



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his departure for Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein who left for the Republic of Singapore to attend the 1st ASEAN-US Summit, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the airport to see off the Prime Minister were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of

Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and officials concerned.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

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INSIDE

For the armed forces of the special regions who had made peace, being Border Guard Forces in the organizational set-up of the Tatmadaw is, indeed, something to be proud of.

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 15 November, 2009

Pay special attention to eye health

In striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government is placing emphasis on promotion of public health care sector.

In so doing, special attention is paid to eye health that is the most important part of the human body. According to the data of WHO, across the world there are 314 million people with poor eye sight, 45 million of which are totally blind. The remaining 269 million do not have as good eye sight as normal people.

The first eye specialists' conference was opened at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 10 November and 24 papers on eye disease were submitted.

According to the data of 1998, out of a population of over 50 million in Myanmar, about 300,000 are blind accounting for 0.6 per cent. Study has shown that eighty per cent of the eye patients can be cured.

For extensive launch of educative campaigns against eye disease among the public, the basic eye health care training school under the trachoma and blind prevention project was opened in Kyaukse District in 2000 with the assistance of WHO. And the Health Department is disseminating eye health education to its staff.

Now, eye specialists are making field trips to townships and villages of States and Divisions to provide free eye health care and perform free eye operations.

In building a modern developed nation the people need to be fit and strong. Only then, can they serve the nation well with their physical and mental strengths. So it is required to pay special attention to eye health, the most important part of the human body.

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

Electronics and Household Goods Sales opened

YANGON, 14 Nov—The Electronics and Household Goods Sales was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials formally opened the sales.

The commander and guests viewed the electronics and household goods displayed at the hall.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint opens the Electronics and Household Goods Sales at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.

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Dy Construction Minister inspects site chosen for construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun)



Deputy Construction Minister U Tint Swe inspects the chosen construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun). — MNA

U-18 Asian Youth Men's Hockey Tournament continues

YANGON, 14 Nov—Hockey Federation, the Organized by Myanmar second U-18 Asian Youth Men's Hockey Tournament continued at the

Theinbyu Hockey Pitch today.

In the match, Malaysian team beat Indian team 3-2.

Myanmar team will play against China (Taipei); Singaporean team will play against Korean team; and Pakistani team will compete with Indian team tomorrow.

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Match between Malaysian team and Indian team in progress.—MHF



NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, accompanied by officials, inspected Pyinmana-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi Road on 11 November.

On arrival at the briefing hall at milepost (37/6), the deputy minister heard the report on the progress of the construction of Pyinmana-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi Road presented by the in-charge Engineer of road construction special project group No (5). The deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

The deputy minister heard the report on the carrying out of engineering tasks for the construction of bridge by chief engineer of bridge construction special project group No (13) at the briefing hall near Pahtanago village and the deputy minister gave necessary instructions. He inspected the bridge alignments at the site chosen for the construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) on Malun Bank.

The Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) designed to include two-lane motorway and one railway will connect east and west banks of Ayeyawady River.—MNA

Obama says he is first Pacific president

TOKYO, 14 Nov — President Barack Obama called himself the “first Pacific president” of the United States in a speech on Saturday in Japan. Obama spoke of the importance of the US-Japanese alliance and of the many links between the two countries. He paid tribute to Japan as the world’s second-biggest economy.

“But while our commitment to this region begins in Japan, it does not

end here,” he said. “The United States of America may have started as a series of ports and cities along the Atlantic, but for generations we also have been a nation of the Pacific.”

On his first trip to Asia since taking office in January, the president told his listeners in Suntory Hall that as a child, he had visited the great Buddha at Kamakura with his mother. He reminded them he was born in Ha-

wai and lived in Indonesia as a child, growing up with a half-Indonesian sister. “So the Pacific Rim has helped shape my view of the world,” he said.

Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama recommitted to reducing carbon emissions. And the two leaders said they would work toward non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and seek a nuclear weapon-free world.—INTERNET



Iraqi security forces secure the scene of an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) explosion in downtown Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Nov, 2009. An IED missed unknown governmental vehicles, injuring at least two civilians, police said.—INTERNET

Bomb explodes in Athens

ATHENS, 14 Nov — A small bomb exploded on Friday outside a building where a governing party lawmaker lives in Athens, causing minor damage but no injuries, police said.

A police statement said the device exploded around 2 pm at the entrance to Mimis Androulakis’ apartment building in the eastern Kareas suburb.

It was unclear whether the lawmaker was in his second-floor flat at the time.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which involved a bomb with a timer and followed a warning call to police.

INTERNET



A Ryanair airplane landing. An 82-year-old German woman living near Hamburg-Luebeck airport got a shock this week when a Ryanair plane coming in to land sent several roof tiles crashing into her garden, police said on Friday.—INTERNET

Palestinian killed on Gaza border

GAZA, 14 Nov — Israeli troops have shot dead a Palestinian man, and wounded another, near a border crossing with Gaza. Gazan medics said they retrieved the body of a 16-year-old boy, who they described as an unarmed civilian, near the Karni crossing

The Israeli military said they would investigate the incident but the group “appeared to be planting explosives”. Clashes have been relatively rare in Gaza since Israel’s military offensive in December and January.

An Israeli military spokeswoman said one Palestinian had been taken to Israel for treatment. He was in a critical condition. Another three Palestinians had been detained. A Palestinian



The shooting took place near the Karni crossing point.—INTERNET

hospital official told the AP news agency that the group were civilians who were hunting birds.

Gaza has been controlled by Hamas since it ousted Fatah forces in June 2007.—INTERNET

French Navy captures 12 pirates off Somalia

PARIS, 14 Nov — The French Navy seized three boats off Somalia’s coast and detained 12 suspected pirates while seizing an arsenal including assault

rifles and rocket launchers, the government said on Friday. The operation on Thursday by the Floreal surveillance boat was part of the EU anti-piracy mission in the region, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Alerted by a Luxembourg maritime surveillance plane on Wednesday, the Floreal was given orders to pursue the suspicious boats. It intercepted the pirate ship and two skiffs about 750 miles east of Hobyo, Somalia, the statement said. The waters off Somalia, which has been mired by lawlessness since 1991, are teeming with pirates who have hijacked dozens of ships for multimillion-dollar ransoms in the past two years.

INTERNET

5,000 more European troops expected for Afghan war

KABUL, 14 Nov — Europe may send 5,000 more soldiers to Afghanistan, Britain’s prime minister said on Friday — affirming support for the NATO mission as the Obama administration nears a decision on increasing American troop levels.

The announcement came as the Taliban struck again in the capital. A suicide car bomber blasted a US convoy near an American military base in Kabul, injuring nine American soldiers and 10 contract security guards. Three Afghans were killed in the attack — the biggest in Kabul in the last two weeks. Brown said the NATO strategy must be to encourage a greater role for Afghan forces so that international troops “can start coming home.”

His remarks were made a day after he met with NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen. The NATO chief said that other allied nations have privately pledged more help, but Rasmussen stopped short of saying that countries would send more troops.—INTERNET



Snowy path : A woman walks along a snow-covered footpath in Beijing. INTERNET

Brazil proposes carbon cut target

SAO PAULO, 14 Nov—The Brazilian government has announced that it aims to achieve a reduction of at least 36% on its carbon emissions by the year 2020. If it meets its pledge, greenhouse gas emissions would be near 1994 levels. The proposal, which is not a binding target, was revealed in advance of the

major UN summit on climate change to be held in Copenhagen in December.

Brazil hopes to put pressure on richer nations to declare their intentions and break the deadlock in the negotiations. Details of the government's proposals were unveiled following a meeting involving President Luiz Inacio Lula da

Silva and some of his senior ministers.

In common with other developing nations, Brazil is not setting a binding target for reducing carbon emissions, but is instead proposing to take voluntary action. However with its promise to reduce the anticipated level of greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 by 36%-39%, South America's largest country hopes to encourage others.

Officials here regard the proposal as "ambitious" and a meaningful way to combat climate change.

Much of the proposed reduction is expected to be achieved by improved protection of the Amazon.

The government here announced this week that deforestation in the rainforest was its lowest level since monitoring first began 21 years ago.

Internet



Brazil's disappearing rainforests have been a concern for decades.

INTERNET

Half of Mumbai wants a job closer home

MUMBAI, 14 Nov—Sick of the tiring daily commute, around 50% of Mumbai's working population would love to quit their jobs and find employment closer home.

This figure is higher than the national average of 35.6% and more than the international average of 38%, a survey by Regus, a US firm, has revealed.

Other factors which forced people to quit were being required to do the work of two, cutbacks on administrative help, a freeze on hikes and promotions, constant reorganisation, unclear goals and favouritism.

Internet

Microsoft brings more Web data to Bing results

SEATTLE, 14 Nov—Microsoft's Bing search service will pull more information and tools from other Websites as the company tries to distinguish itself as part of its challenge to market leader Google. Traditionally, search engines from

Google Inc and others respond to users' queries by offering links to other sites that Web surfers can go to for information.

Microsoft Corp, whose search engine ranks third behind those from Google and Yahoo Inc, introduced several changes last week

Vehicles run slowly on a flooded road in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 14 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA



aimed at answering people's questions without sending them to an outside page. Microsoft will show on the results page more information on travel options, events and attractions in destination cities, in-depth weather reports, product details and even hospital reviews, often culled from multiple sources, including some with which the company has forged deals. The software maker also improved the preview window that pops up when a user rolls the mouse over a link. Instead of just a text description, a smaller, thumbnail image of the Website appears.

Internet

Poor to eat Robben Island rabbits

CAPE TOWN, 14 Nov—The rabbits which have overrun the Robben Island former jail and tourist attraction are to be used to feed South Africa's poor, the site's manager says.

