modern and developed nation that keeps abreast of international community in terms of development. Therefore, it is needed to bring about a growing number of human resources in good health and fitness, and that is a national level requirement. In order to meet this requirement, community health care plans covering the entire nation including rural areas, whose population make up the great majority of the nation's population, and far-flung areas are being implemented to provide better health care. In this context, the role Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners' therapies, calibre and the effective Myanmar traditional medicines play is getting important.

In a decade from the birth of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference to date, Myanmar traditional medicine has improved remarkably, as a result of earnest efforts Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have been making in collaboration.

The experiences of the therapies on Myanmar traditional medicine and the results gained yearly at the conference are applied in the fields of disease control, educative talks and courses, research and development, and distribution of quality medicines. So, that makes significant contribution towards the health sector of the nation.

In the times of Myanmar monarchs, Myanmar traditional medicine was royal medicine practised in line with the Myanmar's climate patterns, geographical features, cultural heritage, customs and traditions. In successive periods before the practice of western medicine, Myanmar people had a long lifespan due to traditional health care and were globally recognized as a people with strong nationalistic spirit, national prestige and integrity and high physical and mental prowess.

Myanmar Traditional medicine practitioners use

national resources that are naturally abundant in the nation such as herbal plants, aquatic and land resources and animal products as ingredients in compounding traditional medicines. So, Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are all under a duty to conserve such natural resources for their sustainable development.

Myanmar traditional medicine is originally potent with a fine tradition, and it can improve the national integrity. At the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, I would like to urge all Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to improve the traditional medicine through scientific research without sacrificing its original essence and effectiveness in order that Myanmar traditional medicine will gain a good reputation in the international market.

In conclusion, I wish Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners a success in implementing in unity the noble objectives of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, and in working hard in harmony for perpetual existence and global reputation of Myanmar traditional medicine.

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Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital: reliable health facility in Taunggyi

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

With the aim of providing health care services to the national people throughout the nation, the government has built new hospitals, constructed the extended buildings at the hospitals, upgraded the health facilities and fulfilled the medical requirements.

The Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital opened in Taunggyi of Shan State (South) on 22 July 2007 was a people's general hospital built in 1945. Again, the hospital became the Women's and Children's Hospital in 1981.

It is a 200-bed hospital. Cornerstones were laid to build new three-storey building of the hospital on

3 March 2005, and the new hospital was successfully opened on 22 July 2007.

The hospital was decorated with new and grand design. It was painted in pink colour. The hospital can be seen as a pleasant and impressive structure.

The maternity and delivery room, the infant care ward, the child ward, the operation theatre, the X-ray room, the pathology department and anaesthetics department are opened on the respective floors of the new building, and specialists, doctors and nurses are giving treatment to the patients. Indeed, the hospital is a reliable one for the local people.

The Women's and Children's Specialist Hospi-

tal is not only for the treatment but also for the practical training school for female trainees of Nurses and Midwifery Training School where the trainees from States and Divisions in addition to Shan State are pursuing the nursing and midwifery courses.

At present, the Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital is providing full health care services to the women of the region and helping them to give birth to good sons and daughters of the State.

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Photo shows Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) providing health care services to women and children.

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Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, officials of foreign embassies and UN agencies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of Traditional Medicine Council, members of the Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, responsible persons of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association, Myanmar traditional medicine physicians, responsible persons of social organizations and guests.

In his address, Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said:

The Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference has been held yearly since 2000 with noble objectives of boosting the efficacy of Myanmar traditional medicine, improving Myanmar

traditional medicine, and raising the role of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners. The conference is in its 10th straight anniversary in 2009.

Myanmar traditional medicine has improved remarkably due to the fact that Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners do their bit with a sense of duty in implementing the resolutions passed at the yearly-held conference.

Myanmar Traditional medicine is part of the national integrity because it is a well-established medicine reflecting Myanmar's geographical features, climate patterns, cultural heritage, customs and traditions. Myanmar people had a long lifespan due to potent traditional medicines compounded of herbal plants from tubers and bulbs, animal products and marine and land resources that are abundant in the nation. And Myanmar were globally recognized as a people with high physical and mental prowess.

Healthy and fit human resources lie at the core of the process of

shaping the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic one.

Therefore, "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation" is included in the Four Social Objectives. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his guidance said, "Asian countries are doing scientific research in order that their traditional medicines will come to attract greater attention from the international community. So, it is required to work hard for Myanmar traditional medicines and therapies to be well-known at the international level. In addition, it is needed to take prudent measures for no oversight pharmaceutical reliance."

In compliance with the guidance, with the aim of giving effective health care to the people with the use of traditional medicine, the national health policy has been laid down: To encourage improving Myanmar traditional medicine and doing medical research at the international level and to participate in community health care. Today, Myanmar traditional medicine has

improved remarkably, and attracted greater trust and reliance from the people due to such prudent policies and tactics, all-round assistance and encouragement of the government.

Regarding the efforts to achieve systematic

Association was established in 2002.

One-year courses for Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners were conducted for five years consecutively from 2000 to 2004. Courses on methods of compounding quality traditional

hospitals has increased to 14 and that of traditional medicine health care centres, to 237. As a result of such efforts, now, better health care with traditional medicine can be provided to the people.

Many youths are trained and nurtured into a



Chairman of NHC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo visits booths of traditional medicine producers.—MNA

improvement, and promotion and sustainable development of Myanmar traditional medicine in a decade, the conference has been held for the 10th straight time this year. International level University of Traditional Medicine was established in 2001, and consolidated Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners'

medicine seminars and workshops on traditional medicine were organized in 2005 and 2006. The traditional medicine first aid kit project was launched in 2007. Herbal gardens including National Herbal Garden were established across the nation in 2008. And up to this year, the number of traditional medicine

human resource on traditional medicine that is fundamental requirement for systematic improvement of Myanmar traditional medicine. So far, the number of Diploma in Traditional Medicine holders, Myanmar Traditional Medicine degree holders, traditional medicine (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence looks into maintenance of Gangaw-Haka road section

NAY PYI TAW, 7 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 and Chairman of Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hong Ngai, on 3 November, viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation in Saidu Village of Gangaw Township and visited Gangaw Government Technical Institute.

