



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents prizes to winners in English Language Competition

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—A ceremony to present awards to winners in the English Language Competition was held at Mingala Hall of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials, members of the panel of judges, members of social organizations and guests.

Leader of the panel of judges Rector Dr Myo Myint of Yangon University of Foreign Languages explained the purpose of holding the competition and presentation of prizes.

Maung Wai Yan Lin Myint of Mandalay Division demonstrated on competition in the basic level extempore talk contest, Ma Hsu Win Myat of Mandalay Division in the advanced level extempore talk, Ma Mon Chaw Lon and party of Kachin State in the basic level round table discussion and Ma Chit Sandi Lamin Tun and party of Yangon Division in the advanced level round table discussion. Maung Naw Thein of Kachin State spoke words of thanks.

After the competition, Prime Minister General Thein Sein awarded first prize winner Maung Wai Yan Lin Myint of Mandalay Division, second prize

winner Ma Naw Rosalind Ellen of Yangon Division and third prize winner Ma Khin Thawda Nyo of Shan State (South) in the basic level extempore talk contest; first prize winner Ma Hsu Win Myat of Mandalay Division, second prize winner Ma Myat Hnin Phyu of Yangon Division and third prize winner Ma The Myat Su of Magway Division in the advanced level extempore talk contest; first prize winners Ma Mon Chaw Lon and party of Kachin State second prize winners Ma Hsu Yamin San and party of Yangon Division and third prize winners Ma Ein Thu Swe and party of Bago Division (East) in

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein awards first prize to Ma Mon Chaw Lon and party in Basic Level Round Table Discussion of English Language Competition.

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Kawkareik enjoying peace and tranquillity

Article: Win Shwe; Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)



Gyaing (Kawkareik) Bridge that contributes to better transportation from Kawkareik to various regions of the Union.

After observing development undertakings in Myawady Township of Kayin State, we, news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily, made the next trip to Kawkareik Township, 45 miles from Myawady, along Hpa-an Road passing through Dawna Mountain Range.

Kawkareik Township is located in Kayin State. Due to favourable weather condition, the township successfully produces various kinds of crops. In the past, Kawkareik and Kyain-seikkyi townships were combined as Haungtharaw Township. In 1901, Haungtharaw Township was divided into Kawkareik and Kyain-seikkyi townships. The region covers hillocks and ridges of 3700 feet high Dawna Mountain Range.

Kawkareik Township is sharing border with Myawady Township in the east, Kyaikmaraw Township in the west, Kyain-seikkyi Township in the south and Hpa-an and Hlaingbwe townships in the north. Gyaing (Kawkareik) Bridge located in Kawkareik

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PERSPECTIVES

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Participate in keeping urban, rural areas clean

It is pleasant and delightful to view housing areas kept clean and tidy. Sanitation in human societies is an important part in fulfillment of the needs of the dwellers.

People can lead a peaceful life with commercial growth if everyone is in good health, commercially strategic cities see growing populations in Myanmar. So, the departments concerned pay serious attention to sanitation, greening housing areas, environmental conservation, and smooth traffic.

A wide range of disease control measures and sanitation work are in progress for keeping urban, rural areas clean and germ-free. In addition, plans are ongoing for regional greening and more and more parks with lakes are being built for the people to visit them for relaxation and recreation.

Now, parks are being upgraded for convenience of urban population. In the process, coloured fountains and lights are being installed in the parks, apart from decorating the parks with flower beds and landscaping plants, sprucing up the areas, and digging lakes.

Development affairs committees concerned are working in cooperation with related departments for making urban areas free from garbage, supply of safe water, better drainage system, and maintaining pavements of roads.

Beautifying urban and rural areas is the concern of every citizen. So, the entire people are to do their bit with a sense of duty in keeping urban areas, wards, houses, markets and surrounding areas clean and better drainage for a better society.

Family of Bayintnaung Market donates blood

YANGON, 21 Nov—The 10th collective blood donation ceremony of Bayintnaung Market under the Markets Department of Yangon City Development Committee was held at the market in Mayangon Township yesterday morning.

Vice-Chairman U Hla Aye of the market development committee and in-charge of National Blood Centre Dr Thida Aung of Yangon General Hospital gave speeches. Secretary of market development committee the blood donation committee U Khin Maung Lwin explained the purpose of blood donation.

The market development committee and wellwishers donated K 1,552,700 to the National Blood Centre.

At the ceremony, the shopkeepers and volunteers donated 378 bottles of blood.

Up to ninth time, the family of Bayintnaung Market donated 2,472 bottles of blood and K 18 million to National Blood Centre. The market development committee plans to donate blood twice a year.

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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's shield shooting contests kick off

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—The South-East Command Commander's Shield Men's and Women's Shooting Contests were opened at the shooting range of the station on 13 November.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win delivered an address and opened

the contest.

The commander, guests and spectators watched the participation of shooters.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, COs of regiments and units, the secretary of Mon State PDC, officials and members of social organizations.—MNA

F&R Minister addresses 115th coord meeting of BSC, MBA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addressed the 115th coordination meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association at the ministry here yesterday.

In his address, the minister called for the development of banking business by following the laws, rules and regulations. He also urged to develop e Banking System and nurture human resources.

The deputy minister and the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun makes a speech at 115th meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association.—F&R

reported on matters related to the banking works, managing directors of State-owned banks,

governors of Private Banks and managing directors the banking works carried out during this month.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks of the minister.

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Thongwa BEHS-1 and -2 to pay respects to old teachers

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Old students of Thongwa Basic Education High School No. 1 and No. 2 will hold the 12th respect paying ceremony at Thongwa BEHS No. 1 on 6 December.

Teachers of over 60

years old and old students were invited to attend the ceremony. Those wishing to make donations may contact U Than Tun (Shwebin Ngwebin) (Tel: 292192), U Saw Hlaing (Hla Gabar) (291311), U Mya Thein (661379), U

Ohn Kywe (290593), U Aung Than (571417), U Aung Than Soe (292264), U Kyin Toe (564642), U Ohn Thaug (09-5191646), Dr Htay Hla (095146090), U Zaw Naing (09-5018316), Ko Kyaw Kyaw Lay (09-

5179700) and U Ye Aung (095002811).

Arrangement has been made to pick the old students and teachers up at Yangon-Thongwa bus terminal (APC bus terminal) at 8 am.

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9th Conference of MHAA held

YANGON, 21 Nov—The opening of 9th Conference of Myanmar Health Assistants Association was held at University of Nursing here this morning.

Patron U Win Kyi of MHAA and Chairman U Aung Khin made speeches and wellwishers made donations. The officials later viewed the documentary photos and booths displayed at the hall and paid respects to the senior health assistants.

At the paper reading session of the conference's first day, retired health



Patron U Win Kyi of Myanmar Health Assistants Association making speech at the opening of 9th MHAA Conference.—MNA

assistant U Than Win extended greetings. Next, the activities—reading the minutes of 8th Conference,

submitting the work done in 2007-2009 fiscal year of CEC members, giving educational talks, displaying

clinics and sample medicines, presenting advice on reports of CEC — took place.—MNA

Russian strategic bombers patrol Arctic, Pacific

Moscow, 21 Nov — Two Russian strategic bombers have completed a patrol of the Arctic and Pacific oceans, an Air Force spokesman said on Friday.

“Two Tu-95 MS bombers took off from a Russian Air Force base in

eastern Russia on Wednesday, and flew from the neutral waters of the Arctic Ocean to the Aleutian Islands in the north Pacific Ocean,” Lt Col Vladimir Drik was quoted as saying by the RIA Novosti news agency.

The bombers were escorted by two NATO F-22 fighters during the 16-hour flight, Drik said.

The spokesman said the patrol was conducted in strict accordance with international rules on the use of airspace over neutral waters, without violating the borders of other states.

Russia resumed strategic bomber patrol flights over the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans in August 2007, following an order from then-president Vladimir Putin. The Tupolev Tu-95s are large, four-engine turboprop powered bombers with an unrefueled range of 15,000 kilometers.—Xinhua

Giant snails could help fight hunger

Uyo (Nigeria), 21 Nov — A readily available giant land snail could help reduce malnutrition and iron deficiency in African countries, a Nigerian researcher says.

The West African land snail, Archachatina marginata, is cheaper and more nutritious than beef, and is tasty when prepared in small pies, said Ukpong Udofia of the Department of Home Economics at Nigeria's University of Uyo.

Mothers and children asked to taste the pies preferred them to pies made with beef, Udofia said, noting the snails are rich in protein and iron. The snails, which can grow up to 350 grams, more than 12 ounces, also contain healthy amounts of fat, calcium, magnesium, copper, zinc and vitamins A, B6, B12, K, she said.

The land snail inhabits many forests and swamps in Africa and in recent years has been domestically cul-

tivated, though more for pets than for food.

Iron and protein deficiencies affect many mothers and their children in Africa and lead to serious health problems, the World Health Organization said.

Internet



Crew members of the Spanish trawler Alakrana wave from the deck of the ship, moments after the boat arrived back to the Seychelles. The Spanish trawler Alakrana and its crew of 36 docked safely in the Seychelles, three days after being released by the Somali pirates who captured them six weeks earlier.

INTERNET

Four security men killed in NW Pakistan's rocket attack

ISLAMABAD, 21 Nov — Four Pakistani security men, including an officer, were killed in a rocket attack at a security forces camp in North Waziristan tribal area on Saturday, local TV channel reported.

According to sources, militants fired rockets at a Frontier Constabulary camp in Razmak area of the tribal region, killing four security personnel, the private TV GEO News reported.

Security forces, in reply, shelled militants' hideouts in nearby mountains, leaving six militants dead in the action.

Pakistani army are conducting military operations in adjoining South Waziristan tribal area bordering Afghanistan. It has controlled many militant bases in the lawless region, which Washington considers as the center of Taliban and al-Qaeda remnants, but many militants were reported to have fled north to escape the offensive and have retaliated with deadly attacks.

