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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pay homage to Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy, Sri Lanka



Sacred Tooth Relic is seen at Sacred Tooth Relic Chamber in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing visited the Sacred Tooth Relic Chamber in Kandy, Sri Lanka, on 13 November and paid homage to the tooth relic of the Buddha.

They offered day meal to members of the Sangha in Kandy and planted a mango tree to mark the goodwill visit.

The Myanmar goodwill delegation, accompanied by Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna and officials, went to the Sacred Tooth Relic Chamber in Kandy at 9 am. On way to the chamber, they were welcomed by school children waving miniature flags of the two countries, and portraits of heads of State of the two countries were erected along the road.

The goodwill delegation was conducted to the chamber in a procession by the Sri Lankan traditional music and dancing troops at the entrance to the chamber.

At the chamber, Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by Mr. Pradeep Nilanga Dela Diyawada, the custodian of the chamber, and officials.

During the visit to the chamber, they paid homage to the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party attended a ceremony to open the Myanmar Pavilion of the International Buddhist Museum.

Ambassador of Myanmar to Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin formally opened the Myanmar

pavilion.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated a jade Buddha Image to Adviser of the International religion and culture to the president of Sri Lanka Rev. Dr Bhaddanta Bhodhagama Candima to be placed at the sacred Tooth Relic Temple.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated cash to the funds of the chamber. Mr. Pradeep Nilanga Dela Diyawada, the custodian of the chamber, received the donation.

After the visit, Senior General Than Shwe and his delegation offered day meal to 54 members of the Sangha led by Most Ven. Udagama Rathapala Buddhakkitha of Asgiriya Gana.

First, the congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing received the Five Precepts from Ven. Niyanogoda Sri Vijithasiri of the Malwatta Gana and Members of the Sangha recited *parittas*.

Afterwards, Ven. Niyanogoda Sri Vijithasiri delivered a sermon. Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing also donated the eight prerequisites to Rev Sayadaws of Asgiriya and Malwatta ganas. Members of the goodwill delegation also donated robes and offertories to the Members of the Sangha.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing planted a mango sapling in the compound of the chamber to mark the goodwill visit to Sri Lanka.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend opening of Myanmar Pavilion at International Buddhist Museum in Sri Lanka. —MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost bilateral cooperation for deeper friendship

The relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, based on the identity in practising Buddhism, dates back over 1,000 years. Friendly nations historically and culturally, they established diplomatic relations 60 years ago.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid a goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 12 November at the invitation of President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa.

During the goodwill visit, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa at the President's House in Kandy on 12 November evening. At the meeting, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that the Union of Myanmar has been implementing the seven-step Road Map for democracy transition, that the State Constitution has been approved, that the elections will be held in 2010 and that the remaining steps will be implemented accordingly.

President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, in his discussions, said that he thanked for detailed clarifications and that both countries would strive not only for promotion of trade but also for further cementing friendly relations. He continued to say that efforts were also being made to extend the private sectors of the two countries.

Nowadays, Asian countries are producing the goods at home and cooperation among them will boost the economy of the region. As Myanmar is the second largest producer of beans and pulses, the direct trade between the two countries will bring more benefits to both.

Heads of State of the two countries exchanged views on promotion of relationship between the two countries, all-round development of trade and economy, promotion of Buddhism-based tourist industry, cooperation of the two countries in the framework of BIMSTEC, and regional and international affairs.

The goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing has shown that there is deep friendship between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and that there is a favourable environment for boosting cooperation in religious and cultural sectors.



Singapore and Myanmar teams in action in U-18 Asian Hockey Tournament at Theinbyu Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch.—MHF

People's Desire

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

Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye oversees An region development

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye looked into progress in building the rural-to-rural road in Longdon village tract in An township

on 10 November.

At village Post-Primary School, the commander cordially met with local people and viewed paddy harvest.

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Construction Dy Minister looks into works of roads and bridges in Mandalay Div



Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspects Yaw creek bridge (Railway) construction project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, accompanied by officials of Public Works left Bagan along Bagan-Sintgu-Chauk road at Magway border and arrived at Sintgu and inspected condition of Sintgu creek as well as Yaw creek bridge (Railway) construction project on 12 November.

The superintending engineer of bridge construction project special group-7 presented reports to the deputy minister on progress in building the bridge.

Next, the deputy minister met with departmental officials at district and township levels at Myaugmya district office and gave instructions on timely completion of road, bridge and airport facilities to meet the set standard and special emphasis to be placed on efficient use of construction materials and worksite safety measures.—MNA

Mandalay Mayor inspects farm No 1 in Yedaguntaung region of Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspected preparations made for poultry farming in Agriculture and Breeding Farm No 1, saplings of kitchen crops and progress of work in the integrated farming.

Next, the mayor looked into factory and mechanical division.—MNA

Respects paying ceremony to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—The 18th anniversary respects paying ceremony of Shwetaung Basic Education High School in Pyay District, Bago Division (West) will be held at the school on 28 November.

Retired teachers

and old students have been invited to attend the ceremony. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact U Khin Maung Than (Awarat) oil mill and rice mill (Tel-053-55069) and U Khin Maung Lwin (Tel-053-55355).

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Singapore wins over Myanmar 4-0

YANGON, 16 Nov—With the leadership of the Ministry of Sports, organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation, the second U-18 Asian Hockey Tournament continued at Theinbyu Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch this evening.

Singapore won over Myanmar with 4-0 in today's event. India plays against Sri Lanka and Japan against Korea tomorrow.—MHF

Six Taleban militants, three Afghan troopers killed in E Afghanistan

KHOST (Afghanistan), 16 Nov — A gun battle between Afghan-International forces and Taleban fighters left six insurgents dead in the eastern Afghan province of Nuristan, provincial police chief said on Sunday.

“Taleban attacked a military outpost of Afghan and the NATO-led peacekeeping troops in Nurgraham district Saturday night, and troops returned fire, killing six

rebels including their commander Mullah Abdul Qadir on the spot,” Mohammad Qasim Payman told *Xinhua*.

Mullah Qadir was recently appointed as district chief in Nurgraham by the Taleban outfit, he added. In a separate incident, three Afghan National Army soldiers were killed and two others wounded as their military camp came under heavy fire of militants in Ghazi

Abad district of Nuristan, according to a statement issued by the Afghan Defence Ministry on Sunday.

The statement did not mention the exact time of the attack, only saying “The attack took place in the last 24 hours.”

Taleban militants, whose regime was toppled by US-led coalition forces in late 2001, have yet to make comments.

Xinhua



The hands of Iraqi juvenile prisoners are seen dangling from the bars of their cell at the Al-Karkh Juvenile Correctional Center in Baghdad in 2004. British troops forced an Iraqi detainee to wear an orange jump suit and told him that he was to be executed at Guantanamo Bay camp, according to allegations published in a newspaper.—INTERNET

Bombing at police station in Pakistan kills four

PESHAWAR, 16 Nov — A pickup truck laden with explosives blew up in front of a police station in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing at least 4 people in an area that has become the focal point for militant retaliation against a recent army offensive.

The massive explosion caused a wide swath of destruction in the town of Badh Ber, severely damaging the station and a nearby mosque and completely destroying several houses and shops.

Suspected militants have killed more than 300 civilians and security personnel in the last month in an attempt to weaken the country’s resolve to continue the military operation in the tribal area of South Waziristan, where al-Qaeda and Taleban leaders are believed to be hiding.

“We have to continue this war against terrorists and have to keep our nerves,” said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the information minister for North West Frontier Province where Badh Ber is located.