After inspecting Gangaw-Haka road section and teak plantation of Bonzon protected



Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects Gangaw-Haka road section at mile post No. 25.—MNA

public forest of Chin State Forest Department, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with local people in Bonzon Village.

In Lanlok Village, he met with local people and presented sports gear and

books to them.

At mile post No. 25, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected road works, breeding of mythuns in Naypyi Village and progress of Haka.

At the town hall in

Haka, he met with departmental officials, townselders, members of social organizations and local people. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander presented gifts to the local people.

They inspected quality strains of tea and sample of dried tea at the Chin State Tea Showroom in Zaythit Ward of Haka.

In Kyawbok Village, they viewed thriving tea plants and production

process of dried tea at the tea factory. While in Kyawbok Ward, they looked into Moehein tea plantation and sample of dried tea. They also viewed breeding of mythuns at the farm.—MNA

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practitioners who have completed one-year course, and other licensed traditional medicine practitioners is 6442.

Now, conducting courses and giving educative talks and making field trips to provide health care with traditional medicine are being stepped up with the aim of improving the health standard of the people through traditional medicine across the nation including border and far-flung areas. Now, national health plans are being implemented to improve Myanmar traditional medicine to the international level. Cooperation of experts from the Ministry of Health and traditional medicine practitioners plays a key role in this context.

As to production and distribution of common traditional medicines, raw materials for ingredients of

traditional medicines are produced with a mechanized system, and traditional medicines are standardized in a systematic way with the use of advanced methods. Only then, can Myanmar traditional medicine guarantee quality, efficacy and safety, and will Myanmar traditional medicine be recorded as experience-based and evidence-based medicine.

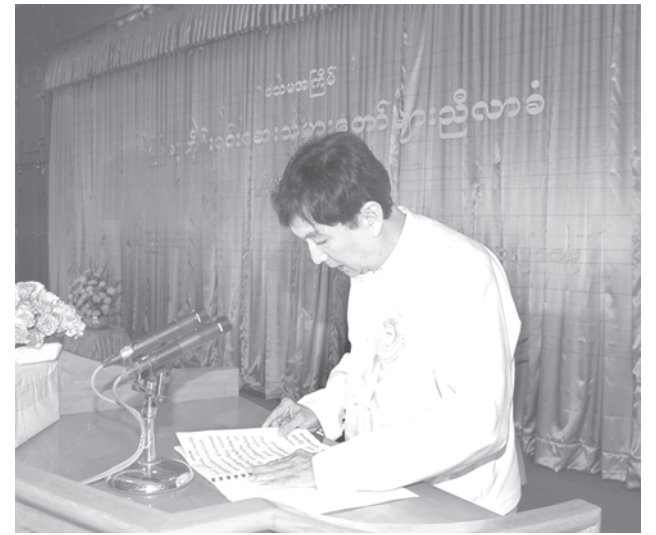
Today, the world is seeing new diseases one after another, in consequence of different lifestyles, diets and behaviors. Some diseases have been resistant enough to modern drugs. Here, the therapy of combining western medicine and traditional medicine may be effective in curing such diseases.

Due to the combined therapy, Myanmar's major health problems such as TB, HIV, malaria, diabetes, hypertension, diarrhoea and dysentery can be addressed.

Traditional medicines are originally potent with fewer side effects. So, many countries have turned to traditional medicine and done medical research on traditional medicine on a wider scale. In this opportune time, carrying out medical research on Myanmar traditional medicines should be scaled up in order that Myanmar traditional medicines will gain a foothold in the international market.

Now, the Department of Traditional Medicine and the three departments of medical research are working together under the close supervision of the Ministry of Health to expedite doing research on traditional medicine. So, they have got satisfactory findings to produce new traditional medicines. I suggest that Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners participate in the research work on traditional medicine the Ministry of Health is carrying out to fine out new therapies so as to help address health problems.

Production of effective traditional medicines also calls for constant supply of major raw materials such as marine and land and animal products, and herbal plants. I would like to urge all Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to conserve the State's resources for traditional medicines with a sense of national concern for sustainable production of traditional medicines without any outside pharmaceutical reliance.



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reading the message sent by Chairman of SPDC Senior General Than Shwe.—MNA

In conclusion, I urge all traditional medicine practitioners:-

- to participate in the national health promotion plans designed to give better health care to the people with Myanmar traditional medicine,
- to work hard in collaboration and with heart and soul in the drive for Myanmar traditional medicine to be well-known at the international level as a perfect Myanmar traditional medicine by reviving and improving Myanmar traditional medicine, which is a nation legacy and national prestige, with advanced methods, and
- to do their bit with might and main in building a new nation.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint read the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.

After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the diplomats, members of Traditional Medicine Council and traditional medicine practitioners. Later, the Secretary-1 and party visited the booths of traditional medicine producers in front of the meeting hall.

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10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 NOV—The 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here at 10 am today with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

At the conference, delegates from the states and divisions read out the proposals following by a general round of discussions.

In the afternoon session, U Thit Lwin of Shan State read out the proposals and those present passed resolutions and put matters on record, after which the afternoon session came to an end. The conference continues tomorrow.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe delivers an address at 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioner's Conference.—MNA



F&R Minister attends ceremony to hand over new school building



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun attending the ceremony to hand over new post-primary school.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 NOV—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the ceremony to hand over new post-primary school building in West Intaing Village in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division, on 5 November.

Director-General U San Thaung of Customs Department, Township Education Officer Daw Akyu and Council

of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Myint Thein formally opened the new school building. The minister and officials sprinkled the stone inscription and viewed inside the new school building.