Xinhua



Afghans gather at the site of a blast in Khost city. Bomb attacks have killed 23 people in Afghanistan, a deadly start to President Hamid Karzai's second term that underscored spiralling insecurity nine years into the US-led war.

INTERNET

Somali pirates seize Panamanian cargo ship off Yemeni coast

SANAA, 21 Nov — Yemen's Interior Ministry said on Friday that Somali pirates have seized a Panamanian cargo ship off southeast coast of Yemen at the Gulf of Aden.

The ministry said in a statement that the Panamanian-flagged ship called Red Sda Sbirt left Aden port late Thursday and was intercepted by the pirates after sailing about 36 nautical miles off the Yemeni port of Balhaf.

The multinational coalition task force had sent one of its military boats to the specific area where the hijacking took place in an attempt to save the ship, the Yemeni coast guard was quoted by the statement as saying.—Xinhua

Afghan official escapes attack, four bodyguards killed

KABUL, 21 Nov — Afghan parliament member Abdul Rasoul Sayaf on Friday escaped a roadside bomb attack in capital city Kabul, but his four bodyguards were killed and six injured.

Witnesses said the bomb hit Sayaf's convoy in Paghman district, north of Kabul, when he returned home from downtown Kabul.

Sayaf was one of the mujahedeen leaders during the war against Soviet Union forces during the 1980s. He became a parliament member in the post-Taliban country. Sayaf, an ethnic Pashtun, supported the incumbent Afghan president Hamid Karzai during this year's presidential election.—Xinhua



Members of Nicaragua's navy unload sacks containing drugs at the seaport at Bilwi, in the municipality of Puerto Cabeza on 20 Nov, 2009. Navy troops confiscated about 2.5 tons of cocaine during an anti-drug raid on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua, authorities said.—INTERNET

Four cases of H1N1 Tamiflu resistant

DURHAM, 21 Nov — Four patients with H1N1 influenza at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC, were resistant to Tamiflu, university officials confirmed on Friday.

A team of experts from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the North Carolina Public Health Department, Durham County Health Department and Duke University are working collaboratively to better understand the nature of the cases, which occurred in the past six weeks, the school said.—Internet

Industrialization will help Africa fully join world economy

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Nov—Industrialization can serve as “a critical engine of economic growth and development” for Africa, which, like the rest of the world, continues to feel the impact of the global economic and financial

crisis, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Friday.

“UN figures indicate that the world economy is poised for recovery, but for Africa to benefit the continent must focus on industrialization as a critical engine of economic growth and development,” Ban said in his message to mark the Africa Industrialization Day, observed annually on 20 Nov and whose theme this year

is “Industrialization for integration.”

Armed conflict, inadequate infrastructure, weak governance, limited financing and technological abilities, and policies that stifle entrepreneurship, limit competition and raise the cost of doing business are hindering the industrialization that Africa needs to fully join the global economy, he said.

Xinhua

World's longest bridge in Indonesia to boost agriculture

JAKARTA, 21 Nov—The world's longest bridge to be built in Indonesia's Sunda Strait will boost the agricultural sector, thus increasing the country's economy, *Kompas* daily quoted an official as saying here on Saturday.

“The Sunda Strait Bridge will facilitate sectors of agriculture, tourism and transportation to grow. Regional economy will be developed because economic result from the bridge will be bigger,” said the Chairman of the National Horticulture Council Benny A Kusbini here on Friday.

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Delta says SkyTeam could invest more in JAL

NEW YORK, 21 Nov—The chief executive of Delta Air Lines Inc (DAL.N) says the SkyTeam alliance of global carriers would be willing to invest more than its proposed \$1.02 billion in Japan Airlines (9205.T), the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The final proposed investment into JAL by the nine-airline SkyTeam alliance could be “greater than what we've stated” thus far, Richard Anderson said in an interview on Friday

with the newspaper.

“When you get that value, it can be financeable. You create a lot more value, and to-

gether parties can figure out how to monetize that value,” Anderson was quoted as saying.

Internet



An employee of Japan Airlines walks past its logo at Haneda Airport in Tokyo on 13 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Small Florida bank shuttered, 124th this year

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov—Florida banking regulators on Friday shut down Commerce Bank of Southwest Florida, marking the 124th US bank to succumb this year to the struggling economy and rising loan defaults.

The Federal Deposit

Insurance Corp took over the small bank in Fort Myers, Fla, with \$79.7 million in assets and \$76.7 million in deposits.

Central Bank, based in Stillwater, Minn, agreed to assume the deposits and assets of Commerce Bank of Southwest Florida. The

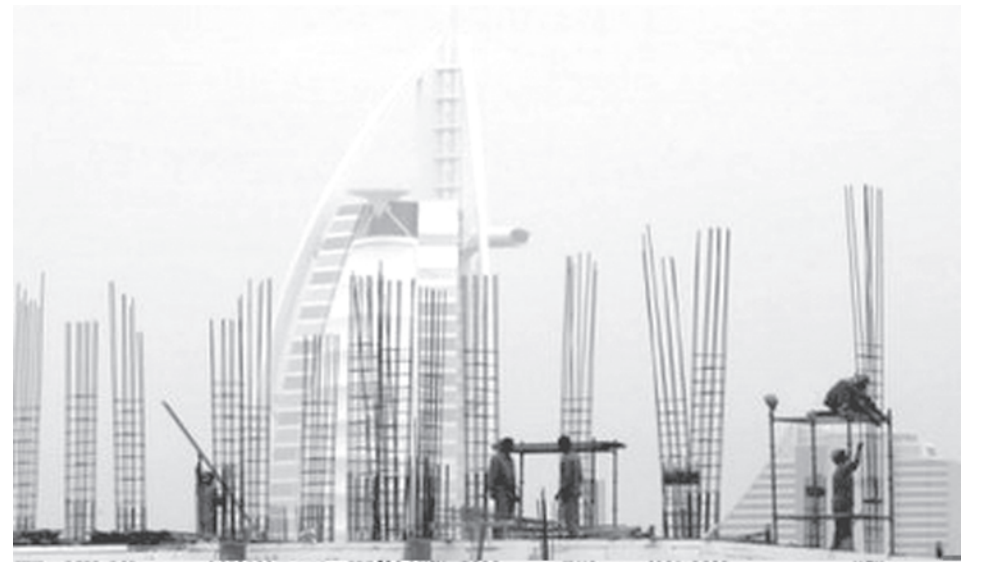
failed bank's sole branch will reopen Monday as a branch of Central Bank. In addition, the FDIC and Central Bank agreed to share losses on roughly \$61 million of Commerce Bank's loans and other assets.

Internet



The Boeing 787 Dreamliner is unveiled in Everett, Washington in 2007. US aerospace giant Boeing broke ground on Friday for the second assembly plant for its new 787 Dreamliner aircraft scheduled for its first test flight by the end of the year.

INTERNET



Foreign labourers work at a construction site in front of Dubai's landmark Burj al-Arab hotel in March 2009. The Dubai economy is growing at a five percent rate, less than in previous years but ahead of the most cautious forecasts, the head of a government economic committee said on Friday.

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Dubai growing at five percent pace

DUBAI, 21 Nov—The Dubai economy is growing at a five percent rate, less than in previous years but ahead of the most cautious forecasts, the head of a government economic committee said on Friday.

“Yes, we are affected by what is going in the world but we are confident in the stability of the city,” Mohammad Alabbar, also chairman of construction giant Emaar, told a World Economic Forum conference in the emirate.

“Last year we were all in the eye of the storm. The past 12 months have been quite painful months,” he said.

“GDP growth is now five percent. We used to have a growth of 14 percent (so) this isn't bad news, but it's not as good as before,” said Alabbar, whose committee is tasked with helping Dubai counter the impact of the global economic crisis.

The International Monetary Fund has predicted GDP growth of about 3.5 percent this year for the United Arab Emirates, of which Dubai is part, down from the 7.4 percent achieved in 2008.

Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al-Maktoum, in a speech officially opening the conference, was upbeat about the future.

Internet

Boeing starts work on second Dreamliner assembly site

NEW YORK, 21 Nov—US aerospace giant Boeing broke ground on Friday for the second assembly plant for its new 787 Dreamliner aircraft scheduled for its first test flight by the end of the year.

The facility at North Charleston, South Carolina also will have the ca-

pability to support the testing and delivery of airplanes, officials said.

Jim Albaugh, president and chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said on Friday's launch “marks the beginning of an expansion plan that will strengthen the 787 programme.”

“Locating the second line in North Charleston will allow Boeing to successfully compete in the aerospace market and grow for the long-term benefit of many stakeholders,” he said.

Boeing said last week that its 787 Dreamliner aircraft remains on track for its first test flight by the end of the year.

It had announced on 23 June a fifth delay in the 787 Dreamliner program to fix a structural problem.—Internet

16 Chinese scientists to explore Mekong River

TIANJIN, 21 Nov.—Sixteen Chinese scientists will start an exploration mission of the Mekong River on 26 Nov, exploration team head Tao Baoxiang said here on Friday.

Huo Mingyuan, chief scientist, said the 20-day exploration aims to get to know the river's current ecosystem situation, how the ecosystem evolve and its impact.

The mission also aims

to know its biodiversity and current state of its water resources, Huo said. The team includes experts from the Chinese Academy of Science's Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Institute of Hydrobiology and Kunming Institute of Botany. The team will start the exploration from Xishuangbanna in southwest China's Yunnan Province and

then go down the river, which is called Lancang River in China.

Sun Jiulin, academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, said the mission is also significant for the opening-up of western border regions and China's co-operation with the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) in politics, economy, and culture.

Xinhua



A bridge that crosses into Colombia's Norte de Santander department lies destroyed on 19 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET



Russia sends military satellite into orbit

Moscow, 21 Nov—Russia's Space Forces on Friday launched a Soyuz-U carrier rocket to deliver a Cosmos-series military

A Thai dancer in period costume photographs herself during festivities on 21 Nov 2009, at the 49th Surin Elephant Roundup in Surin, Thailand. The event brings together mahouts and elephants from all over Thailand. XINHUA

satellite into space.