Police opened fire on the pickup truck as it approached a checkpoint in front of the police station, but the driver was able to detonate his explosives, said Liaqat Ali Khan, the senior police chief in the main northwestern city of Peshawar.—*Internet*



The site of car bombing on a police station in Badh Ber, a town near Peshawar, Pakistan on 16 Nov, 2009. —INTERNET

Gunmen in army uniforms kill 12 Iraqi villagers

BAGHDAD, 16 Nov — Gunmen wearing military uniforms shot dead 12 men in a pre-dawn attack at a village near Baghdad on Monday, villagers and police said.

The attack took place in the mainly Sunni village of Zaubra, west of Baghdad, which at the height of the fighting in Iraq was viewed as a hotbed of support for Sunni militants. One of those killed was affiliated with the main Sunni Arab political party, the Iraqi Islamic Party, police said.

The violence kicked off by the 2003 US invasion has fallen off over the past 18 months but attacks — including shootings and kidnappings — are still common.

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Ubisoft employees work in Montreal. Security cameras in hallways, double locked doors and strict confidentiality clauses, Ubisoft employees are working in a veritable bunker in downtown Montreal to create their latest 3D video game.—INTERNET

Civilian killed, six injured in Iraq’s Diyala violence

BAQUBA (Iraq), 16 Nov — A civilian was killed and six people were wounded in separate attacks in Iraq’s volatile province of Diyala northeast of Baghdad, provincial police source said Sunday.

A roadside bomb struck a minibus early in the day near the al-Neda village, some 150 km northeast of Baghdad, killing a passenger and wounding three others, one of them in critical condition, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of

anonymity.

Iraqi security forces searched the area and detained several suspects for interrogation, the source said.

In a separate incident, three policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near their patrol in the town of Jedidat al-Shatt, near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source added.

The blast destroyed a police vehicle and several nearby buildings and

civilian cars, he said.

Meanwhile, Iraqi security forces detained 13 suspected militants and defused two roadside bombs across the province during the day, the source said.

Xinhua

Roadside bomb wounds two in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ (Afghanistan), 16 Nov — A roadside bomb struck a vehicle of a construction company in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan, wounding two persons including director of the company, an official of the company said on Sunday.

“The Director of Kata Khil Construction Company, Dad Gul Dilawar and another sustained injuries as a mine planted by militants struck his car Saturday night,” Mohammad Usman told *Xinhua*.

Kata Khil Company is an Afghan firm and has been involved in reconstruction activities in Afghanistan over the past several years.

Usman, however did not point finger at any particular groups or individuals but accused the enemies of peace a term used against Taleban militants of organizing the attack.

Xinhua



Russian President, Dmitry Medvedev, has made the first ever official visit by a Russian leader to Singapore.—INTERNET

Russia seeks inspiration from high-tech Singapore

SINGAPORE, 16 Nov — President Dmitry Medvedev on Monday made the first ever official visit by a Russian leader to Singapore to forge stronger ties with the high-tech island as he seeks to modernize Russia's economy.

The Russian delegation includes business chiefs such as Russia's former richest man and owner of aluminum giant UC Rusal

Oleg Deripaska and Alexander Medvedev, the deputy chairman of Gazprom, the world's biggest gas firm.

Russia — which joined the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in 1998 — has in recent years sought to bolster its relationship with states such as Singapore to diversify its trade base.

With Medvedev seeking to limit Russia's dangerously high dependence on oil exports and transform it into an innovative, high-tech economy, relations with

Singapore have taken on a new importance.

Medvedev met late Sunday with Singapore President SR Nathan after the country hosted the APEC summit, telling him "that the system of economic and technical education in your country is of great interest for us."

The Russian president said agreements were reached at the talks on long-term investment, financial projects and exchange of technologies, Russian official media reported.—Internet

Hong Kong air cargo volume sees first growth in 15 months

HONG KONG, 16 Nov—Cargo tonnage handled by Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) in October 2009 increased by 1.3 percent to 324,000 tons over the same period last year, the first month that registered growth since August 2008, the Airport Authority said on Sunday.

According to the statistics released on the day, passenger throughput and air traffic movements declined 3.7 percent and 7.8 percent, compared to the same month last year, to 3.9 million and 23,945 respectively.

From January to October, the airport received some 38.2 million passengers, moved 2.7 million tons of cargo and handled 231,800 aircraft movements, representing yearly declines of 6.3 percent, 13.4 percent and 7.9 percent, respectively.—Xinhua

UN summit to highlight need for agricultural aid

ROME, 16 Nov — For the third time in less than a decade, a UN food summit will grapple with what so far has been an elusive goal — slashing the number of the world's hungry. One in six people on the planet is now hungry, UN officials say.

So far, helping the world's hungry has largely entailed wealthy nations sending food assistance rather than technology, irrigation help, fertilizer or high-yield seed that could assist local farmers, livestock herders and fishermen. Much of this food assistance is purchased from the wealthy nations' own farmers. But the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, which is hosting this week's gathering at its Rome headquarters, says the best way to stop hunger is to help the needy help themselves.

The three-day summit

is being held at a time "when the international community recognizes it has neglected agriculture for many years," the Rome-based agency said on Sunday.—Internet

Euro-Asia Economic Forum opens in NW China, tackling financial crisis

XI'AN, 16 Nov—The 2009 Euro-Asia Economic Forum opened on Monday in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, with a theme of "Working Together to Facilitate Economic Recovery".

The two-day forum attracted about 930 delegates from more than 60 countries and regions including members and observers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the United Nations organizations.

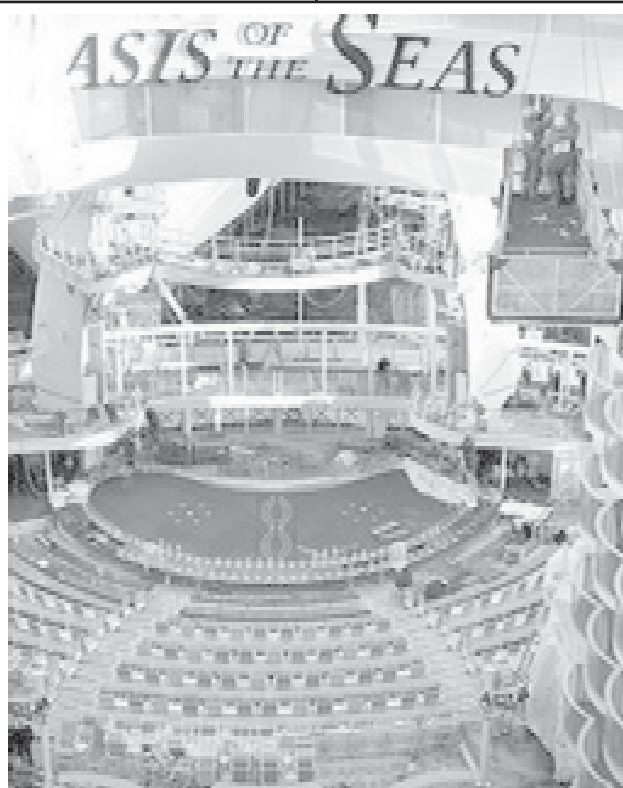
Delegates from the world Top 500 companies also attended the forum.

They will discuss how to fight the global economic downturn through the cooperation in finance, energy, customs and business as well as education, said Zhang Deguang, Secretary-General of the forum.

The biennial Euro-Asia Economic Forum was launched in Xi'an in 2005.

The city was named the permanent venue of the forum in April 2007.

Xinhua



The world's biggest and most expensive cruise ship, Oasis of the Seas, is docked at the STX Finnish shipyard in Turku. Oasis of the Seas is 16 decks high, or 65 metres (213 feet) above the waterline, and measures 360 metres (1,180 feet) long and 47 metres (154 feet) wide.—INTERNET

Japanese GDP rises real 4.8% in 3rd quarter

TOKYO, 16 Nov—Japanese gross domestic product (GDP) rises 4.8 percent in the July-September quarter in real terms for the second consecutive quarter of expansion, confirming economic recovery after the global financial crisis, the government said on Monday.