A rabbit cull began last month and some 2,000 of them have been buried on the island so far. But island acting chief executive Jatti Bredekamp says that will now change. He said rabbits certified safe to eat would be "dressed and packaged for donation to charity," reports the *Sapa* news agency. The rabbit meat is to be distributed among charities in Cape Town.

Sarah Scarth, a spokeswoman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, SPCA, said the group's only concern was that the culling was carried out in a humane way. "We have no problem with the animals being used for human consumption. If they can benefit the poor then that is something we are not against," she told the *BBC*.



South Africans are not used to eating rabbits.—INTERNET

Rabbits are commonly eaten in European countries but consuming the all-white meat would be new for many South Africans. The island is said to have been populated by up to 25,000 rabbits and 500 deer, as well as feral cats. The deer and cats are also being culled. The island sits in the bay just seven kilometres from Cape Town's beaches and is visited by more than 1,800 tourists a day at peak times.

Internet

Wind energy companies looking for lines

DES MOINES, 14 Nov—Proposed multistate transmission lines carrying wind-generated electricity from the Midwest are a vital next step in US energy efforts, experts say.

"These days, it is well understood that tapping the nation's abundant wind resources will require a robust transmission grid — one that is much more robust than our fathers' system that we have today," said Susan Tierney, an energy consultant and former assistant secretary at the US Department of Energy.

Warren Buffet's MidAmerican Energy of Des Moines, Iowa, says it plans to be a major force in wind energy, The Des Moines Register reported on Friday. The company already has 1,350 megawatts of wind-generating capacity in the state.

Internet

Germany leads eurozone out of recession

FRANKFURT/PARIS, 14 Nov—The eurozone escaped recession in the third quarter, with Germany's recovery gaining strength, but the rebound was less dramatic than expected and less strong than in the US Eurozone gross domestic product rose by 0.4 per cent compared with the previous three months, according to Eurostat, the European Union's statistical office. The US economy expanded by 0.9 per cent in the same period but the UK remained in recession.

The latest data followed five consecutive quarters of falling eurozone GDP. Powering the rebound was a 0.7 per cent expansion in Germany's economy, the 16-country region's largest. Italy also performed well, expanding by 0.6 per cent, ending its recession. But the 0.3 per cent pick-up in France — the same as in the previous quarter — fell short of expectations. Hopes of a stronger rebound had been boosted by a robust revival in eurozone industrial output, which has become closely linked to the region's fortunes during the global financial crisis.—*Internet*



South Korean mothers with their children in Seoul. Seoul's Gangnam district government, which already provides cash incentives for couples to have more babies, is arranging mass blind dates for singles.—INTERNET

China to open Beijing-Khartoum direct flight

HAIKOU, 14 Nov—Hainan Airlines, a major Chinese carrier, is to open the first direct flight between Beijing and the Sudanese capital Khartoum next Tuesday amid boom-

ing trade between the two nations in recent years.

The Beijing-Khartoum flight with *Airbus 340-600* takes off at 1:30 am from Beijing every Tuesday and Friday and ar-

rives in Khartoum at 9:20 am local time.

The Hainan Airlines has another flight to Africa, Beijing to Luanda, capital of Angola, via Dubai.—*Xinhua*

Schools help children fight against obesity

NEW YORK, 14 Nov—At the bustling hour of 11:00 am, children of Central Park East II Elementary School in Upper Manhattan make a beeline to the lunchroom. Carefully adhering to the strict healthy food policies, the children head straight to the salad bar in their first stop — a rarity, especially when it comes to city kids. “I feel like some schools might not care about what kids bring, but over here they do. And I think the principal has a lot to do with that. It starts from her,” Parent Coordinator Saramit Morales told *Xinhua* in a recent exclusive interview.

Principal Naomi Smith and Morales have fought against the fat bulge that is spreading over New York city schools, particularly focusing on all 220 kids in the central New York school. They made a strict “no candy” policy — chocolate milk, high fat chips, fruit drinks, even a Snickers candy bar are not allowed during school days.

According to a special June Report jointly released by the Health and Education Departments of New York city, 21 percent of the city’s children can be called “obese”, compared with 17 percent nationwide from kindergarten to eighth grade.—*Xinhua*



Pedestrians pass a sculpture made of umbrellas in central London on 13 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

Road accidents become big killer in SE Asia

KATHMANDU, 14 Nov—Traffic accidents kill 33 people every hour in South-East Asia and almost two thirds of those who die in road crashes every year in this region are motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists, The *Kathmandu Post* reported on Saturday

Releasing a report on the eve of “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims”, Samlee Plilanbangchang, World

Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for South-East Asia, said the safety needs of these vulnerable groups of road users are not being met. “The number of road traffic injuries has been rising rapidly in the region and we must do better if we are to halt or reverse the rise in road traffic injuries, disability and deaths,” said Plilanbangchang in the report.

The case of Nepal, an impoverished South-East Asian country, is no less appalling. Government statistics show that over 80 people die every month due to road accidents.

The main reasons behind accidents in Nepal are sheer negligence on the part of driver such as drunk-driving, poor vehicle maintenance, speeding and overloading, reported the daily.—*Xinhua*



Plants are presented in containers covered with blue jeans at Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Fair in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province.—XINHUA

Int’l meeting held in Indonesia on village product programme

JAKARTA, 14 Nov—Indonesian Vice President Boediono opened an international conference on government-sanctioned “One Village One Pro-

duct” programme (OVOP) in Nusa Dua, Bali on Saturday morning, local media reported. On the side line of the conference, there was also exhibition, the *Jakarta Post* said. The conference aimed to boost the country’s industrial competitiveness, including searches for regions home to natural resources suit-

able for development, referred to in the studies as core competencies.

Indonesian Chambers of Commerce and Industry said that the products potential for development were cassava and fish products, traditional medicine and herbs, textiles and pottery, metal crafts and paper products.

Xinhua

Three injured in fire at US military’s Atsugi base

TOKYO, 14 Nov—A fire broke out at an unused hangar on the US military’s Atsugi base in Kanagawa Prefecture shortly past noon on Saturday, with three Japanese people sustaining burns, police and firefighters said.

The fire was extinguished about one hour later, they said, adding they are investigating the incident, according to *Kyodo News*. —*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Heavy fog shrouds east China, disrupting traffic

JINAN, 14 Nov — Heavy fog enveloped east China’s Shandong Province Saturday morning, causing highway closures and flight delays.

A total of 80 highway toll stations were closed and 16 flights to Shanghai, Beijing, Chongqing and Guangzhou were delayed or canceled at the provincial capital’s Jinan International Airport as of 9 am. A flight to Guangzhou at Yantai International Airport was also delayed.

A heavy fog with a visibility of less than 500 meters hit many parts of the province Saturday after several days of snow-

storm. Two people were killed and 1.39 million people were affected in the blizzard from Wednesday to Friday, according to the provincial civil affairs department.

Heavy snow unseen in decades has left 19 people dead in north and central China since Monday, the Ministry of Civil Affairs announced on Friday.

Xinhua



A judge smells the aroma of a specialty coffee at the Cup of Excellence competition in Machado on 13 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

Cuba, Chinese province sign co-op agreements

HAVANA, 14 Nov — Cuba and east China’s Shandong Province signed five cooperation agreements on infrastructure, information technology and communications, the Cuban Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

The signing ceremony in Havana was attended by Jiang Yikang, member of the CPC Central Committee and secretary of the CPC Shandong Provincial Committee, and Cuban Exterior Commerce and Foreign Investment Vice Minister Ramon Ripoll. Ripoll said the agreements reflected the economic potential of Shandong, as well as the high exchange volume and close ties between China and Cuba. The agreements were important for the economic development of Cuba and the growing presence of Chinese products in the country, Ripoll added.

With a yearly trade volume of 2.3 billion US dollars, China is Cuba’s second largest commercial partner.—*Xinhua*



The act allows institutions like the National Gallery to return looted art.

INTERNET

UK museums can return looted art

LONDON, 14 Nov — Artefacts in national museums found to have been looted by the Nazis can now be returned to their rightful owners, thanks to newly-passed legislation. The Holocaust (Stolen Art) Restitution Act gives national institutions in England and Scotland the power to return art stolen during the Nazi era.

The bill was introduced earlier this year by Labour MP Andrew Dismore. The act, he said, would “right a long-standing injustice” and marked “an important moral

step”. The MP for Hendon said it was “an important moral step” that had been supported by all political parties.

The law, which has been supported by all political parties, enables national museums and galleries in England and Scotland to act on the recommendations of the Spoliation Advisory Panel. Formed in 2000, the panel resolves claims from people, or their heirs, who lost property during the Nazi era which is now held in UK national collections.

Since then there have been nine cases of artefacts held by British museums adjudged to have been stolen from their rightful owners.

However national institutions, like the British Museum or the Tate, had been forbidden from returning items by legislation preventing them from disposing of artwork in their collections. Instead the institutions in question would make an ex-gratia payment based on a valuation of the item, in lieu of returning the item itself.—Internet

Mexican man accused in ‘witch’ slaying

GUADALUPE DE COBRE, 14 Nov — An elderly Mexican man has been arrested in the 1998 bludgeoning death of a woman he believed put a witch’s curse on him, authorities said. Santiago Iniguez Olivares, 78, is accused of killing Modesta Navarro Nieves and beating her husband in the western Mexican community of Guadalupe del Cobre, *CNN* reported.

Olivares allegedly walked into the woman’s home, accused her of being a witch and beat her to death with a stick. Nieves’ husband came home and Olivares allegedly began beating him before running out of the house, authorities say. The husband survived, the US news network said.