The booster rocket blasted off at 1:44 pm Moscow time (1044 GMT) from the Plesetsk space centre in north Russia, Space Forces spokesman Lt Col Alexei Zolotukhin was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency.

The satellite was placed

in the target orbit about nine minutes after the launch, Zolotukhin said, adding that both the launch and the delivery went as planned.

Comos is the name of a series of satellites that have been launched since the Soviet Union era. The first of them was launched in March 1962.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Boeing 727 experiences mishap on landing in Goma

KINSHASA, 21 Nov—A Boeing 727 of the African Aviation Company (AAC), an airline company of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), experienced a mishap while landing on Thursday at the Goma international airport in North Kivu Province and ended its course near the Nyiragongo volcano.

According to the Congolese news agency, some parts of the airplane were damaged, but the passengers on board including North Kivu Governor Julien Paluku survived

the accident with only 10 of them suffering light injuries.

Two passengers suffering from shock were also rushed to a hospital for the United Nations mission in the DRC (MONUC). Governor Paluku declared later in the day that his health status should not raise any worries. He attributed this accident to the wrong estimation by the pilot as the runway had been reduced to close to 1,000 meters by the volcanic lava.

Xinhua

Mexico Govt sports programme reaches 10% of population

MEXICO CITY, 21 Nov—Mexico's president Calderon said on Friday a government sport programme has reached close to ten percent of total population.

The sport programme named "Activate Yourself To Live Better" has covered around 2.5 million adults and 8 million children, around 10 percent of the nation's 106 million population.

"We want everyone to take part in at least 30 minutes sports activity a day," Calderon said at a ceremony to honor Mexico's

top athletes.

"We will hold mass exercise days in government offices and many companies."

The government is trying to get Mexicans into exercises because recent health ministry data shows that 40 percent of residents are obese and 25 percent of children are overweight. A study in Mexico city in 2005 showed that 81 percent of adults do no practise exercises.—Xinhua

S African president welcomes Miss World contest

JOHANNESBURG, 21 Nov—The Miss World contest promotes unity and togetherness, the South African Press Association cited the President Jacob Zuma as saying on Friday.

"There are many challenges facing the world such as poverty, disease and conflicts," Zuma said, welcoming the bevy of beauties to South Africa in Pretoria. "Our Miss World contestants and national queens can play an important role in raising awareness about these ills and promote action for peace, love, togetherness and prosperity," Zuma said.

South Africa is hosting the pageant, with its 120 contestants, in Johannesburg on 12 Dec.

Zuma said the contest promoted economic activity. It also encouraged "people-to-people contact and co-operation". He wished the contestants well and urged them to enjoy what the country had to offer.—Xinhua

No pain, no gain: Aerobic performer Hou Beijia practises in Guizhou Province, China, on 20 Nov, 2009, the Universal Children's Day. Hou Beijia joined a local aerobatics team when she was six years old. She trains very hard every day, but she says she finds her life quite enjoyable.

XINHUA



Snow storm kills eight in Indian state of Himachal Pradesh

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov—At least eight people were killed on Friday in northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh after being hit by a snow storm, Indian official broadcaster All India Radio (AIR) on Saturday reported.

These people fall prey to high-speed winds blowing over the 13,050 feet high Rohtang Pass near Manali, on Friday afternoon.

Quoting the officials, AIR said 67 people have been evacuated by the district administration who were trapped on the pass. Early winter snow in the area had closed the pass, a fortnight ago because of heavy snowfall.—Xinhua

Over half in France worry about losing home

PARIS, 21 Nov — Over half people in France are worried about losing home, with 12 percent saying it's "very possible," which is three times more than the level of two years ago, according to a recent poll.

Emmaus, homelessness charity organization, and CSA, a leading market research firm in France, jointly carried out the survey that asked 1,000 people about their living condition.

Some 56 percent responders admit-

ted worry about being homeless, up from 47 percent in December 2007. The number of people said losing home "very possible" has increased to 12 percent from 4 percent in the same period.

In the poll released on Thursday, Emmaus estimated there were 100,000 people sleeping on the streets in France.

Sixty-four percent responders thought the government should be the responsibility taker for the welfare of those people sleeping on the street.—*Xinhua*

Peru demands Chile's prompt answer on espionage

LIMA, 21 Nov — Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose Garcia Belaunde said on Friday his country is waiting for a prompt answer from Chile about the alleged spying case.

"We would like a fast, clear and convincing answer from the Chilean government on the need of investigating and determine responsibilities," Garcia told a local TV channel.

The Peruvian government on Wednesday gave Chile the documents about the spying case involving Peruvian Air Force sub officer Victor Ariza, who allegedly sold top secret information to Chilean Army officers.

Garcia said Friday "the links of Ariza with Chilean agents is clear. It is clear he left Lima and went to Santiago. There was a time when he had a postal address in Santiago and the movements to exit and transfer money."—*Xinhua*

Fire destroys 106 houses in Ecuador

QUITTO, 21 Nov — A fire destroyed on Friday early morning some 106 houses, most of them made of cane, in Ecuadorian city of Guayaquil, leaving some 500 people homeless, the Ecuadorian Firemen Corps said.

To the moment the causes of the fire are unknown, according to the authorities the fire took place in the sector called "Esmeraldas Chiquito Cooperative," a zone of low income in the south of Guayaquil, the most populated city of the country. According to the authorities the fire began about 00:30 am local time.

Ecuadorian Health Minister Caroline Chang visited the place and said there were not reports of deaths. However, she said 14 children are hospitalized with asphyxia symptoms. Chang also said that three mobile units of her Ministry are given clinic and psychological attention to the victims.—*Xinhua*



A handout photo taken by Japanese researchers of Aquamarine Fukushima aquarium in October shows a juvenile coelacanth. Japanese marine researchers have said they found and successfully filmed a young coelacanth — a rare type of fish known as "a living fossil" — in deep water off Indonesia.—INTERNET

Web site lists 'Great Airport Museums'

MANHATTAN BEACH, 21 Nov — A California-based tourism Web site's list of "Five Great Airport Museums" includes destinations in San Francisco and the Netherlands. VirtualTourist.com said the San Francisco Airport Museum topped the list with exhibits including Mediterranean pottery and an analysis of the evolution of eyeglasses in the 20th century.

The Rijksmuseum Amsterdam Schiphol in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, which was second on the list, has hosted works by renowned artists including Mondrian and Van Gogh. The museum also features a large museum gift shop.

The No 3 spot on the list, Arizona's Phoenix Sky Airport, has a permanent collection, including mixed media, ceramic sculpture and fine-art prints as well as pieces on loan from other museums.

McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, chosen as fourth by the Web site, features aviation-themed exhibits including airline ashtrays from the mid-20th century.—*Internet*



Bao Bao (R) and Bei Bei listen carefully in their class at Yongnian Experimental Primary School in north China's Hebei Province on 6 Nov, 2009. Bao Bao and Bei Bei were Siamese twins when they were born on 2 Jan, 2004 in Yongnian County of north China's Hebei Province.

The sisters had their livers, ribs, pericardia, diaphragms, and peritoneums connected. And Beibei, the younger of the two, was diagnosed with a genetic heart condition. Forty-four days after their birth, the twins got a successful separating operation without any charge. It took about eight hours for the doctors with the No.1 Hospital of the Hebei Medical University to complete the operation on 14 Feb, 2004. Half a year later, another operation was carried out to correct Beibei's atrioventricular heart problem. Now, lucky girls grow up happily and healthily. The smart and cute sisters are popular in their class.

Ancient crocodile ate dinosaurs

Two paleontologists said at least one species of crocodiles that existed nearly 100 million years ago in Africa actually fed on dinosaurs.

University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno and Hans Larsson of Canada's McGill University said a 20-foot-long, saber-toothed crocodile dubbed the BoarCroc actually included dinosaurs in

its diet, USA Today reported on Thursday.

The findings of Sereno and Larsson appear in the online journal *ZooKeys* and will be featured in a November issue of *National Geographic* magazine and a National Geographic Channel show titled "When Crocs Ate Dinosaur."

"Africa really was a world of dinosaurs and crocodiles then," Soreno said of the five prehistoric crocodiles he and Larsson studied.

In addition to the BoarCroc, the report details how the so-called RatCroc was a 3-foot-long crocodile that only ate plants and lived in Morocco. The galloping DogCroc also fed on plants.

The paleontologists said the 20-foot-long PancakeCroc that lived in Niger and Morocco ate fish just like the 3-foot-long DuckCroc, *USA Today* reported.

Baby gorillas to get new sanctuary in east Congo

Conservationists say Congolese schoolchildren will soon be able to take a closer look at baby mountain gorillas.

Virunga National Park spokeswoman Samantha Newport says the park is building a sanctuary where schoolchildren and tourists can observe the 2-1/2-year-old orphan gorillas from hidden platforms.

Female orphans Ndeze and Ndakasi were abandoned in 2007 and are the world's only captive baby mountain gorillas.

Because of violence in eastern Congo, the two have been living far from their natural habitat in a house in the large, traffic-choked city of Goma. Virunga National Park is home to 200 of the world's 720 remaining mountain gorillas.



NEWS ALBUM

Baby born in car named after vehicle

A British couple said they decided to give their baby the same name as the unusual place of her birth — Kia.

Tony Richardson, 24, and Samantha Smyth, 23, said they named baby Kia after the seven-seat Kia Carens that served as the birthing room when they arrived at a Poole, England, hospital moments too late, the *Bournemouth Daily Echo* reported on Thursday.

The Parkside, England, couple said they had originally planned to name their baby "Tilly," but changed their minds after the unusual birth.

"We have decided she doesn't look like a Tilly and settled on Kia," Richardson said.

"I don't think we would have used Volkswagen or Citroen," Smyth said.

Foreign tourists and others participate in a tug of war with an elephant during festivities Saturday, 21 Nov, 2009, at the 49th Surin Elephant Roundup in Surin, Thailand. The event brings together mahouts and elephants from all over Thailand.