The economic rise comes after a 1.2 percent growth from the April-June quarter, the Cabinet Office said in a preliminary report. In the latest quarter, consumer spending — which makes up about 60 percent of Japanese GDP

— increased a real 0.7 percent from the April-July period.

Corporate capital spending rose 1.6 percent while public investment fell 1.2 percent.

Domestic demand, made up of these components among others, sent GDP up 0.8 percentage point from the previous three months. Demand from overseas drove GDP up 0.4 point. GDP is the total value of goods and services produced domestically. Real GDP figures are adjusted for price and seasonal variations.

Despite the GDP growth in real terms, nominal GDP fell an annualized 0.3 percent in the reporting period, which corresponds to a 0.1 percent contraction from the previous quarter.—Xinhua

A medical worker takes a break to shop online at a clinic in California. The Internet global super-market is booming because people and businesses are looking for bargains and new outlets in bad times, a new report says.—INTERNET



China approves border development zone to boost cooperation in NE Asia

CHANGCHUN, 16 Nov—The Chinese government has approved a border development zone in the Tumen River Delta to boost the cross-border cooperation in the northeast Asian region, the provincial government of Jilin announced on Monday.

The information office of the government said the pilot zone covering 73,000 square km involved the cities of Changchun and Jilin as well as the Tumen River

area. Han Changbin, governor of Jilin, said the Changchun-Jilin-Tumen-pilot zone was China's first border development zone. It is expected to push forward cross-border cooperation in the Tumen River Delta. The delta, a 516-kilometer-long river straddling the borders of China, Russia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), was set up as an economic development zone in 1991 by the United

Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

In 1995, five countries — China, Russia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Mongolia— ratified the agreement on the Establishment of the Cooperation Commission for the Tumen River Economic Development Area. Japan participated in the programme as an observer.

Xinhua



Two workers walk away after inspecting the top of the external tank on the space shuttle Atlantis at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.
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Turkey, Egypt to jointly hold naval exercise

ANKARA, 16 Nov—Turkey's General Staff said on Sunday Turkish and Egyptian naval forces will conduct a military exercise in the eastern Mediterranean Sea next week, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The Friendship Sea-2009 Turkish-Egypt Bilateral Military Exercise, due from 16 to 21 Nov, aims to boost cooperation between the two countries' naval forces, the agency said, citing a General Staff statement.

Xinhua

Israeli president starts visit to Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 16 Nov—Israeli President Shimon Peres arrived in Argentina, home to Latin America's biggest Jewish community, on Sunday for a two-day visit.

He was met at the airport by Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana and was scheduled to meet Argentine President Cristina Kirchner on Monday.

Peres' visit came as the Palestinian authority said it would request UN recognition of an independent Palestine state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Israel has warned the Palestinians against taking such "unilateral action."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Sunday at a peace forum in Jerusalem that his country would respond with its own unilateral moves to any unilateral steps by the Palestinians.

Xinhua



Ambassador Sha Zukang (2nd L), the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif (2nd R) attend the fourth version of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on 15 Nov 2009. —XINHUA

A girl presents a creation during the Jakarta Fashion Week in Indonesia's capital, on 15 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

Internet Governance Forum kicks off in Egypt

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, 16 Nov—The fourth version of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), a multi-stakeholder dialogue on public policy related to Internet governance issues, kicked off Sunday in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

The UN-sponsored annual forum was attended by some 1,500 delegates from 100 countries, who are divided into 80 workshops.

Internet security, cloud computing, IPv6, social networks, openness and privacy are among the hottest topics of the four-day event, whose overall title is "Internet governance — creating opportunities for all".

"The overall theme for our forum is timely and appropriate," said Ambassador Sha Zukang, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, at the opening ceremony, adding that "the voice of developing world must be heard."

Stressing the urgent need of managing critical resources for Internet development and increasing the penetration of the tool, he said "democratic Internet governance is a means of achieving development for all."

For his part, Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif said in a keynote speech that Egypt has benefited from the Internet in recent years.

For Egypt, "ICT (Information and Communications Technology) has become a vital sector as important as Suez Canal and tourism," Nazif said. According to Nazif, Egypt registered a growth rate of 4.3 percent in the 2008-2009 fiscal year that ended in June, despite the global financial crisis, thanks to the double-digit growth of ICT sector in this period.—Xinhua



HK to issue special stamps for East Asian Games

HONG KONG, 16 Nov—Hong Kong Post Monday announced that a set of stamps based on the theme of "Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games" would be released for sale with associated philatelic products on 5 Dec.

The 5th East Asian Games, slated to open on 5 Dec, 2009, will be the first major international sports Games hosted by Hong Kong.

The stamps are to commemorate this event as an exciting milestone in Hong Kong's sporting history, said Hong Kong Post Monday on the local government website.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Cambodian AIDS orphans have good plans for future

PHNOM PENH, 16 Nov—They are a hidden population, living with HIV/AIDS at a very young age. What we do know is that they are very vulnerable. It is this state of being hidden that puts AIDS orphans at special risk during their lifetime.

But those living with HIV in Cambodia are lucky. They live in the National Borey for Infants and Children, a state-run orphanage located in the suburb of the capital city Phnom Penh, which is supported by the government and humanitarian agencies.

"The centre accommodates more than 100 orphans, among them 27 are living with HIV, and Sei La is one of them," Sani, a teacher at the centre, told Xinhua while pointing at the boy who was orphaned at an early age when his parents died of AIDS.

Sei La is a typical Khmer boy with brown skin. He looks happy and healthy. He said he had just returned from school. "How old are you, Sei La? Do you know China?" we asked.

"I am 15 years old now. I know China, it's a big country with a lot of people," Sei La answered with a shy smile. "I am happy here. I have friends here and the teachers treat us like mothers. I study in the Khmer language school in the morning, and in the afternoon I go to English school," he continued.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife visit Anurathapura Archaeological Region in Sri Lanka



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer flowers and lights to the reclining Buddha Image at Maha Ceti Pagoda. — MNA



Maha Ceti Pagoda in Anurathapura Archaeological Region in Sri Lanka. — MNA

logical Region in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 14 November morning.

The Senior General and entourage arrived at Anurathapura Archaeological Region in the afternoon. Together with the governor of North Central Province, and the Chief Minister of North Central Province and wife, the Senior General and party visited Maha Ceti Monastery and paid homage to Ven. Pallengama Hemarathana.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered a jade Buddha image, eight

visited Maha Ceti, and offered flowers and lights to the Buddha image kept in the prayer hall on the platform of the pagoda.

The Senior General and wife offered flowers, lights, joss sticks and Shwekya robes to the Buddha image.

At 3.55 pm, the Senior General and party visited Maha Bodhi Monastery and paid reverence to Presiding Monk Ven. Pallegama Siriniwasa.

The presiding monk said prayers.

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Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Next, the Senior General and party visited Maha Bodhi Tree and offered flowers to it.

The Senior General and wife offered Shwekya robes and paid homage to it.

The Senior General and party posed for a documentary photo with the presiding monk.

The Senior General and entourage were seen off at Anurathapura Archaeological Region Airport by the governor of North Central Province, and the Chief



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pay homage to Maha Bodhi Tree in Sri Lanka.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than

Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party, accompanied by Sri Lankan Minister of Culture Mr Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and

wife, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratn and wife, left Kandy in a motorcade for Anurathapura Archaeo-

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Chamber of Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to offer 'soon' to Members of the Sangha in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

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Minister donates robes, provisions to Buddhist monks at Myanmar monastery in Kandy, Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, a member of the Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, donated robes, provisions and offertories to members of the Sangha at Winaya Linkara Rama Myanmar Monastery in Kandy, Sri Lanka, on 13 November.