After being on the run for 11 years, Olivares came back to Guadalupe del Cobre believing the killing had been forgotten. He was arrested while walking to a local bus station, prosecutors said on Thursday.

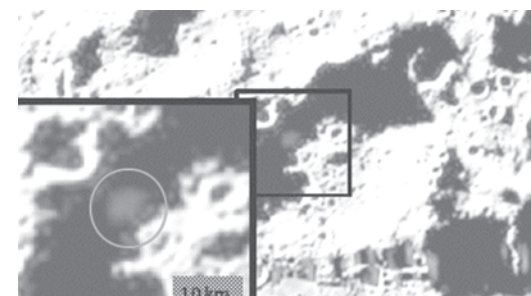
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‘Significant’ water found on Moon

HOUSTON, 14 Nov — NASA’s experiment last month to find water on the Moon was a major success, US scientists have announced. The space agency smashed a rocket and a probe into a large crater at the lunar south pole, hoping to kick up ice.

Scientists who have studied the data now say instruments trained on the impact plume saw copious quantities of water-ice and water vapour. One researcher described this as the equivalent of “a dozen two-gallon buckets” of water. “We didn’t just find a little bit; we found a significant amount,” said Anthony Colaprete,

chief scientist for the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS) mission.—Internet



A camera on the probe shows the ejecta plume about 20 seconds after impact.

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This undated file photo shows Mexican girl Iris Alvarez and her world record certificate in Acapulco, Mexico. Mexican girl Iris Alvarez is seen in this photo taken on 30 Oct, 2009 in Acapulco, Mexico. Guided by her father, the 16-year-old Mexican girl started to practice diving at the age of 6. In the year of 2005, Iris Alvarez made history by becoming both the first girl and the youngest diver to take part in a 70-year-old tradition diving from the 18-meter cliff in Acapulco. This brave achievement led her to the recognition in the 2007 Guinness Book of Records. Now Iris Alvarez has been quite a celebrity in Acapulco.

Africa desert could become sea

A 35-mile-long rift in the desert of Ethiopia could rip open, creating a new sea in just days, scientists say.

Researchers from the University of Rochester in New York, along with colleagues from the United States, Britain, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France and Yemen, say they’ve confirmed the volcanic activity beneath the rift, discovered in 2005, is nearly identical to that at the bottom of the world’s oceans.

That, they said in an article on the University of Rochester Web site, means the rift is likely the beginning of a new sea.

“Seafloor ridges are made up of sections, each of which can be hundreds of miles long,” said Cindy Ebinger, a professor of earth and environmental sciences and co-author of the study.

“Because of this study, we now know that each one of those segments can tear open in just a few days.”

She warned a sudden large-scale event could pose a very serious hazard to people living near the rift.

NEWS ALBUM

Salvation Army sets giant kettle record

The Salvation Army announced it has assembled the world’s largest kettle, 56 feet tall and 24 feet wide, as part of a celebration in Detroit.

The charity said the kettle, which is made from 25,000 lights and stands at Campus Martius Park, has been certified as the largest on Earth by Guinness World Records, *The Detroit News* reported on Tuesday.

Officials with the Salvation Army

Thieves sought jewelry, got shampoo

Police in Chicago said thieves who failed to break through a salon into a jewelry store took some shampoo as a consolation prize.

Rogers Park District Lt John Franklin said the burglars apparently intended to break into Dilshad’s Hair Design and bust through the brick wall separating the beauty business from NP Jewelers but an alarm went off on Monday night while the hole was still too small for a person to fit through, the *Chicago Tribune* reported on Tuesday.

“They broke through the wall and that set off the motion detector alarm in the jewelry store,” said Franklin. “They (the store) had a loud siren alarm that may have tripped them up, something spooked them.”

said the kettle will serve as the centerpiece of 118th Red Kettle Kick Off, which begins 20 Nov and involves hundreds of smaller kettles set up for donations at hundreds of Metro Detroit locations.

“We wanted to do something out of the ordinary,” Jason Hale, part of the non-profit’s development department, said of the giant kettle. “There is tremendous need in Detroit. We want people to know there is help out there.”



A teapot made in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) is seen during the preview of 2009 Huachen Autumn Auction in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 Nov, 2009. The auction of Chinese paintings and calligraphy, Chinese ceramics, jade carvings and works of art, Chinese oil paintings and sculptures, photographs will kick off on 17 Nov, with a magnificent jewelry selling during the exhibition.



Chinese journalist delegation visits Nay Pyi Taw MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper House

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—The Chinese journalist delegation led by Director Mr Yu Qingchu of the People's Daily of Republic of China this morning arrived at Myanma Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

At the meeting hall, Director-General U Khin

Maung Htay of MRTV explained the daily TV programmes of MRTV. The director-general and Mr Yu Qingchu exchanged gifts.

The Chinese journalist delegation visited the studios of MRTV.

At Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper house of News and Periodicals Enterprise,

the Chinese delegation viewed printing of newspapers and the building.

At the meeting hall, Managing Director U Soe Win of NPE explained printing and publishing of newspapers.

The Chinese journalist delegation left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at 12 pm.—MNA



Managing Director U Soe Win explains printing and publishing of newspapers.

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M.V Tahitian Princess Cruise ship berths

YANGON, 14 Nov—Under the supervision of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Transport, M.V Tahitian Princess cruise ship with 373 crew and 624 passengers mostly American tourists, sponsored by Myanmar Voyages International Tourism Co. Ltd, berthed at Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa Port from Chennai Port of the Republic of India at 12:45 pm today.

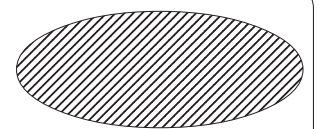
Forming in groups, the passengers visited the interesting places in Yangon and Thanlyin. They will leave for Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia from the MITT Port at 1:00 pm tomorrow.

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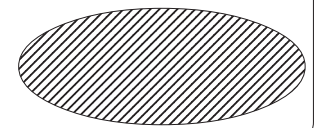
Chinese delegation visits Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper house.

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Chinese delegation visits Myanma Radio and Television.

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Basic Education Level U-16 Basketball Tournament goes on

YANGON, 14 Nov—The 1st Basic Education Level Inter-State/Division U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Federation continued at the Aung San Gymnasium here this morning. Chairman of the Committee for Organizing Tournament Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu, officials, executives and others enjoyed

the tournament.

In the men's division, Yangon Division trounced Kachin State 70-43 and Mandalay Division routed Ayeyawady Division 54-16.

In the women's division, Yangon Division beat Kachin State 42-8 Sagaing Division beat Ayeyawady Division 51-6.

Yangon Division

will play against Mandalay Division in the men's division tomorrow while Mandalay Division will compete with Shan State (South) in the women's event as first semifinals. Shan State (North) will meet Sagaing Division in the men's division whereas Sagaing Division will play against Yangon Division women's division as second semifinals.—MNA



Match between Yangon Division team and Kachin State team in progress.

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Tobacco Kills



All armed forces to be under command of central government

Ko Myanmar

My heart was full of pleasure just as I watched on TV and read in daily newspapers the news about the ceremonies to transform the troops from Special Region (1) in Kachin State and the troops from Special Region (2) in Kayah State into Border Guard Forces. Personally, I regard the good news as an omen of good future of Myanmar if compared with Myanmar and international political events.

In retrospect, in the pre-independence period, the pocket armies under the domination of political groups came to run riot in rivalry after they had armed themselves with the remnants of the arms and ammunition used in the World War II. Independence was followed by the armed insurgency of multicoloured groups such as Red Flag, White Flag, Communists, White Yebaw, KNDO and MNDO along with mushrooming pocket armies of political groups including Pyu Saw Hti and Levy Defence formed under the pretext of defending the nation against the threats posed by the insurgent groups. In consequence, the people fell victim to the armed revolts.

Later, many armed insurgent groups changed their names, and many new armed insurgent groups came into being. Various united forces and allies were formed, then were dissolved and then were reconstituted too frequently that any citizen was in no position to remember all of them. The number of the armed insurgent groups touched more than 100 if it was added with the small groups, each of which was formed with a few members including two claiming themselves to be the President and the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. Multifarious united forces included People's Democratic League, Ma-Da-Nya-Ta (National Democratic League), Three-Party League, Ta-Nya-La (Nationalities League), Ta-La-Ma-Pha (Nationalities People's League), Ta-La-Ma-Pha (Nationalities People's Alliance / Revolutionary Nationalities People's Alliance), Pa-Ma-Da-Ta (Union National Democracy League), Ma-Da-Ta (National Democracy League), Da-Nya-Ta (Democracy League) alongside CRDB (Council for Restoration of Democracy in Burma), DAB (Democratic Alliance of Burma), and NCUB (National Council

of the Union of Burma). So, they can be compiled into a dictionary of armed insurgent groups in Myanmar.

The number of the pocket armies formed in the post-independence period by politicians was on the increase, thus posing threats to the people. Therefore, they had to be merged with the Tatmadaw step by step and they were placed under systematic command.

The number of the then armed insurgent groups was too high, if compared with the size of the country. So, the people had to withstand all untold miseries triggered by the armed revolts. At that time, it was nationwide said "Newly independent, truly violent", regarding the conditions of the nation. Even though the independence became mature, the storm of the armed insurgency did not abate yet. The people were unable at all to suppress their worries that the storm did not seem to be over till the country had been ripe old. From 1989 onwards in the time of the Tatmadaw government, national race armed groups returned to the legal fold one after another, and sounds of firing arms were no more, as a result. Only then could the people breathe a sigh of relief. In the time of armed insurrection in which national races were fighting each other, national development tasks could not be carried out effectively. And the nation lagged behind its neighbours in development.