Forestry Minister inspects tasks in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met the staff of the ministry of Mandalay Division at room No. 103 of Local Trade and Sawmill Division in Madaya Township, repair of machines in PyinOoLwin timber extraction region, construction of housing project in Pinlaegy Village of Singu Township, forest plantations, 100-acre teak operation line and

systematic storage of sawn timber at No. 15 sawmill (Tanga) under Local Trade and Sawmill Division in Madaya Township, repair of machines in PyinOoLwin timber extraction region, construction of housing project in Pinlaegy Village of Singu Township, forest plantations, 100-acre teak plantations for 2008 in

Chaunggyi forest reserve in Thabaikkyin Township and establishment of teak plantations in Kyaukpya Village.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits workshop in PyinOoLwin timber extraction region of Madaya Township.

FORESTRY



Kawkareik enjoying peace and tranquillity

Article: Win Shwe; Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

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District contributes much to development of road transportation in Kayin State.

Kawkareik is a district level one formed with one township and two towns. Kawkareik is constituted with 11 wards and 259 villages of 53 village-tracts. It has town characteristics such as roads, market, hospital and schools.

In the town, residential buildings and offices are new and beautiful. The local roads are tarred



“Students, under the supervision of teachers, learn their lessons at the multi-media classroom once a week,” said Daw Nay Thu, Headmistress.

ber till July 2009. Moreover, the local farmers cultivated groundnut, maize and beans and pulses as the mixed crops.

District Irrigation Department dredged drains and constructed sluice gates for supply of water to summer and monsoon paddy. As a result, the number of benefited acres of farmlands has increased in the township.

With the aim of providing health care services to the local people, the township was equipped with a 100-bed

sector, the township has six Basic Education High Schools, four BEHS branches, 11 Basic Education Middle Schools, 37 Basic Education Post-Primary Schools and 14 BEPSs. Children are admitted to pursue primary education free of charge at the schools. Moreover, the School Boards of Trustees provided necessary assistance to the needy students.

To observe the learning of students at the multi-media classroom, we had an interview with Headmistress Daw Nay Thu of No. 1 Kawkareik Basic Education High School.

She explained, “Teachers teach students at the multi-media classroom once a week. Moreover, the teachers train the students from 6 pm to 9 pm extra time daily in addition to the regular teaching hours with the aims of raising the pass rate in the examinations and enabling the students to over-

come difficulties in the respective subjects.”

While at the school, we saw the students reading daily newspapers printed out from the computer at the multi-media

emerged in the education sector.

At present, the students in the township are enjoying the improvement of learning opportunity.



Multi-media classroom of Kawkareik BEHS No. 1.

classroom. They have an opportunity to read news on internal and international affairs on time.

At the examination centre of Kawkareik Township, a total of 1182 students sat for the 2009 matriculation examination and 383 students passed the examination, accounting for 32.40 per cent of pass rate. Of them, some outstanding students

Local people joined hands to make concerted efforts for undertaking development tasks of the township after restoring peace and stability in the region and they are enjoying fruits of the improvement in all aspects.

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Town Hall of Kawkareik in Kayin State decorated with landscaping and flowery plants.

ones. The pavements of the roads are landscaped with various species of flowery plants and beautiful designs of small stones. The signboard at the entrance to the town and landscaping works attract the visitors. We saw a grand town hall in Kawkareik.

Kawkareik relies on agriculture as main business. This year's sown acreage of monsoon paddy exceeded the target of 110,079 acres. Local growers planted rubber on a commercial scale. A total of 21,496 acres of rubber was grown last year and 25,096 acres of rub-

district level hospital. Due to the rise in population, one more hospital was constructed in the township. A total of six specialists, one dentist and nurses are assigned duties at the hospital for giving health care to the local people.

In the education



Signboard with beautiful landscaping at the entrance to Kawkareik.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents...

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the basic level round table discussion; first prize winners Ma Chit Sandi Lamin Tun and party of Yangon Division, second prize winners Ma Soe Sanda Hlaing and party of Sagaing Division and third prize winners Ma Ei Mon Kyaw and party of Magway Division in the advanced level round table discussion; first prize

winner Ma Thet Su Aung of Yangon Division, second prize winner Ma Su Pwint Phyu of Magway Division and third prize winner Maung Nyein Oo Lwin of Mon State in the basic level essay contest; and first prize winner Maung Than Aung of Sagaing Division, second prize winner Ma Aye Moh Moh Shwe of Yangon Division and third prize

winner Ma Hsan Sanda Win of Mandalay Division in the advanced level essay contest.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the members of the panel of judges.

The English Language Competition took place at Mingala Hall of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall on 18 and 19 November.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends prize presentation for English Language Competition.

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Ma Hsu Win Myat of Mandalay Division demonstrates competing in advanced level extempore talk contest.—MNA

Stakes driven for Toetet Aung Library of U Togyi village

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Stake driving ceremony for Toetet Aung Library of U Togyi village in U To village-tract of Pathein Township was held at the site library on 12 November.

It was attended by Chairman of Township Peace and Development

council U Pa Si, Staff Officer of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Hla Wai, Assistant Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service Daw Maw Si Aung, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Marlar

Win, Chairman of Village PDC U Zaw Moe, villageselders, members of social organization and residents.

The Chairman of Township PDC, villageselders and officials drove stakes for Toetet Aung Library.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents first prize to Ma Chit Sandi Lamin Tun and party of Yangon Division in advanced level round table discussions.

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Cherry Oo organizes luckydraw programme

YANGON, 21 Nov—Cherry Oo held the luckydraw programme to mark its 22nd Anniversary at Central Hotel here this morning.

After the celebrities had opened the ceremony, Daw Khin Aye Myint of Naing Family Co Ltd explained

the purpose of holding the ceremony.

Next, the celebrities and journalists picked up the luckydraw winners who purchased the items from 25 Cherry Oo outlets across the country.

Cherry Oo outlets are now selling the various

kinds of quality watches at fair prices. In response to the customers' satisfaction, Cherry Oo held luckydraw programme for first time in 2006 and now it is second time. A total of K 4.6 million was spent on the luckydraw programme.

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The 22nd anniversary celebration of Cherry Oo in progress.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect progress in construction of retaining walls on Strand Road in Ywe Bo Tat Ward of Patheingyi.—MNA

South-West Command Commander, Transport Minister meet with staff members in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met those in charge and staff members of Ministry of Transport at the Division office of Inland Water Transport in Patheingyi on 18 November morning.

At the meeting, the minister

stressed the need for service personnel to try their utmost for better services, earn more income, practice thrift, ensure cooperation, to get themselves qualified and make well-coordinated and concerted efforts. And the commander and the minister inspected the progress in construction of retaining walls on Strand road in Ywe Bo Tat Ward, Patheingyi.

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Sports Minister presents victory flag to athletes who will participate in XXV SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with Myanmar athletes who will participate in XXV South East Asian Games in National Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, Yangon this morning and gave a speech on behalf of Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council and gave victory flag for ensuring success to the leader of Myanmar Sports contingent.

It was attended by Member of MOC Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and members of the committee, Leader of Myanmar sports contingent Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and personnel, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of work committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and executives, patrons in charge and chairpersons of respective Sports Federations, wellwishers, guests, managers, coaches, and Myanmar selected athletes.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, on behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council, Secretary-1 of the SPDC, said although total of 25 sports events will be organized in the XXV SEA Games, Myanmar will only take part in 18 sports events by forming the sports contingent with 214 athletes, 75 managers/coaches, 40 referees and 30 referee/juries totaling 359. As the victory in the sports reflects the prestige of the country and the people, all the athletes are to try hard to achieve success in all the sports events upholding a national duty. As such, members of the Myanmar sports contingent are to pour out the vigorous efforts for hoisting the Union Flag in all winning events.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the SPDC, Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint handed over the victory flag for ensuring success in the XXV SEA Games to the leader of



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint hands over victory flag to leader of Myanmar athletes who will take part in XXV South East Asian Games.—MNA

Myanmar sports contingent.

Next, the leader of Myanmar sports contingent the general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee the director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department made a pledge.

The minister and guests then viewed Myanmar traditional costumes to be worn and displayed in opening and closing ceremonies of the XXV SEA Games and sports gear for the athletes displayed by the respective Sports Federations.—MNA



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint making speech in meeting with athletes who will take part in XXV South East Asian Games.—MNA

Monywa Open Golf Championship continues

YANGON, 21 Nov—The Monywa Open Golf Championship continued for third day at Monywa Golf Club in Monywa, this morning.

In professional golfer level, Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) and Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) led the contest with 216 strokes each followed by Than Naing with 218 strokes.

Aung Win (selected Myanmar golfer) took the first place with 216 strokes, Naing Ye Lin with 223

strokes and Soe Moe Win with 225 strokes in men's amateur golfer contest.

The Future Engineering Group took a role as the main sponsor. Htoo Group of Companies, International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC), Pacific Asia Hi-Tech, Aungthamadi gold shop, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd and Monywa Golf Club acted as co-sponsors.

