



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Kalay Township sees progress

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence viewed development undertakings of Kalay Township on 7 November.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hong Ngai and departmental personnel, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected Phaungku Bridge Project on Kalay-Kyikon road, ground works to build a University of Computer Studies in Kalay, Kalay-Kalewa road, teak plantations and bridges along the road and Kalay Township People's

Hospital.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party supervised maintenance of Myittha Bridge, road repair and drainage construction.

At Myoma Village in Mingin Township, they met with local people and presented sports gear and gifts to social organizations.

After visiting Kyauktan Dam, they met with local people, social organizations and health and education staff of Kyauktan and Kyapin villages.

They visited Laboh Village in Kani Township where they attended to the needs of local people.—MNA

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

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (10)

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Ministry of Construction



A section of Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway built with the use of concrete meeting ASEAN road standards.

In Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (5) & (7), I mentioned truck load limits, the maximum weight limit of an axle and standard measurements of trucks included in the agreements signed at the fifth ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15-9-1999. Moreover, the agreements prescribed types of roads and geometric design standards.

ASEAN roads must be tarred and concrete ones. So the roads in Myanmar have to be transformed into tarred or concrete ones.

For ensuring safe travel and short travelling time in ASEAN countries, geometric design standards are prescribed as follows:

Road class-III

1. Speed limit (on plain roads) = 37-50 (mile/hour)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 31-43 (mile/hour)
(on hilly roads) = 25-37 (mile/hour)
2. Width of motorway on two-lane roads = 12x2 (ft)

3. Road shoulders
(on plain roads) = 5.0-6.5 (ft)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 5.0-6.5 (ft)
(on hilly roads) = 3.5-5.0 (ft)
 4. Right of way = 99-132 (ft)
 5. Max. longitudinal gradient (%) = 6.0 (on plain roads)
= 7.0 (on smooth uphill and downhill roads)
= 8.0 (on hilly roads)
 6. Max. super elevation (%) = 6.0-10.0
(uphill plain, smooth downhill roads)
 7. Min. vertical clearance = 15 (ft)
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INSIDE

Our country is home to over 100 national races sharing joys and sorrows, not to only one national race. The common name of the entire national races across the Union is Myanmar. It is known to all that Myanmar is a nation of more than 100 national races or 57 million people.

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 14 November, 2009

Nurture human resources for national education promotion

The government, by adopting short- and long-term plans, is taking measures for development of human resources, for effective use of modern information and communication technology, for doing research work beneficial to the State, for meeting international education standards and for maintaining and safeguarding norms of national character.

Teachers responsible for the basic education sector are noble ones as they are nurturing student youths, the most fundamental resource for the future nation, to become good citizens in accord with the wishes of the State. So special refresher courses are being conducted for improving teaching quality of those teachers.

For the Union of Myanmar to be able to stand as an independent, sovereign nation forever, the government is fulfilling the needs in all sectors so as to develop the State by adopting the political objectives based on national unity and Union Spirit, the economic objectives based on national entrepreneurship and the social objectives based on fitness and education standards of the entire nation in a human society that is compatible with Myanmar traditional culture and customs.

Infrastructures of information technology, research centres of international standard, computer networks and electronic systems have been built the length and breadth of the nation for the emergence of sound educational structures.

As the government has created education opportunities across the country, the teachers are to strive for national education promotion and for emergence of human resources in each and every region by making use of such opportunities.

Luck & Cash on 15 Nov

YANGON, 13 Nov—Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) will give talks on Luck and Cash at Wise International School for Executives, Room No. 1009, 10th Floor, Yuzana Tower at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondaing Road in Bahan Township here on 15 November (Sunday).

Those wishing to attend the talk may call 556183 and 09-5157032 to book a seat.

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People's Desire

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

Information Minister receives Director of People's Daily of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Chinese delegation of journalists led by Director Mr Yu Qingchu from the People's Daily of the People's Republic of China, who are on a visit to Myanmar, at the meeting hall of the Minister's Office here at 3.30 p.m. today.

Also present at the call were Director-General U

Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise.

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MV Thanlwin to Cocogyun

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Myanmar Five Star Line under the Ministry of Transport arranges the four-day excursion trips of MV Thanlwin to Cocogyun islands in the Andaman Sea, 260 miles southwest of Yangon, from 20 to 23 November.

Among 12 islands, Cocogyunyi, Cocogyungale, Mingala, Jerry and Rak islands are larger ones in the islets. Cocogyunyi, 6.2 miles long and 1.2 miles wide, has tropical evergreen forests including coconut plants. The region with clean seawater and corals attracts the tourists in the ecotourism industry.

Local people are engaged in fishery, sales of coconut products, cultivation of paddy and production of eggs of green turtles. Beads, Buddha images and marine products are available at Cocogyun.

The fare for 4-day trip is K 25,000 per passenger.

And the passengers are to take the bed and other personal items. Foods will be sold for breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard. Arrangements have been made for the passengers to enjoy the Karaoke songs. The passengers will be accommodated at Basic Education High School and BEPS, monastery and staff quarters on the island. After the dinner, a bonfire will be held. During the trip, they will have the opportunity to observe the unearthing of turtle eggs. After visiting the Light House and the bunkers of the 2nd World War, the excursion tour members will leave the island on 22 November afternoon. They will arrive back in Yangon on 23 November afternoon.

The ticket for the trip may be bought at Thakayta Jetty of Myanmar Five Star Line on Shukhintha Road in Thakayta Township, Tel: 01-544563.—MNA

Basic Education Level U-16 Basketball Tournament goes on

YANGON, 13 Nov—The 1st Basic Education Level Inter-State/Division U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation, continued at Aung San Gymnasium, here, this morning.

In the men's event, Sagaing Division trounced Kachin State 68-42; and Shan State (North) routed Ayeyawady Division 82-22.

In the women's event, Mandalay Division thrashed Kachin State 68-

10, while Shan State (South) beat Ayeyawady Division 41-15.

Tomorrow morning, Yangon Division will

play against Kachin State and Mandalay Division will compete with Ayeyawady Division in the men's event. Yangon

Division will meet with Kachin State and Sagaing Division with Ayeyawady Division in the women's event.—MNA

Mandalay Division team competing with Kachin State team.

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Suicide bombing near US base in Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Nov — A suicide bomber struck near a US military base in the Afghan capital on Friday, wounding three foreign soldiers less than a week before the inauguration of President Hamid Karzai, officials said.

Kabul has been hit by a rising number of suicide bombings claimed by the Taliban, whose insurgency against Western troops and the Afghan government is now at its

deadliest since US-led troops overthrew their regime in 2001.

“Three foreign soldiers have been injured. They are possibly American,” Abdul Ghasar Aayedzada, criminal police investigation chief for Kabul, told reporters.

He said the attack occurred around 7:45 am (0315 GMT) when a suicide bomber in a car blew up alongside a coalition forces vehicle heading toward Camp Phoenix on

the road between Kabul and eastern town Jalalabad.

Three civilians were also wounded, although their injuries were not serious, the police officer added.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) could not give any immediate information on possible casualties, but a spokesman confirmed there was a blast near the base.

Internet



US and Afghan security forces gather at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, on 13 Nov.

Three foreign soldiers were wounded around 7:45 am in a suicide car bombing near the US-run NATO military base Camp Phoenix in Kabul on the Jalalabad-Kabul road, according to police.—INTERNET

Five NATO tankers set on fire in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 Nov—Five oil tankers carrying fuel for North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces in Afghanistan were set on fire by unknown persons on Friday in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province, local TV channel reported. One driver of an oil tanker was killed in the incident, the private TV Express reported.

Police sources said the fuel convoy, on way to Afghanistan from Karachi, the port city in southern Pakistan, was set on fire by unknown persons in Gattani area of district Bolan.—Xinhua

Southern Sudanese wait in line to receive rations of food airdropped earlier from the United Nations World Food Programme over the village of Pochalla, in the eastern state of Jonglei, on November 10. Eleven people have been killed in fighting in south Sudan's troubled Jonglei state, a military spokesman said on Thursday.—INTERNET



US federal deficit hits 176 billion dollars in October

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov—US federal deficit hit a record 176.4 billion US dollars in October, reported the Treasury Department on Thursday.

The budget imbalance outpaced economists' expectation of 150 billion dollars.

The deficit for the 2009 fiscal year, which ended on 30 Sept, set an all-time record in dollar terms of 1.42 trillion dollars, tripling last year's record.

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said last month that the skyrocketing federal deficit was inherited from the George W Bush administration.

Besides, it was a result of the government's actions to tackle the worst economic recession since the Great Depression of 1930s.

The US administration has launched a 787-billion-dollar stimulus bill to boost the economy and has spent another 700 billion dollars to stabilize the financial system since President Barack Obama took office at the beginning of the year.

Experts worry the federal deficit would be unsustainable if the government did not impose fiscal discipline.—Xinhua

Deforestation sees biggest drop in 20 years

BRASILIA, 13 Nov — Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon dropped nearly 46 percent from August 2008 to July 2009 — the biggest annual de-

cline in two decades, the government said on Thursday.

Analysis of satellite imagery by the National Institute for Space Research shows an estimated 7,008 square kilometers (2,705 square miles) of forest were cleared during the 12-month period, the lowest rate since the government started monitoring deforestation in 1988.

“The new deforestation data represents an extraordinary and significant reduction for Brazil,” President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said in a statement.

The numbers have been falling since 2004, when they reached a peak of 27,000 square kilometers (10,425 square miles) cleared in one year, according to the space research institute.—Internet

Back dropped by a map depicting the Amazon rainforest, Brazil. —INTERNET



Eleven killed in south Sudan clash

JUBA (Sudan), 13 Nov—Eleven people have been killed in fighting in south Sudan's troubled Jonglei state, a military spokesman said on Thursday.