Today, the countries in which armed groups are in rivalry for power are still ill-fated, and varieties of lessons can be taken from the conditions of those countries.

For instance, Shiite and Sunny militants are engaged in the battle against each other in Iraq. In Afghanistan, Taliban militants and al-Qaeda militants are fighting each other, while armed groups in the northern part and pocket armies are each other, as well as against alien troops. Such war-torn countries are still facing bloodsheds caused by grudge and doubt harboured on each other.

So, in every sovereign country, all the armed forces are under the control of the central government. Even in the democracy pioneer countries, all the armed forces are under the

command of the Union central government. Those countries have many forms of reserve forces such as national reserve forces and coast guard forces, but all of them are under the control of the central government.

Neighbouring democracies: India and Bangladesh have such border guard forces as BSF and Assam Rifle under the control of the central governments. Thailand also puts their Border Guard Forces of BPP and Tarhan Fringe under the control of the central government.

For the armed forces of the special regions who had made peace, being Border Guard Forces in the organizational set-up of the Tatmadaw is, indeed, something to be proud of, and there is no need to feel inferior in status.

In equality with servicemen, members of the Border Guard Forces of national races have to wear insignia of positions. Of them, officers wear stars marking positions with State seals on their shoulders. Not every citizen is given such rights. In fact, the State gives them deserved places.

In addition, they enjoy Tatmadaw rations and rights equally. Unlike previously, now they have better future ahead of them.

What is more satisfying than it is that they have the rights to defend and show loyalty towards their motherland. For a serviceman, there is nothing like this pride.

Transforming national race armed groups into border guard forces is also an important part in the drive for ensuring national solidarity and national unity, which is much-needed for the new nation. So long as they remain united and share common views in the Tatmadaw, all national race armed groups will never have again the nightmare of fighting each other at the alien instigation, and the doubts and grudge among them will be no more. If so, the people, who have fallen victim to the armed insurrection, will be able to say goodbye to such awful incidents. And there will be everlasting peace in the nation. That is most heartening.

Since olden days, the Myanmar Tatmadaw has been the Union Tatmadaw formed with servicemen of various national races. Till today, it has been the Union Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw is the force of all national races and the entire people, not the Tatmadaw of a single race and tribe.

So, it is fair to say that forming national race peace groups into Border Guard Forces in the Union Tatmadaw is somewhat adding to the glory of the nation.

I believe that like Special Region (1) in Kachin State and Special Region (2) in Kayah State, the national brethren of the remaining special regions will form themselves into Border Guard Forces in the interest of the nation and the people. They will receive a warm welcome from the people when they transform themselves into Border Guard Forces, as well.

Translation: MS

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Myanmar delegation attends 31st ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 14 NOV—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo attended the opening ceremony of the 31st ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry Meeting at Empire Hotel in Bandasri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam on 10 November morning.

Also present at the meeting were Ministers of agriculture and Forestry of 10 ASEAN nations, the Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat and responsible persons of other or-

ganizations. courses for research and development and human resource development, and practicing of international standards and work procedures.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo held a discussion with Indonesian Minister of Agriculture Ir H Suswono, MMA on promotion for technological cooperation in agriculture and economic sectors between the two countries.

On 11 November, the 9th ASEAN+3 Summit was held with participation of ministers and deputy min-



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo cordially greets King of Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

ganizations.

Minister of Industry and Natural Resources of Brunei Darussalam H.E Yang Beharnat Pehin Dato Yahya presided over the meeting.

Minister at the Prime Minister's Office HRHPg Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah delivered an opening address.

Next, the Brunei Minister of Agriculture made a speech, and those present at the meeting posed for documentary photo.

The Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture who presided over the previous meeting, and Brunei Minister of Industry and National Resources H.E Yang Beharnat Pehin Dato Yahya made speeches.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo discussed reduction on disadvantages of climate change for food sufficiency, regional cooperation, construction of infrastructures for development of agriculture and forestry sectors of the region, sharing of modern technology, training

Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry of China, Japan and Korea, senior officials, responsible persons of other organizations and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat office.

The Myanmar delegation called on the King of Brunei Darussalam at the Palace.

The leaders of the delegations from ASEAN counties signed the MoU on development of agriculture, livestock breeding and forest products (2009-2014).

A press conference was held for the 31st ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry Meeting and the 9th ASEAN+3 Summit.

In the evening, the Brunei Minister of Agriculture hosted a dinner to the delegations that attended the meeting and the summit, and the Myanmar delegation also attended the dinner.

On 12 November, the Myanmar delegation led by Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived back in Myanmar in the evening.

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Monywa Open Golf Championship to be held

YANGON, 14 NOV—Organized by Myanmar PGA, the Monywa Open Golf Championship will be held on a grand scale at Monywa Golf Club, Monywa, Sagaing Division from 19 to 22 November.

Only those who are of professional and handicap 0-12 levels will be allowed to take part in it.

The tourney will mainly based on St. Andrew and local principles and

rules, and handsome prizes will be given.

Those who are to participate in the championship are to register at Monywa Golf Club (071 21550) or (Tel 09 5017049, 09 2037671) not later than 17 November.

The main sponsor of the tourney is Future Engineering Group and co-sponsors are International Beverages Tradings Co and Monywa Golf Club.

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Commander inspects regional development tasks for Chiphwe

NAY PYI TAW, 14 NOV—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by officials inspected Chiphwe Township People's Hos-

pital on 7 November and gave necessary instructions. Next, the commander presented medicines to the patients.

After that, the commander looked into the township police station and attended to the needs.

Next, he met with the township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and locals at the township peace and development council office and fulfilled the requirements.

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World Diabetes Day 2009 marked

NAY PYI TAW, 14 NOV—World Diabetes Day 2009 was observed at the Ministry of Health here this morning. Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Mya Oo delivered an address at the ceremony.

It was attended by the directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, officials of WHO resident representative office, departmental officials, members

of social organizations and guests.

After speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister visited the 2009 World Diabetes Day Museum.

Director U Khin Maung Latt of Thukadana Co Ltd donated Terumo machines to Deputy Director-General Dr Kyee Myint of the Health Department.

Afterwards, talks

on World Diabetes Day were held and Deputy Director-General Dr. Kyee Myint presided over the talks. Associate Professor Dr. Si Si Tun of Nay Pyi Taw hospital (1000 beds), Professor Dr. Ko Ko of University of Medicine (2) Yangon and Rector Dr. Tint Swe Latt of University of Medicine (2) gave talks on prevention of diabetes.

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Deputy Health Minister Dr. Mya Oo addresses ceremony to mark World Diabetes Day.—MNA

Members of MWEA leave for ROK

YANGON, 14 NOV—Executive Dr Daw Thet Thet Khine and member Daw Soe Amy Kyaw of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association today left for the Republic

of Korea to attend ASEAN-Korea women's small and medium business cooperation conference to be held in Seoul from 15 to 22 November.

They were seen off

by founder of the association Retired Professor Daw Yi Yi Myint and Vice-President Daw Thet Yi at Yangon International Airport.

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Members of MWEA seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for the Republic of Korea. MWEA

Today's vehicles and ...

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ASEAN Highways

It is a road linking 10 members of the ASEAN namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. There are six routes designated as ASEAN Highways: They are as follows:-

- (a) ASEAN Highway-1 (AH1): it is a 1665-kilometre road from Myawady to Tamu, and the facility is the same route of the Asian Highway No. 1 (AH1).
- (b) ASEAN Highway-2 (AH2): it is a 807-kilometre road from Tachilek to Kengtung-Taunggyi-Meiktila and then the facility will reach Tamu. The road has the same route of the Asian Highway No. 2 (AH2).
- (c) ASEAN Highway-3 (AH3): The road is 93 kilometres long Kengtung-Mongla section. The highway is the same route as Asian Highway No. 3 (AH3).
- (d) ASEAN Highway-14 (AH14): it is a 453 kilometres long road linking Mandalay and Muse. The facility is the same route of Asian Highway No. 14 (AH14).
- (e) ASEAN Highway-111 (AH111): it is a 239-kilometre road linking Loilem and Hsipaw.
- (f) ASEAN Highway-112 (AH112): The 1145-kilometre road stretches from Thaton to Kawthoung.

In addition, it is projected to construct the following ASEAN Highways.

- (a) ASEAN Highway-112 (AH112): the road will be 60 kilometres long from Lehnya of Myanmar to Khalonloi of Thailand, and
- (b) ASEAN Highway-123 (AH123): the road will be 141 kilometres stretching from Dawei to Minthamee Valley of the Myanmar-Thai border.

The Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors are under construction with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank with a view to ensuring the economic development of six Greater Mekong Sub-region countries namely Myanmar, Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Three routes of the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors pass through Myanmar, and these roads are referred as "R". These roads are as follows:-

- (a) R3 Highway is a 257-kilometre-long road section stretching from Tachilek at the Thai-Myanmar border to Mongla at the Myanmar-China border through Kengtung. The road section is part of Asian Highway No. 2 and No. 3.
- (b) R4 Highway is a 176-kilometre-long road section linking Lashio in Myanmar to Muse at the Myanmar-China border. It is a part of Asian Highway No. 14.
- (c) R7 Highway is a road section linking R3 and R4 highways. The 666-kilometre R7 Highway links Kengtung on the R3 and Lashio on the R4 through Loilem-Hsipaw. The Asian/ASEAN Highways No. 2 and No. 14 will be connected with ASEAN Highway-111.

The Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors are being implemented with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank for ensuring economic development of the Greater Mekong Sub-region countries namely Myanmar, Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand

Asian Highway No. 14 is 453 kilometres long from Mandalay to Muse at Myanmar-China border. Photo shows Gottwin Road between Mandalay and Hsipaw as a section of AH14.



and Vietnam. Out of nine Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors set by the ADB, five corridors pass through Myanmar. These corridors are:-

- (a) GMS, Northern Economic Corridor: it is an economic zone road to link Fanchai, Nanning, Kunming and Dali of the People's Republic of China and Muse, Lashio, Mandalay and Tamu of Myanmar.
- (b) GMS, North-South Economic Corridor: it links the road stretching from China to Thailand through Laos and another road from China to Thailand through Myanmar. The road section in Myanmar is stretching from Mongla to Tachilek through Kengtung. The corridor includes some parts of Asian/ASEAN Highways No. 2 and No. 3.
- (c) GMS, East-West Economic Corridor: the economic zone is designated along the corridor stretching from Danang Port of Vietnam to Mawlamyine of Myanmar. The 191-kilometre road section from Myawady to Mawlamyine lies in Myanmar. The corridor includes some parts of Asian/ASEAN Highway No. 1.
- (d) GMS, Southern Economic Corridor: it is a route linking Kwedan, Vantu and Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, Phnom Penh of Cambodia and Bangkok of Thailand, and then it will stretch from Bangkok to Dawei of Myanmar.
- (e) GMS, Northwestern Economic Corridor: the road will link Bangkok, Tek and Maesot of Thailand and Myawady, Mawlamyine, Phayagyi, Meiktila and Tamu of Myanmar. The road is parts of Asian/ASEAN Highway No. 1 and the India-Myanmar-Thailand Highway.

Ayarwaddy-Chao Phaya-Mekong-Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)

After holding the Bagan Summit held in Myanmar in 2003, the Ayarwaddy-Chao Phaya-Mekong-Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) was adopted covering adopted covering Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand with the aim of maintaining the economic stability and uplifting the living standard of the people in the sub-region. In 2004, the ACMECS was a five-country group with the participation of Vietnam. ACMECS countries are exchanging views on matters related to the development tasks based on friendly

relations, good neighbourliness and bilateral cooperation among the ACMECS countries, the narrowing of economic gap, the smooth trading and investment for socio-economic development of the region, and cooperation in agriculture, industry, energy, transportation, travelling, public health and human resources development sectors. As part of efforts to cooperate between Myanmar and Thailand, an 18-kilometre road section from Maesot to Thingan-nyinaung has been constructed with the assistance of Thailand. Moreover, the plan is under way to continue the construction of the road to Kawkareik. Likewise, the preliminary engineering works have been conducted to build the Lao-Myanmar Friendship Mekong River Bridge near Kenglat as a symbol of Lao-Myanmar cooperation. In so doing, a 60-kilometre road section from Tarlay on AH2 to the site of the bridge in Kenglat of Myanmar and another 16-kilometre road section from Kengkok of Laos to the bridge construction site are under construction.

BIMSTEC Highways

Myanmar is one of the members of BIMSTEC together with Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Myanmar is sharing border with Bangladesh, India and Thailand. Among them, Myanmar links with India and Thailand through ASEAN Highways. There is no direct way between Myanmar and Bangladesh. A plan was set to construct a highway when the economic status would develop in BIMSTEC countries. The highway is 1374 kilometres long stretching from Taungpyo Village to Myawady through Buthidaung, Kyauktaw, An, Padan, Mindon, Pyay (Nawade), Ottwin, Htantabin, Shwegyin, Theinzayat, Thaton, Mawlamyine, Metharaw, Hlaingkwe and Kawkareik.

India-Myanmar-Thai Tripartite Highways

India, Myanmar and Thailand have agreed to construct the Tripartite Highways from Myawady to Tamu through Bagan. The team comprising engineers from three countries has made a field trip to conduct the feasibility study for construction of the highways linking Myawady-Ottwin-Pyawbwe-Ywadaw-Zayatkon-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan-Letpanchepaw-Pakokku-Linkadaw-Chaungma-Myoma-Kalewa-Kyikon-Tamu.

Myanmar has planned to construct the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors, the BIMSTEC Highways, the India-Myanmar-Thailand-Tripartite Highway, the GMS, East-West Economic Corridor Highway, the GMS, North-South Economic Corridor, the Highway to be jointly built by India and Myanmar.

Hence, the trucks and vehicles of Myanmar meeting the prescribed standards of weight, measurements and axles will have the opportunity to use the above highways. At present, the ministries concerned of the government relax the rules and regulations for the trucks. The ministries are reported to be forming the discipline enforcement and security teams for roads and bridges soon.

(To be continued)
Translation: TTA



807-kilometre Asian Highway No. 2 is linking Tachilek, Kengtung, Taunggyi and Meiktila. Photo shows road section of AH No. 2 on Taunggyi-Meiktila tarred road.

China's industrial output expects to grow 10.5% for entire 2009

BEIJING, 14 Nov—China's industrial output is expected to grow by about 16 percent year on year this month and in December and the full year industrial output growth could reach around 10.5 percent, Minister of Industry and Information Technology Li Yizhong said here Saturday.

At the 3-day International CEO Roundtable conference, Li said the industrial output growth would guarantee the manufacturing-based Chinese economy should achieve its full-year growth target of 8 percent.

China set the about 8-percent growth target in March this year. The government believes 8-percent GDP growth is essential to generate enough jobs.

According to the minister, China's industrial economy stopped falling and began to stabilize and recover in March this year. In October, China's industrial output rose 16.1 percent from a year earlier, the fastest pace since March 2008 and the sixth consecutive month with an acceleration of year-on-year growth.—Xinhua

Clash leaves four Taliban militants, three Afghan civilians dead

KABUL, 14 Nov—Four Taliban militants and three civilians were killed as a clash erupted between Taliban militants and government troops in Herat Province, west of Afghanistan, a local official said on Saturday.

"The clash erupted Friday night when Taleban attacked a patrol team of international troops from a house in Shindand District and the troops

returned fire killing four rebels," Lal Mohammad Omarzai, the governor of Shindand, told Xinhua. Three more civilians including a man from the same house were killed and three children got wounded, Omarzai added. Clashes with militants often harm civilians as more than 1,500 civilians are said to have been killed so far this year in Afghanistan

in Taleban-linked insurgency and military operations.—Xinhua

Two earth-sized bodies with oxygen rich atmospheres found, but they're stars not planets

LONDON, 13 Nov—Astronomers at the University of Warwick and Kiel University have discovered two earth sized bodies with oxygen rich atmospheres — however there is a bit of a disappointing snag for anyone looking for a potential home for alien life, or even a future home for ourselves, as they are not planets but are actually two unusual white dwarf stars.

The two white dwarf stars SDSS 0922+2928 and SDSS 1102+2054 are 400 and 220 light years from Earth. They are both the remnants of massive stars that are at the end of their stellar evolution having consumed all the material they had available for nuclear fusion.

Theoretical models suggest that massive stars (around 7 - 10 times the mass of our own Sun) will consume all of their hydrogen, helium and carbon, and end their lives either as white dwarfs with very oxygen-rich cores, or undergo a supernova and collapse into neutron stars. Finding such oxygen-rich white dwarfs would be an important confirmation of the models.—Xinhua

Google doesn't blur Street View enough, says Switzerland

GENEVA, 14 Nov—The Swiss data protection authority is to take Google to court over its photographic mapping service Street View. The Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC) in Switzerland has reportedly made repeat complaints at Google's unwillingness to alter its photographing process to spare the identity of its citizens.

Hanspeter Thuer of the FDPIC said "In the Street View service, which has been online since mid August 2009, numerous faces and vehicle number plates are not made sufficiently unrecognizable from the point of view of data protection, especially where the persons concerned are shown in sensitive locations, e.g. outside hospitals, prisons or schools."

Google has retorted these claims by saying that it "met with the DPA before and after the launch, explaining our technology and, where requested, proposing steps that would reinforce Street View's privacy-protection technology and assuage any concerns." It went on to say that the Swiss agency was "unwilling to engage with the extensive solutions we have offered."—Xinhua



A gallery worker poses with a postcard at the press view of the RCA Secret 2009 event at the Royal College of Art in London on 12 November, 2009. The event is a sale of postcards made by artists including famous names such as Gerhard Richter, Anish Kapoor, Grayson Perry, David Bailey and Yoko Ono. The postcards which go on sale on 21 November are viewed and sold anonymously at £40 each, the purchaser only discovering the creator of their artwork after sale.—INTERNET

HK challenges world largest harmonica ensemble

HONG KONG, 14 Nov—More than 6,000 Hong Kong music lovers gathered at the Happy Valley Racecourse Recreation Playground on Friday night to break the world record of the largest harmonica ensemble, organizers said.

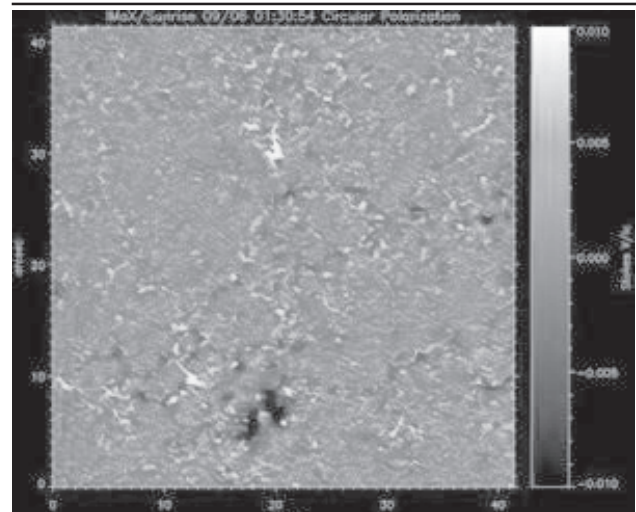
During the break of a free open-air concert called Swire Symphony under the Stars, 6,200 audience, recruited through the event's website and social networking sites, played altogether a simple melody with harmonicas for as long as 7 minutes and 25 seconds.