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Aung Win (selected Myanmar golfer) leading the third in Men's amateur contest.—MGF

More From Less

Article & Photos: Zaw

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are, you first need to know nature of a fire. Fire needs fuel, oxygen and heat to blaze. If one of these three can be extinguished or reduced, fire can be put out surely. With Water Mist Technology, water is split into certain size and when it is splashed over the blaze, the mist becomes vapour because of heat and covers the blaze. The vapour increases in size

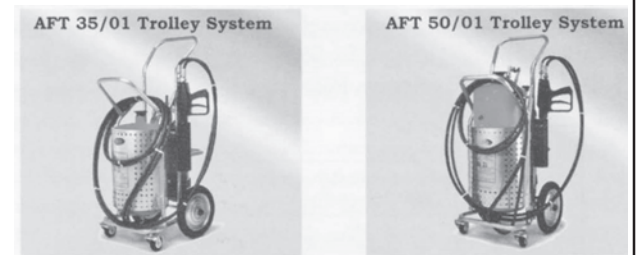
feet." Looking at the haversack fire extinguisher displayed beside me, I asked in doubt, "With just this small haversack, really? It hasn't got any machine." He replied, "We demonstrated in Mandalay and Monywa last 15 May. It just took about 20 seconds to put out the fire that was set to six barrels with two gallons of petrol in each with just one AFT haversack fire extinguisher. The fire com-

lar (MPM) Type. We have all these four types. Hand-held Type can hold 6 litres of water and is suitable for restaurant and home use. Haversack Type can hold 9 litre and is used in fire brigades, airports, and petrol stations. This type is fairly useful and used mostly. In most countries, teams of fire fighter motorcyclists are founded and the teams reach the scene quickly as soon as fire

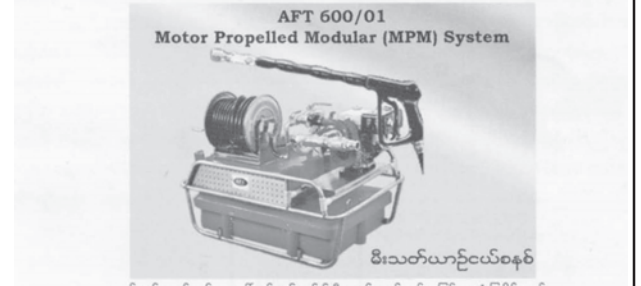
equipment is equal to a 8000-gallon-capacity fire engine.

Concerning current use of AFT equipment in Myanmar, he said, "People didn't use it when first imported as they didn't know much about the equipment. The product came into use last year. Fire Brigades of Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions have been equipped with AFT equipment with the assistance of the Division Peace and Development Councils. It is learnt that AFT equipment was used in two of last year's fire outbreaks in Mandalay and it was said to be effective. A department has bought MPM Type firefighting equipment and transforming them into fire engines that can be used in near future. Entrepreneurs also show interest in it."

When I inquired the price, U Zaw Weik said, "It can be said that the price is reasonable given its capacity and performance. AFT equipment appeared to be rather expensive in comparison with other firefighting equipment. But, price, durability and practical effectiveness should be taken into consideration. For example, if cost of a fire engine and of using MPM Type firefighting equipment



AFT 35/01 Trolley System AFT 50/01 Trolley System



AFT 600/01 Motor Propelled Modular (MPM) System

AFT အမျိုးအစားများနှင့် စွမ်းဆောင်နိုင်စွမ်းပြုလေ့လာ

အမျိုးအစား	AFT 35/01	AFT 50/01	AFT 600/01
မြည့်နိုင်သည့်အရည်ပမာဏ (လီတာ)	35 L	50 L	600 L
ပိုက်အရှည် (မီတာ)	5 m	5 m	30 m
ရေဖျတ်အရွယ်အစား (လီတာ/ဘား)	6L/300 bar	6L/300 bar	
ရေဖျတ်အား (ဘား)	7.5 bar	7.5 bar	16 bar
ရောက်နိုင်သည့်အကွာအဝေး 60° Spray Nozzle (မီတာ)	5 - 7 m	5 - 7 m	6.5 - 7 m
Jet Nozzle (မီတာ)	15 - 18 m	15 - 18 m	17 - 20 m
မီးသတ်အရေအတွက်နှုန်း (လီတာ/စက္ကန့်)	0.4 l/s	0.4 l/s	1 l/s
ကြားဖြတ်ရန် (စက္ကန့်)	87 s	125 s	600 s
အရည်မြည့်ပြီး မီးသတ်ကိရိယာ၏ အလေးချိန်	71 kg	105 kg	160 kg
မီးသတ်ခရီးစဉ်၏ အလေးချိန်	1.9 kg	1.9 kg	1.9 kg



Demonstration of putting out fire burnt in 4'x4' sized petrol storage tank with AFT Cheetah fire engine within 15 seconds.

1640 folds. The vapour covers the blaze so that the outer wind cannot enter, and fire finally stops burning due to lack of oxygen."

He added, "Another factor is that due to AFT, jets of mist are cold, being kept under high pressure and thus reduces the heat. Due to these two factors, fire can be extinguished with small amount of water in no time. Rocket Technology is based on firing of rockets and is designed to reach and extinguish the blaze with great speed. Sometimes, because of blazing flame, it is difficult to get close and put out the fire. On such occasion, it needs to direct water at fire from a distance. Water pumped out of 9-litre haversack AFT firefighting gun reaches as far as 17 metres or 56

pletely died out. The demonstrator just wore ordinary clothes. If you don't believe, I have a record CD. You can watch it," U Nay Myo Aung said with confidence, handing CD to me.

The power of technology is amazing. There are many multi-functional devices despite their tiny sizes. Continuous improvement leads things to be easier to be used, to be more convenient to carry, and transformed from big ones into smaller ones. Then I asked the size, type, usage of AFT firefighting equipment and current use in our country.

Member of the Board of Directors U Zaw Weik explained in detail, "There are four types of AFT equipment, Hand-held Type, Haversack Type, Trolley Type, and

breaks out and try to keep the fire under control. Sometimes, fire breaks out in skyscrapers, tunnels, and burns with a smouldering intensity in pipelines and ceilings of factories and workshops that fire hoses can hardly reach. The equipment are fairly useful on such occasion in which ordinary fire engines are almost useless. Trolley Type can be used for long as it can hold 35 litres and 50 litres and is easy to move. MPM Type is small-sized fire engines that can be used with vehicles like Pick-Up and Light Truck. If there is no access to this kind of vehicles, trailers like tractors can also be used instead. In spite of the small size, the performance of MPM Type is relatively high. It is learnt that performance of a 600-gallon-capacity MPM Type firefighting

with home-made Light Truck as fire engine is compared, it can be found that the latter is less costly and more effective. But, anyway AFT equipment are more suitable for departmental organizations, factories and manufacturing plants rather than homes and shops."

It is sure that AFT firefighting equipment invented through advanced technology are useful and effective and are widely used in global countries. AFT equipment are useful for Myanmar as there

is high rate of fire outbreaks. I wish my birthplace, the dry region where water is scarce, have AFT equipment. There are so many left to learn and write about AFT. I think readers are also like me. I would like to inform the public, for further details, please contact OK Myanmar Co., Ltd at No. (G/9) in MGW Tower on Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Ph: 01-392986 and 392987.

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Light vehicles installed with AFT Cheetah firefighting equipment used as fire engine.

Charges to drop against Iraq deaths Blackwater guard

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov — US prosecutors have asked for charges against one of five Blackwater security guards accused of killing up to 17 unarmed Iraqi civilians to be dropped.

No reason was given for the move to dismiss charges against Nicholas Slatten, of Tennessee.

But prosecutors left open the option of reinstating proceedings at a later date.

Four other men are due to face trial in February over the 16 September 2007 incident in the Iraqi capital.

A sixth pleaded guilty and agreed to co-operate with prosecutors. —*Internet*

Robbery motive in deaths of five in rural Arkansas

HOT SPRINGS, 21 Nov — Thieves shot to death five Arkansas family members and burned their bodies for the meager bounty of a set of wheel rims and some flat-screen televisions, court documents said on Friday.

Samuel Conway and Jeremy Pickney, both 23, pleaded not guilty on Friday to charges of capital murder, aggravated residential burglary and arson, Garland County court documents showed.

Police fatally shot a third suspect, 22-year-old Marvin Lamar Stringer, in a nighttime raid at a motel Thursday.

Firefighters had discovered four bodies in a torched mobile home after the 12 Nov attack in the small town of Pearcy: 56-year-old Edward “Eddie” Earl Gentry Jr.; his 52-year-old wife Pam; their 24-year-old son Jeremy and his 19-year-old girlfriend Kristyn N. Warneke.

Police found the body

of Eddie’s 80-year-old father, Edward Earl Gentry Sr, in a home next door. In documents filed to the court, police said a confidential informant told them that Conway showed him a gun and Pickney offered the stolen wheel rims and televisions for sale the day after the killings.

Garland County Sheriff’s Lt James Martin declined to answer questions after the hearing saying investigations were ongoing. —*Internet*



Replica warriors : A museum employee affixes a head of one of the replicas of the famed Terracotta Warriors in the eastern German city of Dresden. —*INTERNET*

Six dead in Colombian bus attack

BOGOTA, 21 Nov — Colombian authorities say six people have died in a turbulent southern region when a bus was attacked and caught fire. They suspect leftist rebels.

Narino state Gov Antonio Navarro tells *The Associated Press* that the bus driver apparently did not stop when attackers opened fire along a

highway in the municipality of Ricuarte.

Navarro says two children, the driver and three other adults died in Friday’s attack. Police say about 25 passengers managed to escape.

Navarro says it appears that the Revolutionary

Armed Forces of Colombia were responsible. Leftist rebels, far-right militias and drug traffickers are active in the area, where the coca leaf that is the basis for cocaine is grown and labs produce the drug.

Internet

Mexico improves science education

MEXICO CITY, 21 Nov — The state-run Mexican Academy of Sciences has been using a teaching method which may probably revolutionize the way that science is taught in the nation, Silvia Romero Hidalgo, coordinator of the programme’s mathematics segment, told *Xinhua* in a recent interview.

Science In Your School (LCETE), the brainchild of top Mexican mathematician Carlos Bosch Giral, aims to reach 10,000 teachers

in 2010, up from around 400 this year, and change their attitude to science as well as open them up to more interactive teaching methods. The course covers biology, physics, chemistry, geography and math, and has a complete module covering verbal and written communication, which is run by philosophers.

“The idea is to show that you can use materials that are within reach and teach in a highly attractive way,” Romero explained. “An important part of the programme is showing that it can be done with low-cost materials.”

Xinhua

Moderate earthquake shakes Costa Rica

SAN JOES, 21 Nov — An earthquake of 5.2 degrees on Richter scale shook Costa Rica on Friday, without immediate report of material damages and casualties, local authorities said.