Gunmen from the

Shilluk ethnic group attacked the rival Dinka settlement of Pige in the northern Jonglei region early on Wednesday, Major General Kuol Diem Kuol, of the southern Sudan People's

Liberation Army (SPLA), said.

“A teacher was killed and two policemen and two SPLA were wounded — one seriously,” said Kuol.

“Eight attackers were also killed, and from the tribal marks on their head they were identified as being Shilluk people.”

Two more Dinka villagers were killed late on Wednesday in an ambush Kuol said, but added that the situation was now “under control.” There have been several clashes between the Dinka and Shilluk ethnic groups in recent months.

In September, at least 25 died in Upper Nile state during clashes between Shilluk and Dinka gunmen.

Internet

Attacks kill two paramilitary members in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Nov—Two Awakening Council group members were killed and five people injured in two separate attacks in and near Baghdad on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Unidentified armed men stormed a checkpoint manned by members of a local Awakening Council group in the Jurf al-Sakhr area, some 60 km south of Baghdad, killing two of the group members before they fled the scene, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The Awakening Councils, or Sahwa groups, are paramilitary groups formed from some powerful former anti-US militia groups, who fight the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.—Xinhua

China to be largest construction market by 2018

LONDON, 13 Nov—China will overtake the United States as the world's largest construction market by 2018, according to a forecast by Global Construction Perspectives and Oxford Economics on Thursday.

The report said, in just 10 years, China's already

massive construction market will be worth almost 2.4 trillion US dollar and represent 19.1 percent of global construction output.

Speaking at the launch of the report "Global Construction 2020" in London, Mike Betts of Global Construction Perspectives

said that China's construction industry looks unstoppable, "The construction market in China is already enormous at almost double the size of its nearest rival Japan. The United States has for some time held the top spot but despite its strong predicted growth over the next decade, China will become the world's largest construction market by 2018."—Xinhua



Passengers wait in the departure hall of the Xi'an Xianyang International Airport in Xi'an, capital of northwest Shaanxi Province, on 11 November, 2009. More than 80 flights were delayed and over 10,000 passengers were stranded at the airport, thanks to a heavy snowfall which hit Xi'an on November 11—XINHUA

Porsche reports loss of 4.4 billion euros

FRANKFURT, 13 Nov— German luxury car maker Porsche on Thursday unveiled pre-tax losses of 4.4 billion euros (6.5 billion dollars) for its 2008-2009 financial year that it blamed on write-downs stemming from its stake in Volkswagen.

Porsche had made a profit of 8.6 billion euros in its previous fiscal period. The company said the loss over the financial year, which ended in July, reflected its failed bid to take over Volkswagen, its far bigger German rival.

Porsche had taken cash settlement options on VW shares in hopes of acquiring Europe's top auto maker. Owners of such options receive the difference between the share's cash value and the price when the option is exercised. But ultimately it was Volkswagen that announced plans last month to buy Porsche, after which Porsche had to sell some of the options to the Gulf emirate of Qatar, which will have a 17 percent stake in Volkswagen-Porsche.—Internet



A row of Porsche cars line up at a Melbourne dealership in 2008. German luxury car maker Porsche on Thursday unveiled pre-tax losses of 4.4 billion euros (6.5 billion dollars) for its 2008-2009 financial year that it blamed on write-downs stemming from its stake in Volkswagen.

INTERNET

Boeing says first 747-8 emerges from factory

EVERETT, 13 Nov— Boeing Co says the first of the delay-plagued new version of its 747 freighter jet has emerged from the factory to be set up for test flights.

The aerospace company based in Chicago said the plane was towed from its Everett factory on Thursday.

Boeing last month said it would record a \$1 billion charge because of a delays in producing the 747-8 Freighter, blaming slow sales and late design changes.

It has said it expects the first flight of the plane by early next year and first delivery is expected in the fourth quarter of 2010. It has secured 105 orders for the 747-8.—Internet



In this 9 Sept, 2009 file photo, a visitor looks at the model of a Boeing 747-8 at the Asian Aerospace International Expo in Hong Kong. Boeing Co said on 21 Oct, 2009, it lost \$1.6 billion in its third quarter because of problems with two new aircraft models.—INTERNET

S Korea' FTC head alludes to reducing fines on LPG industry cartel

SEOUL, 13 Nov—The chief of South Korea's anti-trust watchdog said on Friday that the country's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) firms, accused of price fixing activities, may be levied a less amount of fine than previously announced.

"There may be a wide gap between the actual fine (on LPG firms) and the amount on the preliminary review," Chung Ho-yul, chief of the Free Trade Commission (FTC) said at a forum.

"As the allegation entails multiple sensitive issues, the level of punishment will be finalized in two weeks," Chung said.

The nation's six major LPG firms, including SK Energy, GS Caltex, S-Oil, Hyundai Oilbank, E1 and SK Gas LPG firms, have been involved in a cartel scandal that disclosed their manipulation of fuel price to consumers.—Xinhua

Intel to pay AMD \$1.25 billion in antitrust case

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov—Intel Corp agreed to pay Advanced Micro Devices 1.25 billion dollars to settle the long-running legal dispute between the two chipmakers on antitrust and patent issues.

Intel, the world's biggest maker of semiconductors, is facing litigation

in the United States, Europe and Asia alleging it abused its dominant position in the sector and the AMD settlement may help bring an end to its legal troubles.

The companies said in a joint statement that the settlement represents "a comprehensive agree-

ment to end all outstanding legal disputes between the companies, including antitrust litigation and patent cross license disputes."

"While the relationship between the two companies has been difficult in the past, this agreement ends the legal disputes and enables the companies to focus all of our efforts on product innovation and development," the statement said.

AMD and Intel agreed to patent rights from a new five-year cross license agreement, and to give up any claims of breach of contract.

In addition to the payment of 1.25 billion dollars, which is to be made in cash within 30 days, Intel also agreed to abide by a set of business practice provisions.

Xinhua

Internet

Japan's manufacturing sector shows improving, statistics say

TOKYO, 13 Nov—Japan's manufacturing sector is improving at a better than thought pace, according to statistics released by the ministry of economy trade and industry on Friday.

The revised indices of industrial production for September showed that production had increased by 2.1 percent in September when compared to the previous month, as opposed to the 1.4 percent reported in the preliminary indices.

It also showed that shipments improved by 4.2 percent, not the 3.4 percent initially reported.

In recent months, Japan's production sector has showed improvements, but these have yet to reach households in the aftermath of the credit crisis that started in the United States last year and sent the economy in decline.

People walk in snow on a snow-covered road in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 13 Nov, 2009. The heaviest snowfall this winter hit Liaoning Province since the afternoon of 12 Nov. XINHUA



FAO urges business leaders to help find anti-hunger solutions

ROME, 13 Nov—UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director-General Jacques Diouf on Thursday called for increased input from the private sector to help fight hunger and ensure food security.

The FAO estimates that the amount of investment needed in developing countries from Official Development Assistance (ODA) will be 44 billion US dollars annually, Diouf

said at an international private sector forum on food security in Milan.

The funds will be complemented by financing from national budgets and private investments in primary agriculture and downstream services such as storage and processing, he said on the first day of the two-day forum.

Diouf also said it was encouraging to see increased interest from the private sector in agricul-

ture. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in that sector tripled during 2000-2007, from 1 billion dollars to more than 3 billion, though the number still accounts for less than 1 percent of the world's total FDI inflows. The FAO chief encouraged private companies to take a longer-term view of investment and business opportunities in developing regions rather than focusing on immediate needs.—Xinhua

Russian space freighter sends scientific module to ISS

Moscow, 13 Nov—A Russian Progress M-MIM2 cargo spaceship has successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Thursday, said the Mission Control Center outside Moscow.

At around 6:41 pm Moscow time (1541 GMT), the freighter docked with the Zvezda service module of the ISS in automatic mode, said the centre.

The freighter has brought to the space station Russia's fourth scientific module Poisk (Exploration), as well as some

850 kg of food, water, oxygen and equipment for the ISS crew members.

Astronauts on board the ISS are expected to unload those cargoes from the freighter starting from Friday afternoon and enter the Poisk module on Friday evening.

The Poisk module, which will be formally deployed this December, is the first of three components Russia is planning to add to the space station in the next three years. It will be primarily used in 10 new scientific experiments.—Xinhua



Rwandan officials look at a Jetlink plane that crashed into the VIP lounge at the Kigali airport on 12 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

IOC signs 2010 and 2012 broadcast rights deal in South America

GENEVA, 13 Nov—The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has awarded broadcast rights in South America for the Olympic Games in 2010 and 2012 to ESPN. ESPN will acquire free-to-air television and radio broadcast rights in Argentina for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games and the London 2012 Olympic Games, including minimum free-to-air exposure guarantees; pay television rights to air the Games on cable and satellite platforms in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay for the same period; and satellite-only television rights in Venezuela for the same period, the IOC said on Thursday in a Press release.

“The popularity of the Olympic Games in South America is growing rapidly, and we want to ensure that audiences in the region have the best possible broadcast experience. We are delighted to announce this agreement with ESPN and look forward to working with them,” said IOC President Jacques Rogge.—Xinhua

Three injured in Canada helicopter crash

OTTAWA, 13 Nov—Three people were seriously injured after a helicopter crashed into a sandbar in the middle of a river in Canada's Quebec Province on Thursday, news reports said. The crash happened near Baie-Comeau, more than 600 km northeast of Montreal, the Canadian Press reported quoting provincial police.

