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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

## Kantdaunt dam opened in Sagaing Div

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—The inauguration of Kantdaunt dam built by Construction Group-4 of Irrigation Department under Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at the dam near Kantdaunt Village in Pale

Township, Sagaing Division on 15 November morning. It was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Deputy Minister for

Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, departmental officials, members of social organizations, local people, and officials and staff of Construction Group-4.

First, the commander made an opening speech followed by the address of the deputy minister. A local of Pale Township thanked the government for construction of the dam.

Afterwards, the commander and the deputy minister cordially greeted the local people at the ceremony.

Next, the commander unveiled the stone inscriptions of the dam. And the commander and the deputy minister sprinkled scented water on it.

They inspected Kantdaunt dam and released fingerlings into the dam together with the rural people.

After hearing the reports on the records of construction and facilities of the dam, the commander and the deputy minister attended to the needs.

Kantdaunt dam is the 228<sup>th</sup> of its kind in the nation and the 25<sup>th</sup> of its kind in Sagaing Division. It was built on Kyaukbyut creek near Kantdaunt village. The dam is of earthen type with 79 feet in height, 1,800 feet in length, and storage capacity of 600 acre feet of water. The dam can benefit about 200 acres of farmlands, supply drinking water and irrigation water to local people and contribute to greening of the region.

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## Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (12)

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Ministry of Construction*

Myanmar is sharing border with Thailand, Laos, the People's Republic of China, India and Bangladesh, and the reference of highways with the road signs to be inked with the above countries were described in the byline No. 11.

The Asian Highways were designated as "A" before the highway number. For example, the highways were named A-1; A-2; A-14, etc. The ASEAN Highways were described as 'AH' before the highway numbers. For example, the highways were termed as AH-1; AH-2; AH-110, etc. The Mekong Region Highways were designated as 'R' before the highway numbers. For example, these were R-3, R-4, R-7, etc.

Same routes of the Asian Highways and the ASEAN Highways are the same in ASEAN countries including Myanmar. After holding a discussion on the designation of road names for the highways, the Asian Highways and the ASEAN Highways were termed as 'AH'. All the authorities agreed to designate the highways with one digit numbers and two digit numbers as the Asian Highways and the highways with three

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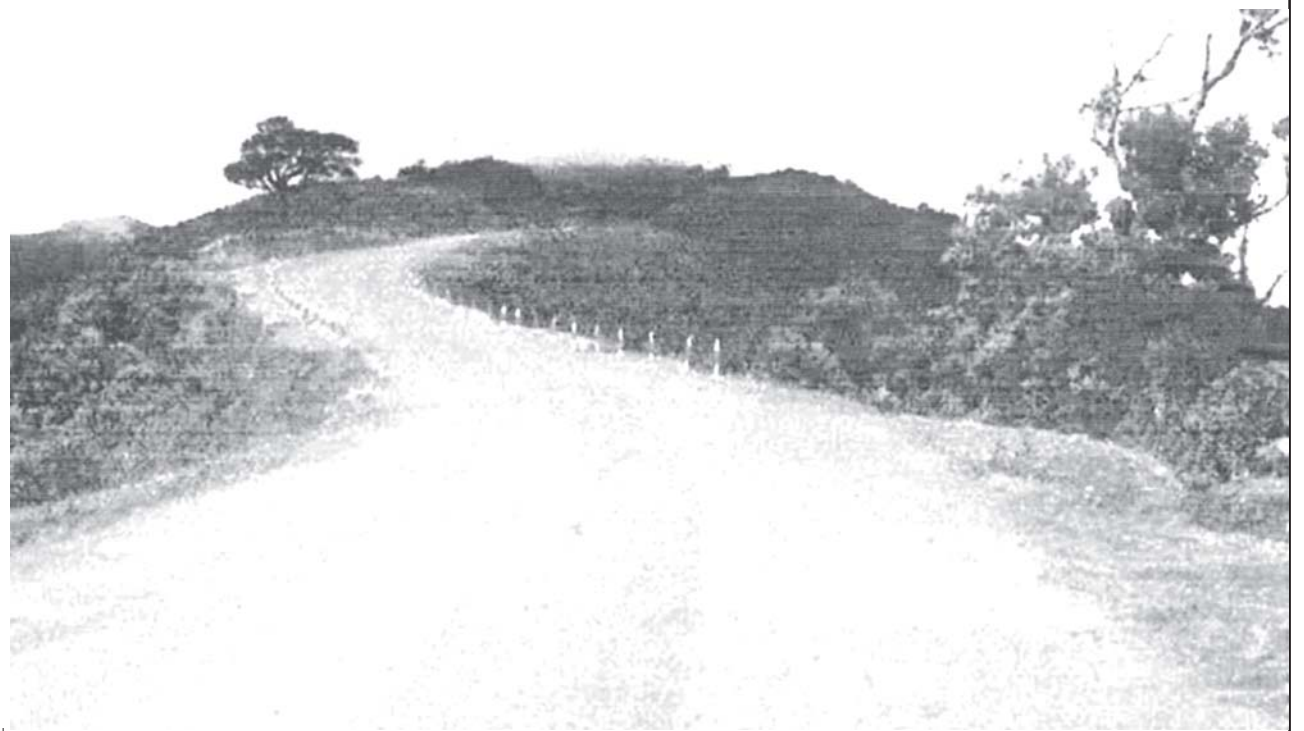


Photo shows Kengtung-Mongkhun-Mongkhok Road (Strategic Road).

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Develop agricultural and forest sector through increased cooperation among ASEAN member nations

The 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Minister for Agriculture and Forestry was held at Empire Hotel in Bandasri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 10 November, and the Myanmar delegation attended it.

At the meeting, the Myanmar delegation discussed the reduction of disadvantages of climate change for food sufficiency, regional cooperation and construction of infrastructures for development of agriculture and forest sectors.

It also discussed dissemination of modern technology, conducting training courses for research and development and human resources development and practice of international standards and work procedures.

The leaders of the delegations from 10 ASEAN countries plus three signed the MoU on development of agriculture, livestock breeding and forest products (2009-2014) on 11 November.

Due to the signing of the MoU, the ASEAN member nations will be to increase their cooperation in such measures as human resources development vital for production and trading of agricultural and forest products, exchange of technology and standardization and fumigation.

We believe that cooperation among the ASEAN nations themselves and between the ASEAN nations and their three partners will bring further development to agricultural and forest sectors of the region.

### Second Asian Youth U-18 Hockey Tournament continues

YANGON, 17 Nov— the Ministry of Sports, With the sponsorship of | organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation, the Second Asian Youth U-



**Match between Korea and Japan in progress.**  
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## People's Desire

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

### Commander presents cash awards to war veterans, students

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov— A ceremony to present cash awards to war veterans and students was held at the hall of Shan State War Veterans Supervisory Committee in Taunggyi on 12 November.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development

Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and officials presented cash awards to them.

On 14 November, the commander attended the ceremony to mark the World Diabetes Day held at Sao San Htun General Hospital in Taunggyi.—MNA

### Construction Minister inspects maintenances of Yangon-Pathein, Pantanaw-Einme-Myaungmya roads

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 14 November inspected paving of Yangon-Pathein road being undertaken by Asia World Co with B.O.T system and repairing of road between mile post No.15/4 and 15/5 and melting of tar for paving of tarred road.

Afterwards, the minister looked into overlay paving of Pantanaw-Einme-Myaungmya road between milepost No.11/6 and 11/7 in Einme Township



**Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects roadworks on Yangon-Pathein road.**  
CONSTRUCTION

Myaungmya District.

The minister met with district-and-township-level staff in Myaungmya

District office. The minister save instruction on construction of the roads, bridges and airport building

in order to meet the set standards, minimizing wastes and losses and site safety.—MNA

### Refresher course No. 7 for deputy township judges opens



**Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe gives a speech at Refresher Course No. 7 for deputy township judges.—MNA**

YANGON, 17 Nov— The opening ceremony of refresher course No. 7 for deputy township judges was held at the Training

Department of Supreme Court (Hlinethayar Training school), with an opening address by Deputy Chief Justice U

Thein Soe.

A total of 30 trainees are attending eight-week course.

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18 Hockey Tournament continued in Theinbyu Artificial Turf Pitch today.

Indian won over Sri Lanka 5-0 by a wide margin while Korea made an emphatic victory over Japan with 2-0.

Pakistan plays against Malaysia, Korea against Chinese (Taipei) and Japan against Singapore.

NLM

### Mr and Ms SMART Contest to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—To mark World AIDS Day 2009, Youth Development Programme under the Myanmar Medical Association will conduct Mr and Ms SMART Contest with the assistance of UNFPA.

The written exam will be held at MMA on 7 December and final contest will be at Chatrium Hotel on 11 December. Any interested youth may enroll with registration fee of K 1000 at No 249, Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here on 1, 2 and 3 December during office hours.

For more details, please dial Youth Development Programme (Ph: 380899, 394141, 378863, ext: 124 and 399020).—MNA

## 12 Afghans killed in attack on meeting with French

TAGAB VALLEY, 17 Nov—Rockets slammed into a market northeast of Kabul on Monday, killing 12 civilians but missing their presumed target: a meeting between France's top general in Afghanistan and dozens of tribal elders and senior local officials.

The attack also wounded 38 people, 20 of them critically. The market was crowded with shoppers because Monday is bazaar day in Tagab, a sprawling town of mud brick fortress-like

compounds and small fields along a river surrounded by the barren slopes and snowcapped peaks of the Hindu Kush mountain range.

Brig Gen Marcel Druart told *The Associated Press* that the meeting, known as a shura, continued despite the attack to show that the Taliban cannot disrupt NATO's plans in a tense valley where both sides are competing for influence.

"The shura didn't stop, and it was in my opinion

very important," Druart, who was unhurt, said at the NATO base in Nijrab, 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of Tagab.

The general was sitting down with about 40 Afghan officials to discuss a major French offensive launched the previous day. The purpose of the operation is to secure the area for a planned road that would bypass the capital, Kabul, while moving in supplies from neighbouring Pakistan.