During the visit to the monastery, the religious minister presented robes, provisions and offertories donated by Senior General Than Shwe

and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing to Rev. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Acinna of the monastery and five Myanmar Buddhist monks studying at Sri Lanka International Buddhist University.

The minister also visited the construction site of new building in the compound of the monastery.

On 13 November, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended a ceremony to sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Sacred Shwedagon Pagoda of the Union of Myanmar and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of the

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the Myanmar Chamber of the International Buddhist Museum. Ambassador of Myanmar to Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin and Mr Pradeep Nilanga Dela Diyawada of the Sacred Tooth Relic Temple signed the MoU.

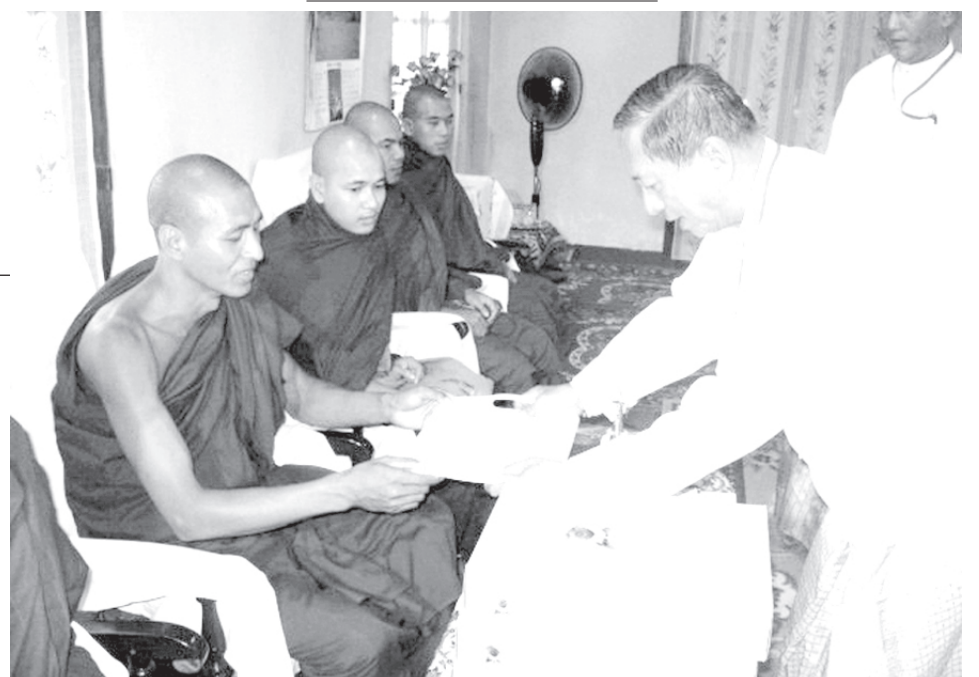
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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents offertories to a Member of the Sangha at Winaya Linkara Rama Myanmar Monastery in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

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Myanmar Ambassador U Ohn Thwin and Mr Pradeep Nilanga Dela Diyawada sign MoU between Shwedagon Pagoda of the Union of Myanmar and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Sri Lanka.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to Myanmar embassy staff

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—The goodwill delegation headed by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left Colombo for Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft on 15 November morning after paying a goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the invitation of President Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Before departure from Colombo, respects were paid to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw

Kyaing Kyaing by Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin, wife Daw San San Nwe, embassy staff and their families at 8 am in the lounge of Taj Samudra Colombo Hotel.

Then, Senior General Than Shwe gave a detailed clarification about the measures being taken for all-round development, including the political, economic, transport, agriculture, industry, energy and electric power sectors.

Afterwards, the Senior General gave guidance that the embassy staff were to strive for strengthening mutual



Myanmar Ambassador and embassy staff pay respects to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing. —MNA



Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratanasiri Wickremanayake cordially greets Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at the special lounge of Bandaranaike International Airport. —MNA

friendship, promotion of bilateral trade and increased bilateral cooperation in the international arena and offered gifts to the ambassador and wife.

Senior General Than Shwe and the goodwill delegation arrived at the special lounge of Bandaranaike International Airport at 10 am to leave Colombo for Nay Pyi Taw.

At the airport, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing cordially greeted Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratanasiri

Wickremanayake, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Culture Hon. Mr Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana and wife, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna and wife, high-ranking officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin and wife and embassy staff and families.

The goodwill delegation headed by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend luncheon hosted by North Central Province Governor and Chief Minister



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—A luncheon was hosted to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing by North

Central Province Governor Mr Karunaratne Diulgane and North Central Province Chief Minister Mr Berty Premalal Dissanayake at the Chief Minister's Residence in Anurathapura

Archaeological Region on 14 November afternoon.

The North Central Province Governor, the North Central Province Chief Minister and officials welcomed Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing on their arrival at the Chief Minister's Residence in Anurathapura Archaeological Region at 1.15 pm.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and North Central Province Chief Minister of Anurathapura Archaeological Region and wife exchange gifts. —MNA

Central Province Governor, Chief Minister of Central Province of Sri Lanka host dinner in honour of Senior General Than Shwe and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Central Province Governor Mr Tikiri Kobbekaduwa of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Chief Minister of Central Province hosted a dinner in honour of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at Earl's Regency Hotel in Kandy, Sri Lanka, on 13 November evening.

On arrival at Earl's Regency Hotel at 7.45 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and wife were

welcomed and greeted by the Central Province Governor and Chief Minister of Central Province.

Together with the Senior General and wife at the dinner were member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, ministers, deputy ministers, the Myanmar Am-

bassador to Sri Lanka and wife and departmental heads. Together with the Central Province Governor and Chief Minister of Central Province Mr Sarath Ekanayake were Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Culture Mr Mahinda Yapa Abeywardera, Kandy Mayor Mr LB Aluvihare, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna, Custodian of Sacred Tooth Relic Temple Mr Paradeep Nilanga Dela Diyawada and officials.

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Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing plant a mango sapling in the compound of Sacred Tooth Relic Temple. (News on page 1)

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Senior General Than Shwe ...

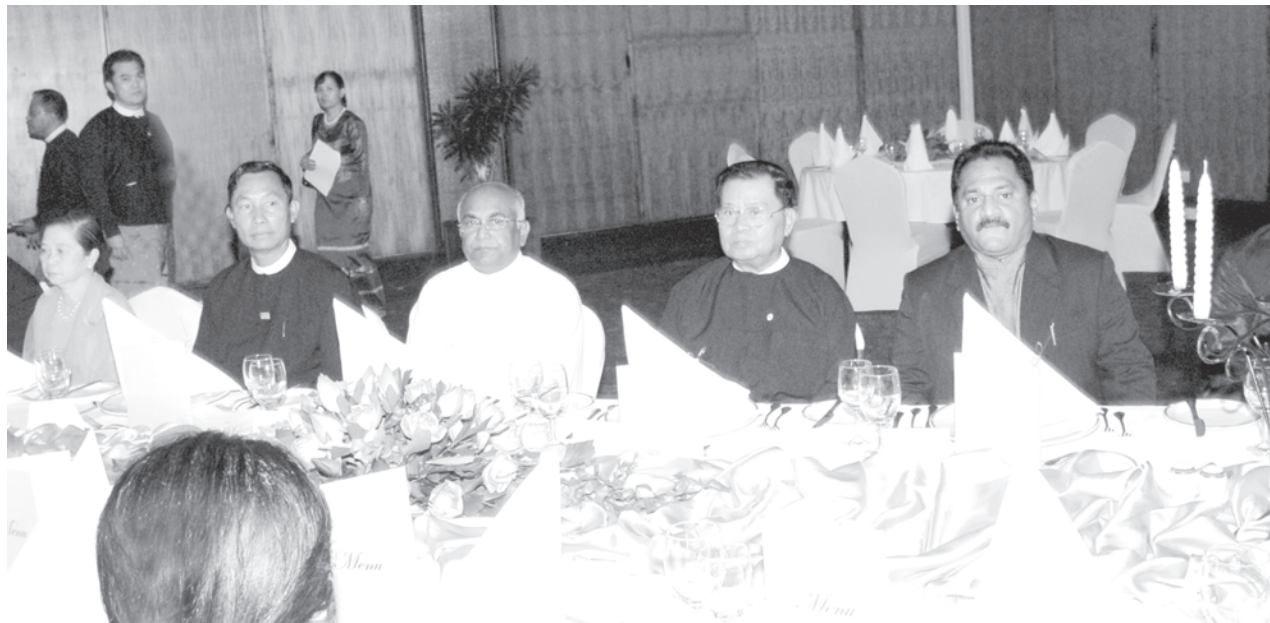
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Present at the luncheon together with Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, senior military officers and their wives, ministers, deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and wife and departmental heads, and together with North Central Province Governor Mr Karunarathne Dialgane and wife and North Central Province Chief Minister Mr Berty Premalal Dissanayake and wife were Minister of Culture of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and wife and Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna and wife.