The small island was likely to disappear at high tide and police and firefighters had to act quickly. Xinhua

New Zealand, Hong Kong SAR conclude free trade deal

SINGAPORE, 13 Nov—New Zealand has concluded negotiations on a free trade deal with China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key announced on Friday.

Key and Hong Kong SAR Chief Executive Donald Tsang made the announcement in Singapore on the sidelines of the APEC Economic Leaders Meeting.

“Bilateral trade relations between New Zealand and Hong Kong, China, have taken a further significant step following conclusion of negotiations for a New Zealand - Hong Kong, China Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (CEP),” Key said in a media statement.

“This is also a step contributing to the further development of Asia-Pacific regional economic integration,” he added.

The conclusion of the negotiations came just seven months after the New Zealand prime minister and Hong Kong chief executive met in April at the Boao Forum in China, where a joint commitment was made to advancing momentum on the CEP.

Key said the deal is broad-based but will benefit New Zealand services firms trying to sell into China's Hong Kong.

Firms selling high-tech and education goods and services will benefit in particular. Hong Kong was New Zealand's 20th largest trading partner last year. Xinhua

Chinese shipbuilder plans IPO in first half of 2010

BEIJING, 13 Nov—China Shipbuilding Industry Co, the country's second-largest shipbuilding company, expects to float its shares in an initial public offering (IPO) during the first half of next year, *China Daily* reported on Friday.

The precise timing of the flotation depended upon regulatory approval, the newspaper said, citing Li Changyin, general manager of the company's parent, China Shipbuilding Industry Corp.

The company has said it would sell up to 1.995 billion shares, or 30 percent of its enlarged share capital, to seek a listing on the Shanghai bourse. Xinhua



All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Rubber boats are seen at the 2009 China International Tourism Commodities Fair in Yiwu city of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 12 Nov, 2009. Some 60,000 exhibitors attended the fair which runs from on 12 to 15 Nov.—XINHUA

British Airways, Iberia agree to \$7 billion merger

MADRID / LONDON, 13 Nov—British Airways (BAY.L) and Spain's Iberia (IBLA.MC) announced on Thursday a preliminary agreement for a \$7 billion merger to create the world's third-largest airline by revenue.

The deal, which the companies hope to close by the end of 2010, ends the British flag carrier's long pursuit of Iberia to create an enlarged group, able to cope with the industry's largest downturn in decades.

BA shareholders will have 55 percent of the combined firm, to be headquartered in London with 419 aircraft flying to 205 destinations, while Iberia shareholders are to get 45 percent.

In a joint statement, BA and Iberia said the merger would provide "enhanced scale to compete with other major airlines and participate in future industry consolidation."

Internet



Las Vegas Strip casinos are seen behind a British Airways' B777 passenger jet during the arrival of an inaugural flight at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada on 25 October, 2009.—INTERNET

Climate change, California droughts linked

DAVIS, 13 Nov—US scientists say they've linked centuries-long droughts in California during the past 20,000 years with thawing of arctic ice caps.

University of California-Davis Professor Isabel Montanez and doctoral student Jessica Oster say their findings come from analyzing stalagmites at Moaning Cavern in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The scientists say the mineral formations in caves build up over centuries as water drips from the cave roof. The drops of water pick up trace chemicals in their path through air, soil and rocks, and deposit the chemicals in the stalagmite.

"They're like tree rings made out of rock," Montanez said. "These are the only climate records of this type for California for this period when past global warming was occurring."—Internet

Bipolar kids may have body clock problem

INDIANAPOLIS, 13 Nov—US researchers link malfunctioning circadian clock genes to bipolar disorder in children. The study, involving 152 children with the condition and 140 control children, found four versions of the regulatory gene RORB associated with pediatric bipolar disorder.

RORB is mainly expressed in the eye, pineal gland and brain. Its expression is known to change as a function of circadian rhythm in some tissues, and mice without the gene exhibit circadian rhythm abnormalities.

"Our findings suggest that clock genes in general and RORB in particular may be important candidates for further investigation in the search for the molecular basis of bipolar disorder," study leader Alexander Niculescu from Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis said in a statement.—Internet

The UN Secretary-General's Message on World Diabetes Day

14 November 2009

Following is Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on World Diabetes Day, observed on 14 November:

Diabetes kills at least one million people every year, many of them in developing countries and many well before their anticipated life expectancy. It can make other diseases worse, and can have a terrible impact on maternal and child health. In some countries, the rapidly rising burden of diabetes is a factor in faltering progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Yet, type 2 diabetes is preventable. It is among the so-called "lifestyle diseases" — along with cardio-vascular disease and some cancers — attributable to unhealthy diets, a lack of exercise, tobacco use and the abuse of alcohol play.

This means that effective strategies and plans of action will not be limited to the health sector alone. Rather, they should involve many areas of government and a wide range of actors, including civil society and the private sector.

The UN system, for its part, is fully engaged in helping countries to deal with the challenges posed by diabetes. Prevention can help reduce poverty, promote economic productivity and keep countries on track in their efforts to achieve the MDGs.

On World Diabetes Day, I urge the international community and international development agencies to support developing countries in preventing diabetes and increasing access to health care.

UNIC



A white-handed gibbon monkey eats frozen fruits at the Zoo in Sao Paulo Zoo Foundation on 12 November, 2009. Temperatures in Sao Paulo on Thursday rose up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit).

University of Indonesia builds world's biggest library

The world's biggest library is now under construction on 2.5 hectare of land at the University of Indonesia (UI), Depok-West Java. The library will be one of the biggest in the world and will consist of three main buildings up to eight floors high with the total width of about 30,000 m2.

The library will be a sustainable building, meaning the energy source for its operational needs will be obtained from solar energy and is expected to reduce the use of electricity, water and paper. In addition, the building will not allow the use of plastics and will also prohibit smoking.

The library is located near the uni-



versity's head office surrounded by more than ten buildings of UI's faculty. To reach the library, visitors must ride a bicycle or walk because all of the components are designed to support UI's environmentally friendly Go Green Campaign.

Rolex-obsessed thief to be sentenced in Florida

A Florida thief with a peculiar penchant for Rolex watches faces up to 25 years in prison. Leonardo Perez has pleaded guilty to charges he stole eight gold Rolex Presidential edition watches, each worth \$50,000, over four months in 2007. The crime spree began just after Perez finished a 17-year sentence for stealing Rolexes in South Florida.

The 36-year-old Miami native is so loyal he even has the Rolex logo tattooed on a forearm. Investigators say he's been able to glimpse and follow drivers wearing the watch from the other side of the road.

Sleepwalker beaten after men find him in apartment

Charges have been filed against three men accused of beating a man who sleepwalks after they found him asleep in one of the men's apartment. Iowa City Police Sgt Troy Kelsay said the 21-year-old victim who was not identified, suffered injuries over most of his body. Kelsay said the man's injuries did not appear to require hospitalization, but the victim was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Three men were charged with

willfully causing bodily injury. According to a criminal complaint, the three found the man asleep in an apartment. The man was staying across the hall, but did not live in the complex.

Tim Pruitt of Alton, IL holds the record-breaking catfish he caught in the Mississippi River near Alton, IL on 22 May, 2005. The 124-pound catfish took nearly 45 minutes to reel in from a johnboat. The world record for a blue catfish is 121.8 set in January 2004 at Lake Texoma near Denison, TX. The fish is estimated to be 20-30 years old.

95-pound catfish caught in Ohio

An Ohio man landed a 95-pound blue catfish in Lake Isabella, a park district record and only one pound less than the state record holder, park officials said.

Lake Isabella Harbour Manager



Harry Scott said the massive catfish, which he weighed twice for accuracy, dwarfs the previous largest catch in Hamilton County Park District's history, a 50-pound blue catfish, and weighs in at only one pound under the 96-pound state record, the Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

"I've never seen anything this big in my whole life, and I've seen lots of fish," Scott said. "I had them take it out of the basket the first time and do it again because I can't believe what I'd just seen." The fish was caught Saturday by Dwight Kidwell Jr, 26.

NEWS ALBUM

Paper-reading session on classical Myanmar music and Myanmar songs organized

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—A paper-reading session on classical Myanmar music and Myanmar songs, organized by Ministry of Culture, was held at the multi-purpose hall of the ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department extended greetings and explained the purpose of holding the paper-reading session.

Member of Myanmar Language Commission U Myint Kyi and writer Chit San Win presided over the session.

Demonstrator (Music) Daw Theint Theint Swe of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon), Myanmar Lecturer Dr Thidar Myint of National



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint addresses paper-reading session on classical Myanmar music and Myanmar songs.—MNA

Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay), Myanmar Lecturer Dr Kyaw Min of the NCFA University (Yangon) and Research Officer U Maung Maung Latt of Research and Training Division of Fine Arts Department submitted their papers to the session.

Director-General U Sann Win of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, Director-General Dr Ba Maung of Historical Research Depart-

ment, Director U Kyaw Oo of National Library, Deputy Director U Myint Thein of Ministry of Cooperatives and Artiste (1) U Thet Wai of Fine Arts Department participated in the discussions, and resource persons replied to their questions.

The paper-reading session came to an end with the remarks by the minister.