*Internet*



Local residents gather around the site of a suicide bomb attack on the outskirts of Peshawar, on 16 Nov, 2009. A suicide car bomb ripped through a Pakistan police station in the northwest city of Peshawar on Monday, devastating part of the building and killing at least 6 people.—XINHUA

## Experts propose new ways to slow Africa's population growth

KAMPALA, 17 Nov—Pairing family planning services with HIV/AIDS treatment can help curb Africa's population growth rate which records a yearly increase of 2.5 percent, health experts said on Monday. Many of those seeking HIV/AIDS

information are often the ones who need to be offered birth control services, Maggwa Ndugga of Family Health International told *AFP*.

Ndugga said the strategy would be to use the enormous global investment made to

counter HIV/AIDS to provide information on family planning. "We started to realise that most of the people who were coming to us for HIV/AIDS information are the same people that we needed to be targeting for family planning services," Ndugga said during an international family health conference in Kampala.—*Internet*

*A patient looks at a notice board where a scene representing the death of a man infected by HIV/AIDS is painted on a paper in the Clinic of the Reach Out center Kampala, in 2003. Pairing family planning services with HIV/AIDS treatment can help curb Africa's population growth rate which records a yearly increase of 2.5 percent, health experts said on Monday.—INTERNET*



## Six people killed in car bomb in Iraq's Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 17 Nov—At least six people were killed and eight others injured in a car bomb explosion in central of the ethnically mixed city of Kirkuk on Monday, a local police chief said.

The incident occurred at sunset when a booby-trapped car parked at the Salahudin Street in the Khan al-Tamr neighbourhood, Brigadier Sarhat Abdul Qader told *Xinhua*.

The blast damaged several nearby shops, buildings and civilian cars, Qader said.

Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, is one of the disputed areas between the Kurds and both Arabs and Turkmen. The area has long been the hotbed of insurgency since the US-led invasion in 2003.

*Xinhua*

*A Filipino boy looks on as residents salvage belongings from the remains of their burnt homes in Mandaluyong city, east of Manila, Philippines, on 17 Nov, 2009. The fire, which occurred Monday night, razed about 400 shanties and left some 700 families homeless, investigators said. No one was reported injured.—INTERNET*

## Iran to continue attempts to obtain rights of uranium enrichment, cooperating with IAEA

TEHERAN, 17 Nov—Iran's permanent representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ali Asghar Soltanieh said on Monday that Iran will continue its attempts to obtain rights of uranium enrichment and will keep up cooperating with IAEA, semi-official

*Fars* news agency reported.

"The Islamic Republic will continue its non-stop attempts to obtain its rights, including the use of peaceful nuclear energy and uranium enrichment, and at the same time will continue its cooperation with IAEA," Soltanieh was quoted as

saying.

His comments came immediately after the IAEA's report, and said that the new report of the IAEA chief Mohamed El-Baradei on Iran's nuclear activity is something "regular" and "repetitive."

*Internet*



## Electricity-hungry Vietnam looks to join nuclear club

HANOI, 17 Nov—Vietnam is expected to take a key step towards meeting its burgeoning appetite for electricity by paving the way for its first nuclear power plant, but debate is still raging over the controversial project.

Parliament in the fast-growing communist state is set to vote at the end of November on the project

— which lawmakers have been mulling for more than a decade — after legalising the use of nuclear power in 2008.

Vietnam's atomic energy commission estimates that nuclear power could meet as much as 30 percent of the nation's energy needs by the middle of the century, compared with less than five percent initially.

But environmental and security concerns have prompted some experts to ask if the government is already moving too fast.

"You can't look at nuclear power plants as

you would at cars and just buy them as soon as possible," said Pham Duy Hien, chairman of the scientific council at Vietnam's Agency for Nuclear Safety.

The plan on the table is for the construction of reactors on two sites with a total capacity of 4,000 megawatts, at a cost estimated by experts at between 11 billion to 18 billion dollars.—*Internet*

## Most in world favour work smoking ban

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, 17 Nov—A majority of smokers worldwide support smoking bans in the workplace, a survey conducted by US researchers indicates.

The survey by RTI International and Harris Interactive surveyed more than 3,500 employees who smoke and more than 1,400 employers, both smokers and non-smokers, in 14 counties about their attitudes toward workplace smoking and cessation.

The study, published in the *International Journal of Public Health* online edition, shows 74 percent of smoking employees and 87 percent of employers felt the workplace should be smoke-free.—*Internet*

## China solar giant Suntech to set up 1<sup>st</sup> US plant

BEIJING, 17 Nov—China's solar panel maker Suntech Power Holdings Co, Ltd said on Monday it will set up its first US factory in the Greater Phoenix, Arizona area.

In a Press release, Suntech said it plans to make a final decision on the specific location of the plant in the coming weeks.

The plant will have an initial production capacity of 30 megawatts (MW) and is expected to begin production in the third

quarter of 2010, it said.

Steven Chan, Suntech's Chief Strategy Officer, said in Beijing the company will make an initial investment of 10 million US dollars.

Chan said the investment decision was made as the solar energy market grows rapidly in North America thanks to the region's pro-solar policies.

Suntech's Chairman and CEO Dr Zhengrong Shi said: "This is the first step in what I see as a long-term, strategic in-

vestment in the North American market."

"The leadership shown by the US government in advancing renewable energy will only improve the environment for further investments in the coming years." The US plant, which will be about 80,000 to 100,000 square feet, will employ over 75 full-time employees at launch and may double its staff within the year as the North American market develops, it said.

Xinhua



A man drops letters into a mailbox in San Francisco, California. The US Postal Service said on Monday it lost 3.8 billion dollars in the just-ended fiscal year, prompting the need for deeper cost cuts and additional help from Congress.—INTERNET

## US Postal Service loses 3.8 billion dollars, eyes new steps

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov—The US Postal Service said on Monday it lost 3.8 billion dollars in the just-ended fiscal year, prompting the need for deeper cost cuts and additional help from Congress.

The USPS, which is a self-supporting US government enterprise, said its losses in the fiscal year ended 30 September widened from 2.8 billion dollars in the prior year.

Losses grew despite implementation of six billion dollars in cost savings and a four billion dollar reduction in payments for retiree health benefits.

The USPS has already cut 40,000 employees and reduced overtime hours, transportation and other costs.

Operating revenues for the fiscal year fell to 68.1 billion dollars from 74.9 billion in 2008, as the agency coped with declining mail volumes and competition from private delivery services.

Internet

## Michelin to invest \$867 m in Indian tyre plant

NEW DELHI, 17 Nov—French tyre maker Michelin on Monday announced plans to invest nearly 900 million dollars to build a tyre plant to supply India's fast-growing vehicle market.

The plant will make radial truck and bus tyres and mainly target the country's domestic market, a statement by Michelin, one of the world's biggest tyre manufacturers, said.

"We believe that India holds tremendous potential for the Michelin Group in terms of establishing a world-class manufacturing facility," Prashant Prabhu, head of Michelin's Africa-India-Middle East division, said in a statement.—Internet



French tyre maker Michelin announced on Monday plans to invest nearly 900 million dollars to build a plant to supply tyres to India's fast-growing vehicle market.

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## Russia, EU sign energy early warning pact

MOSCOW, 17 Nov—Russia and the EU on Monday signed an energy early warning agreement they said would help avert sudden disruption of supply amid growing unease in Europe over possible cuts in gas supplies this winter.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin separately said that Russia and Slovakia were in talks on possible establishment of a gas storage and distribution facility in Slovakia.

Under the agreement



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin speaks during a Press conference in Moscow.

INTERNET

signed in Moscow, Russia and the EU will notify each other of any likely disruption to supplies of oil, gas or electricity and jointly work to find a so-

lution, the European Commission said in a statement.

Third parties will be allowed to participate in the arrangement, the Commission said.

"An energy crisis like the one the EU suffered in January is harmful for supply, transit and consuming countries alike," said EU Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs.

Internet

## GM loses \$1.15 b in third quarter

CHICAGO, 17 Nov—US automaker General Motors Co said on Monday that it has lost 1.15 billion dollars since emerging from bankruptcy on 10 July.

By announcing third-quarter results, GM gave the public its first comprehensive peek at the automaker's finances since it emerged from bankruptcy with about 50 billion dollars in federal aid.

The automaker posted a revenue of 28 billion dollars in the third quarter, up about 4.9 billion dollars compared to the second quarter, a boost credited to higher industry wide sales and stabilized market share in China, Brazil, India and Russia. GM had 3.3 billion dollars of operating cash flow and 42.6 billion dollars in cash and other available assets. That amount included 17.4 billion dollars in US and Canadian aid held in escrow. The amount of 42.6 billion dollars is expected to decline substantially in the fourth quarter because 8.1 billion dollars are budgeted for future loan repayments, costs for funding parts supplier Delphi and other expenses.

Xinhua

## Brazil's companies announce new oil discoveries

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Nov—Brazil's oil giants Petrobras and OGX announced on Monday their separate new oil discoveries in the Campos Basin off the country's southeastern coast.

The state-controlled Petrobras said it found light oil with estimated recoverable volumes of 25 million barrels in the area.

The find was made by the drilling of the exploratory well 3-MA-32A in shallow waters in

a new production area that extends to the northern part of the Marimba field in the Campos Basin.

The new find will increase Marimba's recoverable volume by 27 percent.

Petrobras attributed the successful drilling to the revision of the area's geological model and to the application of new seismic data interpretation techniques in the area.

As the production infrastructure is already in-

stalled in the area, the new well is expected to be interconnected to platform P-8 and to begin production by August 2010.

Petrobras said the discovery was the result of a strategy to explore new production areas which are located next to installed units, aiming to take advantage of the existing facilities.

The strategy has reduced the company's production costs and sped up production, it added.

Internet



Oil pipes cross the Amazonian rain forest in the state of Amazonia, Brazil. Petrobras has announced a new find of light crude oil in the huge Campos basin area in the southeast of the country, potentially as much as 25 million barrels.—INTERNET



Chinese exploration team unloads supplies at the port of the Great Wall Station in Antarctic, on 16 Nov, 2009. The 26<sup>th</sup> Antarctic exploration team of China completed the task of uploading supplies from Snow Dragon exploration ship to Great Wall Station on Monday after 4 days' work.—XINHUA

## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

### Ban warns of dangers of losing cultural differences as world grows closer

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Nov—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday cautioned against the erosion of diversity and rise of discrimination as the forces of globalization and technology bring disparate communities across the world closer together.