After the luncheon, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing together with Governor Mr Karunarathne Dialgane, Chief Minister Mr Berty Premalal Dissanayake and their wives posed for a documentary photo.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing exchanged gifts with Governor Mr Karunarathne Dialgane, Chief Minister Mr Berty Premalal Dissanayake and their wives.

After signing the visitor's book, Senior General Than Shwe left the North Central Province Chief Minister's Residence.—MNA



Central Province Governor Mr Tikiri Kobbekaduwa of Sri Lanka and the Chief Minister host a dinner in honour of Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents gifts to staff and families of Myanmar Embassy.

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PM General Thein Sein meets families of Myanmar Embassy in Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar arriving in Singapore met with staff and their families of Myanmar Embassy to Singapore and gave necessary instructions to them at 7 pm yesterday.

Myanmar Ambassador U Win Myint and wife and staff families welcomed Prime Minister General Thein Sein, 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 upon their arrival at the embassy.

Next, the Myanmar ambassador and wife, embassy staff and their families paid their respects to the Prime Minister in line with Myanmar traditional customs.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister made clarification on prevailing conditions in economic and social fields and progress of international relation. In addition, he gave instructions to embassy staff to provide assistance to Myanmar who are working in Singapore and presented gifts to them.

Next, the Myanmar ambassador hosted dinner to the Prime Minister and party.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 1st ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 1st ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore, the Republic of Singapore at 3.20 pm yesterday.

Also present at the meeting were King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanul Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Hj Abd Razak, Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, US President Barak Obama, and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

On arrival at the hotel at 3 pm, the Heads of State/Government from ASEAN countries, the US president, and the US Secretary of State were welcomed by the Singaporean Prime Minister.

Before the meeting, they posed for a group photo.

At the meeting, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong extended greetings.

Alternate Chairman of ASEAN Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva delivered an introductory speech.

ASEAN-US Dialogue Coordinator Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo delivered a speech. The Heads of State/Government from ASEAN



Heads of State/Government pose for a group photo before the 1st ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting.—MNA

countries, the US president, and the US Secretary of State held talks about matters on ASEAN-US mutual interest. The meeting ended at 5.30 pm.

After the meeting, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party left the Shangri-La Hotel and arrived back at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein being greeted by Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong. MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 1st ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore, the Republic of Singapore.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives in Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, 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, left Myanmar by air on 14 November to attend the First ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting to be held in Singapore, the Republic of Singapore and arrived at Changi International Airport at 9.15 pm.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at the airport by Singaporean Transport Minister Mr Raymond Lin Siang Keat and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Win Myint and officials of the embassy.

Then, the Prime Minister and party went to Mandarin Oriental Hotel where they would stay. The staff of Myanmar Embassy to Singapore welcomed and presented bouquets to the Prime Minister and party.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being greeted by Singaporean Transport Minister Mr Raymond Lin Siang Keat and officials at Changi International Airport.

MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives back Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—After attending the 1st ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting at Singapore, the Republic of Singapore, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, and departmental heads, left the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in a motorcade and arrived at Changi International Airport at 7 am today.

He said goodbye to the Singaporean Minister of Human Resource Development, Head of the Protocol

Department Lim Cheng Ho, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Win Myint and embassy staff, who saw him off at the airport.

The Prime Minister and entourage arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw via Yangon.

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Clash along Saudi-Yemen border kills two

RIYADH, 16 Nov — Two Saudi soldiers were killed and five were wounded in a rebel attack at the Saudi-Yemen border, the Pan-Arab daily *Asharq Al Awsat* reported.

The London-based newspaper said medical sources in Jizan's Samtah hospital near the border reported receiving the bodies of two soldiers and admitting five wounded, including one with serious injuries. Five soldiers and four civilians have been killed since Nov 3. Saudi naval forces are increasing efforts to contain the rebels, Al Hayat reported. The Saudi navy is patrolling Yemen's northwest Red Sea coast and has seized five ships ferrying rebel infiltrators, the report said.

Iran and the United State have become more

publicly involved in the conflict. A report in The National cites remarks by Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki criticizing recent Saudi attacks on rebel positions and offering to "help restore security" in Yemen as evidence to Arab leaders of claims of Iran's expansionist foreign policy goals.

The United States reached a military cooperation agreement with Yemeni Chief of General Staff Ahmad Ali, Al Ashwal said, aimed at ending sea piracy off Yemen's coast. The training and security exchange agreement was reached after two days of talks in Yemen's capital Sana'a, Yemen's official Saba news agency reported.

Internet

Venezuela's president goes cloud bombing to ease drought

CARACAS, 16 Nov—Venezuela's president Hugo Chavez has said he will join a team of Cuban scientists on flights to "bomb clouds" to create rain amid a severe drought that has aroused public anger due to water and electricity rationing.

Chavez, who has asked Venezuelans to take three-minute showers to save water, said the Cubans had arrived in Venezuela and were preparing to fly specially equipped aircraft above the Orinoco river.

"I'm going in a plane; any cloud that crosses me, I'll zap it so that it rains," Chavez said at a ceremony late on Saturday with family members of five Cubans convicted of spying in the United States.

Many countries have programmes aimed at altering weather patterns, commonly known as cloud seeding, although the effectiveness of such techniques is disputed.

Firing silver iodine at clouds is one common method. China uses rockets loaded with the chemical to spur rainfall in arid regions. Chavez did not say what technology the Cubans will use.—*Internet*

Sex infections still growing in US, says CDC

WASHINGTON, 16 Nov—American squeamishness about talking about sex has helped keep common sexually transmitted infections far too common, especially among vulnerable teens, US researchers reported on Monday.

Latest statistics on chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis show the three highly treatable infections continue to spread in the United States.

"Chlamydia and gonorrhea are stable at unacceptably high levels and syphilis is resurgent after almost being eliminated," said John Douglas, director of the division of sexually transmitted diseases at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We have among the highest rates of STDs of any developed country in the world," Douglas added in a telephone interview.—*Internet*

A woman in costume talks on her mobile phone during the monthly Seoul Comic World event in Seoul on 15 Nov, 2009. XINHUA



Gas poisoning kills five in NW Turkey

ANKARA, 16 Nov—Five people were found dead from carbon monoxide poisoning in northwest Turkey's Istanbul city Sunday, Turkish media reported.

A woman, her daughter and three grandchildren were found dead Sunday morning in their house in Umraniye district of Istanbul, the private NTV channel reported. The deaths were caused by gas from the coal-burning stove, which was used for heating in the winter, the TV channel said.—*Xinhua*



A combination picture shows Lee Soo-hyun (L), 16, and Cho Hye-won, 16, posing before and after they dress up as a character from the Japanese animation 'Chobits' (top), at the monthly Seoul Comic World event in Seoul on 15 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Assailant shoots child through door

WASHINGTON, 16 Nov — A 9-year-old child was killed inside his Washington apartment when an assailant fired a bullet through the front door, authorities said.