The minister extended greetings at the ceremony. Director-General U San Thaung on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue handed over the documents related to the new school building to the

township education officer. Villages-elder U Kya Hla expressed gratitude.

The minister met with township level departmental officials, heard the reports and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected the renovation of concrete floor in Basic Education High School (Branch) in Letpanbya village-tract by the assistance of the ministry.

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6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka...

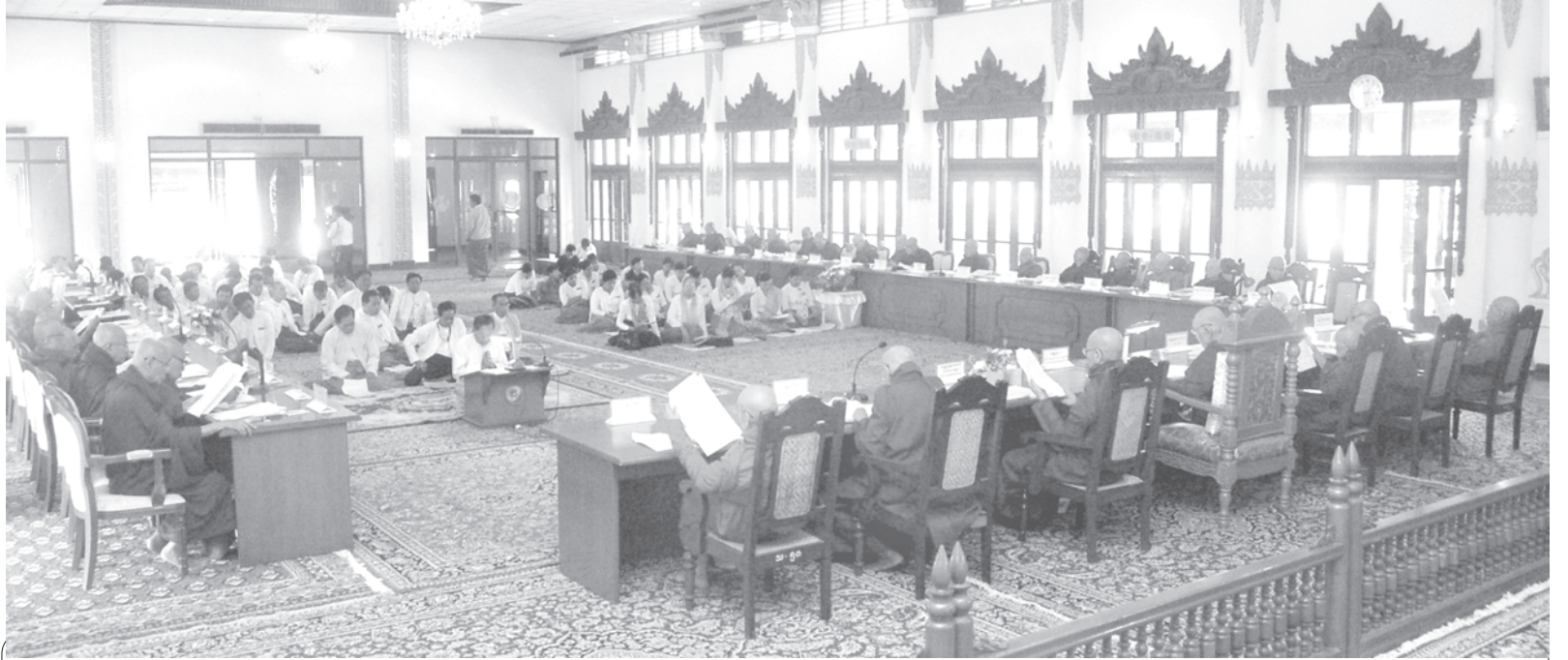
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Beikman Sachakyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jotikabhivamsa acted as MC.

Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a Saraniya Ovadakatha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs.

Joint Secretary Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jotikabhivamsa submitted the brief report on the assignments of the 6th State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee



The 9th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye in progress.—MNA

(Third Branch).

Member Sayadaws of the Third Branch also submitted the reports on re-

spective sectors.

In the afternoon, members of the SSMNC discussed Vinicchaya, re-

ligious and academic affairs.

Disciples led by Kyaikkasan Weluwun

Shwegyin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita of Thingangyun Township offered meals

to members of the Sangha at the State Sangha Maha Nayaka refectory.

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Energy Minister inspects laying of gas pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 3 November inspected maintenance of heavy machinery to be used by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in laying natural gas pipeline across Panhlaing River.

Officials reported on preparations for laying gas pipeline under Panhlaing River with the use of HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling machine).

The minister gave instructions on technically close supervisions and

timely completion of the task.

Later, the minister inspected laying of 24-inch diameter offshore gas pipeline between Panhlaing River and Twantay Canal and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Malaysian Defence Minister and party conclude visit

YANGON, 7 Nov—The delegation led by Malaysian Defence Minister Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi and wife left Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft of the Malaysian Royal Armed Forces yesterday morning and arrived here at 11.30 am.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, departmental officials, and officials of the Malaysian Embassy.

The visiting Malaysian delegation went to Mohammad Ibrahim Mosque on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in the afternoon and toured downtown Yangon.

At 10 am today, they left here by special aircraft of the Malaysian Royal Armed Forces. They were seen off at Yangon International Air-

port by the deputy commander of Yangon Command and wife, Brig-Gen Than Soe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, senior military officers, departmental officials, Malaysian Ambassador Dato' Mazlan Muhammad and wife, Malaysian Defence Adviser Colonel Gan Seng Look and officials.—MNA

Chief of MPF meets with Yangon Division Police Force members and their families

YANGON, 7 Nov—Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi met with members of Yangon Division Police Force and their families

at the meeting hall of Office of the Chief of Yangon Division Police Force here on 3 November.