Staff from the Guinness world record organization were on site to witness the show, said the organizer, but it will take some time for the record to be confirmed.

The previous official Guinness world record was set in Germany in 2007, involving 3,898 people.—Xinhua



An artisan from Harbin, China, works on an ice sculpture for Gaylord National's ICE! exhibit, a 15,000-square foot winter wonderland created from 2 million pound of ice, at National Harbor in Fort Washington, Maryland, on 13 November, 2009.—INTERNET



The IMaX instrument not only depicts the solar surface, it also makes magnetic fields visible; these appear as black or white structures in the polarised light. SUNRISE enables tiny magnetic fields on the surface of the Sun to be measured at a level of detail never before achieved.—INTERNET

Deaf S African Indian youth wins national talent show

JOHANNESBURG, 14 Nov—Being deaf since birth did not deter 19-year-old South African Indian hip-hop dancer Darren Rajbal from beating hundreds of other contestants to win a three-month long TV contest to find the country's best talent.

He was named the winner of USD 33,000 at the finale of the show "SA's Got Talent" here and he promised to use part of his winnings to start a school for deaf students.

Rajbal, who also won the South African Mr Bollywood title in 2004, hopes the win would help him get more Bollywood movie roles after getting a small part in a locally-produced one.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SIRI BHUM VOYNO (345)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOYNO (345) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm 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
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S: REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GATI PRIDE VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (045)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (045) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.11.2009 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MVMCP VILLACH VOYNO(008)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCP VILLACH VOYNO (008) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.11.2009 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

Phone No: 256908/378361/376797

On-off fasting helps obese adults shed pounds

NEW YORK, 14 Nov—Fasting every other day can help obese people lose weight, a small study hints. Even though the study participants ate whatever they wanted on their non-fasting days, they lost an average of 5.6 kilograms (about 12 pounds) after eight weeks, Dr Krista A Varady of the University of Illinois at Chicago and her colleagues found.

What's more, their total and "bad" LDL cholesterol levels dropped, and their blood pressure fell. "People lost anywhere from about 7 pounds to about 30 pounds and that was in a very short amount of time," Varady said. And, she added, the program was pretty easy for the study participants to follow.—*Internet*

Royal Navy watched pirates abduct couple

LONDON, 14 Nov — A Royal Navy ship withheld fire as it watched Somali pirates kidnap a British couple on the high seas, British authorities said on Friday. Previously the British Defence Ministry said it could not rescue Paul and Rachel Chandler on Oct 23 because the couple was already on the pirates' ship and their yacht abandoned when the Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker Wave Knight arrived at the scene, *The Times of London* reported.

But a ministry spokesman confirmed on Friday the Wave Knight arrived as the couple was being transferred from their yacht to the pirate's ship 50 feet away. The crew was ordered not to intervene because the pirates were carrying AK-47 assault rifles and there was fear a gun battle would result in the hostages being killed.

Internet



Brazilian one-year-old Siamese sisters Maria Luiza (L) and Maria Luana (R) are seen at their home in the Beberibe neighborhood in Recife, northeastern Brazil, on 10 November. The Siamese twin sisters celebrated their first birthday on Wednesday as their parents tearfully await a highly complex and dangerous separation surgery early next year to save their young lives.—INTERNET

Environmental education starts early in German childhood

BERLIN, 14 Nov—The last week in late October, the tide in Germany's largest port of Hamburg was rising, much higher than last year. Guido Neumann, a company manager from Hamburg, took his 7-year-old son Leander to the port, strolling along the banks to have a look.

"I told my son why the tide became bigger. If it

continues, we have to build higher dikes to protect our home," Neumann told *Xinhua*.

While walking along the dikes, Leander saw the rising tide, and discussed the importance of saving nature with his father.

Neumann has two sons, Joost and Leander, and he started "environment-oriented" education

for his sons when they were only 2 years old.

"When my sons were 2 or 3 years old, I started to tell them to sort household garbage," Neumann said.—*Xinhua*

Moderate earthquake shakes Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 14 Nov—A 5.1 magnitude earthquake shook Costa Rica on Friday, without immediate report of victims and material damages.

The Costa Rican Volcanology and Seismology Observatory (OVISCORI) said the earthquake occurred at 3:20 pm local time (2120 GMT) and its epicenter was located 20 km northeast to Parrisain Puntarenas Province, 70 km southeast to San Jose.

The earthquake had a depth of 19 km and it was produced due to a local geological failure, the OVISCORI said.—*Xinhua*



Scientists examine the mammogram of a female cancer patient. Australian scientists said they were to trial a revolutionary treatment which would allow women to regrow their breasts after cancer surgery.—INTERNET

Many pregnant smokers don't own up to the habit

NEW YORK, 14 Nov—Women who smoke while they are pregnant often don't admit it, which means they're missing out on an opportunity to get help to kick the habit, new research published in *BMJ* shows.

Smoking is well-known to increase the risk of premature births and other complications. "What these women are doing inadvertently is not allowing themselves to be guided to available smoking cessation services," Dr David M Tappin of the University of Glasgow in Scotland, one of the researchers on the study, told *Reuters Health*.

In the UK, most women are "booked" into maternity services at eight to 12 weeks of pregnancy. At booking, a midwife interviews the woman, and asks whether or not she smokes. Women who say yes will get a follow-up call to enroll them in a smoking cessation programme.—*Internet*

Argentina starts to produce A/H1N1 vaccines

BUENOS AIRES, 14 Nov—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez announced on Friday that Argentina would start to produce A/H1N1 vaccines after about 600 people have died of this disease in the country.

“The initiative will demand the work of 250 sci-

entists and an important investment of about 20 million US dollars,” Fernandez said during an inauguration of an international conference in Buenos Aires.

She called the production of the A/H1N1 vaccines a “national interest”.

According to the latest report from the Argentine health departments, A/H1N1 influenza has infected more than 1.2 million people and caused about 600 deaths in Argentina since the first case was reported in May, 2009.

Xinhua

Food-borne ills can have lasting consequences

CHICAGO, 14 Nov—More than just a bad bout of stomach flu, some food-borne illnesses can cause long-term consequences, especially for young people, a report released on Thursday has found. Researchers at the Center for Foodborne Illness Research & Preven-

tion in Pennsylvania studied the five most common food-borne diseases and found they can cause lifelong complications including kidney failure, paralysis, seizures, hearing or visual impairments and mental retardation.

“It’s not just a tummy ache,” the center’s Tanya Roberts told a news briefing. An estimated 76 million Americans become sick each year from food-borne illness, 325,000 are hospitalized and 5,000 die, according to the US Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention. About half are children under 15.

Since 2006, outbreaks have been linked to peanuts, peppers, ground beef, spinach and other common foods. Diarrhea and vomiting are the most common symptoms of food-borne illness, and typically last only a few days. But in 2 to 3 percent of cases, food-borne disease can cause serious long-term health problems, according to the US Food and Drug Administration.—Internet

Caffeinated alcoholic drinks may be illegal

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — The Food and Drug Administration has notified about 30 manufacturers of alcoholic beverages containing added caffeine that it intends to take a look at their products. The question is not only if these products — such as 24/7 made by Mix Master Beverage Co and Joose by United Brands Co — are safe, but also whether it is even legal to add caffeine to such drinks, the agency says.

In September, 18 attorneys general from states including Connecticut, Utah, California and New York sent a letter to the FDA outlining why they consider such drinks dangerous. They were joined by a number of doctors and scientists who have conducted research on the subject. The letter cited several studies that showed stimulants such as caffeine mask the intoxicating effects of alcohol and could lead to increased risk-taking and other alcohol-related problems such as violence, sexual assault, traffic accidents and even suicide. One study done last year found usage to be nearly 30 percent among college students, in whom the beverages are associated with “heavy episodic drinking and episodes of weekly drunkenness.” It also found people who drink caffeinated alcoholic beverages are more likely to have alcohol-related problems.

Any ingredient added to food is considered a food additive. According to the FDA, “food additives require premarket approval based on data demonstrating safety submitted to the agency.” Ingredients added to food are considered unsafe and against the law unless the FDA approves their use or unless the ingredients are “generally recognized as safe,” a designation that still requires evidence of safety at the levels used in the product. To date, caffeine has been approved for use only in soft drinks, and only at concentrations under 200 parts per million.—Internet



Caffeine masks the intoxicating effects of alcohol, the FDA said in a letter to beverage manufacturers.—INTERNET

Cervical cancer vaccine hope for African women

DAR ES SALAAM, 14 Nov—So crammed is Tanzania’s only cancer treatment center that Rukia Kondogoza, wrapped in bright kanga cloth, has to share her bed with another patient. A farmer from the rural south of the country, the 40-year-old has cervical cancer — the biggest cause of female cancer deaths on the continent and a disease that kills one African woman every 10 minutes. Of the 500,000 women worldwide who are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year, 80 percent are in the developing world and 71,000 of them are in Africa, accord-

ing to the African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer. “This cancer disease is worse than malaria because of all the heavy bleeding,” said Kondogoza, who is one of 7,500 new cases recorded in Tanzania each year.