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Yeywa Dam commences to store water

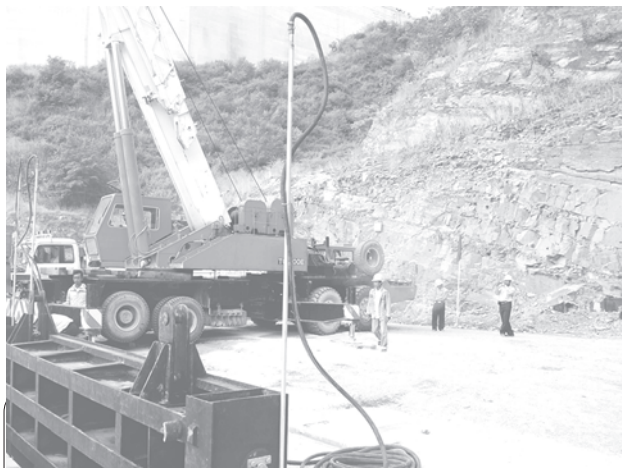
NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min accompanied by Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and officials supervised storage of water at Yeywa RCC Dam yesterday morning.

After inspecting No. 1 and No. 2 water diversion tunnels, the minister formally launched the storage of water at the dam and pressed the button to close the

water diversion tunnel with valves.

The minister viewed systematic shutting of valves at the sluice gates No. 1 and No. 2 with the use of 70-ton crane. To mark the successful completion of shutting the water diversion tunnel and storage of water, the minister presented gifts and cash assistance to the workers.

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Minister Col Zaw Min presses button to close water diversion tunnel.—MNA



Seminar on child right protection held in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held the seminar on child right protection at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 25 October morning.

Secretary of Myanmar National Committee for Child Right Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement gave an opening speech. Secretary of the Work Committee Deputy Director U Myo Hset Aung reported on the Child Right Convention of the United Nations and prevention of minor recruitment.

Secretary of Taninthayi Division Child Right Committee Head of Division SWD Daw Tin May submitted a report on measures for protection of child right in the division.

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Students to attend presentation of CPA, DA certificates, prizes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—The Myanmar Accountancy Council will hold the ceremony present certificates to those who passed the Certified Public Accountant Part-II and the Diploma in Accounting (Part-II) conducted in February and July 2009 and prizes to the outstanding students.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the outstanding students in the CPA (No. 32) held in April 2009.

The ceremony will

be held at the training school of the Auditor-General's Office on Thakhin Mya Park Road in Ahlon Township at 9 am on 27 December.

Those who will attend the ceremony are to pay K 3,000 for the fee and one passport size photo the school between 1 and 18 December and to

take out the invitation cards. Those who secured the highest grades in the respective subjects will be announced at the school.

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Over 500 acres of poppy plantations destroyed in cultivation season this year

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—A total of 13 acres of poppy plantation were destroyed in Tachilek and Monghsat Townships of Shan State (East), 51.4 acres in Mongshu, Phekhon and Pinlaung Townships in Shan State (South), 0.1 acre in Minhla Township of Magway Division,

totaling 64.5 acres during the period from 16 October to 9 November.

So far, a total of 591.2 acres of poppy plantations have been destroyed in States and Divisions in this poppy cultivation season.

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Mawlamyine observes 89th Anniversary National Day

YANGON, 13 Nov—Mawlamyine Township in Mon State observed a ceremony to mark 89th Anniversary National Day at No (9) Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 11 November.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Com-

mander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the Anniversary National Day.

Afterwards, the chairman of Township PDC and officials presented prizes to winners in Basic Education Middle and High School Level Essay Contests to mark 89th Anniversary National Day.

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We pledge to safeguard the Union at risk to life; it is the country, the land we own

Tekkatho Myat Thu

"Today is the milestone of national races living through thick and thin since time immemorial in Myanmar marking an auspicious day on which a significant change in history takes place. The armed personnel of the Special Region have been successfully transformed into a Border Guard Force always safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty—with lofty aims. The process gives renewed strength to safeguarding the ongoing task of implementing regional development undertakings with added momentum. The regional development undertaking is a result of peace. National unity will not be harmed if the Border Guard Force joins the consolidated Tatmadaw in safeguarding the State. The Border Guard Force is going to win cent per cent reliance and support of the people if it serves the national defence duty with pride lawfully bearing arms. I am grateful to the State leaders and wish members of all ranks of the Border Guard Force to be able to work with a sense of duty and raise their dignity by being loyal to the State and the people."

I listened to the forgoing speech delivered by Leader U Za Khun Ting Ring of Kachin State Special Region (1), watching the evening news programme of Myanma Radio and Television on 10 November evening. His address with clear voice made national brethren throughout the Union feel pleased.

U Za Khun Ting Ring made that speech at the ceremonies held to transform national race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold, into Border Guard Forces legally holding arms on 8 November 2009. The ceremonies to mark formation of Border Guard Forces of Kachin State Special Region (1) (NDAK) took place simultaneously on 8 November in Gangwin, Lupi and Sinkyaing regions.

The opening of Lupi Region Border Guard Force was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, Director

of the People's Militia and Frontier Forces of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, senior military officers from the command, Leader U Za Khun Ting Ring of Kachin State Special Region (1), and local residents. The ceremonies to form Border Guard Forces of Gangwin and Sinkyaing region were attended by officials from the Northern Command Headquarters, representatives from Kachin State Special Region (1), and local people.

At the ceremonies, the State flags were hoisted; members of the border guard forces took the four oaths of servicemen; and appointments for military positions and duty assignments were made. Previously, the national race armed groups had to hold arms for security of their regions, national races, and peace groups. Now, they have embraced the golden opportunity to shoulder security duties for perpetuation of sovereignty of not only themselves, their regions and their national races, but also the whole Union, national races, and the entire people of 57 million.

Similar ceremonies of Kayah State Special Region (2) (Ka-La-La-Ta) were held at the same time in Pantein and Sutpaing regions in Kayah State. The ceremony held at Sutpaing region was attended by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, U Tun Kyaw from Kayah State Special Region (2) and local people. The ceremony held at Pantein Region was attended by Chairman of Kayah State PDC Brig-Gen Win Myint, officials from Special Region (2), and local people. At the ceremony, saplings were planted to mark the formation of Border Guard Forces and national races presented traditional dances and songs to express emotional support.

Our country is home to over 100 national races sharing joys and sorrows, not to only one national race. The common name of the entire national races across the Union is Myanmar. It is known to all that Myanmar is a nation of more than 100 national races or 57 million people.

Likewise, the common name of the regions of national races throughout the nation is the Union of

Myanmar. Bagan King Anawrahta unified the First (Union) Myanmar Empire; King Bayintnaung Kyaw Htin Nawrahta of Toungoo Period, the Second (Union) Myanmar Empire; and King Alaungphaya of Konbaung Period, the Third (Union) Myanmar Empire. All national races remained cohesive in repulsing the attacks of aliens trying to invade the motherland. Colonialists waged three aggressive wars on Myanmar in 1824, 1852, and 1885. In the wars, national races of hilly regions and the plains showed consolidated unity, nationalistic spirit, and patriotic fervour at the highest degree, and those attributes added to the glory of the nation.

British colonialists annexed the whole Third Myanmar Empire founded by King Alaung Phaya. When they had no choice but to grant independence to the nation, they impertinently planned to grant independence to the plain only, and to continue to keep highlands of national races under their yoke. Only with (Panglong Agreement) Panglong Spirit or Union Spirit that was conceived by the resolute determination of diverse national races on 12 February 1947, could the whole Union regain independence.

In the post-independence period, old- and neo-colonialists had frequently tried to break up the Union of Myanmar into pieces. Every time they did so, national people with the might of national unity and Union Spirit managed to guard the nation from the threats posed by aliens.

Only when all national races remain united will it be possible for the Union of Myanmar to stand tall as an independent, sovereign nation in the global family. It is impossible for any dependent people to become rich, harnessing the natural resources of the nation concerned. Due to consolidated unity of national races, and Union Spirit, the nation regained independence, and independence has been restored well. Now, internal peace of the nation has been built for all national races to enjoy the taste of peace. The whole Union including far-flung, border and rural areas is developing in various fields. All infrastructures have been improved for economic growth of the future country. Four of the seven steps of the Road Map for democratic process have been realized as a result of the harmonious participation of all national races in convening the National Convention, formulating the State constitution, and holding the referendum.

I take great relish whenever my memories serve me that I took part with representatives of national races from the very beginning to the very end of the processes of convening the National Convention, drafting the State constitution, and approving it through a referendum. My memories of working together with my friends of national races at the National Convention are still fresh. I was delighted to the marrow when I noticed the great goodwill of NC delegates and national race representatives of the commission to the Union.

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Chinese journalist delegation arrives

YANGON, 13 Nov—With the purpose of further strengthening mutual cooperation between China and Myanmar in sharing news, a nine-member journalist delegation led by Director Mr Yu Qingchu of the People's Daily of the People's Republic of China arrived here by air yesterday evening.

The journalist delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda later in the evening.

They were welcomed by Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise and officials on their arrival at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

A responsible person of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee explained the structure of Nay Pyi Taw to the delegation and Mr Yu Qingchu presented gifts to Secretary U Tun Kyi of Nay Pyi Taw DAC. They posed for documentary photos.

Later, the delegation visited Paunglaung Hydropower Plant of Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and Nay Pyi Taw Gems Museum and paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda.

The Managing Director of NPE hosted a dinner to the journalist delegation.

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Chinese journalist delegation led by Director Mr Yu Qingchu of People's Daily of PRC pays homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

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Myanmar Accountancy Council releases announcement No. 2/2009

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—The Myanmar Accountancy Council recently released an announcement No. 2/2009 that accountants and auditors are to follow the Myanmar Financial Reporting Standards of Small- and Medium-sized Entities (SMEs) as of 1 April 2010.

Hard copies and soft copies of Myanmar Financial Reporting Standards of Small- and Medium-sized Entities (SMEs) may be taken out at the office of MAC at 1/19 on Thakhin Mya Park Road in Ahlon Township.