Also present on the occasion were the Chief

and Deputy Chief of Division Police Force, senior police officers, MPF members and their families.

MNA

AFC U-19 Championship, AFC U-16 Women's Championship continue

YANGON, 7 Nov—The AFC U-19 Championship 2010 qualifier, organized by Asian Football Confederation, continued at Zibo Sports Centre in the People's Republic of China.

Likewise, the AFC U-16 Women's Championship was held in Bangkok of Thailand.

Myanmar men's and women's football teams are taking part in the respective competitions.

On 6 November, Myanmar youth team lost to host Chinese youth team with 0-2 at Zibo Sports Centre of the People's Republic of China.

The Myanmar women's team was defeated 0-7 by North Korean team in the women's championship in Bangkok of Thailand.

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Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi meeting with members of Yangon Division Police Force and their families.—MNA

Tobacco Kills

Prized mushroom collection returns to China

BEIJING, 7 NOV—A Chinese scholar persecuted during the Cultural Revolution for smuggling a rare collection of mushrooms out of China before World War II was honored Saturday when the collection was returned more than 70 years later.

At a ceremony at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Cornell University President David Skorton handed over the collection that had been meticulously gathered by scholar Shu Chun Teng.

Teng studied mycology at Cornell University in the 1920s, then spent the next decade traveling on horseback gathering molds, lichens, yeasts, rusts and morels in the forests, fields and

marshes of his homeland.

“I think the most important part about what we’re doing here today is really returning a hand to the Chinese people that was outstretched three quarters of a century ago,” Skorton said.

During the Japanese invasion in 1937, Teng arranged for his best specimens to be removed from a national botany institute he directed to save them from destruction. During World War II, they were smuggled by ox cart to Indochina and then by sea to the United States, and 2,278 of the specimen packets ended up at Teng’s alma mater.

Internet



A 19th century building is reflected on mirrors of a shop in downtown Bucharest on 6 November, 2009.

INTERNET

Seattle team wins \$900,000 in Space Elevator Games

LOS ANGELES, 7 NOV — A Seattle team has collected a \$900,000 prize in a NASA-backed competition to develop the concept of an elevator to space — an idea spurred by science fiction novels.

The team’s robotic machine raced up more than 2,950 feet of cable dangling from a helicopter.

Powered by a ground-based laser pointed up at the robot’s photo voltaic cells that converted the light into electricity, the

LaserMotive machine completed one of its climbs in about three minutes and 48 seconds, good for second-place money.

The contest is intended to encourage development of a theory that originated in the 1960s and was popularized by Arthur C. Clarke’s 1979 novel “The Fountains of Paradise.”

Space elevators are envisioned as a way to reach space without the risk and expense of rockets.

Internet



This handout photo from NASA shows David Bashford, right, lead of the LaserMotive team, preparing their robotic climber entry in the \$2 million Space Elevator Games at the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif, on 4 November, 2009.

INTERNET

Google’s Chrome grows faster in browser market

BEIJING, 7 NOV — A web monitoring firm Net Applications said Google’s Chrome is the fastest growing browser in the market according to the firm’s latest data, media reported on Tuesday.

Chrome’s share increased to 3.6 percent from 3.4 percent of the global market from Sept. to Oct., while the biggest loser was Internet Explorer (IE), which was down from 65.7 percent to 64.6 percent.

Mozilla’s Firefox, which rose 0.3 points to 24.1 percent, with Safari rising from 4.2 percent to 4.4 percent and Opera showing almost no growth at 2.2 percent.

Net Applications uses a network of around 40,000 internet monitoring stations and the figures are for global market, and thus Chrome’s increase represents huge numbers of internet customers.

The data also shows that both Chrome and Firefox users are far more likely to be using up to date versions of their browser than those using IE.

Google announced that Chrome now has 30 million active users. Though trailing market leaders IE and Firefox by a wide margin, it’s growing fast.

Internet

Internet censorship seen liable to WTO challenge

GENEVA, 7 NOV — Censorship of the Internet is open to challenge at the World Trade Organization as it can restrict trade in services delivered online, a forthcoming study says.

A censorship case at the WTO could raise sovereignty issues, given the clear right of member states to restrict trade on moral grounds—for example, by blocking access to child pornography websites.

But a WTO ruling could set limits on blanket censorship and compel states instead to use more selective filtering, according to the study, to be published on Thursday by think-tank ECIPE.

Internet



A general view shows the domino pieces near the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on 6 November, 2009.

INTERNET

China opposes US anti-dumping duties on oil well pipe

BEIJING, 7 NOV—China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOC) Friday branded the United States imposition of anti-dumping duties on Chinese oil well pipes as protectionist and vowed to take measures to protect its own domestic interests.

The United States denied China’s market economy status and took discriminative measures to impose anti-dumping duties, bringing serious impacts to China’s steel sector exports, said MOC spokesman Yao Jian in a statement on the ministry’s website.

“We hope the United States can get rid of the bias and admit China’s market economy status soon to tackle the double standards thoroughly and give Chinese enterprises equal and fair treatment,” Yao said.

The US Commerce Department on Thursday set preliminary anti-dumping duties on imports of Chinese-made oil well pipes.

MNA/Xinhua

Four intl colleges shut in Oz, Indians among those affected

MELBOURNE, 7 NOV— Four international colleges in Australia have suddenly wound up, putting in jeopardy the future of 2,700 shell-shocked students including those from India, some of whom were about to graduate in two weeks.

The students, who arrived at the college campuses yesterday, were shocked to hear that the institutions had been closed permanently.

Teachers at the colleges run by the Meridian Group, were, however, told on Thursday night itself that

they were out of jobs, the media here reported without giving reasons for the collapse of the institutions.

The colleges, located at 13 campuses in Melbourne and Sydney, offered courses in hospitality, design, English language, fashion and secondary education.

“In just two weeks, we were going to get our degrees,” one student said.