“When the doctor brought the news I just accepted it. I knew I could not ignore it because it is there in my body.” Many others do ignore it, however. The ministry for health and social welfare says only 10 percent of cases ever reach the country’s only cancer center, the Ocean Road Cancer Institute, for treatment.—Internet

Flu shows signs of peaking in some areas

GENEVA, 14 Nov—Flu season that began early in the northern hemisphere this year may be peaking in parts of north America and western Europe, the World Health Organization said on Friday. In an update on the H1N1 swine flu virus, the WHO said parts of the southern and southeastern United States, as well as Iceland and Ireland, seemed to have weakening levels of disease.

But the UN agency, which declared a global flu pandemic in June, said that big sections of the United States were still experiencing “widespread and intense” flu infections. It described waves of outbreaks across Canada and in Mexico, where the first severe cases were identified earlier this year. “In Europe and central Asia, overall influenza transmission continues to intensify,” the WHO said, adding that almost all the influenza viruses analysed in Europe in recent weeks have been the H1N1 strain and not seasonal flu. While saying “high to very high intensity of respiratory diseases” have been reported in some parts of Europe including Belarus, Bulgaria and Russia, it said experts were now less concerned about a big outbreak in Ukraine. The H1N1 virus has now spread to 206 countries, with the latest reported laboratory-confirmed cases in Somalia, Nigeria and Burundi.

There have been more than 6,250 deaths to date, mostly in the Americas region, according to the WHO toll.—Internet

More contamination troubles for Genzyme

CAMBRIDGE, 14 Nov — Genzyme Corp, the Cambridge biotechnology giant that has spent five months scrambling to regain its footing after detecting a virus at its Allston plant, is facing a new contamination problem: bits of steel, rubber, and fiber found in drugs made by the company and shipped from the same site.

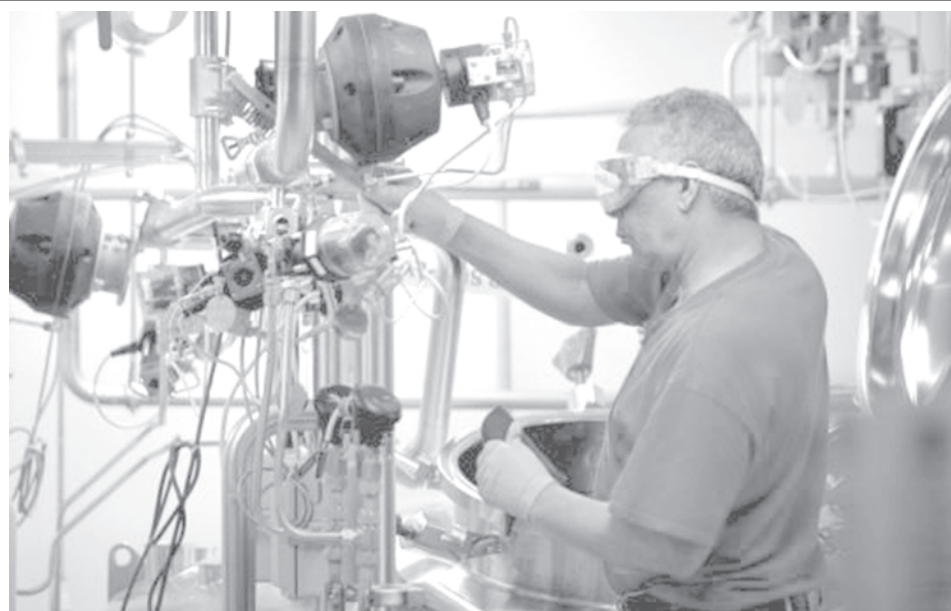
Federal regulators yesterday warned doctors to look for foreign particles

in five Genzyme drugs used to treat rare genetic disorders, including two — Cerezyme and Fabrazyme — that have been rationed because of the viral contamination detected in the Allston Landing plant last summer. The five drugs represent roughly half of Genzyme’s \$4.6 billion in annual sales.

The diseases treated by these enzyme replacement drugs are rare. About 5,500 people worldwide, for ex-

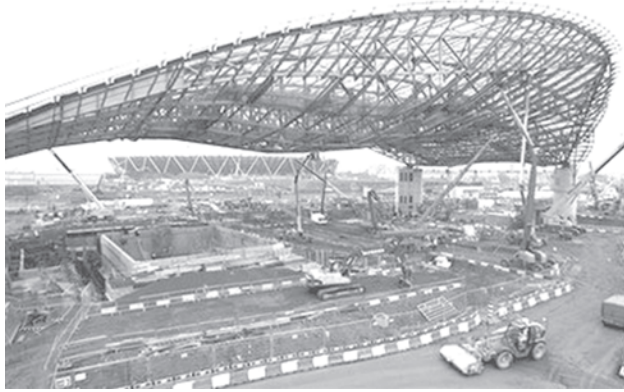
ample, depend on Cerezyme, the best-selling Genzyme drug, while about 2,500 use Fabrazyme. Cerezyme treats Gaucher disease, which causes fatty substances to accumulate in the liver, spleen, and other organs. Fabrazyme treats Fabry disease, which prevents the body from breaking down oils and fats that build up in the eyes and kidneys.

Internet



A worker scrubbed pipes in June during decontamination at Genzyme’s Allston plant after a virus infected a bioreactor.—INTERNET

SPORTS



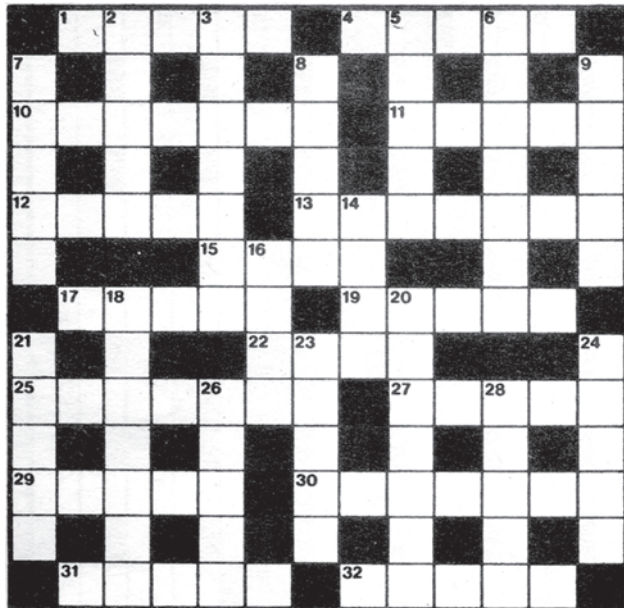
The wave shaped Aquatics Centre roof is seen in place at the 2012 Olympic site in London, on 11 Nov, 2009. The 160 metre long, 3000 tonnes roof rests on three concrete supports, it will cover two 50 metre pools, a dive pool and a dry diving area.—INTERNET

2012 Games pose biggest security risk in decades

LONDON, 14 Nov—London faces the largest security challenge since World War II when it hosts the 2012 Olympics, British security minister Alan West said Friday. West told a London conference that the British capital will almost certainly be at a higher risk of a terrorist attack as an estimated 15,000 athletes, 14,000 coaches and officials and 20,000 media workers arrive for the games.

He said the country's threat level will likely rise to severe — the second-highest rating on a five-point scale — meaning an attack is considered highly likely. "We are not complacent. We do not underestimate the scale of the Olympics challenge," West told the Royal United Services Institute think tank.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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- 10 Solace
- 11 Swift
- 12 Ruinous
- 13 Conveyance
- 15 Always
- 17 Steeple
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- 27 Imagine
- 29 Occurrence
- 30 Sneering
- 31 Severe
- 32 German composer

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- 5 Soil
- 6 Opens
- 7 Jeer
- 8 Oven
- 9 Farewell
- 14 Sea-eagle
- 16 Girl's name
- 18 Gift
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- 21 Awry
- 23 Choose
- 24 Velocipede
- 26 Bury
- 28 Wall recess

Keane tells Ireland stars to make history

DUBLIN, 14 Nov—Republic of Ireland captain Robbie Keane has urged his team to seize the chance to become national heroes by beating France in Saturday's World Cup play-off first leg. Giovanni Trapattoni's side host France at Croke Park before travelling to Paris for the return on Wednesday and Keane believes qualifying for the finals at the expense of such a star-studded team would be remembered forever as Ireland's greatest achievement.

Tottenham forward Keane knows the Irish cannot compete with Raymond Domenech's collection of global icons when it comes to skill and guile. But he believes Ireland, who last qualified for a major tournament when they reached the 2002 World Cup, can overwhelm stars like Thierry Henry, Nicolas Anelka and William Gallas through sheer bloody-minded determination to play in South Africa next year.—INTERNET



Republic of Ireland captain Robbie Keane, seen here in October 2009, has urged his team to seize the chance to become national heroes by beating France in Saturday's World Cup play-off first leg. INTERNET

Egyptians thrilled by upcoming crucial World Cup qualifier

CAIRO, 14 Nov—At a cafe in Al-Kasr el-Eni street of downtown Cairo just one day before the most important soccer match between Egypt and Algeria on Saturday, which would determine who will play in next year's World Cup to be held in South Africa, sat Hussin and his friend Mohamed, talking about the tactics Egyptian team will adopt the next day.

"I hope that our team will win the match," said Hussin, a 28-year-old engineer who was watching a sports analysis program on TV.

Most of the Egyptian fans are nervous as even a two-goal victory by

Egypt will bring a playoff with Algeria in Sudan as a neutral site. Several hours ahead of the match, nerves are frayed in the two countries.

Xinhua

Robson gets first taste of Asian Cup action

SINGAPORE, 14 Nov—Former England captain Bryan Robson gets his first taste of Asian Cup football on Saturday when Thailand travel to Singapore for a must win qualifying clash against their Southeast Asian neighbour. It is one of seven matches being played as the race to Qatar in 2011 heats up, with another round of games next Wednesday.