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A responsible person explains structure of Nay Pyi Taw to Chinese journalist delegation led by Director Mr Yu Qingchu of People's Daily of PRC.

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We pledge to safeguard the Union at risk...

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The gods smiled on me to get together with members of national race peace groups from special regions. I had so many memorable National Convention days on which I stayed and held frank discussions with U Za Khun Ting Ring from Kachin State Special Region (1), Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja from Special Region (2), and leaders of Wa, Palaung, Dhanu, Kachin, Shan and PaO national races from Shan State.

In November 1997, Presidential candidate John McCain (Republican Party) of US Senate

paid a visit to Yangon. He had meetings with representatives of 10 political parties, leaders of national race peace groups, NC delegates and intellectuals at the residence of the US Counsellor at the 7th Mile by Inya Lake. I had an opportunity to attend the meetings as a representative of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia of the National Convention. There, ex-rector of Mandalay University U Ko Lay (Zeya Maung also known as Maung Thitsar) said that he was 80, and he had never felt peace and development of Myanmar at that degree; that so, Mr. McCain should extend a helping hand for peace and development of Myanmar and its people; and that any disruptions to national development process were unacceptable to them.

U Za Khun Ting Ring from Kachin State Special Region (1) said that he was attending the National Convention, and would continue to do so till it was successfully completed; that as said by the government that it would pave the way to democracy, they were on the path to democracy; that discussions held at the National Convention were good and successful; and that he thought that their region would be a narcotic drug free one.

Deep in my heart, the speech U Za Khun Ting Ring delivered at the ceremony to form Border Guard Forces depicted his genuine goodwill to the Union.

We pledge to safeguard the Union at risk to life; it is the country, the land we own.

Translation: MS

Today's vehicles and ...

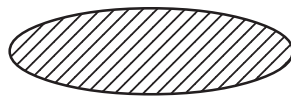
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Road class-II

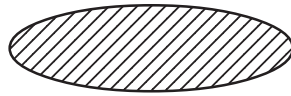
1. Speed limit (on plain roads) = 50-62 (mile/hour)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 37-50 (mile/hour)
(on hilly roads) = 25-37 (mile/hour)
2. Width of motorway on two-lane roads = 12x2 (ft)
3. Road shoulders
(on plain roads) = 8.25 (ft)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 8.25 (ft)
(on hilly roads) = 6.6 (ft)
4. Right of way = 99-198 (ft)
5. Max. longitudinal gradient (%) = 6.0 (on plain roads)
= 7.0 (on smooth uphill and



Hilly tarred road constructed in Thandaunggyi by Road Special Group of Public Works.



Water-proof brick drains seen along the road in Myanmar to meet ASEAN road standards.



6. Max. super elevation (%) = 8.0 (on hilly roads)
= 6.0-10.0 (uphill plain, smooth downhill roads)
7. Min. vertical clearance = 15 (ft)

Road class-I

1. Speed limit (on plain roads) = 50-60 (mile/hour)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 37-50 (mile/hour)
(on hilly roads) = 31-43 (mile/hour)
2. Width of motorway on four-lane-and-above roads = 12x4 (ft)
3. Road shoulders
(on plain roads) = 10 (ft)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 10 (ft)
(on hilly roads) = 8.25 (ft)
4. Right of way = 132-231 (ft)
5. Max. longitudinal gradient (%) = 5.0 (on plain roads)
= 6.0 (on smooth uphill and downhill roads)
= 7.0 (on hilly roads)

6. Max. super elevation (%) = 6.0-8.0 (uphill plain, smooth downhill roads)
7. Min vertical clearance = 15 (ft)

Primary road

1. Speed limit (on plain roads) = 60-72 (mile/hour)
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 60-62 (mile/hour)
(on hilly roads) = 37-50 (mile/hour)
2. Width of motorway on four-lane-and-above roads = 12 x 4 (ft)
3. Road shoulders (on plain roads) = 10(ft)

4. Right of way = 10 ft
(on smooth uphill and downhill roads) = 8.25 ft
(on hilly roads) = 132-231 ft
5. Max. longitudinal gradient (%) = 4.0 (on plain)
= 5.0 (on smooth up and down roads)
= 6.0 (on hilly roads)
6. Max. super elevation (%) = 6.0 to 7.0 (on smooth uphill and downhill roads)

7. Min vertical clearance = 15.0 to 16.5 (ft)

In addition to the above agreements, there are plans to construct and renovate the ASEAN roads. According to the plans, the ASEAN Road Networks have been chosen in Myanmar since the year 2000, and tasks are being carried out for construction and renovation of the roads in line with the standards of ASEAN Road Class-III and putting up of signboards. The plan has been set to upgrade all the roads in the country to at least the Road Class-I facilities (or) the Primary Roads in the year 2020. If the road section is not important, it must be the Road Class-II facility.

If the constructed road does not meet the prescribed standards (or) the driving of vehicles exceed the prescribed speed limit on the standard road (or) the number of vehicles is more than the limitation, and the structure of vehicles does not meet the standards, overturning of vehicles and traffic accidents may occur on the road.

When a vehicle faces danger on the unsafe roads, the State will pay compensation to the insured vehicle. In this regard, the compensation is in foreign exchange (dollar) (or) suitable foreign exchange.

If the vehicles can drive safely along the roads, the insurance will contribute to the maintenance of the roads. As such, it is important to construct the roads that promise safety and comfort.

Despite meeting the prescribed standards, it is necessary to maintain the road structure as the road may

deteriorate due to vehicles, weather, standards of road layers and wet areas.

At present, the engineers of global countries acknowledged that if the drainage system is good, the road will be good. It is by 50 per cent sure.

In this regard, efforts are to be made to take preventive measures against the flow of water into the road structure and to drain out the water as quickly as possible.

In so doing, it is necessary

- to construct the road surface and road shoulders with standardized gradient and to be smooth surface (to drain out the rainwater from the road quickly),

- to maintain the roads without pits and cracks through which water can seep into the road surface,

- to prevent the seeping of water into the road (there must be drains 30 feet away from the road shoulders; and the water level of the drain must be three feet lower than the road.),

- to construct the gravel-filled drains or brick-laid drains along the hilly roads,

- to build the suitable drains and conduits to prevent the flow of water over the roads, and not to plant trees along the roadsides,

(If the trees are planted, the shade of the tree will fall over the roads, so the road surfaces will always be wet. In the rainy season, sunshine will not fall on the roads. Snapping of trees and branches may cause damage and danger to the roads. Especially, traffic accidents may occur at the bends of the roads because the drivers cannot see the incoming vehicles from opposite ways. Even small trees can stoppage the flow of water.)

As such, only when the ASEAN Road Networks can be maintained and upgraded in Myanmar meeting the prescribed road standards and road structure standards, will the vehicles from other ASEAN member countries pass through these roads.

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Translation: ST+TTA

Khawa Dam: reliable ...

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the lowest level. At the highest level, the dam has 1950 acre feet of water surface area.

The conduit and spillway of the facility is of reinforced concrete type. The conduit is 211 feet long and the spillway, 30 feet wide. The main canal is nine miles long and its tributary, 12 miles and seven furlongs long. The dam can irrigate 2,000 acres of farmlands.

Thanks to the genuine goodwill of the government, the farmers are enjoying fruits of dams and reservoirs in States and Divisions for agriculture and drinking purposes. As a result, the capacities of cultivation and production increase in the respective regions, and every farmer can earn more incomes due to extended cultivation of various item crops.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin: 12-11-2009

Russia goes all out to develop nuclear-powered spacecraft

Moscow, 13 Nov—President Dmitry Medvedev says Russia will prioritize the development of nuclear energy, especially the use of nuclear technology in spacecraft.

Medvedev made the announcement Thursday during his annual address to the Federal Assembly.

This was not the first time that Russia has suggested the development of nuclear-powered spacecraft.

Anatoly Perminov, the head of Federal Space

Agency Roscosmos, said last month that the agency has planned to develop spacecraft with a megawatt-class nuclear power set.

He said the project would advance Russia's astronautic technology to a world-leading level. The project, he said, also would greatly reinforce the performance of Russia's new manned spacecraft while decreasing energy consumption.

Perminov said the draft design of the

spacecraft would be finished by 2012, and at least 17 billion rubles (more than 580 million U.S. dollars) were needed for further development over the next nine years.

"This project is very serious, to which the government must lend financial support," Medvedev said.

Russian astronautic experts have been actively discussing the use of nuclear technology in spacecraft's power systems for a while.

Xinhua



A girl walks past a stand with garlic at Belgrade green market, Serbia, on Friday, 13 Nov, 2009. Belgrade's open-air markets were a welter of busy customers on Friday with one thing on their mind — garlic. In Serbia, garlic is a remedy for all, including swine flu whose recent surge has triggered mild panic among the population. The prices of garlic have spiked on Belgrade's markets because of the increase in demand, and public places are smelling of the little white bulbs as people munch them as if eating apples.—INTERNET

China hopes for cooperation with Qatar on oil, gas

BEIJING, 13 Nov—Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan said here Friday that China is hoping to further enhance cooperation with Qatar on oil and natural gas fields. Wang made the remarks while meeting with visiting Deputy Qatari Prime Minister and Minister of Energy and Industry Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah in Beijing.

The cooperation between China and Qatar in fields like energy and trade has made great progress in recent years, said Wang. The two countries enjoy potentials for further energy cooperation as China is in need of energy with its development of industrialization and urbanization while Qatar has rich natural gas reserves, said Wang.