“They are not professional, they are the people who are dodgy here,” another student said.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (517)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTARUKUN VOYNO (517) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 8.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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 Claims Day.

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**Domestic homicides up
in New York state**

ALBANY, 7 Nov—In New York state, 50 percent of females age 16 and older who were murdered in 2008 were killed by intimate partners, state officials said.

A report, by researchers at the New York state Division of Criminal Justice Services, tracked homicides in which the victim was either an intimate partner or child of the perpetrator, or involved some other type of family relationship. The report said 4 percent of adult male murder victims were killed by an intimate partner.

Domestic homicides in New York state increased 7.3 percent in 2008, while other homicides increased 2.6 percent, the report said.

Child domestic homicides decreased by 31 percent in 2008, primarily because there were fewer infant/newborn homicides reported outside of New York City, the report said.—*Internet*

Boat tails on trucks save fuel

DELFT, 7 Nov—Tapered devices — boat tails — fitted on the rear of trucks can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 7.5 percent, scientists in the Netherlands said.

Researchers at Delft University of Technology experimented with varying lengths of boat tails for a year to determine which was most fuel efficient.

Working first with small models in wind tunnel experiments and computer simulations, the researchers then spent a year testing varying lengths of boat tails on trucks on public highways, the university said in a release on Friday.

A boat tail about 6-feet long improved aerodynamics enough to reduce fuel consumption by as much as 7.5 percent, while also reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air.

The studies were supported by road transport manufacturers, transport companies and shippers looking to reduce fuel consumption by as much as 20 percent by 2020, the researchers said.—*Internet*



Soldiers load aid on a helicopter in Bluefields, Nicaragua on 6 Nov, 2009. Hurricane Ida has weakened to a tropical storm after churning through eastern Nicaragua on Thursday, cutting power and ripping roofs on little-developed Caribbean islands.—INTERNET



A salesman sits behind a display showing real Apple iPhones in a counter in Beijing on 28 October. Apple iPhones have become coveted devices since they were introduced in early 2007.—INTERNET

**Vietnam, Indonesia bilateral trade
down 16 pct in first nine months**

HANOI, 7 Nov—Bilateral trade between Vietnam and Indonesia went down 16.5 percent year-on-year to 1.54 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, according to the information

centre of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on Friday.

Of the total, Vietnam raked in 494.1 million US dollars from export to the Indonesian market in this period, down 12 percent year-on-year, said the centre.

The country spent 1.05 billion US dollars on imports from Indonesia in the first nine months, down 23.4 percent from the corresponding period of last year.

Vietnamese export of rice, fruits and vegetables,

rubber, and footwear to Indonesia registered a year-on-year decline in the first nine months, according to the centre.

The country saw a year-on-year increase in export of crude oil, seafood, coffee, tea, and garment and textile to Indonesia during the same period.

Vietnam's export of crude oil went up 138.5 percent year-on-year to 172.67 million US dollars from January to September, said the centre.

Xinhua

**Big California bank fails,
has China branches**

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—United Commercial Bank, a big San Francisco bank with branches in China, was closed by state regulators on Friday and its banking operations were acquired by East West Bancorp Inc, also active in both nations. East West said the transaction made it the second-largest independent bank in California. Based in Pasadena, East West has 137 US branches, including offices in New York, Atlanta, Boston and Seattle, and four in China.

United Commercial Bank, with assets of \$11.2 billion, was the 120th US bank to fail this year. Regulators closed four

other banks on Friday, in Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Minnesota. Failures already were the highest since 1992.

Banks are struggling to clean up their balance sheets as loans made during the credit boom continue to deteriorate. The FDIC has said the pace of failures will remain elevated through next year.—*Internet*

**New
duck-billed
dinosaur
discovered**

BILBAO, 7 Nov—A new hadrosaur, or duck-billed dinosaur, has been discovered in Huesca, Spain, scientists at the University of Basque Country said.

Several species of hadrosaurs inhabited the Iberian Peninsula until about 65.5 million years ago when some sort of catastrophic event caused their extinction, university paleontologist Xavier Pereda-Suberbiola said in a release on Friday.

The new hadrosaur, *Arenysaurus ardevoli*, has a skull with a hollow cranial crest, a prominent frontal dome and post-cranial elements such as vertebrae, girdle and limb bones, Pereda-Suberbiola wrote in the French journal *Comptes Rendus Palevol*.—*Internet*

**Preparation for Canada troops withdrawal
from Afghanistan underway**

OTTAWA, 7 Nov—Canada's Defence Department has already instructed its commanders to start preparing for the withdrawal of combat troops from Afghanistan, although disputes remain as to whether the troops will stay for civilian jobs.

Canada's Parliament has mandated the military troops to leave by the end of 2011 and the Conservative govern-

ment has promised in many occasions to honor that deadline.

Chief of Defence Staff General Walter Natynczyk has ordered preparations to get under way involving the return of thousands of troops and their equipment from Afghanistan, according to Defence Department sources on Friday.

There are about 2,800 Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, based primarily in the southern province of Kandahar. They are part of the international alliance troops fighting Taleban militants.

However, many observers predict US President Barack Obama will ask Canada to keep troops in Afghanistan to protect civilian reconstruction efforts as the American military ramps up its effort to contain the Taleban in Afghanistan.

Xinhua



The photo taken on 27 May, 2009 shows Nepalese and Foreign tourists walk towards the Qomolangma Base Camp in Solukhumbu district northeast of Kathmandu, capital of Nepal. Trying to raise the awareness of climate change in Himalayas, the Nepali government has announced that a cabinet meeting will be held at the base of the world's highest peak next week. On 11 Nov, Nepali ministers could do just this meeting at 5,300 metres above sea level.—XINHUA

Researchers track leprosy bacterium

LAUSANNE, 7 Nov—The bacterium that causes leprosy is genetically stable, which makes curing the disease easier, a Swiss-led research team says.