In Group B, Pim Verbeek's Australia are in Oman with both sides on four points from three games, while Kuwait (three points from two games) host Indonesia (two points from two games). Uzbekistan play Malaysia in Tashkent in the only Group C game while leaders Syria take on Vietnam in Group D and China travel to bottom-of-the-table Lebanon.—INTERNET

Kaka bills England as World Cup rivals

DOHA, 14 Nov—Kaka believes Fabio Capello has transformed England into a team capable of wrecking Brazil's hopes of claiming a sixth World Cup in South Africa next year.

The Real Madrid playmaker is a keen student of the English game and he has been impressed

by the way Capello has resurrected the national squad from the ashes of their failure to reach Euro 2008, guiding Wayne Rooney and co. to the finals with nine wins in ten qualifiers.

"I think the character of Capello is the key to understanding this England team," Kaka said ahead of Saturday's friendly clash between the two countries.

"We always knew that they had good individual players capable of deciding games but they look more of a team now. They are much sharper collectively, which is what you would expect from a Capello team.—INTERNET



Brazilian midfielder Kaka smiles during a Press conference in the Qatari capital Doha. INTERNET

Nadal sets up Djokovic showdown in Paris

PARIS, 14 Nov—Second seed Rafael Nadal set up a Paris Masters semi-final clash with third seed Novak Djokovic on Friday by defeating title-holder Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-5, 7-5.

Djokovic had earlier defeated Robin Soderling of Sweden 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 in the first of the day's quarter-finals to reach the last four in Paris for the first time.

The losses for Tsonga and Soderling meant that Spain's Fernando Verdasco was assured of the eighth and final spot in the 22-29 November ATP Tour Finals in London.

The other players qualified for that

are Nadal, Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray, Juan Martin del Potro, Andy Roddick and Nikolay Davydenko.

INTERNET



Spain's Rafael Nadal

Shin shoots 66 to take Ochoa Invitational lead

GUADALAJARA, 14 Nov—Jiyai Shin took a big step toward adding the LPGA Tour player of the year award to her top rookie trophy, shooting a 6-under 66 on Friday for a three-stroke lead in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

The 21-year-old South Korean star, a three-time winner this year who has a four-point lead over Ochoa in the player of the year race, had an 11-under 133 total on the Guadalajara Country Club course. "I don't know much (about) this course, so I try to just play safe," Shin said. "Like just the middle of the fairway, just the middle of the green and make it a very simple game. ... I have found my tempo — great tempo. So I have a really good feeling."—INTERNET



Jiyai Shin, of South Korea, tees off on the sixth hole during the second round of the Lorena Ochoa Invitational LPGA golf tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 13 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Maradona says feels mistreated and persecuted



Argentina's soccer team head coach Diego Maradona attends a news conference in Madrid on 12 November, 2009.—INTERNET

MADRID, 14 NOV—Argentina coach Diego Maradona feels mistreated and persecuted but says he is focussing on his job, family and the support of “ordinary people.”

Maradona, who will appear before a FIFA disciplinary committee in Zurich on Sunday over his foul-mouthed rant after last month's World Cup qualifier in Uruguay, told Spain's *Marca* newspaper that many people were out to get him.

“Much worse things have been said and there are people who do terrible things in soccer...,” the paper quoted Maradona as saying in an interview conducted in Madrid on Wednesday.

“I am taking refuge in my team, my family, my daughters and in ordinary people from the street,” added the 49-year-old.

“Lest nobody forget, people in Argentina, from the street, are showing me a lot of affection, they greet me and love me just like always.

“And I am focussing on that, on the people without microphones, not on what the media says.”

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (15-11-2009) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

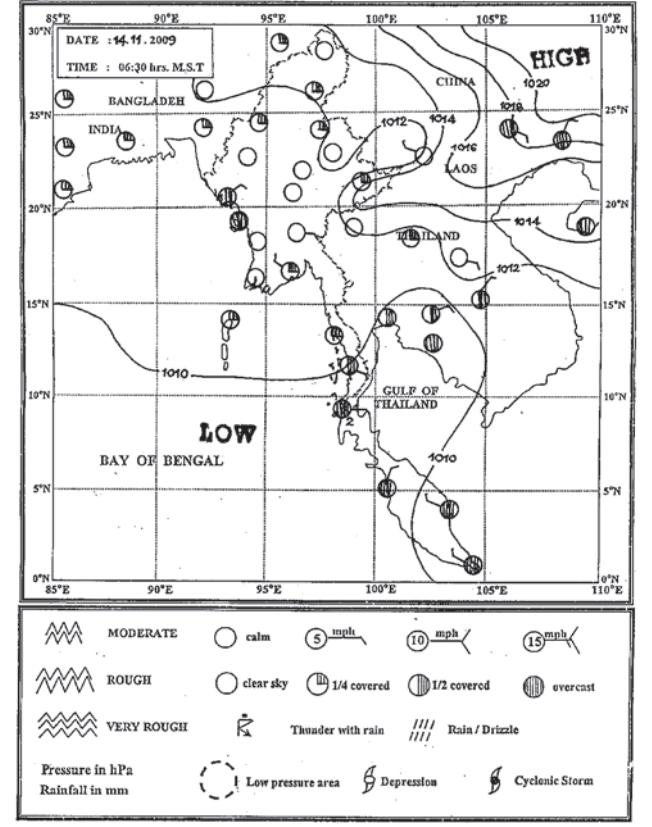
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- * Excursion in Yangon River
- * Colourful Sky! Thrilling Night!
- * Come and Visit Our Khami Land (Rakhine State)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Rattan Handicrafts
- * Delicious Mango Jam
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

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- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
- * Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
- * Traditional Myanmar Pickled Tea
- * Culture Stage
- * The Beauty of Ingyin Fossils from Chindwin River
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Tasty fried Nga- Poe from Padu Village
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 14th November, 2009

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

During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (5°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (4°C) below November average temperatures in Northern Shan State, (5°C) to (6°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Haka (8°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-11-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 14-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14 -11-2009 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 13-11-2009 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-11-2009 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 North at (16:30) hours MST on 13-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15th November 2009: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Disions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-11-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-11-2009: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 15 November View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
- 7:25 am**
3. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am**
6. ဧရာဝတီ၏အား ကျွန်းကျွန်းတံတား
- 8:00 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
8. “ကျန်းမာသန်ထွား ညက်မြင့်မား”
- 8:20 am**
9. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am**
10. International News
- 8:40 am**
11. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-6) (Time is money)
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း နိုင်ငံတကာသတင်းစဉ်
- 11:35 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟာသကမ္ဘာ” (အပိုင်း-၄၆)
- 12:25 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

- 12:40 pm**
6. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း “ကျောကသားနှင့်ရင်ကသား” (မင်းရာဇာ၊ ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ၊ ချိုမြိန်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-တိန်းစိုး)
- 2:10 pm**
7. Dance of National Races
- 2:20 pm**
8. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 2:35 pm**
9. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 2:50 pm**
10. International News
- 4:00 pm**
1. စစ်ချီတေးစစ်သည်တေး
- 4:10 pm**
2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:30 pm**
3. Musical Programme
- 4:45 pm**
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:05 pm**
5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

- 5:15 pm**
6. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
7. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
8. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
9. “တေးဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်”
- 6:30 pm**
10. Musical Programme
- 6:45 pm**
11. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ “ဗျူးတတ်သွားပြီ” (ဇွန်နောင်၊ ထက်ထက်စုလှိုင်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်သန်းထွဋ်)
- 7:00 pm**
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မိုးမြေချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
 14. International News
 15. Weather Report
 16. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၆၀)
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

- ★ 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

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (11)

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Ministry of Construction

The Union of Myanmar is a member country of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) as well as the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Moreover, Myanmar is a member of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and the Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM)

economic cooperation. Therefore, Myanmar has planned to construct the Asian Highways to link Thailand, Laos, the People's Republic of China, India and Bangladesh, the ASEAN Highways, the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors, the BIMSTEC Highways, the India-Myanmar-Thailand-Tripartite Highway, the GMS, East-West Economic Corridor Highway, the GMS,

North-South Economic Corridor, the Highway to be jointly built by India and Myanmar, the Paletwa border motor road and the maintenance of Kaladan River course project.

Asian Highways

To connect with Asian countries, the ESCAP has initiated work for the construction of Asian Highways since 1959. In 1989, Myanmar was included in the Asian Highways, and so far, the project has covered with 32 countries. After drawing the Inter-governmental Agreement (Draft) on Asian Highway Network, a ceremony to sign the construction of highway network was held at the 60th Ministerial Meeting of the commission in Shanghai on 28 April 2004. There are plans to construct four Asian Highways in Myanmar. They are as follows:-

- (a) Asian Highway No. 1 (AH1): it is a 1665-kilometre road stretching from Myawady at the Thai-Myanmar border to Tamu at the Myanmar-India border,
- (b) Asian Highway No. 2 (AH2): it is a 807-kilometre road stretching from Tachilek at the Thai-Myanmar border to Kengtung-Taunggyi-Meiktila, and then it will link with the Asian Highway No. 1 and finish at Tamu at the Myanmar-India border,
- (c) Asian Highway No. 3 (AH3): it is a 93-kilometre road section stretching from Kengtung on the Asian Highway No. 2 to Mongla at the Myanmar-China border, and
- (d) Asian Highway No. 14 (AH14): it is a 453-kilometre road section stretching from Mandalay on the Asian Highway No. 1 to Muse at the Myanmar-China border.

(See page 10)



Photo shows an aerial view of Gottwin Road on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse section of 4530-kilometre Asian Highway No. 14.