Wang said China hoped the two countries could advance cooperation on natural gas, oil and energy transportation to achieve win-win results.

Al-Attiyah spoke highly of the achievements China has made, saying Qatar will carry out closer energy cooperation with China.—Xinhua

A French student employed by Google France rides a tricycle fitted with cameras as part of the Google Street View project in the financial district of La Defense, near Paris, in August. Switzerland's data protection commissioner has announced he is taking Google to court in a dispute over privacy concerns on the US Internet giant's "Street View" facility.—INTERNET



White-handed gibbons eat frozen fruits at the Zoo in Sao Paulo Zoo Foundation on 12 November, 2009. Temperatures in Sao Paulo on Thursday rose up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit).—XINHUA

Australian jobless rate rises to 5.8%

CANBERRA, 13 Nov—The rise in unemployment is proof of the need for continuation of the Australian government stimulus according to Acting Prime Minister Julia Gillard. The jobless rate rose to 5.8 percent in October from September's 5.7 percent, despite the number of people employed rising by 24, 500, new official data released on Thursday showed.

"This represents an increase in the number of unemployed Australians by 11,100, this brings the total number of unemployed Australians to 670, 100," Gillard total reporters. "This is a slight increase. It's basically a steady-as-she-goes result."—MNA/Xinhua

China's B-shares indexes rise to 18-month high

BEIJING, 13 Nov—China's dollar-denominated B shares at Shanghai Stock Exchange jumped 9.42 percent, or 21.62 points, to 251.19 points, posting an 18-month high.

The surge mainly resulted from market expectation of yuan appreciation as the People's Bank of China (PBOC), the central bank, said Wednesday in its quarterly report of monetary policy, for the first time, that the bank would improve the mechanism of the exchange rate determination "based on international capital flows and movements in major currencies", analysts said.

The new wording showed that China would

reduce speculation and strengthen risk control in the future, but it did not necessarily suggest a change in the yuan's exchange rate policy, said Tan Yaling, an expert with the China Institute for Financial Derivatives at Peking University.

The strong B-share market was also a sign of confidence of overseas investors in China's domestic market, analysts said. China's October economic data revealed strong positive signs of economic recovery, which made foreign investors optimistic over the performance of listed companies, said Bi Zinan, deputy director of the Research Institute of Northeast Securities.

Xinhua

Rocket hits southern Israel after Palestinian killed by IDF

JERUSALEM, 13 Nov—A Kassam rocket hit Israeli Negev region on Friday, after Israel Defence Force (IDF) soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian near the border with the Gaza Strip, local media reported.

The Kassam fired by the Palestinians fell into an open area in the western Negev region, with no casualties or damage reported, said Israeli daily The Jerusalem Post. Earlier in the day, an IDF spokeswoman confirmed that Israeli soldiers shot at Palestinians suspected of planting explosives near the Karni crossing between the Palestinian strip and Israel and killed one early Friday.

While security sources with Palestinian Islamic Hamas movement said Israeli soldiers stationed at Johor el-Deik neighborhood in Gaza opened fire at four Palestinian young men, killing one of them and detaining the other three. The four young men were hunting birds then, added Palestinian witness.

Also on Friday, IDF Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi said if Hamas continues its rocket attacks against Israel, Israeli army would operate in Gaza again as a response.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO (479)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO (479) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 14.11.2009 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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AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING
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MV HUGE SW VOYNO (9)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HUGE SW VOYNO (9) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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A Briton has been arrested in Rio de Janeiro airport after security X-rays discovered he was trying to smuggle 1,000 live spiders out in his luggage, reports said on Thursday.
INTERNET



Eye response may reveal autism

COLUMBIA, 13 Nov—US researchers say measuring eye response to light could help diagnose autism earlier. The University of Missouri in Columbia researchers find pupil response to light change was 92.5 percent accurate in separating children with autism from those with typical development.

In the study, published in the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, the researchers used a computerized binocular infrared device — normally used by eye doctors for vision tests — to measure how pupils react to a 100-millisecond flash light to find that the pupils of children diagnosed with autism were significantly slower to respond than those of a control group.

“There are several potential mechanisms currently under study,” study leader Gang Yao said in a statement.

“If these results are successfully validated in a larger population, pupil response to light change might be developed into a biomarker that could have clinical implications in early screening for risks of autism. Studies have shown that early intervention will improve these children's developmental outcome.”—*Internet*

Amyloid beta protein levels affect memory

ST LOUIS, 13 Nov—Too much amyloid beta protein is linked to Alzheimer's disease, but not enough in healthy brains can cause learning problems, US scientists found.

Researchers at Saint Louis University in Missouri, led by Dr John Morley, found young, healthy mice receiving low doses of the amyloid beta protein show improvement in recognizing objects and successfully navigating a maze. Conversely, mice receiving a drug blocking amyloid beta protein had learning impairment.

The study, published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, suggests Alzheimer's disease may actually be too much of a good thing— amyloid beta — that in healthy brains actually enhances learning and memory.

“You can't totally wipe out amyloid beta protein. If you do this, you are going to create dementia,” Morley said. “In treating Alzheimer's disease, we have to be careful not to lower amyloid beta too much because it will cause as many problems as if you had an excess of amyloid beta protein.”—*Internet*

Boats, fishermen missing in Arabian sea off Indian coast

NEW DELHI, 13 Nov—About 80 fishing trawlers, with an average of 10 men in each, have been missing in cyclone-hit Arabian Sea off the western Indian coast, organizations of fishermen along India's west coast said on Wednesday.

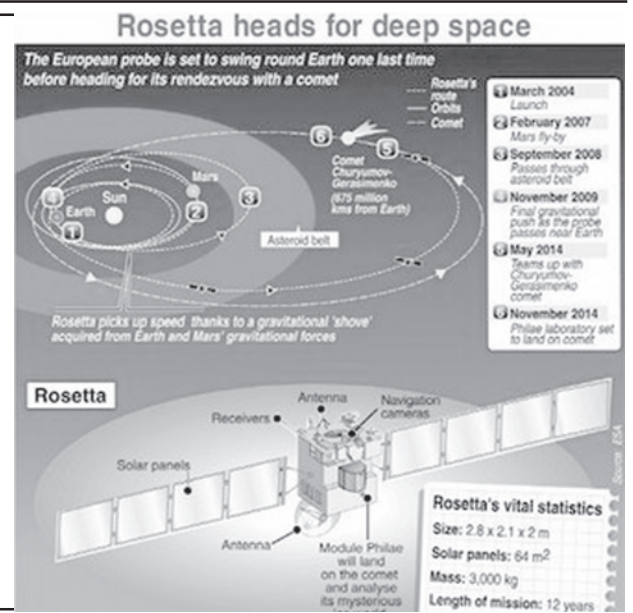
As Cyclone Phyan intensified and tore northwards, slated to make landfall along the north Maharashtra-south Gujarat coast, there were reports of boats missing at sea, despite repeated warnings from the authorities over the last few days that no fisherman should venture out.

“Fifty fishing boats with a total estimated complement of about 500 fishermen are still out at sea and are on the path of the cyclone headed this way,” Gopal Tandel, president of the Daman Machimar Sangh (fishermen's association) said over phone.

Daman is a small coastal enclave on the Gujarat coast. “There were about 80 boats out fishing but about 30 of them have either returned or are on their way back,” Tandel added. —*MNA/Xinhua*

This photo taken on 6 Nov and released on 12 Nov 12 by the Australian Antarctic Division shows a giant iceberg, as it drifts past the Australian sub-Antarctic territory of Macquarie Island.
INTERNET

Factfile on the European space probe's mission to link up with a comet. A billion-euro (1.5-billion-dollar) European spacecraft designed to rendezvous with a comet will skim past Earth on Friday on a final, eagerly-awaited swing by, enabling it to gain speed for a date in deep space in 2014.—INTERNET



Portuguese PM vaccinated for A/H1N1 flu

LISBON, 13 Nov—Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates was vaccinated for the A/H1N1 flu on Wednesday and urged the Portuguese people to follow suit and follow the recommendations of the National Health Service (SNS).

“It is what I have come to do: to follow the indications (of the SNS) and to give my contribution as a citizen,” Socrates said, referring to the vaccination he had just received. “Fortunately, we have the means to control it and minimize that epidemic with vaccinations,” he added.

Later, during a Press conference, Portuguese Health Minister Ana Jorge stressed the importance of vaccinations as a means of prevention. Portugal is currently offering A/H1N1 flu vaccinations to priority groups, which include health officers and staff, pregnant women and high level officers.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Leukemia med may also fight ovarian cancer

LOS ANGELES, 13 Nov — US medical scientists say they've discovered the drug Sprycel, approved for chronic myeloid leukemia, also is effective against ovarian cancer cells.

Researchers at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center say they found Sprycel significantly inhibited the growth and invasiveness of ovarian cancer cells and also promoted their death. In addition, the scientists said the drug, when paired with a chemotherapy regimen, was even more effective in fighting ovarian cancer.

"I think Sprycel could be a potential additional drug for treating patients with Src dependent ovarian cancer," Assistant Professor Gottfried Konecny, first author of the study, said. —Internet

Miss Puerto Rico Universe 2010 beauty pageant winner Mariana Vicenta from Rico Grande, Puerto Rico, smiles after she was crowned at the Center of Performing Arts in San Juan on 12 November, 2009. Vicenta will represent Puerto Rico at the Miss Universe 2010 pageant.—INTERNET



Study uncovers fruit fly metabolism gene

BONN, 13 Nov — German scientists say they have discovered a new fruit fly gene that directs the metabolism of fat.