The project, headed by Stewart Cole of the Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, found samples of mycobacterium leprae from around the world, Swissinfo reported. The oldest was found in an Egyptian mummy buried about 2,400 years ago.

There are four strains of the bacterium—European, Indian and East and West African—with only

small genetic differences among them.

“Irrespective of the origin of the sample of mycobacterium leprae, there was a remarkably high level of similarity and the genome was extremely well conserved,” Cole said. “This is very good news in terms of treatment.” While an antibiotic cure for leprosy has been available for 30 years and is free, about 700,000 people worldwide are infected with the disease. The World Health Organization said 250,000 new cases were diagnosed in 2008.

Internet

Dentists urged to look for cardiac risk

STOCKHOLM, 7 Nov—Dentists can play key roles in identifying people at risk of fatal heart attacks and referring them for further evaluation, doctors in Sweden suggest.

Dentists are encouraged to use HeartScore, a computerized system that calculates the risk of a person dying of a heart attack within a 10-year period, the European Society of Cardiology said in a release Thursday.

HeartScore measures cardiovascular disease risk in people ages 40-65 by factoring the person's age, sex, blood pressure and smoking status.

People with Heart-

Scores of 10 percent or higher, meaning they had at least a 10-percent risk of having a fatal heart attack or stroke within a 10-year period, were told by dentists to see a doctor about their condition.

Using HeartScore, which was tested in Sweden, dentists can identify patients who are unaware they need medical intervention, the American Dental Association said in a release on Thursday.

“Dentists may find themselves in an opportune position to enhance the overall health and well-being of their patients,” the association said.

Internet

Diet of colourful foods boosts immunity

LOS ANGELES, 7 Nov—A US health and wellness expert says an easy way to boost immunity is to eat more fruits and vegetables in different colours.

Amy Hendel says says a study published in the Phytonutrient Report found eight in 10 Americans are missing out on the health benefits of a diet rich in colourful fruits and veggies—resulting in a phytonutrient gap.

The report looked at fruit and vegetable consumption in five colour

categories—green, red, white, blue purple and yellow/orange and the phytonutrients found in each colour category.

Hendel recommends eating two foods from each of the five colour categories. For optimal health, aim to eat two foods from each of the five colour categories for a total of 10 servings each day. Foods in the red category—tomatoes, pomegranate, red cabbage, cranberries, even pink grapefruit—boost immune systems and support heart health, Hendel says.—Internet

Prostate cancer outcome not linked to race

CHICAGO, 7 Nov—Race had no impact on prostate cancer outcomes following radiation treatment, US medical researchers found.

Unlike previous studies that had relatively small percentages of African-American patients, almost half of this study group was African-American, the researchers said.

“This study offers an extremely important message for all patients with prostate cancer who receive radiation therapy,” senior study author Dr

Benjamin Movsas of the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit said in a statement.

“Despite the fact that there was a large difference in income based on race, none of the socioeconomic status factors predicted for outcome. All patients did equally well, based on the known prognostic factors.”

The study included 788 Henry Ford Hospital patients treated with external beam radiation for localized prostate cancer between ages 44-90. Of these, 48.5 percent were African-American with a median household income of \$36,917, and 46 percent were white with a median household income of \$60,190.—Internet

Weight lifting aids breast cancer patients

PHILADELPHIA, 7 Nov—Weight lifting has multiple benefits for breast cancer survivors, US researchers said.

The study, published in *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*, found breast cancer survivors who lift weights regularly feel better about their bodies and appearance and are more satisfied with their intimate relationships compared with survivors who did not lift weights.

The findings were from a randomized controlled trial testing the impact of twice-weekly weight lifting for 12 months.

In a preliminary report, published in the *New England Journal of Medi-*

cine in August, Schmitz and colleagues found lifting weights kept lymphedema—arm-swelling some breast cancer patients sufferer—from worsening.

“It looks like weight training is not only safe and may make lymphedema flare ups less frequently, but it also seems help women feel better about their bodies,” study senior author Kathryn Schmitz of Philadelphia's University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center said in a statement. “The results suggest that the act of spending time with your body was the thing that was important—not the physical results of strength.”—Internet



Sudanese children recover from the kala azar disease in the grounds of a hospital in Malakal. Southern Sudan is facing a “serious outbreak” of the deadly kala azar tropical disease, the aid agency Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) warned on 6 Nov 2009.—INTERNET

Testosterone relevant to women's health

PHILADELPHIA, 7 Nov—Higher levels of testosterone, the principal male sex hormone, but present in women, may put women at greater heart risk, US researchers said. The study, published in *The Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, found women with the highest testosterone levels—in the top 25 percent of this study group—were three times as likely to have coronary heart disease compared to women with lower testosterone levels.

The researchers, who measured levels of testosterone in 344 women between the ages of 65-98, also found women in the top 25 percent three times as likely to have a group of metabolic risk factors called the metabolic syndrome—in particular they had a greater degree of insulin resistance where the body does not use insulin efficiently. “For many years, androgens like testosterone were thought to play a significant role in men only and to be largely irrelevant in women,” study researcher Dr Anne Cappola of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia said in a statement. “Further studies are needed to determine if a causal relationship exists between testosterone and insulin resistance and to provide more insight into the role testosterone plays in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular disease in women.”—Internet

SPORTS

Woods, Watney lead at HSBC Champions golf championship

SHANGHAI, 7 Nov—Tiger Woods shot 67 Friday in the second round to be 10-under-par and join fellow American Nick Watney in the top position



Tiger Woods blasts the ball out of a sand bunker at the 16th hole during the HSBC Champions golf tournament in Shanghai, China, on 6 Nov, 2009. The American finished second day at 10-under 134 to share the lead with fellow countryman Nick Watney.—INTERNET

at the WGC-HSBC Champions golf championship.