The secretary-general made the statement in his message marking the International Day for Tolerance, observed annually on 16 Nov.

In the message, Ban said that "Internet chatrooms and social networking sites enable us to connect with more people than we can hope to meet."

"Global branding and the growth of international social and cultural movements expose us on a daily basis to the tastes, opinions and habits of our fellow men and women," said Ban.

Xinhua

### Russia-Lebanon deal on MiG-29 to enter final phase soon

BEIRUT, 17 Nov—Russia's plan to supply Lebanon with 10 MiG-29 fighter jets will enter its final phase soon, the Beirut-based *Al-Markazia* news agency reported on Monday. The news agency reported that a Russian military group of experts will be visiting Lebanon in the next few days, on a mission that consists of exploring the capabilities of Lebanese airports to maintain the MiGs.

Days later, Lebanese military envoys

will pay a visit to Mosco win order to put the final touches on the deal, the report said. Lebanese President Michel Suleiman had planned to visit Russia last September, but the trip was canceled due to the busy schedule of his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev.

The deal was announced in December 2008 by Lebanese Defence Minister Elias Michel Murr during a visit to Moscow.

Xinhua

Space shuttle *Atlantis* lifts off from launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 16 Nov, 2009. *Atlantis* lifted off its seaside launch pad on Monday, loaded with spare parts to keep the International Space Station flying after the shuttles are retired next year.—XINHUA



### Spain seeking release of vessel seized by Somali pirates

MADRID, 17 Nov—Spain's Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said on Monday that the government is making all its efforts to seek for the sooner release of the tuna-fish vessel "Alakrana," which was seized by Somali pirates, but respecting the judicial power.

Moratinos did not mention the decision of the Prosecutor's Office, which reportedly requested more than 200 years of prison for the Somali pirates who kidnapped the vessel.

He called for calm over the issue while seeking a prompt solution.—Xinhua

## US supports one-China policy, welcomes peaceful development of cross-Straits ties

BEIJING, 17 Nov—The United States welcomes the peaceful development of cross-Straits ties and "more positive and stable" cross-Straits relations, said a China-US Joint Statement issued here on Tuesday. The statement said that both sides underscored the importance of the Taipei issue in China-US relations.

The Chinese side emphasized that the Taipei issue concerns China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and expressed the hope that the US side will honor its relevant commit-

ments and appreciate and support the Chinese side's position on this issue. The US side stated that the United States follows its one-China policy and abides by the principles of the three Sino-US joint communiques, said the statement.

The two sides reiterated that "the fundamental principle of respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity is at the core of the three Sino-US joint communiques which guide China-US relations. Neither side supports any attempts by

any force to undermine this principle," said the statement.

The two sides agreed that respecting each other's core interests is extremely important to ensure steady progress in China-US relations.

Both countries believe that to nurture and deepen bilateral strategic trust is essential to China-US relations in the new era.

The US side reiterated that it welcomes a strong, prosperous and successful China that plays a greater role in world affairs.

Xinhua



The China Lateral Museum is officially opened in Anyang City of Henan Province, north China, on 16 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

### Vietnam to host int'l exhibition on communications, electronics

HANOI, 17 Nov—Vietnam will host an international exhibition on communications and electronics on 18-21 Nov, drawing participation of about 200 companies from 18 countries and regions, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Information and Communications on

Tuesday.

The exhibition is among the biggest and most prestigious ones on communications, information technology, telecommunications and electronics in Vietnam, said the report.

The participation of famous foreign companies in the exhibition shows

that Vietnam is an attractive market for telecommunication, information technology and electronic products, said Bui Quoc Viet, head of the information and public relations department under the Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications Group.

Xinhua

## US space shuttle *Atlantis* lifts off on mission to ISS

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov—US space shuttle *Atlantis* lifted off on Monday from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on a mission to deliver a stockpile of spare parts for the orbiting International Space Station (ISS).

According to NASA, *Atlantis*' mission will focus on storing spare hardware on the exterior of the ISS. In total, NASA said some 27,250 pounds (12,360 kilograms) of spares will be delivered to keep the orbiting outpost in service after the shuttle fleet is retired, including two control moment gyroscopes, used in

maneuvering the station. An experiment by students at Texas Southern University in Houston that will study how microbes grow in microgravity is also heading to orbit aboard *Atlantis*.

"We wish you good luck, Godspeed, and we'll see you back here just after Thanksgiving," launch director Mike Leinbach told shuttle commander Charles Hobaugh right before the liftoff.

"We're excited to take this incredible vehicle for a ride and meet up with another incredible vehicle," Hobaugh said.—Xinhua

## OPEC weekly oil prices decline with fluctuation

VIENNA, 17 Nov—The weekly average prices of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) kept dropping with fluctuation last week, falling by 0.10 US dollars compared with the previous week to 76.26 dollars per barrel, the Vienna-based cartel said on Monday.

The OPEC oil prices kept fluctuating during the five trading days from 9 Nov to 13 Nov. It increased from 76.57 dollars per barrel on 9 Nov to 76.89 dollars on 11 Nov, and then declined to 75.26 dollars on 13 Nov.

OPEC weekly average oil prices have been oscillating within a narrow range from 76 dollars to 76.5 dollars per barrel for four weeks so far. It reflected that the increase of international oil prices is slowing down after a rapid rise in the first half of this year.

*Xinhua*

## Iran, Brazil with potentials to cooperate on nuclear activities

TEHRAN, 17 Nov—The Brazilian charge d'affaire in Teheran said on Monday that Iran and Brazil enjoy potentials to extend cooperation to nuclear activities, the semi-official *ISNA* news agency reported.

Ties between Iran and Brazil are mainly political and economic, however, "there are other potentials in various domains for cooperation, such as in energy and nuclear energy fields," Brazilian diplomat Phillip Flores Pinto was quoted as saying.

Pinto said Iran has the right to use peaceful nuclear energy and Brazil knows that Iran obeys the international regulations and it must have the opportunity to make the issue transparent, the report said.

Iran is Brazil's economic partner in the Middle East and could act as a gate for the country to the region and central Asia, he told *ISNA*.—*Xinhua*



**A big wheel at Berlin's Schlossplatz Square.**

**Fourteen people rescued by the fire brigade after being left dangling upside down from a fairground ride in Germany for nearly an hour have been slapped with a hefty bill, a spokesman has said.**

INTERNET

## X'mas sales to see first fall since 1980s

LONDON, 17 Nov—Retail expenditure this Christmas will fall for the first time since the late 1980s, as non-food sales decline by 2.5 percent or 1.3 billion pounds, according to a survey published on Tuesday.

Retail consultancy Verdict forecast the retail market would shrink by 0.7 percent year on year in the fourth quarter of 2009, equivalent to a decline of 535 million pounds—the first fall since Verdict's records began in 1989.

It said the sales decline in non-food will be driven by a recession-related 1 billion pound fall in housing related sectors (DIY, electricals, furniture, floorcoverings and homewares), along with the impact of price deflation in electricals and capacity withdrawal, such as the closure of toys-to-CD retailer Woolworths in January.

*Internet*

## Landslide in northern China kills 23

BEIJING, 17 Nov—A state media report says a massive landslide in northern China partially has buried a village and killed at least 23 people, and that rescuers are seeking survivors.

The official *Xinhua* News Agency says the landslide occurred Mon-

day in Zhangzishan Township, near Luliang city in northern Shanxi Province.

*Xinhua* said on Tuesday that rescuers have recovered 23 bodies from the debris so far, and that two people have been pulled out alive.

Most of those killed

were migrant workers who worked at a nearby coal mine.

*Xinhua* quoted the local Communist Party chief, Nie Chunyu, as saying that most of the victims were from the southwestern Yunnan Province.

*Xinhua*

## Australian surgeons separate conjoined twins

Australian surgeons on Tuesday successfully separated conjoined twins Krishna and Trishna after more than 27 hours of surgery.

Plastic surgeons have now moved in to work on the girls, aged two years and 11 months.

A team of 16 surgeons have been working to separate the pair at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital since on Monday morning.

The hospital's head of surgery Leo Donnan praised his doctors, who he



**Handout photo received from the Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital on 13 November and taken in August 2009 shows Trishna (L) and Krishna, the Bangladeshi set of twins who are joined at the head. Australian doctors admitted high-risk surgery to separate Bangladeshi twins who are joined at the head was "very fiddly" as the operation ballooned past 24 hours on Tuesday.**

said had worked seamlessly to separate the girls.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime operation that teams would do," Donnan told reporters outside the hospital.

Krishna and Trishna will remain in the hospital's intensive care unit for "a number of days", he said.

"And then they'll be slowly woken up."

Supporters remain optimistic the toddlers will pull through the risky procedure unharmed. The Bangladeshi orphans arrived in Australia just over two years ago through Moira Kelly's Children First Foundation.

## South African dinosaur bones fill in gaps

Dinosaur bones found in South Africa have filled in some blanks in the long evolutionary history of the extinct giant reptiles, a scientist says.

An Australian paleontologist has uncovered bones from three new species and the fangs of a previously unknown carnivorous dinosaur, Australia's *The Age* newspaper reported.

Adam Yates began the dig in 2006 expecting to find only massospondylus—South Africa's most common dinosaur. But he said he quickly realized it was something more exciting.

"We kept on finding bone after bone.

## S African woman survives after thrown from bridge

Police say a South African woman has survived after carjackers threw her off a nearly 200-foot (60-meter)-tall bridge.

Police Superintendent Vincent Mdunge said that no arrests have been made although four suspects were questioned and released.

*The South African Press Association* says Kavisha Seevnanarain was carjacked and then forced at gunpoint to go to ATMs to take out money. The 26-year-old was thrown off a bridge south of Durban.

## NEWS ALBUM



**The Ghost Forest art installation by British artist Angela Palmer is seen in Trafalgar Square in London on 16 November, 2009.**

## Oral health an indicator of overall health

A US dental professor says he sees the oral cavity as an indicator of overall health of the body.

Dr Li Mao of the University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore is a physician who wants to retool dental education so dentists practice more within the larger healthcare community.