Led by Professor Michael Hoch and Reinhard Bauer at the University of Bonn, the researchers said they determined fruit fly larvae in which the gene is defective lose their fat reserves and can die.

The researchers called the gene "schlank," which is German for "slim."

The scientists said the gene contains instructions for the production of a class of chemicals known as ceramide synthases that are components of the membranes of all cells in the body. The researchers said they also determined that schlank has a regulatory function — promoting lipid synthesis, and inhibiting the mobilization of fat from fat reserves.

Since mammals also carry a group of genes that are structurally very similar to schlank, the researchers said those genes might take on a similar function in energy metabolism. The scientists therefore say they have hopes of creating new medicines to treat obesity. The findings appear in the *EMBO Journal*.—Internet

NASA to free Mars exploration rover Spirit from sand trap

LOS ANGELES, 13 Nov — NASA will start its plan to free its Mars exploration rover Spirit from its Martian sand trap, it was announced here Thursday. Spirit has been lodged on Mars at a site scientists call "Troy" since April 23 this year. NASA announced that it will begin to transmit commands to Spirit on Monday to save the rover.

But researchers expect the extraction process to be long and the outcome uncertain based on tests here on Earth this spring that simulated conditions at the Martian site. Scientists found Spirit is straddling the edge of a 26-foot-wide crater that had been filled long ago with sulfate-bearing sands produced in a hot water or steam environment. Spirit's wheels broke through the soil on Mars. The buried crater lies mainly to Spirit's left. Engineers have plotted an escape route from Troy that heads up a mild slope away from the crater.

JPL rover driver and Spirit extraction testing coordinator Ashley Stroupe said they will start by steering the wheels straight and driving, though they may have to steer the wheels to the right to counter any downhill slip to the left. Spirit has six wheels to rove the planet. The first command will tell the rover to rotate its five working wheels forward approximately six turns. Since 2006, Spirit's right-front wheel has been inoperable, possibly because of wear and tear on a motor as a result of the rover's longevity.—Internet



This undated handout is a NASA illustration of one of its two six-wheeled rovers operating on the surface of Mars, Opportunity and Spirit, searching for geological evidence about water in the bygone Martial environment. NASA controls the rovers from Earth.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 flu kills nearly 3,900 Americans

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov — A/H1N1 flu had killed nearly 4,000 Americans



A young woman gets an H1N1 flu vaccine in New York. INTERNET

including 540 children since April, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Thursday.

The flu has infected about 22 million Americans and put 98,000 in the hospital since April, according to the CDC Children account for eight million of the infected, 36,000 of those hospitalized.

The new estimates are extrapolations based on detailed data for April-October from 10 states, the CDC said, adding that the new figures didn't mean H1N1 flu suddenly got worse.

Internet

S Korea reports 12 more A/H1N1 death cases

SEOUL, 13 Nov — South Korea on Thursday reported 12 additional death cases related to A/H1N1 flu, raising the country's death toll from the new contagious disease to 64.

Among the latest victims, a 18-year-old woman who has long suffered from chronic disease and eight others were considered as "high-risk" patients.

However, the remain three, including a six-year-old boy and a 39-year-old woman, both

lived in Seoul, and a 56-year-old woman in ChungCheong Province, were not considered to be high-risk, according to the government's central disaster relief headquarters. Out of the 64 who died from the A/H1N1 flu, 53 patients were regarded as "high-risk" patients and 11 others were not, the health authorities said.

Meanwhile, around 150,000 students from 380 schools across the nation received A/H1N1 vaccinations on Thursday.

Internet

New Zealand woman dies after three-month A/H1N1 influenza battle

WELLINGTON, 13 Nov — A 43-year-old New Zealand woman died on Wednesday night after being ravaged by A/H1N1 Influenza for three months, the Timaru Herald reported on Friday. She was one of the worst cases of A/H1N1 Influenza in the world because of the damage the disease had caused her otherwise healthy body, an

Auckland doctor who had been treating her said.

She had also made medical and scientific history by surviving so long, the doctor said.

The South Canterbury mother-of-four had no other health conditions when she was admitted to hospital on August 8 with flu-like symptoms.

Internet

Thailand's North alerted of bird flu outbreak

BANGKOK, 13 Nov — Thailand's North has alerted of the bird flu outbreak after almost 100 poultries died recently in a northern province of Nan.

As Thailand's North is now experiencing the winter, during 7 Oct to 7 Nov some 79 poultries died in six districts of Nan province, a senior official at Nan's livestock department said on Thursday, *Thai News Agency* reported. The department collected some examples of the dead poultries and sent them to a nearby province of Lam-pang, where a regional office of the National Institute of Animal Health, is located, to examine, the official said.—Internet

A/H1N1 cases further rise in Spain

MADRID, 13 Nov — The number of A/H1N1 cases rose sharply from Nov 1 to 7, figures released Thursday by the Spanish Ministry of Health showed.

The level of A/H1N1 infection now stands at 327.92 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, with 145,113 new cases reported during the week, the data showed.

The ministry announced Wednesday that an estimated 4 million doses of the A/H1N1 flu vaccine would be available at health centers at the end of this week and urged those at high risk to get vaccinated as soon as possible.—Internet

SPORTS

Rooney relishes Brazil test as England lose Lampard

DOHA, 13 Nov—England's preparations for their friendly clash with Brazil suffered another setback on Thursday when Frank Lampard flew home after suffering a thigh strain in the squad's first training session in Qatar.

The loss of the Chelsea midfielder further depletes a squad already missing more than half of the lineup that head coach Fabio Capello would ideally have liked to name to face the five-times world champions.

Lampard suffered the injury to his left thigh while training in temperatures above 30 degrees on Thursday morning. After a lengthy assessment by England's medical staff, it was decided he would fly back to London.

Capello decided against flying out a replacement in

time for Saturday's match in Doha's Khalifa International Stadium, which Wayne Rooney believes will provide a measure of how much England will have to improve if they are to lift the World Cup next year.—*Internet*



England's forward Wayne Rooney says he relished the idea of facing Brazil for the first time. England's preparations for their friendly clash with Brazil have suffered another setback when Frank Lampard flew home after suffering a thigh strain in the squad's first training session in Qatar.

INTERNET

Nadal looks to unseat Federer to seize top ranking by end of season

PARIS, 13 Nov—World number two Rafael Nadal looks to unseat Roger Federer as world number one by the end of the season as the gritty spaniard remained in hunt for Paris Masters crown with a battling victory in the round of 16 on Thursday.

Nadal had needed to save five match points to get past Spanish compatriot Nicolas Pietrangeli in a second round marathon of over three hours on

Wednesday, and on Thursday he wobbled again against Tommy Robredo, another countryman and a player he had beaten in straight sets in all five of their previous encounters.

"I was a little less lucky than yesterday. I wasn't playing my best today, but I played better than yesterday," Nadal said of the 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 win over Robredo.

With Federer losing to Frenchman Julien Benneteau in a shock upset on Wednesday, a win for Nadal in Sunday's final would leave him just 305 points adrift of his arch rival with the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals to come in London later this month.

Nadal ended Federer's long reign as world No.1 after winning the Beijing Olympics last year, but Federer bounced back to regain the top spot in July after winning both the French Open and Wimbledon titles.—*Xinhua*



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after defeating compatriot Tommy Robredo in the Paris Masters Series tennis tournament on 12 November, 2009.—XINHUA

Tiger takes the lead in Australia

MELBOURNE, 13 Nov—Tiger Woods has shot a 68 in the second round of the Australian Masters and had a two-shot lead over a pair of Australians still finishing up their rounds at Kingston Heath.

Before another massive gallery that topped 24,000 people, Woods opened with birdies to quickly take the lead. He lost his swing late in the hot afternoon, however, and missed two short birdie putts that added to his frustration.

He was at 10-under 134, two shots ahead of Greg Chalmers and James

Nitties, who had two holes remaining.

Jason Dufner shot 67 earlier Friday and was at 7-under 137.

Internet



Tiger Woods of the USA, lines up his shot on the 9th green in Melbourne, Australia, on 13 Nov, 2009 during the second round of the Australian Masters golf tournament at Kingston Heath.—INTERNET

Referees' rep slams Ferguson ban

LONDON, 13 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson was told he'd "got off lightly" by the union representing England's top referees after receiving a four-game touchline ban for an outspoken attack on referee Alan Wiley.

The Manchester United manager, who admitted a Football Association (FA) charge of improper conduct, publicly labelled Wiley as "unfit" after his Premier League champions were held to a 2-2 draw by Sunderland at Old Trafford on 3 October.

But on Thursday he was banned for four games, of which two are suspended until the end of the 2010/11 season, fined 20,000 pounds (33,148 dollars) and warned as to his future conduct following his

"grossly improper and wholly inappropriate" comments about Wiley.

However, Alan Leighton, national secretary of officials' union Prospect, accused the FA of "flunking" the issue by not imposing a harsher punishment upon the 67-year-old Scot and so undermining their own 'Respect' campaign, designed to encourage better behaviour towards referees.

"From our point of view it is disappointing. The Football Association had a chance to make a point and they flunked it," Leighton said.—*Internet*



File picture shows Manchester United's manager Sir Alex Ferguson (centre R) reacting a match against Chelsea.

Ferguson was told he'd "got off lightly" by the union representing England's top referees after receiving a four-game touchline ban for an outspoken attack on referee Alan Wiley.

INTERNET

Benayoun and Riera set for sidelines

LIVERPOOL, 13 Nov—Liverpool duo Yossi Benayoun and Albert Riera could both be out of action for a minimum of three weeks with hamstring injuries.