Phil Mickelson, who won here in 2007, stroke a majestic bogey-free 66 for a share of second place with Spain's Alvaro Quiros (66) and another American Ryan Moore (69). Anthony Kim is a shot further back, ahead of US PGA Tour player Pat Perez on six under.

Xinhua

Ferguson makes case for United defence

MANCHESTER, 7 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson has voiced his support for Manchester United's defenders in the light of a relatively disappointing start to the season by the reigning Premier League champions.

United, who set a world record of 1,311 consecutive minutes without conceding a goal last season, have been far more susceptible this term, allowing 11 goals in as many Premier League games.

More worryingly, United have leaked seven goals at home, more than clubs in or around the relegation zone such as Birmingham, Hull and Wolves.

Ferguson's team has not been aided by the absence of Dutch international goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar, who was in goal during last season's record-breaking run and injuries to Nemanja Vidic and Rio Ferdinand.

Those circumstances have forced the United manager to name 16 different defensive line-ups so far this season.

Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

8-11-2009

| | | |
|-----------------|------|------------|
| Aston Villa | 3- 1 | Bolton |
| Blackburn | 5- 1 | Portsmouth |
| Manchester City | 3- 3 | Burnley |
| Tottenham | 2- 0 | Sunderland |
| Wolves | 1- 4 | Arsenal |



Manchester City's Stephen Ireland jumps for the ball against Burnley's Andre Bikey.—INTERNET

Drogba has United in his sights

LONDON, 7 Nov—An in-form Didier Drogba is capable of ruffling the feathers of even the most confident defences.

So it will be with some trepidation that Manchester United, whose back four has been looking decidedly shaky of late, pitch up for Sunday's Premier League summit meeting with a Chelsea side whose confident start to the season has been underpinned by Drogba's return to his battering-ram best.

The Ivorian's late double in the Champions League win over Atletico Madrid in Spain took his tally for the season to 12 in all competitions and team-mate Florent Malouda has never seen the striker looking more driven.—Internet



Chelsea's Didier Drogba celebrates after scoring during their Premier League match vs Bolton Wanderers at The Reebok stadium, Bolton, north-west England, on 31 October. Chelsea play Manchester United on Sunday, at Stamford Bridge.—INTERNET

Murray eases into semi-finals, Simon slumps

VALENCIA, 7 Nov—British top seed Andy Murray stayed on course for his sixth title of the season on Friday when he defeated Spain's Albert Montanes 6-4, 6-2 to reach the Valencia ATP semi-finals.

Murray, the world number four, had struggled for two hours and 22

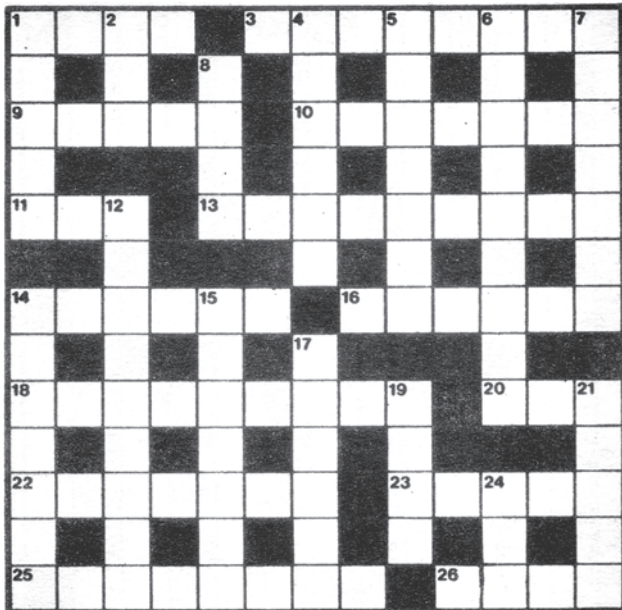
minutes against Argentina's Leonardo Mayer on Thursday, but he was in complete control in his quarter-final, sealing victory in just 73 minutes.

Internet



British Andy Murray serves to Spain's Albert Montanes during their quarter-final match at the ATP Valencia tennis tournament. Murray won 6-4, 6-2.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Ova
- 3 Sound letter "H"
- 9 Mending-piece
- 10 "...this earth, this realm, this——"
- 11 Tree
- 13 Lewis Carroll character (3,6)
- 14 Plaagnet
- 16 Erase
- 18 Victim of practical joke in spring (5-4)
- 20 Gratuity
- 22 European
- 23 Rap
- 25 Tunes
- 26 River of C Europe

DOWN

- 1 Vacant
- 2 Obtain
- 4 Fast
- 5 Thankless person
- 6 Suite of rooms
- 7 Write on back of
- 8 Counterfeit
- 12 Cataract
- 14 Sports ground
- 15 Ressembled
- 17 Leap, spring
- 19 NT Book
- 21 Card-game
- 24 Aged

Korean, Saudi sides meet in AFC Champions League final



SKorea's Pohang Steelers' players are seen during a training session in Doha, on 27 October. Pohang Steelers take on Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia in the AFC Champions League final on Saturday with both sides aiming for a record third continental championship.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 7 Nov—Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia take on Pohang Steelers of South Korea in the AFC Champions League final this weekend with both sides aiming for a record third continental championship.

In Saturday's match, the Saudi giants, who defeated Japan's Nagoya Grampus 8-3 on aggregate in the semi-finals, will have a chance to regain the AFC Champions League title they won in 2004 and 2005.

The Korean powerhouses, who beat Umm-Salal of Qatar 4-1 on aggregate in their semi-final clash, won the former Asian Club Championship in 1997 and 1998.

Internet

Federer faces school friend Chiudinelli in Basel tennis

BASEL, 7 Nov—Roger Federer puts an 18-match win streak at his home Swiss Indoors tournament on the line Saturday against old school friend Marco Chiudinelli in the semi-finals.

The dream scenario in the hometown of both men will be the first for the pair in their tennis careers.