Mao says in a study he led last year he found surface tissues inside the cheek could be checked to detect tobacco-induced damage in the lungs.

"We hypothesized that tobacco-induced molecular alterations in the oral epithelium are similar to those in the lungs," Mao says in statement.

## Rail Transportation Minister inspects railway project

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than left Pyawbwe station by RBE special train to inspect laying rail tracks and paving ballast between Nyantaw Village and Kanswe Village and Thaphanchaung station near Thaphanchaung Village, Pyawbwe Township in Pyawbwe-Natmauk railway section in Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railway project.

Next, the minister and party looked

into construction of road over bridge under Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay expressway undertaken by Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay expressway construction project near Paypinlay Village and construction of Taungnyaung station and roadwork near Taungnyaung Village, Pyawbwe Township.

The minister and party also inspected retaining walls and construction of Ywataw station near Ywataw Village in Pyawbwe



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad construction project.—MNA

Township.

There are six stations and 53 bridges under 10 feet and six bridges between 10 and 40 feet between

Pyawbwe and Ywataw railroad section. Staff of Myanma Railway are making efforts for timely completion of the facilities.—MNA

## Management Course No (35/36), Clerical Course No (64/65) commence

YANGON, 17 Nov—Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe addressed the opening of Management Course No (35/36) and Clerical Course No (64/65) at Central Training School of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department in Dagon Myothit (North)

Township here yesterday morning.

The deputy minister viewed the hostel, lecture rooms and canteen of the trainees. Altogether 150 trainees are attending 12-week courses. The management courses are attended by 60 trainees and the clerical courses 90.—MNA



Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe addresses opening of Management Course No (35/36) and Clerical Course No (64/65).—PBANRDA

## Sales centre of Lily Shoes Collection opened

YANGON, 17 Nov—Lily Shoes Collection opened its sale centre today.

To mark its opening ceremony, K 500,000 was donated to Shantiniketan Library of writer Sayagyi Paragu, K 200,000 to private journalists and K 100,000 to the funds of paying respects to doyen literati.

On the occasion, foreign-made shoes were sold at 15 per cent discount with the lucky draw programme. Special

sales will be made at 15 per cent discount from 16 to 30 November.

Best quality shoes with own idea for young and old Myanmar women of Lily Shoes Collection brand are being imported by Waide Footwear of Thailand. The shoes are made with the use of quality raw materials from the Republic of Korea.

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Opening of Lily Shoes Collection Footwear Gallery in progress.

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## Winners awarded in IBTC Open Golf Championships

YANGON, 17 Nov—The fourth and final round of the IBTC Open Golf Championships, the fourth leg of the Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, continued at Yedaguntaung Golf Club in Mandalay on 15 November morning.

After the fourth round, officials presented prizes to the daily best scorers in the men's amateur golfers divisions.

Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung presented first prize to Aung Win with 281 strokes. The second prize went to Bo Bo with 287 strokes and the third to Tin Lin Ko with 287 in the men's amateur golfers division.

Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han awarded the first prize to Naing Naing Lin (Srixon) with 280 strokes, the second to Myo Min Aung

(Trophy & Proshop) with 281 and the third to Yin Aung Latt with 283 in the professional golfers division.

On behalf of the President of MGF and MPGA, Vice-President U Min Thein presented cheque to Naing Naing Lin (Srixon).

International Beverages Trading Co Ltd mainly sponsored the championships together

with Air Bagan Ltd, KBZ Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), INAX, T-Home, CEPASA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and Yedaguntaung Golf Club.

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Vice-President U Min Thein of MGF and MPGA, presents cheque to Naing Naing Lin (Srixon), first prize winner of IBTC Open Golf Championships.—NLM

## 2<sup>nd</sup> U-18 Asian Youth Men's Hockey Tournament's dinner held

YANGON, 17 Nov—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner of U-18 Asian Youth Men's Hockey Tournament at Strand Hotel, here on 13 November evening and delivered an address.

Afterwards, the minister presented Tournament Director Mr. Nor Sreedharan Bin Adbullah the certificates for the tournament officials of U-18 Asian Youth Men's Hockey Tournament, and

also gave the certificates to Umpires Manager Mr. Billy Dillon for Umpires.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Hockey Federation gave the presents to the hockey players. And the minister and officials concerned received the gifts that the India, Pakistan, Korea, Malaysia and Chinese (Taipei) teams offered.

Myanmar, Korea, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Chinese (Taipei), Japan and Singapore teams took part in the Hockey Tournament.—MNA

## Religious Affairs Minister receives Pakistani Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Pakistani Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar HE Mr Qazi Mohammad Khalilullah at the ministry here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and officials.

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Photo shows Kantdaunt Dam. (News on page 1)

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The Celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of  
Convention on the Rights of the Child  
20<sup>th</sup> November, 2009  
Nay Pyi Taw

## Notice to Mariners issued for watercraft

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy will conduct the laying of 24-inch diameter pipeline for Yadana-Yangon local-used offshore natural gas pipelines laying project with the use of the pipeline laying vessel and supporting ships from 1 December 2009 to 31 May 2010.

The point of Yadana platform will be located at north latitude 15°07'23.95" and east longitude 94°46'55.64", Point TP6 at north latitude 15°20'30.00" and east longitude 95°23'00.00", Point TP5 at north latitude 15°26'30.00" and east longitude 95°31'30.00", Point TP4 at north latitude 15°31'30.00" and east

longitude 95°36'00.00", Point TP3 at north latitude 15°38'50.00" and east longitude 95°43'30.00", Point TP2A at north latitude 15°47'00.00" and east longitude 95°42'00.00", Point TP1 at north latitude 15°51'37.00" and east longitude 95°38'50.00", and Point Landfall at north latitude 15°54'05.20" and east longitude 95°36'54.00".

For avoiding the delay of pipeline laying works, the Notice to Mariner's was issued for various sizes of watercraft, cargo boats and trawlers not to pass, anchor and work fishery in four square kilometres along the pipeline during the pipeline laying period.

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## Certificate presentation for CPA, DA on 27 December

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—A ceremony to present certificates for Certified Public Accountant and Diploma in Accounting of the Myanmar Accountancy Council will be held at the training school (Yangon) of the Auditor-General's Office on Thakhin Mya Park Road in Ahlon Township at 9 am on 27 December.

The certificates will be conferred on those who passed the examination for CPA No. 29 Part-II held in February 2009 and the DA Course No. 30 Part-II held in July 2009. Prizes and cash awards will be given to the outstanding students in the respective subjects of CPA and DA courses.

All the students are to attend the ceremony and to pay K 3,000 for the ceremony fee and one passport-size photo to the training school (Yangon) between 1 to 18 December. They may take out the invitation cards in advance.

Those who won the highest mark in the respective subject will be announced at the training school (Yangon).—MNA

## Kyaw Zeyar Trading Group Co marks its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

YANGON, 17 Nov—Kyaw Zeyar Trading Group Co, Ltd hosted a dinner to mark its 10th anniversary at M3 Food Centre in Bahan Township here on 14 November evening, attended by departmental officials from departments, diplomats of foreign embassies in Myanmar, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs, technicians and sales agents and guests.

Managing Director Dr Naing Win of the company extended greetings and presented gifts to the guests. Those present were served with dinner.

The authorized distributor imported Panasonic P.A.B.X Exchanges,

Single Line Telephones, Cordless Telephones, Faxes, CCTV Cameras, Printers and others communication equipment of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co Ltd of Japan.

Those wishing to purchase Panasonic electronic equipment may contact the company, at No. 87, Pyay Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, Tel 216266, 216265 or 216264, on the top floor of Mingala Market at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> Streets, Mandalay, Tel 02-61626 or 02-61621 and No. 20, Taungnyo Road, Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Tel 067-21588 or 067-21599.—MNA



Managing Director Dr Naing Win of Kyaw Zeyar Trading Group Co Ltd extends greetings at its 10th anniversary dinner.—UMFCCI



## F&R Minister arrives back from Singapore



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun attending Special ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting, APEC CEO Meeting and related meetings in the Republic of Singapore.—F&R

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—A delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended Special ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting, APEC CEO Meeting and related meetings in the Republic of Singapore from 11 to 14 November. The delegation discussed matters related to ASEAN Infrastructure Fund, CMIM Unit, Macroeconomic and Surveillance Office (MFSO) at the Special ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting in

Marina Mandarin Hotel on 11 November.

They also discussed matters related to the impact of the global financial crisis to the United States of America and ASEAN and the balance and continuous economic development at Informal ASEAN-US Finance Ministers' Meeting in Suntec Singapore International Convention Exhibition Centre on 12 November.

The minister and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than

Nyein attended APEC CEO Meeting in Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre on 13 November.

At the meeting, leaders of the delegation from APEC countries exchanged views on the challenges of current economic field, global economic reform and consistency in economic development. The meeting came to end on 14 November. The delegation led by Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.—MNA

## Commander, Minister inspect Panmawady Suspension Bridge (Myinkaseik)

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung

Myint looked into maintenance of Panmawady Suspension Bridge (Myinkaseik) on 15 November.

Afterwards, the Minister inspected road repairing and maintenance along Pathein-Kankon-

Myinkaseik-Myaungmya road. And then he looked into bridge No.1/15 (Nyaungchaung bridge) construction site at mile post No 14/3, earth work of bridge approach road and progress of bridge construction.—MNA

## L&F Minister visits cold storage in Kyauknimaw Village of Dawei Tsp



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivers an address at coordination meeting on fish/meat sector at Dawei District Fisheries Department.—L & F

YANGON, 17 Nov—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 14 November viewed processing of cuttle fish at the cold storage of Naing Naing Aung Co Ltd in Kyauknimaw Village of Launglon Township.

On 16 November, the minister met with staff of the Fisheries Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and the Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank (Dawei) at the office of Dawei District Fisheries Department and gave in-

structions on efforts to be made for exceeding the targets in meat and fish sector of the State.

On 17 November, the minister attended the coordination meeting on fish/meat sector at the District Fisheries Department.