Both players limped out of Monday's English Premier League draw against Birmingham at Anfield, joining the Merseysiders' growing injury list.

Daniel Agger and Glen Johnson also suffered injuries against Birmingham while Liverpool's leading stars of Steven Gerrard and Fernando Torres still have fitness concerns.

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez said of Benayoun and Riera: "We will have to wait and see how they progress but hopefully in three weeks they could be available."

"We are disappointed because there are too

many things at the moment that we can't change," the Spaniard also told Liverpool's official website.

"Both players are wingers as well and for them to be out at the same time is bad news for us."

Internet



Liverpool's Yossi Benayoun, seen here in August 2009, and Albert Riera could both be out of action for a minimum of three weeks with hamstring injuries.—INTERNET

Song-Hee Kim leads Lorena Ochoa Invitational

GUADALAJARA, 13 Nov—Song-Hee Kim shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational to take a two-stroke lead over Jiyai Shin, Paula Creamer and Mariajo Uribe — and six-shot advantage over the top-ranked Ochoa.

Kim had six birdies on the first 10 holes at Guadalajara Country Club and also birdied the last to top the 36-player field. Winless in three seasons on the LPGA Tour, she's trying to become the ninth South Korean to win this year.

Shin, a three-time winner this season and the money leader, has already won the rookie of the year award and leads Ochoa in the player of the year race.

Ochoa shot a 71, making three birdies and two bogeys on her home course.—*Internet*



Lorena Ochoa, of Mexico, waves to the public during the first round of the Lorena Ochoa Invitational LPGA golf tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 12 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Venus, Sharapova sign on for Thailand

BANGKOK, 13 Nov—Venus Williams and Maria Sharapova will warm-up for the Australian Open with an exhibition match in Thailand to mark the 100th anniversary of the Hua Hin seaside resort, according to organisers.

The tennis superstars will spend New Year's Eve in Hua Hin before their match on 2 January, which will be followed by a mixed doubles clash alongside local heroes Paradorn Srichaphan and Danai Udomchoke.

"I am delighted to be able to spend my New Year in Hua Hin, Thailand," said Sharapova, who is battling to find her best form again after arthroscopic surgery a year ago to repair her right shoulder.

"I am sure it will be an exciting time and I am looking forward to competing in the Centennial Invitation."

Williams, who lost to sister Serena in the final of the season-ending WTA Championships this month, is also excited.

"I have very fond memories of my previous visits to Thailand and am really looking forward to returning for the Centennial Invitation match in Hua Hin," she said.

After their match, both players move to Hong Kong for the Tennis Classic team event, which features players representing Europe, Russia, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific. They then head to Australia for the opening Grand Slam of the season.—*Internet*

Lampard out of Arsenal showdown



Chelsea's Frank Lampard is seen here in action against Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on November 8. Chelsea will have to do without Lampard for their Premier League summit meeting with Arsenal on November 29 after the England midfielder was ruled out of action for three weeks.—INTERNET

LONDON, 13 Nov—Chelsea will have to do without Frank Lampard for their Premier League summit meeting with Arsenal on November 29 after the England midfielder was ruled out of action for three weeks.

Lampard suffered a thigh injury while training with the England squad in Qatar on Thursday and flew back to London amid fears he could be sidelined for up to two months.

But after he was assessed by Chelsea's medical staff on Friday morning, a club spokesman predicted that the muscle tear he suffered will need only three weeks to heal. Chelsea will claim Lampard's 151,000-pounds-a-week (251,000 dollars) wages in compensation from the Football Association (FA) while he is sidelined by an injury that has been linked, in English media reports, to the allegedly cramped conditions on the charter plane England used to fly to Doha for Saturday's friendly with Brazil.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14-11-2009) (Saturday)

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

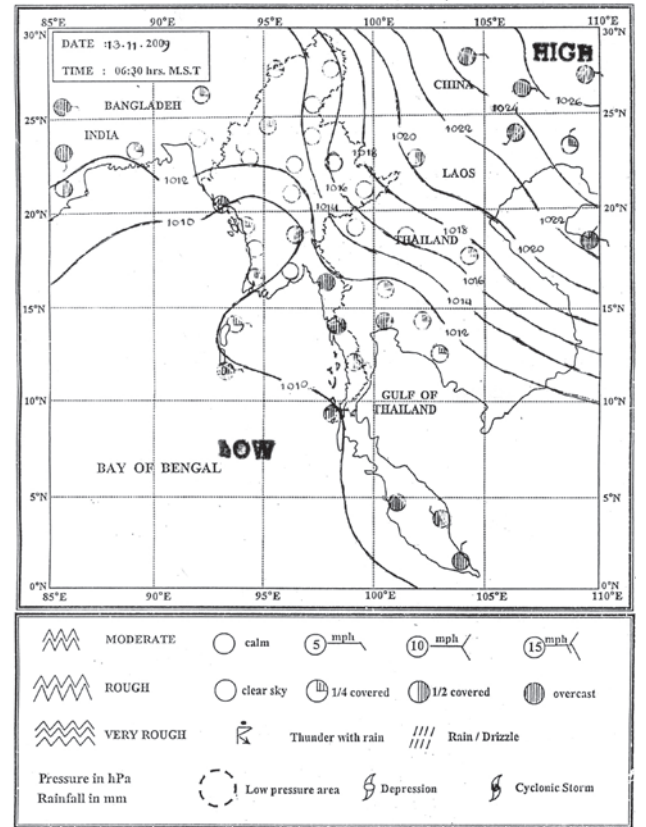
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Elephant Survey in Hukaung Tiger Reserve
- * Thriving Prawn Farms of Myanmar Coastal Region (Rakhine State)
- * The Tranquil Mindat Township
- * Let's go to the zoo (Part-III)
- * Let's Sing Together "All's Gone Away!"
- * Strive for Development of Industrial Zones
- * Delicious Mango Jam
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Elephant Survey in Hukaung Tiger Reserve
 - * Thriving Prawn Farms of Myanmar Coastal Region (Rakhine State)
 - * The Tranquil Mindat Township
 - * Let's go to the zoo (Part-III)
 - * Let's Sing Together "All's Gone Away!"
 - * The Persons who love birds
 - * Myanmar Movies Impact
 - * Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
 - * National Races Village (Muse)
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 13th November, 2009

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

During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Mon State, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) below November average temperatures in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) below November average temperatures in lower Sagaing Division, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above November average temperatures in Kayah State and Mandalay Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Haka (6°C) and Lashio (9°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Ye (0.08)inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-11-2009 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 13-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13 -11-2009 was 65%. Total sun shine hours on 12-11-2009 was (7.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 13-11-2009 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 (4) mph from Northeast at (13:30) hours MST on 12-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14th November 2009: Except for light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-11-2009: Fair weather.

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



Saturday, 14 November View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:10 am

2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ပိုင်လ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

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. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:10 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

8. Musical Programme

8:30 am

9. International News

8:35 am

10. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-5)

- (Lost & Found)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Game for Children

11:45 am

4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News

12:30 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

1:00 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၅)

1:45 pm

7. Musical Programme

1:55 pm

8. လောကနီတိ(၃)

- "အမေ့သား"

- (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ပြေတီဦး၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ စန်းစန်းဝင်း)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော်)

2:45 pm

9. Dance of National Races

2:55 pm

10. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:35 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

4:50 pm

5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. "ဆီးချိုသွေးချိုကာကွယ်ပါ" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ ကောင်းခန့်၊ ရတနာမိုင်၊ ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး)

- [ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်းအောင်ရွှေ (သုတေသီ)]

5:25 pm

7. Game for Children

5:50 pm

8. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:40 pm

12. Musical Programme

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန့်" (အပိုင်း-၅၉)

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသယ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

19. ဝိတတ်ခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

- ★ 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

Khawa Dam: reliable irrigation facility in Padaung Township

Article: Tin Mar Win & Mya Kay Khaing Soe; Photo: Myanma Alin



A vast area of water surface seen at Khawa Dam in Padaung Township of Bago Division.

Nowadays, the Government is striving for ensuring development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well with a view to improving the livelihoods of rural people.

In fully supplying water not only for the agriculture purpose but also

for drinking across the nation, dams and reservoirs have been built one after another. In this regard, Khawa Dam built on Khawa Creek near Chinywagyi Village of Padaung Township, Bago Division, is the 161st facility of its kind.

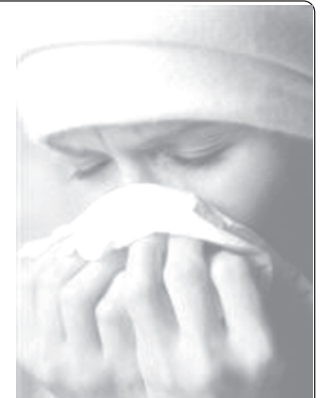
Khawa Dam opened on 25 June 2004

has 15.54 square miles of watershed area. A total of 4140 acre feet of water flows into the dam annually. The dam was of earthen type embankment that measures 73 feet high and 1950 feet long. It can store 21,300 acre feet of water at the full brim and 2,200 acre feet of water at (See page 10)

Flu-proof your family this winter

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 Nov—In most years, the cold and flu season comes and goes without too much fuss. Not this one. "The swine flu is dangerous and spreads much faster than the usual seasonal flu," says William Schaffner, MD, chair of the Vanderbilt University department of preventive medicine and president-elect of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. "It's not being overhyped, and everyone should take it seriously."

But even as the flu season unfolds, there's much you can do to substantially lower your own risk of getting sick. First, assess your vulnerability by familiarizing yourself with the signs of impaired immunity. —Internet



Even as the flu season unfolds, you can lower your own risk of getting sick.