The boy and his family hurried into their home to escape a robbery attempt, *The Washington Post* reported on Sunday. The assailant fired just before 10 pm EST Saturday, striking the child.

Police arrived before

paramedics and attempted, but failed, to revive the fatally wounded boy, the *Post* said.

Three people were questioned but no arrests have been announced.

Jim Graham, a member of the Washington City Council, visited the scene.

"Here's a boy in the safety of his own home," but he was killed anyway, Graham said.

Internet



A technician checks a Rolls Royce jet engine at Jakarta airport. British plane engine maker Rolls-Royce has said it had secured orders worth two billion dollars (1.33 billion euros) from Air China and Ethiopian Airlines.—INTERNET

Rolls-Royce wins two billion dollars in orders

LONDON, 16 Nov — British plane engine maker Rolls-Royce said Monday it had secured orders worth two billion dollars (1.33 billion euros) from Air China and Ethiopian Airlines.

Air China is spending 1.5 billion dollars for Trent 700 engines for its 20 A330 long-haul jets.

Ethiopian Airlines is spending 480 million dollars on Trent XWB for Airbus A350 planes on order, the company said.

Internet

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Owners display their rabbit in fancy dress and dark goggles during a rabbit fashion contest at the Rabbit Festa in Yokohama city in Kanagawa prefecture, suburban Tokyo. —XINHUA

Ever more Mexican children learn Chinese

MEXICO CITY, 16 Nov—Ever more Mexican children are learning Chinese as the third language, after most Mexicans' mother tongue Spanish and English, pushed by parents who believe it will be the language of the future.

Some senior Mexicans often say something "esta en Chino" (is in Chinese), meaning that it is hard to understand. But things are different nowadays — more and more Mexicans are able to understand, even write the "mysterious oriental language."

Abel Martinez, an eight-year-old boy, studies at Huaxia Chinese Culture Institute (ICCH), saying that he began to learn Chinese at age four and that he liked Chinese martial arts.

During a recent interview with *Xinhua*, Abel wrote many Chinese words with good handwriting. His sister, Samantha Martinez, a girl with beautiful eyes, also studies Chinese with her brother.

Supported by native Chinese teachers, many Mexican children cannot only learn the language and calligraphy, but also China's history and customs in an enjoyable way. They also take part in competitions and festivals associated with Chinese traditional culture.

The original idea of the ICCH, which works with China's embassy in Mexico, was to teach overseas Chinese children, but now 90 percent of the students are Mexicans, from all age groups.

A fever for the Chinese culture—covering fine arts, foods, martial arts and its language—began a decade ago in Mexico.—*Xinhua*

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UNESCO aids Syria to build six new educational centres

DAMASCUS, 16 Nov—The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Syria signed on Sunday an agreement on establishing six educational centres in the eastern region, the official SANA news agency reported.

The agreement aims at eliminating illiteracy, providing vocational training for grown-ups and achieving development in Raqqa, Deir Ezzor and Raqqa governorates in the east of Syria.

The agreement grants scholarships worthy of 120,000 US dollars for those involved in the project and stipulates that the Syrian government will fulfill the requirements of the project, providing necessary staff, tools, sites and so on, according to the report.

Internet

Italy arrests mafia boss, on run for 15 years

PALERMO, 16 Nov—Italian police arrested a top Sicilian mafia boss on Sunday who had been a fugitive for more than 15 years, dealing what a minister said was a major blow to the crime syndicate.

Domenico Raccuglia, considered the most prominent member of the Cosa Nostra after the most wanted fugitive, Matteo Messina Denaro,

has been convicted in absentia to three life sentences for murder and other Mafia crimes.

Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said Raccuglia's arrest was "one of the strongest blows inflicted on Mafia organisations in recent years because he was, effectively, the number two of Cosa Nostra."

Police said Raccuglia

had been seized in a house near Trapani, in the western tip of Sicily, and has been taken to the island's capital, Palermo. He was considered the head of important Mafia clans operating in and between the two cities. Although his wife was kept under police surveillance, he managed to father a second child while he was on the run.—*Internet*

Hawaii's famed white sandy beaches are shrinking

KAILUA, 16 Nov—Jenn Boneza remembers when the white sandy beach near the boat ramp in her hometown was wide enough for people to build sand castles. "It really used to be a beautiful beach," said the 35-year-old mother of two. "And now when you look at it, it's gone." What's happening to portions of the beach in Kailua — a sunny coastal

suburb of Honolulu where President Barack Obama spent his last two family vacations in the islands — is being repeated around the Hawaiian Islands.

Geologists say more than 70 percent of Kauai's beaches are eroding while Oahu has lost a quarter of its sandy shoreline. They warn the problem is only likely to get significantly worse in

coming decades as global warming causes sea levels to rise more rapidly. "It will probably have occurred to a scale that we will have only been able to save a few places and maintain beaches, and the rest are kind of a write-off," said Dolan Eversole, a coastal geologist with the University of Hawaii's Sea Grant programme.

Internet

Thinking of loved ones helps reduce pain

LOS ANGELES, 16 Nov — The mere thought of loved ones can help reduce pain, a new study suggests.

This underscores the importance of social relationships and staying socially connected, according to the study conducted by researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

In the study, the researchers asked 25 women whether simply looking at a photograph of their loved ones can reduce pain.

The participants had boyfriends with whom they had been in a good relationship for more than six months.

The women received moderately painful heat stimuli to their forearms

while they went through a number of different conditions. In one set of conditions, they viewed photographs of their boyfriend, a stranger and a chair.

"When the women were just looking at pictures of their partner, they actually reported less pain to the heat stimuli than when they were looking at pictures of an object or pictures of a stranger," said study co-author Naomi Eisenberger, assistant professor of psychology and director of UCLA's Social and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory. "Thus, the mere reminder of one's partner through a simple photograph was capable of reducing pain."

Xinhua



Photo taken on 15 Nov, 2009 shows a panorama of Fuxi Village with lots of ancient architectures that date to the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Fuchuan Yao Autonomous County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Fuxi village is one of dozens of ancient townships on the Xiaohe Road, connecting the Yangtze River in central China and Pearl River delta area.—XINHUA



Xinhua staff are busy preparing for the online broadcast of US President Obama's dialogue with Chinese youth in Shanghai, on 15 Nov, 2009. The dialogue, scheduled on 16 Nov, 2009 in Shanghai, will be broadcast live online by Xinhua, the online news service of the Xinhua News Agency.—XINHUA

Cooperation leads US, China to prosperity, security

SHANGHAI, 16 Nov — Bilateral cooperation between the United States and China enables both countries to be more prosperous and more secure, US President Barack Obama said here on Monday in a speech to a group of Chinese youngsters.

"Today we have a positive, constructive and comprehensive relation-

ship that opens the door to partnership on the key global issues of our time: economic recovery, development of clean energy, stopping the spread of nuclear weapons and the surge of climate change, the promotion of peace and security in Asia and around the globe," Obama said.

The president made the speech at the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, as part of his

four-day state visit to China.

"We have seen what is possible when we build on our mutual interests and engage on the basis of mutual respect," Obama said. The success of that engagement depends on understanding, on sustaining an open dialogue and learning about one another and from one another, the president said.

Xinhua

World leaders, officials meet to fight against hunger

ROME, 16 Nov — World leaders and officials gathered in Rome Monday for a three-day summit on food security, aiming to relieve over 1 billion people in the world from hunger.

"The silent hunger crisis, affecting one sixth of all of humanity, poses a serious risk for world peace and security. We urgently need to forge a broad consensus on the total and rapid eradication of hunger in the world," Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), said on the eve of the summit.