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## Passenger ship, push boat with oil barge collide near Pathein 126 passengers and crew rescued with 31 deaths, 19 missing Search and rescue works continue

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—A passenger ship and push boat with oil barge collided in the waters near Pathein on 15 November. Although most of the passengers and crew were rescued from the passenger ship, there were some deaths and missing. The search and rescue works are being carried out.

A private ship "Nay Myo Tun Gyi" with 176 passengers and crew on board running Pathein-Thethaung route left Pathein Port at 7 pm on 15 November. The passenger ship collided with a push boat "Dhana" with a diesel barge near Shanngu Village, 6.5 miles from Pathein at 8 pm. The bow of the passenger was

smashed and at sank on the scene.

As soon as they knew, the local people of Shanngu and surrounding villages arrived on the scene by motor boats and the Deputy Commander of South-West Command, officials, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and social organizations by hovercraft. They saved 126 passengers and crew out of 176. Up to yesterday, a total of 31 bodies were found, and search continued for 19 missing persons.

A total of 126 persons rescued on the scene were sent to Pathein. Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West

Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials of Relief and Resettlement Department accommodated and provided necessary health care services and assistance to the victims and sent them back to their respective native places.

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## Book on common child diseases in circulation

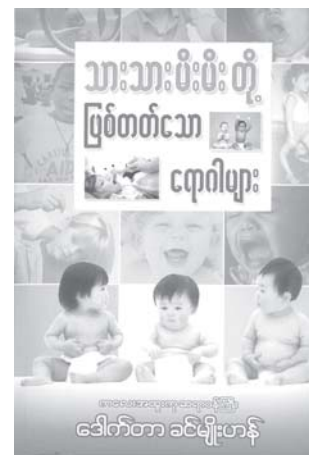
YANGON, 17 Nov—Book on common child diseases compiled by child specialist Dr Khin Myo Han has been in circulation.

The book includes five sections, namely common child illness, illness that should be paid serious attention to, cancer, infectious diseases and diseases that may develop accidentally. The book

suggests child's parents that they should provide health care and prevention on child illness.

The book is available for K 2000 per copy at Wisdom House, No. 101, Building (1191/1192), Letwemindin road, Mittamyunt ward, Tamway Township, Yangon (09-50585).

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Second round group matches of third Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament in progress.

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## Third Nay Pyi Taw inter-ministry men's volleyball tournament kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Second round of third Nay Pyi Taw inter-ministry men's volleyball tournament 2009 was held at Nay Pyi Taw volleyball grounds this morning. Among the spectators were officials concerned, staff families and fan.

In the morning matches, Ministry of Information won over Ministry of Livestock and Fishery 3-2 and Ministry of Commerce over Ministry of Forestry 3-nil.

In the evening matches, Ministry of Rail Transportation played against Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Home Affairs against Ministry of Industry-1.—MNA

# Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (12)

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Ministry of Construction*



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digits numbers as the ASEAN Highways. As such, the Asian Highway No. 1 and the ASEAN Highway No. 1 were termed as 'AH' in English.

Mandalay-Lashio-Muse road section was the Asian Highway No. 14 as well as the ASEAN Highways No. 110. After holding coordination, it was designated as the Asian Highway with two digit number and Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Highway as AH-14.

The technical matters are mainly included in the designation of the Asian Highways with the routes of road networks and highway numbers, the highway characteristics, the road directions and signboards similar to that of the ASEAN Highways. There are some differences between the standards and norms of the Asian Highways and the ASEAN Highways. At present, the Ministry of Construction of Myanmar is carrying out the construction and renovation of the highways in conformity with the road characteristics.

Myanmar joined the ASEAN on 23-7-1997. As the highways linking 10

ASEAN countries became the ASEAN Highways, the Ministry of Transport is taking the responsibility for the tasks of Myanmar ASEAN Transport and Communication Committee. The Road Administration Department under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is carrying out the tasks of designating the weight of vehicles, measurements and directions for road safety in conformity with the ASEAN road standards. Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is taking the responsibility for the construction and renovation of the ASEAN Highways in the road transport sector.

In observing the highways to be linked with Myanmar and surrounding countries, Asian/ASEAN Highway No. 1 from Myawady to Tamu, the Highway No. 2 from Tachilek to Meiktila, the Highway No. 3 from Kengtung to Mongla and the Highway No. 14 from Mandalay to Muse, to be linked with Thailand, the People's Republic of China and India, are main highways in Myanmar, and these routes are the same as many sections of the Union Highways in Myanmar.

It is necessary to construct and renovate the Asian/ASEAN Highways in Myanmar in accordance with the characteristics of the highways such as standards, norms and road signs. The weight of vehicle to use the highways and the maximum weight of an axle are to be standardized in accordance with prescribed norms.

The State Peace and Development Council promulgated the Highways Law (the Law Number 8/2000 of the State Peace and Development Council) on 17 November 2000. The law includes six chapters. They are:-

- Chapter (1): Title and Definitions
- Chapter (2): Objectives
- Chapter (3): Duties and Powers of the Ministry of Construction
- Chapter (4): Duties and Powers of Public Works
- Chapter (5): Offences and Penalties
- Chapter (6): Miscellaneous.

Practising the entrusted powers enacted in the law, the Ministry of Construction issued the Bylaw on Highways with the Order No. 1/2002 on 20 December 2002 with the approval of the government.

Mainly, the law and by-law on highways highlighted the following matters:-

- for assigning the duty to the Ministry of Construction to ensure good condition of highways in the entire nation,
- controlling the deterioration of road conditions (control of vehicle and weight and prohibition on growing of trees, dredging of drains, digging of ground, filling of earth and construction of buildings that can damage the road areas)
- drawing the plans for construction of the highways meeting set standards, and
- systematically maintaining the roads for their durability.

Thus, Management Committee of Ministry of Construction founded Road and Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement Team, according to (Meeting 3/2009), in order to reduce damages to roads and bridges before the end of lifespan. Since 2 March of 2009, the team first informed drivers of timber loaded ve-

hicles and timber companies in east and west parts of Bago mountain ranges about laws, punishment and rules to be abided by issuing pamphlets and notices. Furthermore, the team set weight (vehicle & load) that is appropriate to withstanding power of the road. Furthermore, platform scales are used on the road and severe punishment is imposed on overloaded vehicles.

Roads are constructed with different purposes, for example strategic road for military purpose, forest roads for production of timber, factory roads for manufacturing plants, roads for development of regions, and highways.

The Ministry of Construction is responsible for construction and maintenance of highways which are daily used by the public and thus vital for development of socio-economic sector of the State. Roads are graded as Main Roads connecting townships or districts, Provincial Roads linking States and Divisions and Union Highways constructed through States and Divisions. Furthermore, depending upon use, they are called as Strategic Highway, Primary Highway, Expressway and so on.

If above-mentioned roads are to be constructed or renovated, it is usually done only after analysis of estimated quantity of vehicles to use the road, estimated profit from the road to be constructed, estimated construction cost and calculation of economics of the roads. (It means the cost for construction of a road is such a huge amount that it needs to consider these points.)

Ministry of Construc-

tion first has to complete Geometric Design and Road Structure Design for road models and then starts construction work. Standard of road condition and geography is important for geometric design and quality of materials to be used in construction, quantity and weight of vehicles to use the road, lifespan of road and possible increased number of vehicles over the course of its lifespan.

Regularly, if a road is constructed, it must be in good condition during its expected lifespan just with regular maintenance and seasonal maintenance. The road cannot be left neglected. It needs regular check and maintenance for strength of the road throughout its whole lifespan. Moreover, vehicles to use the road also play an important part in strength of the road to endure to its full lifespan. (It means the durability of road will be affected if vehicles whose axle and load are not according to ones when geometric design is first drawn.)

It needs to keep overloaded vehicles in other words vehicles whose axle can not bear the load from running on roads in order to keep them in good condition. It is very dangerous to drive overloaded vehicles on the roads. We often see some vehicles that are overloaded and not in line with standard turn over when we travel on highways. If there is a road accident, vehicle owners will suffer from damages of vehicles and drivers and conductors will also have to face life threat. Furthermore, it also causes damages to the road and thus results in

short lifespan of the road.

Out of different modes of transportation services, motor road is mainly used in Myanmar. Thus, the major factor for decreasing and stability of commodity prices is smooth transportation and safe arrival to the desired destination. For example, if such foodstuff as potatoes, garlic and cabbage from Shan State, onion, edible oil crops and pepper from Upper Myanmar, are to be dispatched to Yangon or rice and marine products of Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions are to be transported to Upper Myanmar or Shan State, it needs to use 3-axle vehicles for 30 tons load, 6-axle vehicles for 60 tons load and by doing so, roads and vehicles will be less damaged, and goods can be transported to desired places, thus in the long run, there would not be high commodity prices.

In brief, in a road transportation system, road construction cost takes up 12 per cent, maintenance cost, three per cent of the whole transportation cost and remaining 85 per cent is vehicle operation cost. If a road is in bad condition, due to such everyday expenses ranging from costs of tyres, brakes, engine oil and lubricants of vehicles to costs for maintenance of other parts, cost of vehicles, and salaries of drivers and conductors and the budget of the State would be spent for a cause. Thus, vehicles running on roads of Myanmar need to have appropriate axle in accordance with international standard.

**Translation:**  
TTA+TKK



*Hpa-an-Kawkareik Road Section.*

## LG new products introduced

YANGON, 17 Nov—TMW Enterprise Ltd introduced new technology of LG Electronics at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

President of LG Electronics Mr Woody Nam extended greetings, and Managing Director of TMW Enterprise Ltd, the sole

agent of the country, U Wai Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Responsible persons of TMW Enterprise Ltd explained latest products on latest models of washing machine, healthy cool model and art cool model air-conditioners, LCD TV, Plasma TV and LED TV with modern

technology by applying energy saving technology and Bluetooth technology, and Managing Director Mr Howard Lee gave concluding remarks.

Also present on the occasion were sale agents of TMW Enterprise Ltd and journalists.

The LB brand high quality electronic products are available at LG electronic mobile shop at 123 on Sule Pagoda Road, the GL showroom at 56 A/B on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, TMW Tower at 352 at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> streets in East Aungnan Yeik of Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay and 126 on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Myoma Ward of Taunggyi and LG sale centres in other townships.

MNA



Washing machines, air conditioners, LCD TVs, Plasma TVs, and LED TVs on display at new tech introduction ceremony of LG Electronics.—MNA



President Mr Woody Nam extends greetings at new tech introduction ceremony of LG Electronics.—MNA

## Colombia detained troops illegally

CARACAS, 17 Nov—A Venezuelan commander contends Colombia wrongly detained four of his soldiers last week along the border separating the South American nations.

National Guard Gen Orlando Mijares says the troops were navigating the Meta River, which is part of the border, when Colombian soldiers intercepted their boat.

Mijares said on Monday that rivers on the frontier are considered international waters under agreements between Venezuela and Colombia, meaning troops from both countries are allowed to use them. Colombia sent the Venezuelans home over the weekend, saying it wanted to ease worsening tensions. There have been several shootings and slayings the past few weeks along the border.

Internet

## Drugs ads have some benefit, but risky too

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—Direct-to-consumer advertising of drugs offers some benefits but also has significant risks that can be magnified, US researchers said.

“American television viewers see as many as 16 hours of prescription drug advertisements each year, and the reality is that these ads are not doing a good job of helping consumers make better decisions about their health,” lead author Dominick L Frosch of the University of California, Los Angeles, said in a statement. “If the pharmaceutical industry isn’t willing to change the ads to make them more useful to consumers, Congress should consider passing legislation that will regulate the ads to improve the information provided in order to help patients make more informed choices.”

Frosch and his colleagues confirmed there are some benefits to drug ads, but they are limited and can be improved. The majority of ads fail to provide enough information to allow consumers to identify clearly whether the advertised drug is right for them.—Internet

## Brazil to earmark 58.8 million USD to fight malaria

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Nov—The Brazilian government on Monday announced that it will earmark 100 million reais (about 58.8 million US dollars) to launch a “roll back malaria” project in the country’s Amazon rainforest region in the next five years.

The money will benefit local communities in 47 municipalities in six states, said Jose Gomes Temporao, the country’s health minister, at the project’s inauguration ceremony in Manaus, Amazonas state.

These communities account for 70 percent of some 458,000 malaria cases registered in Brazil in 2007, he added.—Internet



This photo taken on 14 Oct, 2009 shows fishermen pulling a net full of jellyfish out of the ocean off the coast of Kokonogi, Japan. Once considered a rarity occurring every 40 years, jellyfish swarms are now an almost annual occurrence along several thousand kilometers (miles) of Japanese coast, and far beyond Japan, decimating local fishing industries from the Japan Sea to the Black Sea.—INTERNET

## Five dead, Minister wounded in south Sudan unrest



A map of Sudan showing the north-south boundary and the country’s oil fields.—INTERNET

JUBA, 17 Nov—Five people were killed and seven wounded, including a minister in the south Sudan regional government, when a gunbattle erupted between rival ethnic groups, officials said on Monday.

Gunmen ambushed the convoy of the south’s agriculture and forestry minister Samson Kwaje on Sunday, as he drove in Lainya county in Central Equatoria state, some 60 kilometres (40 miles) southwest of the regional capital Juba.

“Five people were killed and seven wounded, including the minister, who was shot in his right arm,” said Major General Kuol Deim Kuol, spokesman for the southern former rebel Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA).

Internet

Performers dressed as natives take part in a traditional folk festival in San Martin in the province of Meta on 15 Nov, 2009.

The annual festival, which has at least 270 years of history, commemorates the native people’s struggle for freedom against Spanish colonization.—XINHUA



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV ORIENTAL ELF VOYNO (002 )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL ELF VOYNO (002 ) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 18.11.2009 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.

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**INVITATION**

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified companies to submit their best proposal for the human resources management services for non-clerical employees (technicians, watchmen, gardeners, cleaning services, and drivers) at the Indonesian Embassy Office and send it to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

For further information, please contact the Committee of Employee Requirement (Gopokson, Firman, and Djumara) at Indonesian Embassy Office (tel. nos.: 01-254465, 254469 or faxes. no.:01- 254468).

Interested companies may come to the Embassy during office hours (09.00 am - 04.00 pm) from 18 to 24 November 2009. The proposals are to be submitted by 27 November 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, 17 November 2009

**S Korea decides to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 4% from 2005 level**

SEOUL, 17 Nov—South Korea will cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 4 percent from its 2005 level by 2020, the country's presidential office Cheong Wa Dae said on Tuesday.

It would be equivalent to 30 percent of the proposed Business-as-usual (BAU) guideline.

The decision was made at a weekly Cabinet meeting chaired by President Lee Myung-bak on Tuesday. The government has weighed three options on gas emissions cut target. Besides the 4-percent plan, the other two was an 8 percent increase of the 2005 level or the same amount as the emission in the cited year.

The business circle has been arguing that the 4-percent target, the most radical option among the three, is too severe for them to meet, worrying over the heavy cost expected.

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Dated. November 18, 2009

**"Electro Tech 2009" expo to be held in Nepal**

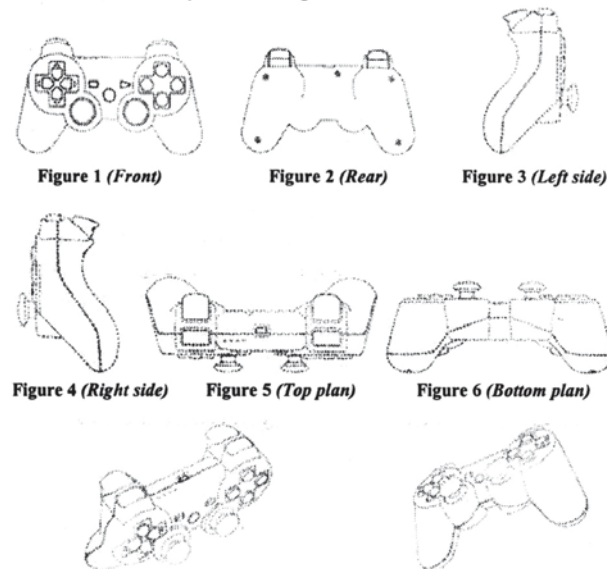
KATHMANDU, 17 Nov—Nepal Electrical Association is geared up for the fifth international electrical-electronic products' exhibition and symposium "Electro Tech 2009" which will be held from 1 to 5 Dec, local media reported on Tuesday.

According to local newspaper *The Himalayan Times*, the exhibition and symposium is targeted at making people aware of electronic items available in the world market as well as the importance of electronic usage while conserving energy methods.

Xinhua

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**Nine killed, 64 injured in road accident in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 17 Nov—Nine people, including a six-month-old baby boy, were killed and more than 60 others were injured on Monday afternoon as two buses collided in a fatal accident on Bangladesh's Tangail-Dhaka highway in Mirzapur sub-district, some 90 km northwest of capital Dhaka.

Police were quoted by private news agency UNB as saying that a Dhaka-bound bus collided with another bus coming from the opposite direction at about 03:30 pm, leaving five people dead on the spot and injuring 64 others.

Xinhua

*A Russian man carrying a red umbrella walks down a snowy sidewalk in St Petersburg during the city's first major snowfall. Russians are gearing up for the long winter ahead.*

INTERNET



**Death toll in El Salvador storms rises to 194**

SAN SALVADOR, 17 Nov—The death toll in El Salvador from the rains and flooding caused by Hurricane Ida has reached 194, said an official report released on Monday.

Apart from the confirmed deaths, 80 others remained missing, and the number of homeless had risen to 15,090, according to the country's National System of Civil Protection.

About 223 houses were destroyed and another 239 were damaged, the report said. Moreover, about 103 schools were damaged and three health centers were destroyed, it said.

The storms had destroyed or seriously damaged 34 bridges and seriously affected 93 highways, 50 of which had been repaired, it added.

Many nations as well as international and regional groups, including Cuba, Guatemala, Japan, Nicaragua, Mexico, the United States, Spain and Venezuela as well as the United Nations have offered humanitarian aid to the country.

Xinhua

**Japanese engineer kidnapped by Yemen tribesmen**

SAN'A, 17 Nov—Armed tribesmen have kidnapped a Japanese engineer working in Yemen and demanded the government release one of their imprisoned tribe members, the Japanese Embassy and a Yemeni security official said on Monday.

Kohei Akiyama, the Embassy's first secretary, did not release the name of the kidnapped man or the private company he works for in Yemen. He said on Monday evening that the kidnapping took place more than a day earlier.

"Local tribesmen kidnapped the Japanese guy," Akiyama told *The Associated Press* by telephone from the capital San'a. "The Japanese Embassy has contacted the Yemeni authorities, who are carrying out some negotiations" with the kidnappers.

A Yemeni security official said the engineer was working on the construction of a school in an area about 12 miles (20 kilometers) northeast of San'a.

Internet



*Camels are seen taking a sunset walk along the beach at Jumeirah Beach Residences in Dubai, on 14 Nov, 2009. Dubai's ruler assured investors earlier this week it will have the support of its wealthier neighbour Abu Dhabi as it meets its financial obligations and said the emirate's future ambitions remain undeterred.—INTERNET*

## Benefit of annual mammographs questioned

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov—US health authorities have issued guidelines questioning the benefit of annual screening for breast cancer in women aged 40-49 and recommended only biennial mammograms for women over 50.

In an update of its 2002 recommendations, the US Preventive Service Task Force (USPSTF) said “the decision to start regular, biennial screening mammography before the age

of 50 years should be an individual one.”

After examining data from 600,830 women who underwent routine mammographs between 2000 and 2005, the USPSTF concluded that there was “moderate evidence that the net benefit is small for women aged 40 to 49.”

The study said screening for breast cancer in the 40-49 age group can often lead to misdiagnosis and unne-

cessary surgery, or can fail to detect the cancer altogether.

In an earlier survey, the USPSTF said that in 10 percent to 20 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer the tumors were not detected by mammography.

In another 10-20 percent of women, the task force added, growths were misdiagnosed as malignant, or cancerous, when they were benign.

Internet

## Cell phone use may be walking safety risk

CHAMPAIGN, 17 Nov—A University of Illinois study of pedestrian safety has found using a cell phone while walking can endanger one's health.

The study involved people crossing a virtual street while either talking on the phone or listening to music. The scientists said they discovered music-listeners were able to navigate traffic as well as the average unencumbered pedestrian. But users of hands-free cell

phones, however, took longer to cross the same street under the same conditions and were more likely to get run over by a vehicle.

“Many people assume that walking is so automatic that really nothing will get in the way,” said psychology Professor Art

Kramer, who led the research with Professor Jason McCarley and postdoctoral researcher Mark Neider. “But actually walking in environments that have lots of obstacles is perhaps not as automatic as one might think.”

Internet

## Tunisia confirms first two deaths of A/H1N1 flu

TUNIS, 17 Nov—Tunisia confirmed the death of two men with influenza A/H1N1, the first death cases in the north African country, government-run TV channel reported on Monday. “We recorded the first deaths with the virus in the country. The two dead men infected with A/H1N1 suffered from serious diseases and the virus had worsened their health problems,” Tunisia 7 channel quoted Monji Hamrouni, general director of basic health care centre, as saying.

Hamrouni did not give more details on the two victims, while local weekly Essabeh Elousboui reported that a man about 40 years old from the country's capital suffering from heart problems was reported dead of A/H1N1 flu on Sunday.—Xinhua

## France reports 11 more deaths from A/H1N1 flu

PARIS, 17 Nov—French health authorities announced Monday 11 more deaths from A/H1N1 flu on the mainland since 10 Nov.

The new victims include seven men and four women, the French Institute for Public Health Surveillance (In VS) said in a statement.

“In total, 43 deaths are attributed to A/H1N1 on the French mainland since the beginning of the epidemic in 2009,” the statement said. Among the casualties were five children aged three months to one year. Another 27 deaths occurred in French overseas territories. Meanwhile, a primary school in southwestern France's Charente-Maritime department was closed due to suspected cases of A/H1N1 flu in four classes. A kindergarten and a primary school in Gers department, also in southwest France, were closed after children came down with flu symptoms.—Xinhua

## Death toll of A/H1N1 flu rises to 73 in Turkey

ANKARA, 17 Nov—Turkey has seen 13 more deaths caused by the A/H1N1 flu, bringing the death toll of the deadly disease to 73 in the country, said an official statement on Monday. The statement issued by Turkey's Health Ministry said that altogether 249 people infected with the flu were under treatment in hospitals and 56 of them were in intensive care units.

Turkey has witnessed a fast rise of A/H1N1 flu deaths during the past few weeks, with the first A/H1N1 flu case reported on 15 May. The first death case was a 28-year-old male hospital janitor in Ankara, who died on 24 Oct. On Monday, Turkey launched A/H1N1 flu vaccination for children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years as well as people suffering from chronic illnesses.

Vaccinations are being given free of charge at local health clinics and family health centers, according to the Health Ministry.—Xinhua



*The San Antonio Silver Stars' Helen Darling undergoes a mammogram as part of an awareness-raising event in San Antonio, Texas. US health authorities have issued guidelines questioning the benefit of annual screening for breast cancer in women aged 40-49.*

INTERNET

## Diet may define healthy skin colour

ST ANDREWS, 17 Nov—Diet may be crucial to the look of healthy skin, researchers in Scotland and England said.

Fifty-four study participants at St Andrews in Scotland were asked to use specialized computer software to manipulate skin tone and brightness to make both male and female Caucasian faces appear as healthy as possible.

The study, published in *International Journal of Primatology*, found the study participants made skin lighter and more yellow

low to appear most healthy.

The researchers link lighter and more yellow skin colour to the “carotenoid pigments” found in fruit and vegetables.

“What we eat and not just how much we eat appears to be important for a healthy appearance,” study researcher David Perrett of the University of St Andrews in Scotland said in a statement. “The only natural way in which we can make our skin lighter and more yellow is to eat a more healthy diet high in fruit and vegetables.”—Xinhua

## Vitamin D deficiency linked with cardiovascular disease, death

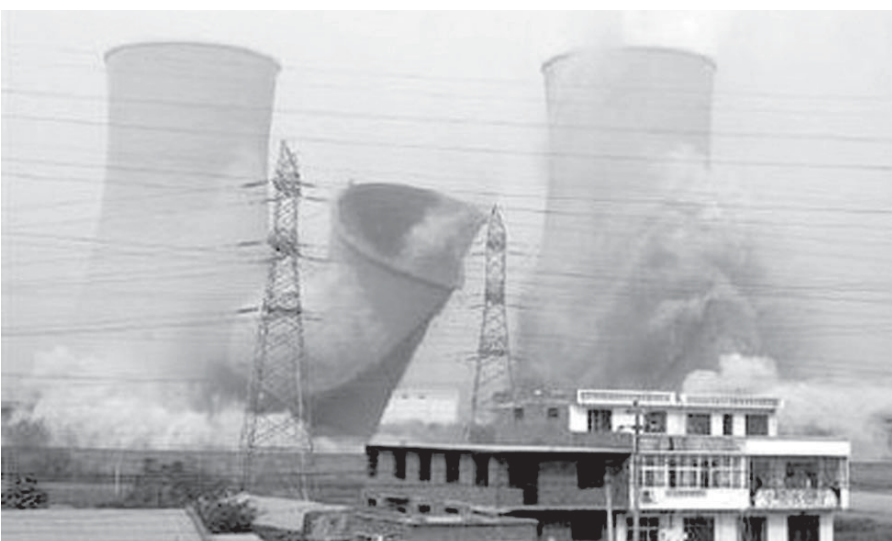
LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—People with inadequate levels of vitamin D may face greater risk of stroke, heart disease, and death, even though they've never had heart disease, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the Heart Institute at Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City presented their findings to the American Heart Association's Scientific Conference which opened on Monday in Orlando, Florida. The more-than-one-year study involved 27,686 patients who were 50 years of age or older with no prior history of cardiovascular disease. The participants had their blood Vitamin D levels tested during routine clinical care. The patients were divided into three groups based on their Vitamin D levels — normal (over 30 nanograms per milliliter), low (15-30 ng/ml), or very low (less than 15 ng/ml).

The patients were then followed to see if they developed some form of heart disease.—Internet

*Cooling towers are demolished in an attempt to save energy and reduce emissions, at a power plant in Xinxiang, Henan province, on 28 Oct, 2009. Binding international treaty to limit greenhouse gas emissions will slip to mid-2010 or beyond and a summit in Copenhagen next month will fall short of its ambitions, the UN said.*

INTERNET



## SPORTS

## Ronaldo resumes training, may play against Zurich

MADRID, 17 Nov—Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo resumed training on Monday, several



*Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo warms up as he takes part in his first training session after recovering from an ankle sprain in Madrid. Ronaldo resumed training on Monday, several weeks after suffering an ankle injury, and may be fit to play against FC Zurich in the Champions League next week.*

INTERNET

weeks after suffering an ankle injury, and may be fit to play against FC Zurich in the Champions League next week.

The world's most expensive player has said he hopes to play against Racing Santander in the league this weekend.

But Real does not want to risk him so soon, and he is expected to take the field again on November 25 against Zurich, before playing in the "clasico" match at Barcelona four days later, the club said.

The Portuguese winger was among a dozen or so players training on Monday, the others being absent due to international commitments.

Ronaldo injured his right ankle in Real's 3-0 Champions League victory over Marseille at the end of September and aggravated the problem while playing for Portugal on 10 October.—Internet

## Sudan on high alert for crunch Algeria-Egypt tie

KHARTOUM, 17 Nov—Sudanese police were on high alert on Monday as Algerian and Egyptian fans began arriving for this week's crunch World Cup qualification play-off amid mounting fears of trouble.

Despite a demand from Egypt for additional protection for its nationals and interests in Algeria, Egypt Air's Algiers offices were again ransacked by fans still angry over stonethrowing in Cairo last week that left three Algerian players injured.

"We have put all our security forces on their highest level of alert," Khartoum state governor Abderrahman al-Khidr told reporters in the Sudanese capital, adding that a total of 15,000 police would be on duty for Wednesday's game and ready to respond to any incident.

Khidr said that only 35,000 spectators would be allowed into the 41,000 capacity stadium in Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman to allow for segregation of the rival fans.

Algeria and Egypt each have an allocation of 9,000 tickets for their travelling fans.

"We are expecting 48 planes from Algeria and 18 from Egypt," Khidr said, adding that 2,000 fans were also travelling by road from neighbouring Egypt for the game.

The Khartoum governor said travelling fans needed to be aware of a shortage of hotel capacity in the Sudanese capital.

"For those who arrive on match day, the two sets of fans will be assigned separate areas to sleep in," where giant screens will also be set up to allow those without tickets to see the game.—Internet

## Beckham left off MLS all-star team

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—David Beckham may have led the Los Angeles Galaxy to the MLS championship game but he has been left off the league's all-star squad.

While Galaxy midfielder Landon Donovan and Swedish star Freddie Ljunberg made the squad there was no room for Beckham.

Beckham's Galaxy will face Real Salt Lake in the 2009 MLS Cup game in Seattle on Sunday.

Donovan and Ljunberg were two of the five midfielders on the 11-man all-star team which also comprised one goalkeeper, three defenders and two forwards.

Chivas USA's Zach Thornton was picked as a goalkeeper while the de-



*David Beckham, pictured, has been left off the Los Angeles Galaxy's all-star squad for their match against Real Salt Lake in the forthcoming 2009 MLS Cup game in Seattle.*

INTERNET

fence featured Columbus Crew centre back Chad Marshall, Houston Dynamo's Geoff Cameron and the Chicago Fire's Wilman Conde.

Internet

## Nadal, Verdasco to lead Spain for Davis Cup final

MADRID, 17 Nov—World No 2 Rafael Nadal and No 8 Fernando Verdasco will lead the Spanish side for next month's Davis Cup final against the Czech Republic, said captain Albert Costa on Monday.

Costa also called up David Ferrer and Feliciano Lopez in the four-man team for the 4-6 Dec tie on clay surface in Barcelona.

Nadal has not played for his country since the first round tie to Serbia in March. The injured clay-court king missed both the quarterfinal against Germany in July and September's semifinal clash against Israel.

Verdasco, who has returned to clinch a place at the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals at the end of this month, was also sidelined for the Israel tie.

A victory of the final will mark the fourth Davis Cup trophy for Spain in ten years.

Xinhua

## European giants face nery World Cup trials

PARIS, 17 Nov—Three years ago France beat Portugal in the World Cup semi-final - on Wednesday both could fail to even reach the 2010 finals as they take narrow leads into their play-off second leg clashes.



*French forward Andre-Pierre Gignac (left) during his squad's first leg of the World Cup 2010 play-off football match against the Republic of Ireland on 14 November. Three years ago France beat Portugal in the World Cup semi-final but both teams are now flagging as they drag narrow leads into their play-off second leg clashes.—INTERNET*

France, champions in 1998, hold a 1-0 lead over the Republic of Ireland while Portugal hold the same advantage over Bosnia Hercegovina though the French unlike the Portuguese have the added advantage of it being an away goal. The other two play-offs see Euro 2008 semi-finalists Russia also looking a bit shaky as they take a 2-1 lead to Slovenia while Ukraine - who made the 2006 finals - have everything to play for when they host Euro 2004 champions Greece in Donetsk as they are tied at 0-0. Related article: No room for panic, says Russia's Hiddink.

The French-Irish clash looks likely to be a high octane affair after the angry exchanges between rival players at the end of the match in Dublin on Saturday provoked by derogatory remarks by Real Madrid midfielder Lassana Diarra. Related article: France eye World Cup slot.—Internet

## Germany trains for first time since Enke suicide

BERLIN, 17 Nov—Germany's football team trained on Monday for the first time since the suicide of goalkeeper Robert Enke, with coach Joachim Loew saying the players were doing their best to return to normality. "I think that after yesterday's memorial service, which was very important for us all to attend ... we must now try to get back into a normal rhythm, to look ahead," Loew told reporters.

Enke, who was suffering from depression for many years, threw himself under a train last Tuesday, leaving the world of German football in a state of shock. He was 32. The national team took part in a memorial service attended by around 35,000 fans at Enke's home ground in Hanover before he was buried at a nearby cemetery next to his two-year-old daughter, who died in 2006.

Germany cancelled a friendly against Chile on Saturday out of respect for Enke. On Wednesday the team faces Ivory Coast in a friendly at Gelsenkirchen.

"The next one or two days will of course be important for me as coach in order to observe the players and talk to them to see who is capable and who has the strength to perform well on Wednesday," Loew said.—Internet



*Germany's football team head coach Joachim Loew (centre) gives instructions to the team during a training session in Duesseldorf, western Germany. Germany's national team has trained for the first time since the suicide of goalkeeper Robert Enke, with coach Joachim Loew saying the players are doing their best to return to normality.—INTERNET*

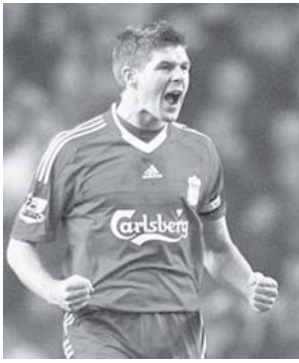
## S Africa seek scoring-sickness cure against Jamaica

JOHANNESBURG, 17 Nov—World Cup hosts South Africa get another chance on Tuesday against Jamaica in Bloemfontein to cure the scoring sickness that has infected the team. A goalless draw with Japan two days ago in Port Elizabeth meant Bafana Bafana (The Boys) have scored just once in the last six internationals, and that came against African football flyweights Madagascar.

South African supporters had high hopes against Japan with 1994 Brazil World Cup-winning coach Carlos Alberto Parreira starting a second spell in charge of the first African country to host the tournament. Controversial Blackburn striker Benni McCarthy was also back after a discipline-induced eight-month exile, but 'rust' accumulated from sitting on the bench in the English Premiership was all too apparent.

Internet

### Gerrard ready for City clash



Steven Gerrard

LONDON, 17 Nov— Liverpool skipper Steven Gerrard expects to be fit to face Manchester City this weekend after shaking off his groin problem.

Gerrard missed England's friendly with Brazil as he continued his recovery from the niggling injury.

The midfielder, who came off the bench last time out against Birmingham, has used the international break to step up his rehabilitation from the problem and believes he is over the worst.

"I felt very tired after the (Birmingham) game as I wasn't really ready to return," said Gerrard. "I'd done very little training in the three weeks beforehand."

"It took me two or three days to recover from that game but I have spent the past week doing strengthening work. I'm feeling a lot better now. I'm looking forward to the weekend. There's no mental hurdle to cross."

"I've had a problem in my groin that has taken a while to get over but I'm just relieved the second injection seems to have done the trick."

Internet



The China Lital Museum is officially opened in Anyang City of Henan Province, north China, 16 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (18-11-2009) (Wednesday)

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

#### Local Transmission

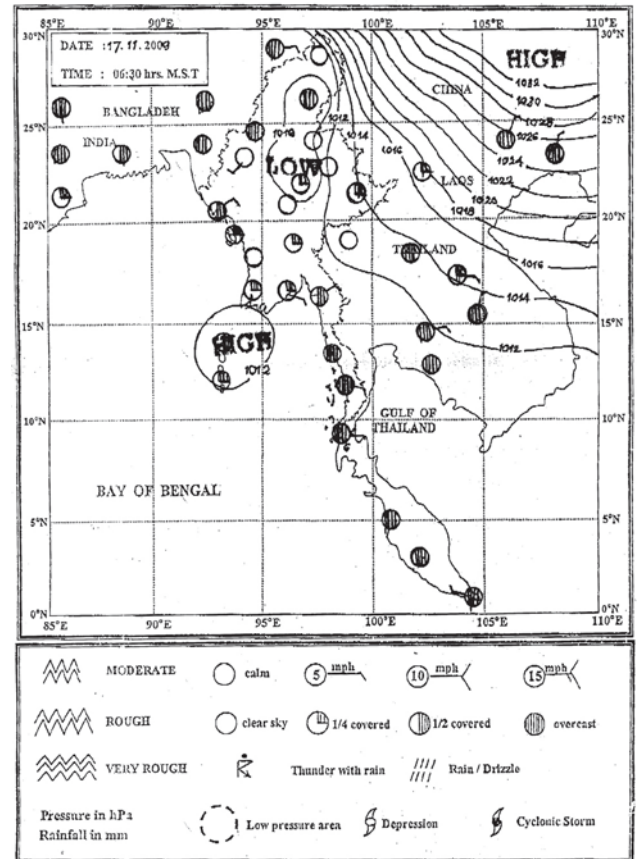
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- \* Nipa Palm Forest
- \* Production of A Delicious Seafood
- \* Teen-aged Pops "Only when you're near me"
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments (Percussion Instruments) (Drum)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Nipa Palm Forest
- \* Production of A Delicious Seafood
- \* Teen-aged Pops "Only when you're near me"
- \* National Dance
- \* Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments (Percussion Instruments) (Drum)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Upcountry farmland a bundant in paddy
- \* Traditional Pagoda Festivals of Mrauk U
- \* Beautiful Embossed Bark Painting
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Natural beauty of Puta-O
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Haka (6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Monghsat, Kyauktaw and Kawthoung (0.24) inch each and Tadar U (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 16-11-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 17-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-11-2009 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 16-11-2009 was (6.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 17-11-2009 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 (7) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 16-11-2009.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin States, Upper 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 moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-11-2009:** Generally fair.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, 18 November View on today

7:00 am

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7:15 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-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. မြန်မာ့ကြွေယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက 8:05 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:15 am

8. Musical Programme 8:30 am

9. မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာ ပြတိုက် 8:40 am

10. International News 8:50 am

11. ချောင်းကမ်းတေးက ရွာကလေး 4:00 pm

1. Martial Song 4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme 4:20 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ 4:30 pm

4. Song Of National Races 4:40 pm

5. "အားနာတယ်" 4:55 pm

6. Classical Song 5:05 pm

7. အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ) 5:20 pm

8. Songs For Uphold National Spirit 5:30 pm

9. ရွှေဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ် 5:40 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ 6:00 pm

11. Evening News

- 6:15 pm 12. Weather Report

- 6:20 pm 13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

- 6:40 pm 14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

- 7:05 pm 15. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

- 7:40 pm 16. ဝတ်မှုတ်တေးဂီတဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

- 8:00 pm 14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ချစ်မှာလားကွယ် ကြိုက်မှာလားကွယ် မေးစမ်းပါရစေ တိုးတိုးတိတ်တိတ်" (လူမင်းနန္ဒာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တိန်းစိုး)

- ★ 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

## Ngachin Dam contributing lush and green of Pakokku District

Article & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*

The Government is implementing small- and medium-scale dam projects spending the least expenditure to green the dry and hot regions and supply irrigation water to the farmlands. In so doing, Ngachin

Dam was built on Ngachin Creek, 1.5 miles north-west of Ngachin Village, Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District of Magway Division.

The dam was built with the aim of storing 1,160 acre feet of water,

irrigating 250 acres of farmlands in Seikpyu Township and contributing to lush and green of Pakokku District.

We, the news crew of Kyemon Daily, left Taungdwingyi by Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan train. While

in Taungdwingyi, we together with Deputy Staff Officer U Ye Htut of the office of Assistant Director for Construction (3) of Irrigation Department made a trip to Ngachin Dam.

The Deputy Staff Of-

ficer explained, "Ngachin Dam is constructed on Ngachin Creek, 1.5 miles northwest of Ngachin Village, Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District. A total of 970 acre feet of water flows into the dam annually. The embankment is

1980 feet long and 43 feet high with 300 feet long dyke".

Moreover, a total of 71 small dams and lakes are maintained for ensuring local rice sufficiency and regional greening task. The Irrigation Department built 47 dams and the local authorities, 24 facilities that benefit 8,628 acres of farmlands. The department has so far implemented 37 irrigation projects out of 47 and they irrigate 5,712 acres of farmlands.

According to the statistics in 2008, Seikpyu Township has 13 irrigation facilities including Ngachin Dam.

As such, the departments concerned and local people are to maintain Ngachin Dam in addition to the dams and reservoirs for ensuring local food sufficiency and the lush and green of the region.

Translation: TTA



Water control tower of Ngachin Dam in Seikpyu Township of Pakokku District.