Federer, winner of the last three editions here, dispatched Russian Evgeny Korolev 6-3, 6-2 in his quarter-final while world number 73 Chiudinelli hammered Richard Gasquet 6-1, 6-3 to reach his first semi-final.—Internet



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates his quarter-final victory over Russia's Evgeny Korolev at the Swiss Indoors tournament in Basel. Federer won 6-3, 6-2.—INTERNET

French Eurostars return to title fight

PARIS, 7 Nov—After proving in midweek that French football bears comparison with the best the Champions League has to offer, Bordeaux and Lyon return to domestic action this weekend, jousting for home supremacy.

Bordeaux broke Lyon's record run of seven straight championships last May and the pair are once again locked into the top two places with the Girondins currently two points clear of their rivals from the east after 11 games.

Internet

Canada to investigate disappearing Pacific salmon

VANCOUVER, 7 Nov— Canada will launch an investigation into why far fewer sockeye salmon than scientists had predicted returned to the Fraser River on the Pacific Coast this summer.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the judicial inquiry on Thursday, saying the federal government was concerned about the declining sockeye population.

Federal government scientists had predicted that as many as 13 million sockeye salmon would return to the river this year to breed, but it is now estimated that only about 1.4 million fish actually returned.

The collapse gutted the commercial Fraser sockeye fishing season, and prompted the government of the West Coast province of British Columbia and federal opposition parties to ask Ottawa to investigate whether federal officials have mismanaged salmon stocks.—*Internet*



A gull stands on the carcass of a sockeye salmon after it died following its spawning in Adams River outside of Chase, British Columbia, on 11 October, 2006.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8-11-2009) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

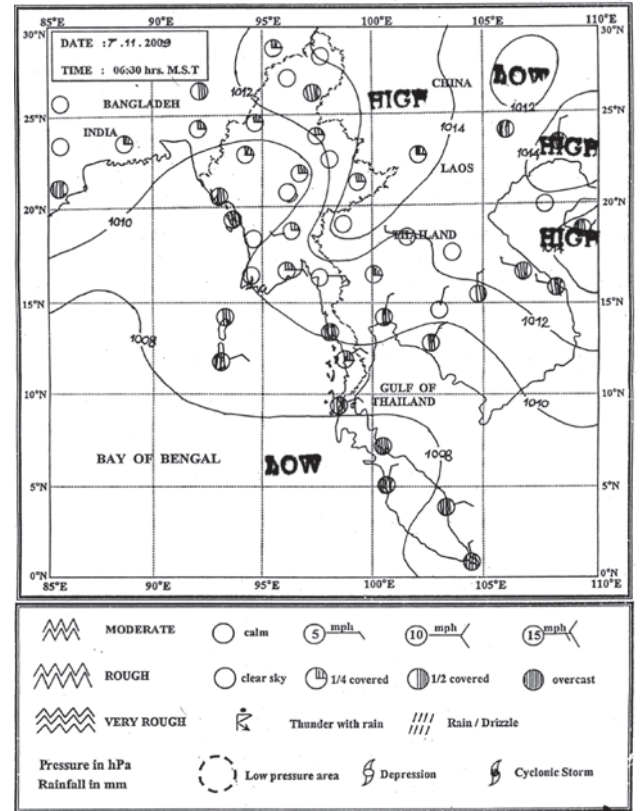
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-V)
- * Travel & Description (Lashio to Muse)
- * National Dance
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * A Cup of Milk for Nutrition
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Let's strive for Environmental Conservation: Clearance of Discarded Plastic
- * Travel & Description (Lashio to Muse)
- * Poem Garden "The Sun"
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-V)
- * Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes Everyone
- * The Monastery with Trained Cats
- * Culture Stage
- * Let's study the "World Biggest Book"
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Fabulous Bagan-V
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 7th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Loilem (4°C) and Haka (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 6-11-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 7-11-2009 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7 -11-2009 was 95%. Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2009 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-11-2009 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 Northeast at (19:30) hours MST on 6-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th November 2009: Except for rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Chin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be fair in the whole country. 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 decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-11-2009: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-11-2009: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 8 November
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
8. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am**
9. International News
- 8:35 am**
10. "Crossroad Cafe" (Episode-4) (Who's The Boss)
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း နိုင်ငံတကာသတင်းစဉ်
- 11:40 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)

- 12:25 am**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:40 am**
6. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "နေရာချင်သလောက်ချင်တယ်" (နိုင်နိုင်း၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ မေသန်းနု) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး (စန်းစိုက်)]
- 2:25 am**
7. Dance of National Races
- 2:40 am**
8. International News
- 3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း နှင့် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)
- 5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme

- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
5. Musical Programme
- 6:40 pm**
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "သူ့စေတနာ" (ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး၊ ဝါဝါအောင်၊ ချစ်ခွန်းချို) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်(MMG)]
- 7:00 pm**
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
- 9. International News**
- 10. Weather Report**
- 11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၅၈)**
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)**



- ★ 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

Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) contributes to regional development

Byline: Aye Thanda Thein and Mya Kay Khaing Soe, Photo: Myanma Alin

Roads and bridges have emerged across the nation as a network due to the government's constant drive to open these facilities. Smooth transport is narrowing the development gap among the regions, and socio-economic life of the people has improved.

Although the east bank is located just to the opposite of the west bank of the River Chindwin, local residents had to live separately due to the river passing

through Sagaing Division. Local people have overcome the barrier since opening of the Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) on 7 April 2003.

Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) is the main one on Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa road. The main bridge is 2745.6 feet long and the two approach bridges are 1984.6 feet long. The total length of the bridge is 4730.2 feet and it can withstand 60-ton loads.

After opening Chindwin Bridge (Monywa), people have now easy access from Monywa to Kalewa-Kalay-Tamu, Kalay-Haka and Kalay-Tiddim in a short time. In addition, it contributes to development of border trade with the neighbouring country.

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Photo shows Chindwin Bridge (Monywa), vital for regional development and border trade.