The Rome-based FAO, which organized the event, warned the global food insecurity situation has worsened and continues to represent a serious threat for humanity. With food prices remaining stubbornly high in developing countries, the number of people suffering from hunger has been growing relentlessly in recent years, while the global economic crisis is aggravating the situation by affecting jobs and deepening poverty.—Xinhua

Total population of six Gulf countries to reach 53 mln by 2020

DOHA, 16 Nov—The total population of the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is expected to increase by one-third to 53 million by 2020, a report said here on Sunday.

The rising population coupled with relative low age of youth would pose a big challenge to the six Gulf states, the report entitled "The GCC in 2020: The Gulf and its People" said.

The structure of workforce is undergoing changes, with an increasing number of educated women eager to start careers, said the report, released by the Economist Intelligence Unit and sponsored by Qatari Finance Center Authority.

However, the dependence on expatriate labors is likely to continue in the long term, as the construction of high-rising buildings and infrastructure requires large amount of staff.—Internet

Chavez 'won't accept mediation' in tensions with Colombia

CARACAS, 16 Nov — President Hugo Chavez says he won't accept international mediation efforts aimed at easing tensions between Venezuela and Colombia.

Long-standing tensions between the South American neighbors have worsened in recent months over Colombia's agreement to give the United States military more access to its bases — a deal that Chavez sees as a threat to Venezuela.

US and Colombian officials say the agreement is necessary to help fight drug trafficking and rebels who benefit from the illegal trade.

Chavez claims the deal could allow the US soldiers to launch a military offensive against Venezuela. Brazil offered last week to help mediate between Caracas and Bogota. Chavez said Sunday, "We don't accept mediation."—Internet

Deer breaks \$500 meat store window

Police in Illinois said surveillance video recorded a deer breaking a meat shop's \$500 plate glass window.

Bartonville Police Chief Brian Fengel said no one was injured on Thursday morning when the deer shattered the window of Echo

Valley Meats and ran off, the *Peoria (Ill) Journal* reported Friday.

"I know it's rut season for deer," Fengel said. "We've had a lot of deer accidents and a lot of deer running around."

Dave Alwan, owner of Echo Valley Meats, said deer meat is

among the products processed at his store.

"We're so good, they're just dying to get in," Alwan said.



Signs that warn drivers about deer wandering into the roadways have mysteriously shown up with red dots placed on their noses just in time for Christmas, in Town and Country, a western suburb of St Louis County, Missouri, on 16 Dec, 2000.

Sweden returns 22 human skulls to Hawaii

With a solemn ceremony in Stockholm's antiquities museum, Sweden marked the return of 22 skulls looted from a native Hawaiian community more than a century ago.

The symbolic ceremony on Saturday — attended by guests from Hawaii and the Nordic countries' own indigenous Sami population — was part of Sweden's increased efforts to return indigenous remains collected by scientists across the world.

The Swedish government in 2005 ordered its museums to search through their collections, and has since returned more than 20 human remains, mainly to Australia.

The Hawaiian skulls had been returned privately earlier Saturday so that the Hawaiian delegates could perform a ritual according to traditional customs.

Museum director Lars Amreus said he hoped the return would help "fulfill the spiritual circle" of those whose graves had been violated by the Swedish scientists.

"We know that they were collected, although by today's standards: they were looted," Amreus said. Greeting Amreus at the ceremony with the traditional nose-to-nose — or breath-of-life — greeting "Ha," Hawaiian delegation head William Aila thanked the Nordic country for helping to recover the remains of their ancestors.



Baskets of golf balls at a driving range. A man who dived by night into water hazards at dozens of South Korean golf courses to collect lost balls has been arrested for theft, police.

NEWS ALBUM

Climate change killing sea turtles

Climate change threatens the extinction of leatherback sea turtles that have called the Pacific Ocean home for 150 million years, scientists said.

Warmer temperatures and rising seas are further reducing turtle populations already devastated by beach development, net fishing and restaurants that consider turtle eggs a delicacy.

Just 32 leatherbacks were seen digging nests last year on a beach at Leatherback Sea Turtle National Park, Playa Grande, Costa Rica, where the park's turtle museum was abandoned three years ago and now is surrounded by weeds.

"We do not promote this as a turtle tourism destination anymore because we realize there are far too few turtles to please," Alvaro Fonseca, a park ranger, told *The New York Times* in a story published.

Moving eggs to hatcheries and artificially cooling nests with shade or irrigation may only help temporarily since sea turtles feed on reefs, which are dying in warmer, more acidic seas, wildlife experts said.



South African palaeontologist Adam Yates announces the discovery of a new species of dinosaur during a news conference in Johannesburg. Yates, a palaeontologist at Johannesburg's Wits University, said the seven-metre-long *Aardonyx celestae* occupied a "very significant position in the family tree of dinosaurs".

SPORTS

At long last, Michelle Wie gets 1st LPGA Tour win

GUADALAJARA, 16 Nov—Michelle Wie, LPGA Tour champion. Imagine that.

Wie ended her long wait by tapping in a birdie putt Sunday at the Lorena Ochoa Invitational, and her first tour title may finally quiet the skeptics who second-guessed her career decisions and questioned the fuss over a player without a pro victory.

“Wohttp://www never thought this would feel THIS great!!!!” Wie posted on her Twitter account. The 20-year-old closed with a 3-under 69 for a two-stroke victory over Paula Creamer. Wie finished it off in style, hitting a greenside bunker shot within a foot on the final hole.

When it was over, it was time for a celebration that was a decade in the making. Wie pulled the ball from the 18th hole, looked up to the sky, let out a big sigh of relief, bounced up and down and pumped her right fist.

After all the near misses, after all the expectations, she was a winner. “It’s definitely off my back,” Wie said. “I think that hopefully life will be a lot better, but I still have a lot of work to do.”—*Internet*



Michelle Wie, from the United States, holds her trophy after winning the Lorena Ochoa Invitational LPGA golf tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 15 Nov, 2009.

INTERNET

Crash victim Cudicini to make full recovery, say Spurs

LONDON, 16 Nov—Tottenham say goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini is expected to make a full recovery after surgery on injuries he suffered in an horrific motorbike crash. The 36-year-old Italian hit a car on Thursday while driving through east London, fracturing his wrist and damaging his pelvis.

The former Chelsea star was operated on at a private hospital on Friday and his north London club believe he is on course for a full recovery from an accident initially described as “life-changing” by ambulance staff.

Tottenham assistant manager Kevin Bond said on Sunday: “It’s going to

take some time, he will be on crutches for a period of time and no doubt he’ll be in hospital for a good few days yet,” Bond told Sky Sports News.—*Internet*



Tottenham say goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini, pictured in September 2009, is expected to make a full recovery after surgery on injuries he suffered in an horrific motorbike crash.—INTERNET



Serbian Novak Djokovic celebrates with his trophy at the end of his Paris Masters ATP tournament final tennis match against French Gael Monfils at the “Palais Omnisports de Paris Bercy” in Paris. Djokovic won 6-2, 5-7, 7-6.—INTERNET

Maradona banned two months

GENEVA, 16 Nov—Argentina coach Diego Maradona was banned for two months and fined more than 24,000 US dollars by FIFA on Sunday for a foul-mouthed rant last month.

Maradona was sanctioned after his outburst in an interview following his team beat Uruguay 1-0 to secure their berth in the 2010 South Africa World Cup in the last game of an 18-match South American qualifying campaign.

“The FIFA disciplinary committee...decided today to impose a two-month ban on taking part in any football related activity and a 25,000 CHF (about 24,630 dollars) fine on the head coach of Argentina Diego Maradona,” a FIFA statement said.

Soccer’s world governing body FIFA said the ban would start immediately and run until 15 Jan.