The Vulcanology and Seismology Observatory of Costa Rica (OVISCORI) said the earthquake occurred at 11:22 am local time (1722 GMT), 110 km east of San Jose with a depth of 25 km.

According to the OVISCORI, the earthquake is not related to the one that occurred on Thursday at 4:02 pm local time (2202 GMT), which was of 4.8 degrees on Richter scale, located 9 km southeast of El Tejar del Guaraco in Cartago, center of the country.

According to the OVISCORI, the earthquake on Friday was due to a local failure in the Caribbean tectonic plate. —*Xinhua*



Philippine boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao embraces his children Jimuel (left) and Princess as his wife Jinkee is seen in the background after a press conference at Manila international airport, on 20 November, as he returned after claiming a historic seventh career boxing title in as many divisions. —*INTERNET*

Barcelona’s Abidal, Toure confirmed swine flu

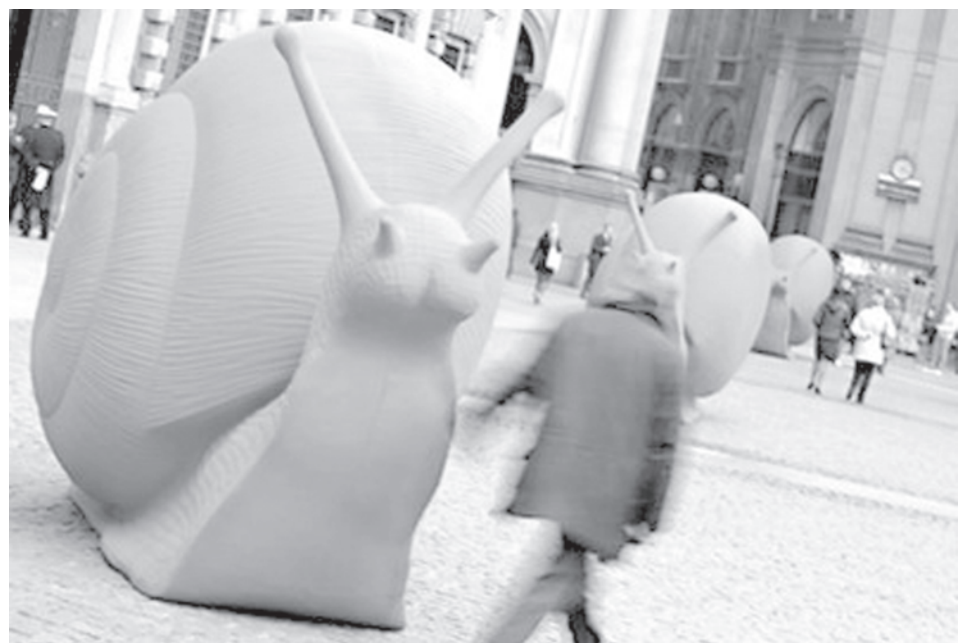
MADRID, 21 Nov — Barcelona has confirmed that defender Eric Abidal and midfielder Yaya Toure have swine flu and could be out for the next three games.

The players will miss Saturday’s Spanish League game against Athletic Bilbao and could be sidelined against Inter Milan in the Champions League on Tuesday followed by the traditional Spanish derby against Real Madrid the following weekend.

Barcelona issued a statement Friday saying both players had been diagnosed with the H1N1 flu virus after telling the club they felt unwell and had fevers.

Abidal has been injured and had already been ruled out of this weekend’s game.

Xinhua



Art snails : People walk past two-meter high fuchsia snails in Milan’s city centre made by The Cracking Art Group consisting of Renzo Nucara, Marco Veronese, Alex Angi, Carlo Rizetti, Kicco and William Sweetlove.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA RAJA VOYNO (907)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJA VOYNO (907) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 22.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Italy has second oldest population in Europe

ROME, 21 Nov — Italy has the second oldest population in the European Union (EU) countries, with one in six citizens aged over 65, according to an Italian National Statistics' Office (Istat) report on the country's state released on Friday.

The Italian population is getting older on a yearly basis. As many other European countries, Italy is suffering from low birth-rate, while people's life expectancy tends to increase.

Italian couples get married very late (if at all), have fewer children than in the past, and the number of divorces is on the rise.—Xinhua

Air Canada to offer in-flight Internet service

OTTAWA, 21 Nov — Air Canada announced Friday it had started in-flight Internet service trials on some flights, becoming the first Canadian carrier to offer the service.

Flights from Toronto and Montreal to Los Angeles will undergo a 10-week trial until January 2010. After that, the airline will consider expanding the service to other routes. Access will cost 9.95 US dollars for customers with a laptop computer and 7.95 for a personal electronic device.

"Air Canada is the first Canadian airline to begin offering customers access to the Internet while they are flying," Louise McKenven, senior marketing director for the airline, said in a statement Friday.

Currently, many international airlines already offer in-flight Internet services.—Xinhua

A/H1N1 flu deaths rise to 12 in Finland

HELSINKI, 21 Nov—The death toll from A/H1N1 flu in Finland had risen to 12, health authorities announced Friday. So far, 5,356 cases of the disease have been confirmed and more than 100,000 people are estimated to have contracted the virus, according to National Institute for Health and Welfare. On Wednesday, a 39-year-old woman and a 72-year-old man died of the virus. A 37-year-old man died of the virus last Saturday. All deceased had been chronic patients and belonged to high-risk groups for A/H1N1 flu.

Xinhua



Saipan emergency members carry an injured person on the Pacific resort island of Saipan on 20 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Hong Kong transport sector receipts up 4.7%

HONG KONG, 21 Nov — The transport sector's total receipts of Hong Kong, including business receipts and other income, rose 4.7 percent in 2008 over a year earlier to 544.8 billion HK dollars (some 70.4 billion US dollars), the Census and Statistics Department said here on Friday.

The sector's gross surplus dropped 41.6 percent to 33.7 billion (about 4.4 billion US dollars), accounting for 6.2 percent of total receipts last year. The value-added of the sector fell 8.9 percent to 91.5 billion (over 11.8 billion US dollars).

The four largest major industry groups in terms of value-added were land passenger transport, services incidental to transport, air transport, and ocean and coastal water transport. They together accounted for 84.7 percent of the whole sector's total value-added.

The land passenger transport industry's total receipts amounted to 35.7 billion (over 4.6 billion US dollars). Value-added dropped 2.5 percent to 21.4 billion (around 2.8 billion US dollars). Gross surplus was 9.3 billion (over 1.2 billion US dollars) and accounted for 26 percent of total receipts.

Total receipts of the services incidental to the transport industry amounted to 236.3 billion (over 30.5 billion U.S. dollars). Value-added grew 1.6 percent to 21.2 billion (over 2.7 billion US dollars). Gross surplus was 8.4 billion (1.1 billion US dollars) and accounted for 3.6 percent of total receipts.—Xinhua

EAC common market protocol to spur economic growth

NAIROBI, 21 Nov — The signing of the East Africa Community (EAC) protocol in Arusha on Friday is expected to spur economic growth in the region.

The Common Market which shall be managed in accordance with relevant laws of the East African Community provides for the free movement of goods, persons, labour, services and capital.

The common market further provides for the right of establishment, the right of residence, free movement of services and free movement of capital within the region. The overriding objective of the Common Market is to widen and deepen cooperation among the partner states in both economic and social fields for the benefit of citizens of the member states.

It is hoped that the agreement reached in the Tanzanian northern town of Arusha will lead to greater economic power for the region.

The East Africans have a chance to gain from the recent discovery of oil in Uganda following the signing of the Common Market Protocol by the heads of the five states that form the East African Community.

Xinhua



A woman sells lottery tickets outside a goldsmith shop in Bangkok's Chinatown 20 Nov, 2009.

INTERNET

Ford to invest 2.3b dollars in Brazil in five years

BRASILIA, 21 Nov — The American car manufacturer Ford announced Friday that it would invest 4 billion reais (2.3 billion US dollars) in Brazil over the next five years.

The factory in Bahia, northeastern Brazil, will be the destination for

most of the investment, according to a source from the automotive sector.

It is the largest investment program since the company started operating in the South American country.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Governor of Bahia State Jaques Wagner attended the announcement ceremony in the courtyard of the plant in the city of Camacari.

As part of the plan, the government offered federal and state tax benefits to Ford.

The enlargement of the factory in Camacari has been negotiated for two years. According to the plan, the factory's production capacity will be expanded from 250,000 units annually to 300,000 units.—Xinhua



Togolese artists perform during the opening ceremony of the seventh Lome International Expo in Lome, capital of Togo on 20 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

DNA barcodes used to identify species

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov— A new tool involving DNA barcoding showed endangered bluefin tuna was served in sushi bars sampled in New York and Colorado, scientists said.

The bluefin was identified through a hand-held genetics tool that assigned a barcode to various species of tuna in much the same way that barcodes identify products in stores.

The barcodes were assigned after a DNA sample was taken from each species of tuna and other endangered fish, the Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics in Washington said in a release.

It may not be long before wildlife management teams could “seamlessly and efficiently identify a species and maybe the geographic origin of specific samples,” George Amato, the institute’s



Giant bluefin tuna, *Thunnus orientalis*, on display at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. These are the only giant bluefins on display outside Japan.—INTERNET

director said. In restaurants sampled recently in New York and Colorado, the device showed 25 percent of what was labeled as tuna on sushi menus was bluefin, Amato said. The device also has been used to identify the presence of endangered whales in Asian markets and fraud in the labeling of caviar and red snapper.—*Internet*

Child asthma, mother’s depression linked

BALTIMORE, 21 Nov — Maternal depression may aggravate a child’s asthma but how often a child had symptoms did not seem to affect the mother’s symptoms, US researchers said.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins Children’s Center in Baltimore analyzed data from interviews with 262 mothers of African-American children with asthma — a population disproportionately affected by the inflammatory airway disorder.

The study, in the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, found children whose

mothers had more depressive symptoms had more frequent asthma symptoms during the six-month study. Conversely, children whose mothers reported fewer depressive symptoms had less frequent asthma symptoms.

Senior investigator Kristin Riekert, a pediatric psychologist and co-director of the Johns Hopkins Adherence Research Center, and colleagues tracked ups and downs in maternal depression as related to the frequency of symptoms among children.

“Even though our re-

search was not set up to measure just how much a mom’s depression increased the frequency of her child’s symptoms, a clear pattern emerged in which the latter followed the earlier,” Riekert said in

a statement. “Intuitively, it may seem that we’re dealing with a chicken-egg situation, but our study suggests otherwise. The fact that mom’s depression was not affected by how often her child had symptoms really caught us off guard, but it also suggested which factor comes first.”—*Internet*

A little anxiety, not so bad

LONDON, 21 Nov— British and Norwegian researchers said depression is as big of a mortality risk factor as smoking.

However, the study found, unlike depression alone, a combination of depression and anxiety lowers mortality.

“One of the main messages from this research is that ‘a little anxiety may be good for you,’” Dr. Robert Stewart of Kings College London said in a statement.

Possible reasons may that be those with anxiety

may be more willing to ask for help and doctors may be more likely to investigate further to calm anxieties, the researchers said. The researchers tracked 60,000 people for four years. The mortality risk was increased in a similar extent in people who were depressed as in people who were smokers.

“It appears that we’re talking about two risk groups here. People with very high levels of anxiety symptoms may be naturally more vulnerable due

to stress, for example through the effects stress has on cardiovascular outcomes,” Stewart said.

“On the other hand, people who score very low on anxiety measures, i.e. those who deny any symptoms at all, may be people who also tend not to seek help for physical conditions, or they may be people who tend to take risks. This would explain the higher mortality.”

The findings are published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

—*Internet*

Allergy danger prompts Country Crock products recall

NEW YORK, 21 Nov — Unilever United States Inc. said on Friday it was voluntarily recalling certain Shedd’s Country Crock chilled side-dish products because they may contain sulfites. People with an allergy or sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume the products, the company said.

Unilever said it has received one report of four

family members who had adverse reactions associated with the product, which was distributed in retail stores nationwide.

Two supermarket chains, Stop & Shop and Giant Food, said they had removed the products from their shelves.

The company, a unit of British-based Unilever PLC, said it was taking the action in cooperation with the US Food and Drug Administration. The recall was initiated after

the company was notified by the co-manufacturer of the product that an ingredient containing sulfites was inadvertently used in production of the products.

The affected products are: Shedd’s Country Crock Side Dishes Deluxe Cheddar Broccoli Rice, in a 21-ounce plastic tub inside a paperboard sleeve with Best-By dates of 29 Nov, 2009 through Jan 16 2010. The UPC code is 027400218316.—*Internet*

World’s largest particle accelerator restarted

GENEVA, 21 Nov— The world’s most powerful particle accelerator, designed to recreate the Big Bang of the universe, has been restarted after more than a year of repairs, the European Organization for Nuclear Research said on Friday.

Scientists at the organization, known as CERN, successfully established a clockwise circulating particle beam in the giant machine named Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at 10 pm local time (2100 GMT) on Friday, the or-

ganization said in a statement.

“It’s great to see beam circulating in the LHC again,” said CERN Director General Rolf Heuer. “We’ve still got some way to go before physics can begin, but with this milestone we’re well on the way.”

Housed in a 27-kilometer, circular tunnel at the Swiss-French border near Geneva, the LHC was designed to unlock many secrets of the universe by recreating the conditions immediately

after the Big Bang which happened some 13.7 billion years ago.

The machine was first started on 10 Sept, 2008, but suffered a serious malfunction nine days later.

—*Internet*

Most know salt is bad, few shake habit

EDMONTON, 21 Nov— Most Canadians say they know too much salt isn’t healthy, but many don’t do anything to reduce their salt intake, researchers say. Anna Farmer and Diana Mager of the Uni-

versity of Alberta say their survey of 890 people indicates 85 percent understood too much sodium can lead to health problems but fewer than half were aware of how much salt was too much.

“It’s good news that Canadians understand some of the issues around excessive sodium consumption, and that at least half are willing to adjust their behavior to reduce salt use,” Farmer said in a statement. “Most respondents in this survey understood that canned or processed foods are among the highest sources of dietary sodium. But the results also show that there’s still room for more education.” Farmer said she wants to see salt-reduction messages aimed at young adults, ages 18-24. Fewer people in this age group understood that salt is the major contributor to total sodium consumed, or that foods cooked from scratch are generally lower in sodium. —*Internet*

A gaggle of geese are seen in the flood waters, on the main street of Cockermouth, England on 20 Nov, 2009 after heavy rains caused local flooding in the picturesque village. The Royal Air Force and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RLNI) rescue services have joined efforts to help around 200 people who are stranded by rising floodwater in the northern England tourist town.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Idle Ochoa leads LPGA Tour Championship

RICHMOND, 21 Nov—Sophie Gustafson moved within two shots of leader Lorena Ochoa at the LPGA Tour Championship on Friday before second-round play was suspended because of bad weather.

Rain swamped the Houstonian Golf and Country Club before dawn and the start of the second round was pushed back six hours. The tournament resumed at 1 pm, but light rain started falling about two hours later and play was halted for the day at 5:05 pm with darkness approaching.

Ochoa didn't play on Friday after shooting a 6-under 66 early Thursday. She will start her second round at daybreak Saturday.

Gustafson shot a 70 in the first round, then played 11 holes and moved to 4 under on Friday. Helen Alfredsson, Juli Inkster and Wendy Ward were 3 under.

The players were allowed to lift, clean and place because of the soggy conditions.—Internet



Sophie Gustafson hits out of a bunker on the eighth hole during the second round of the LPGA Tour Championship golf tournament on 20 Nov, 2009 in Richmond, Texas.—INTERNET

Westwood shoots 69 for 2-shot lead in Dubai

DUBAI, 21 Nov—Lee Westwood shot a 3-under 69 Friday to take a two-stroke lead after the second round of the Dubai World Championship, strengthening his chance of winning the European money title.

The English golfer could pick up two big prizes on Sunday. If he wins the last tournament of the European Tour season, he will receive \$1.25 million in prize money — plus a \$1.5 million bonus for winning the Race to Dubai money prize.

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy, the leader of the money race going into the tournament, also shot a 69. He was one of six players tied for second place at 7 under, two shots behind Westwood.—Internet

England's Lee Westwood reacts after sinking a birdie putt at the 18th hole of the Earth course, Jumeirah Golf Estates during the second round of the Dubai World Championship European Golf tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 20 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET



(Back Row L-R) Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina, Roger Federer of Switzerland, Rafael Nadal of Spain, Andy Murray of Scotland, (Front Row L-R) Fernando Verdasco of Spain, Novak Djokovic of Serbia, Nikolay Davydenko of Russia and Robin Soderling of Sweden pose for pictures with the champion trophy in London, on 20 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Federer and Nadal ready to battle for number one spot

LONDON, 21 Nov—Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal will stage the last chapter of their battle to finish the year as world number one when the ATP Tour Finals get under way in London on Sunday. Federer goes into the Tour Finals at the O2 Arena top of the world rankings, but the Wimbledon champion knows second placed Nadal can still snatch first place if the Spaniard wins the prestigious end-of-year event.

The race for pole position is the latest installment of an enthralling rivalry between two of the sport's all-time greats. Although Federer and Nadal remain friendly enough off the court, the Swiss star relishes his position as tennis's pre-eminent force and has no intention of surrendering it over the next week.

"I am aware of it (the race to finish world number one) and I would be lying if I said I was just here to play well," said Federer, who kicks off his Group A campaign against Spain's Fernando Verdasco on Sunday.—Internet

Tottenham goalkeeper Cudicini out of season after surgery

LONDON, 21 Nov—Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini is expected to be sidelined for the rest of the season following his surgery, the English Premier soccer club said on Friday.

Cudicini was discharged from hospital on Friday after the 36-year-old keeper had successful operations on his right wrist and pelvis. He was injured in a motorcycle crash.—Xinhua

Injured Beckham vows to play MLS Cup final

SEATTLE, 21 Nov—England midfielder David Beckham has a bone bruise in his right ankle, but he still expects to play for his US club Los Angeles Galaxy in the Major League Soccer championship match Sunday.

Beckham said Friday he will use a pain-killing injection as needed in the ankle to be ready for Sunday's match against Real Salt Lake on the artificial pitch at Seattle's Qwest Field.—Internet

C Ronaldo promises to be back soon from injury

MADRID, 21 Nov—Portuguese soccer icon Cristiano Ronaldo on Friday told Real Madrid fans via the club's website that he will return soon from the ankle injury.

"Thank you to all the Madrid fans for the sup-

port they have given me during my injury," wrote Ronaldo. "I will be back soon."

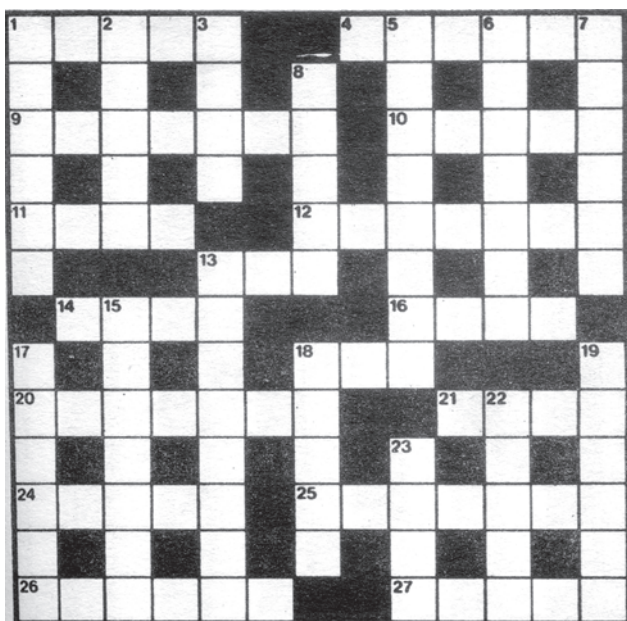
The striker, who was injured in late September and aggravated the problem in Portugal's 3-0 win over Hungary 10 days later, has been absent from act on for almost two months.—Xinhua

Valencia not to sell players during financial crisis

MADRID, 21 Nov—Spanish Primera member Valencia promised not to sell any players for covering their financial difficulties. President Manuel Llorente made the declaration at a reception on Thursday that putting players on sale was not among their considerations. "The team has to concentrate on performing well and playing," Llorente said.

Xinhua

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Rowing team
- 4 Beautiful girls
- 9 Skull
- 10 Raise objections
- 11 Neat
- 12 Generosity
- 13 Fall sick
- 14 Network
- 16 Love foolishly
- 18 Excessively
- 20 Hermit
- 21 Central London area
- 24 Small cat
- 25 Layer
- 26 Pace
- 27 Medicine

DOWN

- 1 Stir emotion
- 2 Protect
- 3 Cut shorter
- 5 Golden land
- 6 Flickering
- 7 Emphasise
- 8 Tiny
- 13 Regulated
- 15 Get back
- 17 Spring flower
- 18 Nervous
- 19 Pertaining to ants
- 22 Frequently
- 23 Court document

Marseille edge PSG

MARSEILLE, 21 Nov—A first-half goal from Gabriel Heinze vaulted Marseille back into the French title race on Friday, securing a 1-0 win at the Stade Velodrome over Paris St Germain.

Heinze, playing against one of his former clubs, nodded in after 25 minutes to settle a scrappy encounter between longstanding rivals in a match which had had to be rearranged from October 25 after an outbreak of swine flu at the Parisian club.

The win sent Marseille into fourth spot in the table, three points behind reigning champions Bordeaux, who face Valenciennes on Saturday while second-placed Lyon visit Grenoble. PSG, in contrast, are just four points off the bottom four and show little sign of making any headway 15 seasons on from their last domestic crown.

The capital club have won just once in their last eight outings.—Internet



Marseille defender Gabriel Heinze (L) clashes with Paris Saint Germain forward Melvut Erding during the French L1 football match at the Velodrome Stadium in Marseille, southern France. A first-half goal from Heinze vaulted Marseille back into the French title race on Friday, securing a 1-0 win at the Stade Velodrome over Paris St Germain.—INTERNET

First Russian brigade with Iskander missiles to be formed in 2010

Moscow, 21 Nov— Russian armed forces will form its first brigade fully equipped with short-range Iskander missile systems, said Russian Missile Forces and Artillery Commander Sergei Bogatinov here on Saturday.

“We will form the first missile brigade armed with 12 Iskander missile systems by the end of 2010,” Bogatinov told Echo Moskv radio.

“Such a brigade will be formed by the end of 2010, and then we will consistently form one more missile brigade each year,” he added. Five Iskander missile systems will be bought next year, he said.

A battalion armed with Iskander missile systems has already been set up in the Russian armed forces. It has successfully conducted exercises at the Kapustin Yar, a Russian rocket launch and development site, from 2 Nov to 7 Nov said Bogatinov.—Internet



South Korean model Daul Kim presents a design at Swarovski 09 S/S Collection in Seoul in this 2 Feb, 2009 file picture. South Korean model Daul Kim was found hanged in her Paris apartment on 19 Nov, 2009, a spokeswoman for the city prosecutor's office said.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (22-11-2009) (Sunday)

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

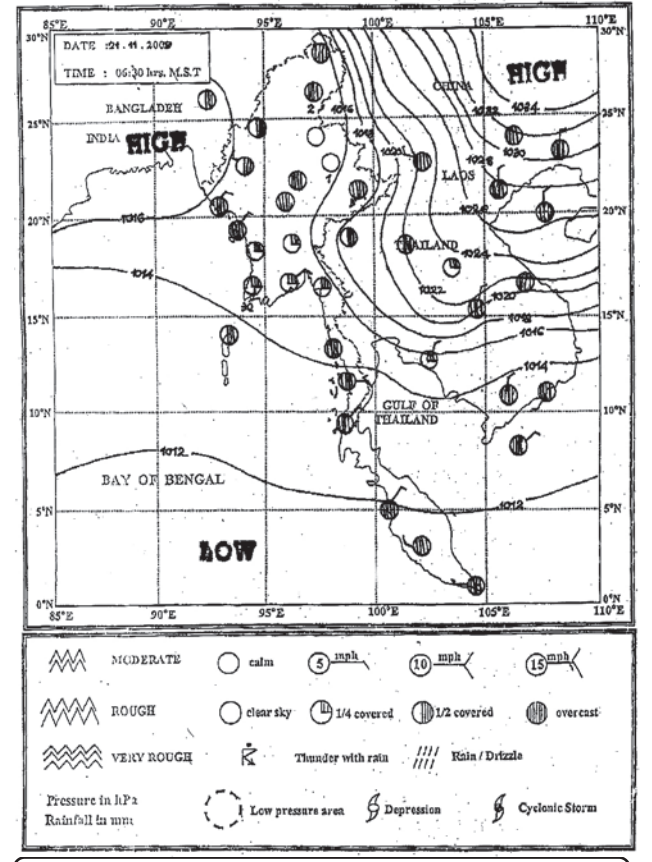
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Lumber Buffaloes
- * Myanmar's Pride: The Art of Carving
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Mummy Shein"
- * A Day in Yangon "The National Races Village (Part-I)"

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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 - * Myanmar Movies Impact "Mummy Shein"
 - * A Day in Yangon "The National Races Village (Part-I)"
 - * A Leisure Day in Ngapali
 - * National Herbal Park (Part-I)
 - * Sculpturing Contest
 - * Rakhine Traditional Wrestling
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Unforgettable Traditional Food
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Mini-Library Boxes for Children
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER Saturday, 21st November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan State and Ayeyawady Division, isolated in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway, and Bago Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (6°C), Loilem (8°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (1.19) inches and Loilem (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-11-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 21-11-2009 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-11-2009 was 59%. Total sun shine hours on 20-11-2009 was (8.9) hours approx. Rainfall on 21-11-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.69) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 20-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd November 2009: Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Mon, Rakhine States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough sea are likely attimes Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in the strong wind may reach (35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-11-2009: Partly cloudy .

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-11-2009: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 22 November View on today

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| <p>7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:15 am
2. အပွင့်လှပမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ပေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)</p> <p>7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am
4. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am
5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:50 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song</p> | <p>8:05 am
7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ</p> <p>8:15 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am
9. Musical Programme</p> <p>8:30 am
10. International News</p> <p>8:40 am
11. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-8) (Family Matters)</p> <p>11:00 am
1. Martial Song</p> <p>11:10 am
2. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်းနိုင်ငံတကာ သတင်းစဉ်</p> <p>11:20 am
3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၈)</p> <p>12:20 pm
4. Golf Magazine (TV)</p> <p>12:30 pm
5. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ဂန္ထရုထီး" (ဗေလူ၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်)</p> | <p>(ဒါရိုက်တာ-နေမင်းမြတ်)</p> <p>2:10 pm
6. "စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက် အာဆီယံဥက္ကဋ္ဌအစည်းအဝေးအဖွဲ့ပြိုင်ပွဲ"</p> <p>2:45 pm
7. International News</p> <p>4:00 pm
1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm
2. Song of National Races</p> <p>4:20 pm
3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>4:35 pm
4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ</p> <p>4:45 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ခုတီယနစ် (ပထဝီဝင် အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)</p> <p>5:00 pm
6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit</p> <p>5:05 pm
7. "အိုးပိုင်အိမ်ပိုင်"</p> <p>5:20 pm
8. Sing & Enjoy</p> | <p>6:00 pm
9. Evening News</p> <p>6:10 pm
10. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm
11. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မျှဝေခံစားကြသူများ" (ဦးကျော်လီဆွေ ဒေါ်ထားညီကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထူးသာ)</p> <p>7:00 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)</p> <p>8:00 pm
13. News</p> <p>14. International News</p> <p>15. Weather Report</p> <p>16. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစု စွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၆၂)</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)</p> |
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- ★ 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

More From Less

Article & Photos: Zaw

More From Less. It may be assumed that a large amount can be obtained or used from a small amount. It is the slogan stated in an advertisement pamphlet that a friend brought to me. It is about AFT advanced firefighting equipment advertised by OK Myanmar Co., Ltd. Being curious, I read the advertisement and found it interesting. Then, I came to understand what the slogan "More From Less" means. It means AFT advanced firefighting equipment can extinguish fire with small amount of water as the equipment are outcome of invention through advanced technology. It can be used so because of Water Mist Technology. These words attracted my attention. Our country is situated in the dry zone and has dry and hot weather. The threat of fire is there as soon as summer comes. There were cases of major outbreaks of fire even in the rainy season this year.

Effective preventive measures are a must in fire prevention and we need to put out a fire as quickly as possible if it breaks out. To do so, advanced firefighting equipment must be used. I have not known there are advanced firefighting equipment like AFT which is already in use in our country. There would be many like me. As a media man, I would like to inform the public about advanced firefighting equipment that can benefit us and protect us from danger of fire. So, I contacted OK Myanmar Co., Ltd and interviewed the person concerned about the AFT equipment.

When I asked what AFT was, Member of the Board of Directors, U Zaw Weik replied, "AFT is the short term for Advanced Fire Fighting Technology. It is made in Germany. German and Russian scientists

did researches since 1995 and the equipment was first launched into market around 2000. The product, now, has been widely used worldwide. The products are believed to be advanced firefighting equipment in global countries."

Then I asked again what technologies are used in the products. Engineer in-charge U Nay Myo Aung said, "It is the combination of Water Mist Technology and Rocket Technology. Before I explain what they (See page 10)



Demonstration of extinguishing petrol fire in six barrels with AFT 9-litre Haversack Type firefighting equipment within 20 seconds.