Maradona was appointed Argentina coach 13 months ago.

Xinhua



Argentina’s national soccer coach Diego Maradona reacts during their friendly soccer match against Spain at the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid, on 14 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Ligament damage sidelines Arsenal star Van Persie

LONDON, 16 Nov — Arsenal’s Premier League title hopes suffered a setback on Sunday after star striker Robin van Persie damaged ankle ligaments during the Netherlands’ 0-0 friendly draw with Italy.

The 26-year-old was stretched off the pitch after being tackled by Italian defender Giorgio Chiellini 14 minutes into Saturday’s game at Pescara and now faces a spell on the sidelines.

He told Dutch TV station NOS that he could miss around six weeks of action. “Van Persie has a partially ruptured ligament,” a Dutch Football Association (KNVB) official told the BBC on Sunday.

“It’s a serious injury. It’s impossible to put an exact time-frame on it because some players heal more quickly than others. It’s not a short-term injury.” Earlier, Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk said he believed the player had torn ligaments.

Internet

Djokovic edges Monfils to win Paris thriller

PARIS, 16 Nov—Novak Djokovic of Serbia secured back-to-back ATP titles on Sunday by edging past battling Frenchman Gael Monfils 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (7/3) in a thrilling Paris Masters final.

The win was the first for Djokovic in the Masters Series this year following four runner-up finishes and it will send him into the season-ending ATP Tour World Finals in London from November 22-29 as the favorite for many.

But it remains to be seen just how much his efforts here this week, and throughout the year, have taken out of him after he completed a tour-leading 94th match of the season.—*Internet*

Biedermann seals second world record in Berlin

BERLIN, 16 Nov — German swimmer Paul Biedermann earned his second world record at the short course World Cup on Sunday in Berlin.

The 23-year-old Biedermann finished in one minute and 39.37 seconds to improve his own 2008 record in 200m freestyle, slashing off 1.46 seconds.

With the mark, he became the first swimmer to stay beyond the 100-second-mark.

American star Phelps, who won eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, resigned the duel over 200-meter freestyle against Biedermann.

Phelps had no chances over 200-meter medley against South African swimmer Darian Townsend, who swam the world record in one minute and 51.55 seconds.

Townsend cut the record 1/100 seconds under the old mark set by American Ryan Lochte in April 2008.

The second day of the meeting produced again a flurry of world records.

Chinese swimmer Liu Zige equalized her old record over 200-meter butterfly in two minutes and 00.78 seconds. She was 1.72 seconds faster than last Wednesday in Stockholm.

Xinhua

China wins 3,000m relay at short track speedskating World Cup

WASHINGTON, 16 Nov — China edged their arch-rivals South Korea to take the women’s 3,000 meters relay title with a time of 4 minutes and 10.785 seconds at the short track World Cup speedskating final in Marquette, US on Sunday.

South Korea took second with just 0.001 second behind China, followed by Canada with a time of 4:10.825. — *Xinhua*



Netherlands’ forward Robin van Persie is treated by medics after a tackle during a FIFA World Cup 2010 friendly match against Italy at Adriatico stadium in Pescara on 14 November.—INTERNET



Residents visit a museum in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on the night of 14 Nov, 2009. More than 150 museums or cultural exhibitions were opened to the public for free during the annual "Night of Museums" in Buenos Aires. The cultural activity will finish at 2:00 AM on 15 Nov.—XINHUA

Explosion in health centre kills mother and infant in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Nov—In a terrible act a mother and her infant were killed as an explosive device went off inside a clinic in Herat Province west of Afghanistan, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

"The gruesome incident occurred in Gulran district on Saturday night when the explosive device planted by militants inside a stove exploded, killing a mother and her newly born child," Arman-e-Millie quoted Minister

for Public Health Syed Mohammad Amin Fatimi as saying. Three more persons including a nurse were injured, the newspaper further said.

Meantime, a local official Ghulam Farooq Majroh said that a hand grenade apparently was planted inside the stove and when the nurse wanted to burn wood inside the stove in order to warm the room suddenly it exploded and causing the tragedy.

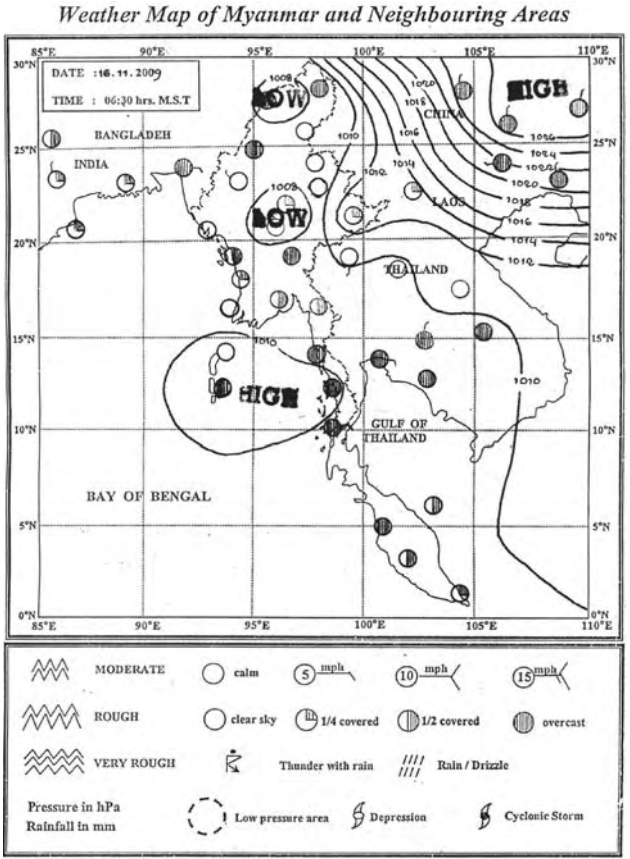
Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17-11-2009) (Tuesday)

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

- Local Transmission**
- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Travelogue "Yangon to Bagan"
 - * Myanma Cattle Market
 - * Lihsu Traditional Dance (Phae Khone Township)
 - * Kids' Talents "Kaung Khant Win Kyaw"
 - * Exquisite Silver Jewellery
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyine to Myeik)
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 - * Variety Dances of Myanma Marionette "Dance of the Royal Page Boys"
 - * Cow Decoration Items
 - * Honourable Composer Myoma Nyein (Pagoda Market)
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Inlay Wild Bird Sanctuary
 - * Rakhine Traditional First Crop Alms Offering Ceremony
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Monday, 16th November, 2009

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Chin State and Mandalay Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Putao and Machanbaw (0.28) inch each and PyinOoLwin (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-11-2009 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 16-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16 -11-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 15-11-2009 was (9.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-11-2009 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 Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 15-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17th November 2009: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions 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:** Slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-11-2009: Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 17 November
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
 3. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
 5. ကွန်းချောင်းရေလှောင်တံ
 6. Song of Yester Years
 7. "တန်ဖိုး"
 8. Musical Programme
 9. Song of National Races
 10. International News
 11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
 1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm**
2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
 3. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies
 4. အထူးသတိပြုသည့်အခန်းစာ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
 5. Songs for Uphold National Spirit
 6. Musical Programme
 7. "ရှင်သန်ခြင်း"
 8. ရင်မှစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်
 9. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**
10. Weather Report
 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
 12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့.
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၉)
 14. News
 15. International News
 16. Weather Report
 17. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "ရင်ထဲကဆောင်းရာသီ" (အပိုင်း-၂) (လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာပိုင်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ အိဖြူစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ဝဏ္ဏ)

- ★ 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

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein who arrived back from Singapore after participating in the first ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting in Singapore, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport here today.

The Prime Minister was also welcomed back by 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, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for

Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong and officials.

Members of the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein—Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads—also arrived back on the same flight.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA