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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

New railway station reflects dignity of Nay Pyi Taw

Byline: *Maung Maung Myint Swe*, Photos: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*



Photo shows newly constructed Nay Pyi Taw railway station.

Nay Pyi Taw railway station, being active and lively with impressive design, magnificent building, travellers, and incoming and outgoing trains, indicates the all-round development of

Nay Pyi Taw.

Nay Pyi Taw railway station has been constructed at milepost No. (233/0) between Ywataw station and Kyihtaunggan station on Yangon-Manda-

lay railroad. We the news crew of Myanma Alin daily interviewed Senior Engineer (Civil) U Soe Min Thant about construction of Nay Pyi Taw station.

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Nantpapaung Dam under construction in Yaksawk Township, Shan State (South)

Article & Photo:
Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

The government is building dams and reservoirs of different sizes with a view to boosting the agricultural production and greening of the regions. Nantpapaung Dam situated near Makmee Village, Yaksawk Township of Shan State (South) is one of those irrigation facilities.

Our news crew of Kyemon Daily taking Tawwin express bus left Nay Pyi Taw for Meiktila where there is Construction Group-7 of Irrigation

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Clearing the site with heavy machinery in Nantpapaung Dam construction project.



PERSPECTIVES

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Bring honour to the State through sports sector

The government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In that regard, it is giving priority to development of sports sector like others.

A ceremony to present victory flag to leader of Myanmar athletes who will take part in XXV South East Asian Games was held at the National Indoor Stadium-1, Thuwunna on 21 November.

The XXV South East Asian Games will include 25 sports events. And the Myanmar sports contingent made up of 214 athletes will take part in 18 sports events.

As victory in sports means bringing honour to the nation, all the athletes are duty-bound to try their utmost to win the games.

The handing over of victory flag to the athletes calls on all the athletes to do their best in every event.

All the athletes who are going to take part in XXV South East Asian Games are to show their sportsmanship out of goodwill and to participate in them in the fairest way.

Therefore, all the athletes are to make every effort to become those capable of bringing victory and honour to the State, for the uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation—one of the four social objectives—is directly related to improvement of the sports standard of the State.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Active Myanmar's Economy on 28 & 29 Nov

YANGON, 23 Nov—A Business Forum titled Active Myanmar's Economy will be held at Chatrium Hotel here on 28 and 29 November. The forum will focus on ASEAN economic community and commodity flow in Myanmar, reconsideration of policies of business organizations, creation and retaining of human resources, ways for talented staff to work as team.

The business forum will be led by Retired Rectors U Myat Thein, U Maw Than, and Daw Hla Myint of Yangon Institute of Economics, Advisor to AFTA Dr Khin Ohn Thant, Executive Director Mr David Ang of Singapore Human Resources Institute (SHRI).

Those wishing to attend the business forum may call 250056, 700273, 507048 and 507151 to book a seat.—MNA

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

Regional development tasks in Kachin State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win on 15 November arrived at Swamprabum where he comforted the patients and presented cash to them.

Next, the commander inspected the police station in Swamprabum, Myitkyina-Swamprabum-Putao roadwork and stockpiling of paving stone in Khatkhaya Village.

The commander also looked into the repair of Tiyanzut bridge and Dayukha bridge and later



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Win inspects roadworks on Myitkyina-Swamprabum-Putao road.—MNA

he met locals.

On 16 November, he oversaw the roadwork at the junction of No. 3 inter-district road near Akyae Village.

Afterwards, the commander attended those ceremony to honour the over 75 years of War Veteran Organization, Northern Command and

State War Veteran Organization, and offspring of war veterans at the hall of the Command on 17 November.

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Deputy Minister looks into site for Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku)

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, accompanied by officials of Public Works, inspected the site chosen for construction of rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) near

Letpanchepaw Village on east bank of Ayeyawady River on 18 November.

On the bank in Letpanchepaw, the Superintendent Engineer of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) construction project group-1 and the

Director of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems Department reported on the alignment of the bridge, the site to be chosen for the bridge, bank erosion and flooding.

The deputy minister

and party viewed the alignments of the bridge by boat. At the office of the Superintending Engineer, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the bridge alignments.

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Monywa Open Golf Championship continues for fourth day

YANGON, 23 Nov—Monywa Open Golf Championship continued for fourth day at Monywa, Golf Club in Monywa Sagaing Division yesterday morning.

It was followed by prize presenting ceremony where U Aung San Win of Aung Thamadi Gold Jewellery presented those who won Daily Best award in Men's amateur level event and Col San Aung from North-West Command to those in Professional Golfers event.

Chairman U Khin Maung Han of Future Engineering Group presented prizes to third prize winner in Men's amateur level event Naing Ye Lin with 302 strokes, second prize winner Soe Moe Win with 301 strokes and first prize winner



Chairman U Khin Maung Han of Future Engineering Group presents cash award to the first prize winner Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon).—NLM

Aung Win (Myanmar Selection) with 295 strokes.

Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn awarded prizes to third prize winner Than Naing in Professional Golfers event with 292 strokes, the second prize winner Thein

Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) with 290 strokes and the first prize winner Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) with 288 strokes. The chairman U Khin Maung Han of Future Engineering Group presented cash to the first prize winner Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon).

The championship was

mainly sponsored by Future Engineering Group together with co-sponsors Htoo Group of Companies, International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC), Pacific Asia Hi-Tech, Aung Thamadi Gold Jewellery, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd and Monywa Golf Club.

NLM

Secret documents show Iraq war failures

LONDON, 23 Nov—The British government misled the public and its forces were unprepared and poorly equipped for the 2003 invasion of Iraq, secret documents indicate. The documents reveal “critical failure,” “significant shortcomings,” “absence of UK political direction” and “lessons learnt,” Britain’s *Sunday Telegraph* reported. The papers were leaked ahead

of Tuesday’s scheduled start of an Iraq inquiry headed by Sir John Chilcot, the newspaper said.

The documents indicate former Prime Minister Tony Blair misled the public and Parliament in 2002 when he said Britain’s aim was “disarmament, not regime change,” and there was no planning for military action. There was, in fact, preparation for invasion and overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2002, *The Telegraph* said.

Commanders at all

levels issued “post-operational” reports which said, in part, coalition forces were “ill-prepared and equipped to deal with the problems in the first 100 days” of the occupation and troops did not have enough or the right supplies. Some soldiers went into the field with only five bullets each and others had to travel to the war zone on civilian airlines, taking gear as hand luggage with weapons being confiscated by airport security.—*Internet*



A mother and her daughter arrive in port after being rescued from a sunken ferry off Karimun island, Riau Province on 22 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

10 militants killed in Pakistan’s tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 23 Nov—

At least 10 militants were killed and eight others were seriously injured in new clashes between security forces and militants in Pakistan’s northwest on Monday, according to local TV channel reports.

Ten militants were killed and several others were injured in fierce clashes between security forces and militants in Orakzai tribal Agency and adjoining areas, the private *TV GEO News* reported.

“Troops destroyed seven hideouts during fresh assault against militants in Shahu Khel of Orakzai area, and are now targeting militants’ hideouts in other part of Shahu Khel,” the *TV* said.

Xinhua



An Uruguayan schoolboy tries the new laptop that is being distributed to all public primary school students, during a demonstration in May 2009. A laptop is now finding its place alongside a notebook and pen in schoolbags in Uruguay, the first and only country to offer an Internet-connected computers to all public primary school students.—INTERNET

British, US military tensions over Iraq

LONDON, 23 Nov—Hostility between US and British military leaders in Iraq ran deep, with one describing his US counterparts as “group of Martians,” the *Daily Telegraph* reported on Monday, citing leaked government documents.

The top British commander in the country, Major General Andrew Stewart, said “our ability to influence US policy in Iraq seemed to be minimal” in the first year of the conflict, according to documents published by the newspaper.

Britain’s chief of staff in Iraq described as difficult attempts to communicate with senior US military commanders, “a group of Martians” for whom “dialogue is alien,” the newspaper said.

“Despite our so-called special relationship,? I reckon we were treated no differently to the Portuguese,” the chief of staff, Colonel JK Tanner, said.

Internet

Cumbria, England, devastated by flood

COCKERMOUTH, 23 Nov—A massive cleanup operation was under way in Cumbria, England, after a foot of rain smashed bridges and left craters in roads, officials said. The town of Cockermouth, on the River Cocker, was particularly devastated, said emergency officials, who set up a decontamination unit to handle raw sewage flooding the river.

Another 1.5 inches of rain was expected on Sunday, with more than 1,300 homes in Cockermouth already flooded and coated with sludge, *The Sunday Times of London* reported. Insurers said it may take up to a year to make the homes habitable again.

One police officer was reported killed on Friday while shepherding people to safety from a bridge in Workington that gave way underneath him. An estimated 1,800 bridges needed to be inspected for damage, with bridges over the River Cocker hardest hit by debris that smashed bridge foundations, emergency officials said.—*Internet*

Flash floods, landslide force over 50,000 to flee homes in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 23 Nov—Flash floods in eastern part of Aceh Province of Indonesia had triggered 49,401 people to flee their homes since Sunday, while a landslide in Central Java at week end had damaged over 50 houses, Health Ministry said here on Monday.

Heavy rain for two consecutive days was blamed for the flash floods which had submerged the area in the province at the northern tip of Sumatra island for about 2 meter high, head of crisis center of the ministry Rustam Pakaya said.

“Most of the evacuees go to their relatives’ houses,” he told *Xinhua* over phone.

The ministry had set up several posts in some districts at East Aceh region to give medical assistance, said Pakaya.

Indonesia has been frequently hit by flash floods and landslides during the wet season which regularly take place from October to April.—*Xinhua*

Rescued tourists walk down from Mount Ovit in Rize Province, northeast Turkey, on 22 Nov, 2009. Eighteen people whose bus was stranded for 39 hours due to avalanche on a road of Mount Ovit were rescued on Sunday.

XINHUA



Pregnant British soldiers sent home

LONDON, 23 Nov—Ten British soldiers stationed in Afghanistan have been sent back to England during the past six months after becoming pregnant, authorities say. Despite a “no touching” rule, many servicewomen may have had relations with colleagues, *The Mail* on Sunday reported. Those pregnant may be investigated for breaking sexual conduct rules, the Ministry of Defence said.

Disciplinary procedures can include dismissal from service, the British newspaper said. “It is not an offense for a servicewoman to be pregnant, but there is a code of conduct and it is to do with anything that would damage operational effectiveness,” a Ministry of Defence source said. Some servicewomen may have become pregnant before embarking on their tour of duty, discovering their condition after arriving in the battle zone, a ministry source said.—*Internet*

California hit by budget deficit, no quick solution in sight

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov—California's budget crisis is deteriorating as students in many state universities are protesting a big tuition hike, with no immediate solution in sight.

California's budget deficit will reach 20.7 billion US dollars over the next 18 months, according to report from the State Legislative Analyst's Office.

It also predicts that the gap between the state's projected revenues and spending next year would grow to nearly three times the 7.4 billion estimated

just four months ago.

The budget hole is growing after billions in risky budget fixes had failed to materialize and also because revenue projections for next year were too optimistic, the report said.

The state's lawmakers have no other solutions to the budget crisis but further cuts to state programmes.

The cuts so far have a serious impact on the operation of the state and

local governments. The move has led to layoffs and cuts of social services. Courts have been forced to close on some weekdays to save money and prisons have to release prisoners to meet the budget cut.

The budget cuts also have a serious impact on education in the state. University of California's Board of Regents voted to approve a 32 percent increase in student fees last week.—Xinhua



A vendor sits in a stall with decorative items as he waits for visitors during the India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi.

INTERNET

Volkswagen aims to triple sales in south China

BEIJING, 23 Nov—German Auto giant Volkswagen Group has unveiled an ambitious strategy called "Strive to Win" to more than triple its sales in south China from 150,000 units to half a million annually, *China Daily* reported on Monday.

Volkswagen Group China, together with its two joint ventures — Shanghai Volkswagen and FAW-Volkswagen will work to increase market share for the Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda brands, which together had 12 percent of the entire south China market

last year, said the newspaper.

To even further boost that share, 20 new or upgraded models from the three brands will be launched from 2010 to 2012, according to Volkswagen Group China.—Xinhua

Undersea quake hits New Zealand's east coast

WELLINGTON, 23 Nov—An undersea earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale shook the east coast of New Zealand's North Island shortly before noon on Monday, causing no damages.

The quake, occurred at 11:47 am (22:47 GMT Sunday), was centered 730 km northeast of Auckland and 350 km south-west of Raoul Island, New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science reported.

It was at a depth of 418 km.—Xinhua

American soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Nov — The US military says an American soldier has been killed in action in Iraq.

A military statement said the soldier from the Multi-National Division — South died on Sunday.

No further details were immediately available.

The soldier's name is being withheld until family members can be notified. The death raises to at least 4,364 the number of US military personnel who have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count.—Internet



A staff worker gives lecture on household financial planning at the booth of Bank of Communications Shanghai Branch, during the ongoing 7th Shanghai Family Financial Planning Fair, which opens on the household finance day with the theme of Harmonious Life through Scientific Household Financial Planning, at the Shanghai Exhibition Center, in Shanghai, east China, on 20 Nov, 2009.

XINHUA

Wet weather not helping Arizona drought

PHOENIX, 23 Nov — Wet weather patterns that ended droughts across much of the United States have skipped Arizona, worsening long-term conditions in that state, experts say. A weak storm season in Arizona extends a dry streak going back to 1996. The Arizona Republic reported on Sunday.

Vanishing water reserves have forced ranchers to sell livestock. Watering holes that sustain wildlife are drying up and much of the state faces conservation measures unless weather patterns change, the newspaper said.—Internet

More airlines to fly to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 23 Nov —International air links to Nepal are set to expand tremendously with new airlines getting operating permits and old airlines increasing their frequency.

According to Monday's *The Kathmandu Post*, Fly Dubai has received approval from the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoTCA) to fly between Dubai and Kathmandu, using B737-800 aircraft from the third week of December. The carrier will operate seven

flights a week.

"We will soon be approving Kingfisher Airline's application to operate a weekly flight on the Kathmandu-Mumbai sector," said MoTCA secretary Nagendra Prasad Ghimire.

Likewise, Jet Airways has applied to operate additional flights on the Mumbai-Kathmandu and Delhi-Kathmandu sectors.

Ghimire said that the China Eastern Airlines had started Kunming-Kathmandu flights. It op-

erates thrice a week.

Dragon Air has doubled its frequency with a wide-body aircraft with a seating capacity of 369.

"The increase in international flights is due to the rapid economic development of our neighbouring countries which has increased the number of high-spending tourists," he said.

According to the Nepal Tourism Board, the number of tourists visiting Nepal via air in October 2009 increased by 10.8 percent.—Xinhua



A flower vendor stands next to bouquets of flowers at a street in Bangkok. Thailand's economy shrank by 2.8 percent year-on-year in the third quarter, signalling improvement on the previous quarter as export and tourism revenues pick up, official figures showed on Monday.—INTERNET

Genetic research key to solving rice problems

MANILA, 23 Nov—Unlocking the genetic diversity of rice is one of the key factors that can help increase production and stabilize the supply of one of the world's most important food crops.

About 700 of the world's foremost rice scientists gathered here recently to participate in the sixth International Rice Genetics Symposium organized by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to share and discuss latest research on sequencing the genomes of various types of rice including wild rice, heir-

loom and modern varieties.

But more than a venue to share new information, participants in the week-long conference also aim to provide solutions to some problems affecting rice cultivation.

"The solution to the future problem of rice agriculture partly involves genetics," David Makill, IRRI's programme leader and plant breeder, said in an interview with *Xinhua*.

Makill said that by having more genetic information, plant breeders can develop more rice varieties that can withstand

drought and floods, are more resistant to pests, and have higher yields despite limited water supply and land.

"The research done by scientists can provide the basic information needed to address these problems," he said.

Robert Zeigler, director general of the IRRI, noted that genetic research led to the development of high yielding varieties which helped in stabilizing food prices, lower hunger incidence and kept natural ecosystems from being converted into farmlands. — *Xinhua*



Wang Zhiguo (R1 Front), commander of the Chinese naval 3rd escort fleet, talks with Pieter Bindt (R2 Front), commander of the European Union (EU) navy 465 formation, during his visit to the Dutch frigate "Eversten" at the invitation of the European Union (EU) navy 465 formation in the Gulf of Aden, on 22 Nov, 2009. — *XINHUA*

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Little girls perform mulanquan during the 21st Shanghai Mulanquan Competition, in Shanghai, east China, on 22 Nov, 2009. More than 500 players from 40 mulanquan teams take part in the competition.

XINHUA

Asia's largest bascule bridge launched in N China port city

TIANJIN, 23 Nov—Asia's largest bascule bridge was launched on Sunday across Haihe River in Tianjin, a port city in north China.

The bridge, 868.8 meters long and with a span of 76 meters, is the largest of its kind in Asia, said Liu Yunping, chief engineer with the 3rd Engineering Co, Ltd of

China Railway Shisiju Group that built the bridge.

A bascule bridge is a moveable bridge with a counterweight that continuously balances the span, or "leaf", throughout the entire upward swing in providing clearance for boat traffic. Bascule is a French term for seesaw and balance, and bascule bridges operate along the same principle.

Bascule bridges may be single or double-leaf. The double-leaf bascule bridge in Tianjin can open in 315 seconds and close in 265 seconds.

Xinhua

Israeli president confirms progress in talks over kidnapped soldier

JERUSALEM, 23 Nov—Israeli President Shimon Peres said on Sunday negotiations for the release of an abducted Israeli soldier from Hamas have seen "real progress," local daily *Ha'aretz* reported.

"There is no doubt that real progress has been made on the issue of Gilad Shalit, but the details must be kept behind the scene," Peres was quoted as saying upon his return from an official visit to Egypt, where the government has been trying to broker a prisoner swap deal between Israel and Hamas.

Peres' remarks came on the heels of some reports that an exchange is to be worked out within days that would see Hamas free Shalit and Israel release hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in return. One of the predictions is that Shalit would be transferred to Egypt as early as Friday. — *Xinhua*

Sail plane crashes in northwestern Turkey

ANKARA, 23 Nov—A sail plane crashed in Sakarya Province near Turkish largest city of Istanbul on Sunday and two people were injured including the pilot, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported. The Brazilian pilot of the plane made an emergency landing on Sapanca lake in Sapanca town of the northwestern province when the plane had a breakdown, according to the report. The plane sank in the lake, but the pilot survived the crash and swam to the shore, said the report, adding that the pilot was in stable condition. — *Xinhua*

Turkey encourages use of electric cars

ISTANBUL, 23 Nov—Turkish Trade and Industry Minister Nihat Ergun said here on Sunday that Turkey sought to encourage use of electric cars in the county, and planned first stimulus regulations for 2011.

The semi-official *Anatolia* news agency quoted the minister as saying that taxes imposed on the electric cars should be at the minimum level so that people would prefer to use such kind of cars instead of others.

Xinhua



Miss Earth 2008 Karla Paula Henry helps Miss Brazil Larissa Ramos, 20, a biology student, put on her crown after Ramos won the Miss Earth 2009, at an eco-village in Boracay resort in Aklan Province, central Philippines, on 22 Nov, 2009. — *XINHUA*

Pirates seize Greek-owned bulk carrier off Yemen

NAIROBI, 23 Nov—Pirates have hijacked a Greek-owned bulk carrier in the latest spate of piracy incidents in the Gulf of Aden near Yemen, a regional maritime official said on Sunday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) said he has not established the composition of the crewmembers onboard the Panama-flagged vessel.

"The Red Sea Spirit was hijacked on Thursday but we received reports late Saturday. I am yet to establish the nationalities and the number of the crew members on board and the destination of the vessel," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa.

The Gulf of Aden, off the northern coast of Somalia, has the highest risk of piracy in the world. About 25,000 ships use the channel south of Yemen, between the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea.

Xinhua

Iran pursues delivery of S-300 missiles from Russia

TEHERAN, 23 Nov— Iran's Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said Sunday that the country is still pursuing Russia's commitment on delivering S-300 anti-aircraft missiles, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

Vahidi had said earlier on Tuesday that there was no official news over the cancellation of delivery from Russia of S-300 missiles.

The S-300 anti-aircraft missile system, which is to be delivered to Iran according to a 2007 agreement, was developed as a system against aircraft and cruise missiles for Soviet Union's anti-air defence branch, but later variations were also developed to intercept ballistic missiles.

Russia has said that technical causes were the main reason for the delay

in delivery, according to earlier reports of the official IRNA news agency.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Vahidi referred to the presence of NATO and US troops in the region, saying that "lasting security will become a reality when cross-regional troops withdraw and do not interfere in domestic issues of other countries."

Xinhua

Pakistani military kills 29 militants

ISLAMABAD, 23 Nov — Pakistani troops killed at least 29 militants in clashes and air strikes in the tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan, military officials told CNN. The strikes all occurred within the last 24 hours, Pakistan military spokesman Maj Gen Athar Abbas told CNN on Sunday.

Other military officials said troops killed 11 militants, including a com-

mander, when they fought off an attack on a military base in the Loesam region, which is in the Bajaur agency in northern Pakistan. Two soldiers were killed in the fighting.

In a ground offensive in the southern portion of Orakzai agency, troops killed 13 militants, officials said. One soldier was also killed in that clash. Air strikes in the northern portion of

Orakzai agency destroyed several militant hideouts, officials said. They did not say whether anyone was killed. Orakzai is also in northern Pakistan. The northern districts have been the site of increased militant activity because militants fled to the area to escape the army's offensive against the Taleban in South Waziristan, Abbas said.

Internet

Kids smuggle food for cents along war border

TORKHAM, 23 Nov — Sabar Mina is cloaked in a light green shawl tinged with dirt. She is holding an empty flour sack that she plans on filling with firewood. Her eyes are soft and kind, but they bear the signs of exhaustion. There's a reason for that. Instead of going to school, the eight-year-old

walks an hour to work.

All day long Sabar takes items back and forth between two of the most dangerous countries in the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Normally she smuggles flour from the Pakistan side where she is from. Pakistan has a ban on exporting food items to

Afghanistan because of a spike in food prices, so flour is a hot commodity right now.

Once over the border Sabar gathers and carries firewood to take back from Afghanistan.

Internet

Kids watching hours of TV at home daycare

SEATTLE, 23 Nov— Parents who thought their preschoolers were spending time in home-based day cares, taking naps, eating healthy snacks and learning to play nicely with others may be surprised to discover they are

sitting as many as two hours a day in front of a TV, according to a study published on Monday.

When added to the two to three hours many parents already admit to allowing at home, preschoolers in child care may be spending more than a third of the about 12 hours they are awake each day in front of the electronic baby sitter, said Dr. Dimitri Christakis, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle and a researcher at the University of Washington.

That's double the TV time he found in a previous study based on parental reports of home viewing, according to findings published Monday in the journal *Pediatrics*. The study is the first to look at TV watching in child care in more than 20 years. The figures come from a telephone survey of 168 licensed child care programmes in Michigan, Washington, Florida and Massachusetts. Christakis said he thought television use was probably underreported.

Internet

A bevy of model shows off their beautifully-manicured lustrous gel nails with innovative patterns, at the 2009 China International Beautiful Manicure Art Festival, concurrently the Beautiful Manicure Match, in the Ditan Gymnasium of Beijing, on 22 Nov, 2009.

XINHUA



Macao hotelier wins bid for Michael Jackson's glove

For a whopping 420,000 US dollars, Michael Jackson's rhinestone-encrusted glove is coming to a hotel in the glitzy Asian gambling haven of Macao.

Hoffman Ma, deputy chief executive of the Ponte 16 gaming resort, made the winning bid of 350,000 US dollars at an auction in New York on the hotel's behalf. With commission in-

cluded, the glove cost 420,000 US dollars in total, hotel spokeswoman Jennie Yeung said.

Jackson wore the sparkling glove when he performed his first "moonwalk" dance in 1983.

The auction on Saturday featured more than 70 items from the late pop icon's career.

Legendary gambling tycoon Stanley Ho's Sociedade de Jogos de Macau owns half of the five-star hotel, which will open a gallery early next year to showcase the glove and nine other Jackson items from the auction, Yeung said.

Among the items were a pair of sequin-encrusted socks, portraits of Charlie Chaplin drawn by Jackson as a child, and a shirt he wore in his iconic Thriller video.

The decision to buy Jackson memorabilia had been discussed by Ponte 16's senior executives for several months, Yeung said.



This undated file photo released by Julien's Auctions shows Michael Jackson's glove from his 1983 performance of Billie Jean at the Motown 25 television special where he performed the Moonwalk for the first time.

This undated photo released by National Geographic shows University of Chicago Professor Paul Sereno, left, and McGill University Associate Professor Hans Larsson excavating the fossil skull of a 100-million-year-old croc in Niger.

Lost wallet found 63 years later

Renovation on a California movie theater led to the discovery of a wallet lost during earlier work, probably in 1946 or 1947, the wallet owner's ex-wife said.

The wallet, which still had family photos inside, belonged to the late Clyde W "Lefty" Mize, who lived in Banning, Calif, where the theater is located, the Riverside Press-Enterprise reported on Saturday. "He must have been doing lathe work there," his ex-wife, Gloria Burke Round, 87, of Santa Maria, Calif, said of Mize, who died in 2005 at age 85.

Melody Mize, Clyde and Gloria's daughter, said her mother learned of the wallet's discovery from a series of phone calls after the find was announced on a television news report.

Clyde and Gloria moved to Banning from Los Angeles County after World War II so Clyde and his brother, Lloyd, could join their cousins in their plastering work in Desert Hot Springs.

NEWS ALBUM



A woman takes part in a stiletto race in Paris. Dozens of shoe addicts took part in the National Stiletto Championship on an indoor track in the old stock exchange building in central Paris. The only rule is to be perched on heels at least eight centimetres (three inches) high — the prize is boxes and boxes of shoes.



Industry-2 Minister inspects Pakokku Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected progress in construction of Technical Training School (Pakokku) project in Pakokku Industrial Region on 20 and 21

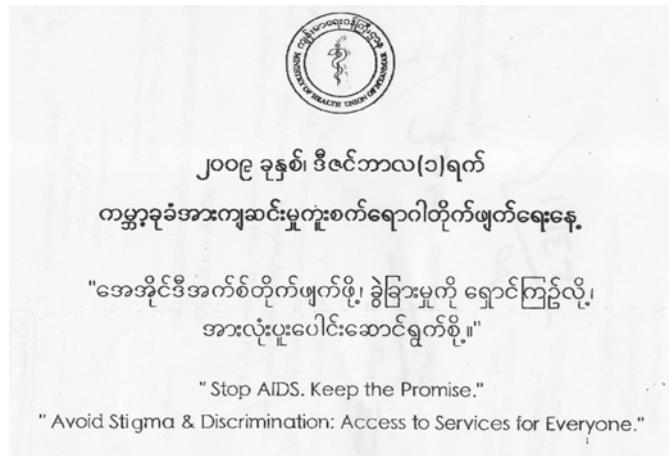
November.

The Minister gave instruction on placing machines systematically and making the arrangements for teaching course.

On arrival at Machines and Machine

Tools Factory (Myaing), the minister inspected production process and urged the officials to make efforts in order to produce the modern machines that meet the set target of the state.

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New railway station reflects dignity of Nay Pyi Taw

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"Passengers can lodge at hostels for free."
U Soe Min Thant Senior Engineer
(Civil)

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"The station was constructed with the aim of enabling passengers to travel to towns across the nation via Nay Pyi Taw by train safe and sound in a short time. The stake for construction of the station was driven on 8 December of 2006 and it was inaugurated on 5 July, 2009," said U Soe Min Thant.

Nay Pyi Taw railway station is a new and modern facility equipped with complete railway yard linking towns nationwide. The average length of Nay Pyi Taw railway station construction project site is 9,000 feet, width 4,000 feet and the station cov-

ers an area of 826.5 acres.

"Nay Pyi Taw railway station construction project was divided into first, second, third and final phases. The building is a two-storey RC type. Now, the first and second phases of construction work have been completed, and the third phase will be completed in 2010", he added.

The work for 2009-2010 fiscal year of the whole project includes

such work as construction of 3, 4 and 5 parts of F.O.B overpass, construction of Locomotive Shed, paving of concrete road at the entrance to the station, construction of car park in the front of the station, construction of No.3 lounge and platform and they are all in the course of construction.

"We are erecting 200-foot long and 160-foot wide locomotive shed. The shed will be completed in 2009-2010 fiscal year. The locomotives can be repaired more safely upon completion of the shed. There will be a total of 98 railroads on completion of the construction of the whole station.

Entrance ways, exit ways and roads to car park are concrete facilities. So heavy and light vehicles can be driven in

and out easily. Ornamental grass and trees also have been grown around the car park.

A total of 28 CCTV cameras have been installed in the main building and platforms of the station for safety of the passengers. Many bus lines run to and from Nay Pyi Taw station for passengers to have an easy access to the station. In addition, four hostels, all of which can accommodate 100 passengers have been constructed in the north of the station for passengers who are to take early trains and night trains can lodge for free." he went on.

Then we left for the main building of Nay Pyi Taw railway station. There we saw passengers queuing to buy tickets, and some waiting for the train. The spacious building offers a relaxing atmosphere for passengers. We interviewed a woman waiting for train who said her name was Daw Than Myint; that she came from Thawuthti and was wait-

ing for train to Shwe Nyaung; that she was grateful to authorities concerned for construction of such a station.

The current rail routes from Nay Pyi Taw railway station are Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw-



"I come from Thawuthti and am waiting for train to Shwenyaung."
Daw Than Myint,
Passenger

Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan, Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine, Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk, Nay Pyi Taw-Shwenyaung, and Nay Pyi Taw-Loikaw.

Furthermore, trains

passing Nay Pyi Taw railway station are, No.3 Up, No.4 Down, No.5 Up, No.6 Down, No.11 Up, No.12 Down, No.29 Up, No.30 Down, No.1 Up and No. 2 Downrunning on Yangon-Mandalay route, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Shwenyaung 141Up, Shwenayung-Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana 142 Down, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Loikaw 147 Up, and Loikaw-Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Down. Passengers now can choose the most convenient means of transport.

Nay Pyi Taw railway station is the biggest and the most modern of its kind in Myanmar and its design also second to none in the country. The dignity of Nay Pyi Taw has been enhanced along with the emergence of Nay Pyi Taw railway station which enables passengers to travel anywhere across the nation via Nay Pyi Taw in convenience as well as in short period.

Translation: TKK
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Locomotive shed under construction.

Nantpapaung Dam under construction in Yaksawk Township, Shan State (South)

Article & Photo: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

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Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. On arrival at the site of Construction Group-7, we had an interview with Assistant Director U Toe Win of ID. U Toe Win explained to us the purpose of construction of the Nantpapaung Dam. He said that the aim to construct the dam is to supply irrigation water in order that the local farmers can grow paddy on 325 acres of farmlands near Makmee Village of Yaksawk Township.

The challenging tasks in construction of the dam

are land preparation, earthwork, drilling the holes, filling of mortar plus construction of embankment, outlet channel, water control tower and spillway. Together with Staff Officer U Khin Zaw our news crew proceeded to Nantpapaung Dam project site from Yaksawk through Kyaingkhan Road three miles away from Kyaingkhan Dam. We saw the staff members clearing the site, constructing roads and filling mortar. The Nantpapaung Dam situated between Kyaingkhan Dam and Zawgyi Dam is to ensure development of agriculture, regional development and supplying power

to the environs of Kyaingkhan Village.

Agriculture is the main livelihoods of local people residing in the vicinity of Nantpapaung Dam. When completed, the Nantpapaung Dam will be able to supply irrigation water to about 325 acres of farmlands, thereby contributing to development in social, education, health and transport sectors as well as improvement of the socio-economic status of local people.

Translation: ZZS
(Kyemon: 23-11-2009)

Environmental Conservation Committee holds meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—The 10th meeting of the Environmental Conservation Committee was held at Kyun Shwe Wah Hall of the Ministry of Forestry here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the committee Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Next, Secretary of the committee Acting Director-General of the Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung reported on

work progress during the four-week period and future programmes; and leaders of seven special work groups of the committee deputy ministers, and representatives, on work progress for environmental conservation in states and divisions concerned in the four-month period.

Next, they viewed video clips of Meetings on ASEAN Environmental Conservation, and Clean and Green Singapore 2010

concerning meetings on environmental conservation in ASEAN countries held in the Republic of Singapore from 28 to 30 October and the seven special groups discussed completed undertakings and future plans in detail.

The meeting then ended with concluding remarks of Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses 10th meeting of Environmental Conservation Committee.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects Patheinywa road (Kazunma-Monywa road section)



Deputy Minister U Tint Swe inspects earthworks on Patheinywa road.—CONSTRUCTION

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe on 19 November inspected the earth work on Kazunma-Monywa road section of Patheinywa road and paving of gravel at mile post No. 45/3 and condition of gravel road at Linkataw detour road.

After that, he

inspected the construction site of Ngwetha Chaung Bridge at mile post No. 3/7 on Patheinywa road (Salingyi Township) and extension of Patheinywa road (Myaing-Linkataw-Salingyi-Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) section) at mile post No.11/7.—MNA

Survey methods and information technology course opened

YANGON, 23 Nov—Jointly conducted by Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) under the technological cooperation programme, survey methods and information technology

course was opened at Settlement and Land Records Department (Branch) here this morning. Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlement and Land Records Department and Statistician Ms Rosalinda Manuel-Garcia of Bureau of Agricultural Statistics from the Philippines made speech

on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were deputy director-general, directors, deputy directors and 30-trainee officials. The course that will last for one-week contributes to human resources development of Settlement and Land Records Department.

MNA



Director-General U Win Kyi gives a speech at opening of course on survey methods and information technology.—SLRD

3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament (2009) goes on



The 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry volleyball tournament (2009) in progress.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—The play-off matches of the 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Volleyball tournament (2009) continued at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds here this morning.

In the events, Ministry of Industry-1 beat Ministry of Sports 3-0, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and

MMA's golf tourney on 29 Nov

YANGON, 23 Nov—The golfers team of Myanmar Medical Association's monthly golf tournament will be held at Mingaladon golf course here at 6 am on 29 November.

The members of golfers team will participate in the tournament.—MNA

Development Affairs beat Ministry of Rail Transportation 3-0. Ministry of Information beat Ministry of Electric Power No (2) 3-1, Ministry of Industry-2 beat Ministry of Commerce 3-0.

As the semifinal matches, Ministry of

Industry-1 plays against Ministry Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, and Ministry of Information meets Ministry of Industry-2 at the Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds at 3 pm on 25 November.—MNA

Forestry Minister inspects wood factories in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at No. 2-B carving factory of wood base industry under the Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Amarapura on 18 November. The factory manager reported on progress of work to the minister. The Managing Director of Win & Win Co, Ltd and the Managing Director of Myanmar

Timber Enterprise gave supplementary reports.

Next, the minister inspected operation of wood cutting and production of sawn timber and plywood to be exported.

Later, the minister looked into procedure of wood cutting and production of plywood and finished wood to be exported at wood factory of Nature Timber Trading

Co Ltd in industrial zone (1) in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay. He also looked into procedure of wood cutting and production of furniture pieces at Myanmar Maykaung wood factory. Afterwards, the minister inspected production of formica and plywood at Kankaungchinyadanar wood factory in Belin, Kyaukse Township.

MNA



Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects carving factory of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Amarapura.—FORESTRY

Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway being upgraded to model hilly one

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tun Win Naing (MNA)

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Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway is included in the list of the Union Highways, and it links Nay Pyi Taw with Shan State and Kayah State. The construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway started in 1976. A 12 feet wide tarred road was constructed in 1996. The 70 miles and two furlongs long original road stretched from Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana to Yinhmi Village.

At present, the highway is being upgraded for plying of buses.

Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway includes two road sections namely Kintha-Koegway section from mile posts 0/0 to 20/4 and Koegway-Yinhmi section from mile posts 24/6 to 70/2.

In implementing the Kintha-Koegway section, Public Works of Nay Pyi Taw District is taking responsibility for construction of the road section from mile posts 0/0 to 9/2 and the Road Construction Project Special Group-13, from mile posts 9/2 to 20/4 and Koegway-Yinhmi section from mileposts 24/6 to 70/2.

In so doing, the road section from Kintha to Koegway is being constructed as a new road, while the maintenance works are being carried out along the road section from Koegway to Pinlaung.

In an interview, Project Superintending Engineer U Thein Zaw of Road Construction Project Special Group-13 explained, "We are to carry out the task of earth works, building of 20 feet wide



A hilly road section seen on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway.

gravel road, construction of a reinforced concrete bridge and tarmacking of 18 feet wide road from

mile posts 9/2 to 20/4 along 11.2 miles road."

He continued to say, "Moreover, it is necessary to undertake the maintenance and extended construction works including the levelling the gradient of the 45/4 miles long road section from mile posts 24/6 to 70/2 on Koegway-Yinhmi and placing tar on it, expanding the earthen embankment and the road area on the hilly region, construction of drains, reinforced concrete box culverts, reinforced concrete bridges, small bridges and retaining walls, and building of 20 feet wide gravel road and construction of 18 feet wide tarred road."

On arrival at Leinli

Village at mile post 47/3 on the road section, we saw construction of 170 feet long bailey type new bridge. The Bridge Construction Project Special Group (9) is taking responsibility for construction of Leinli Bridge.

It is a steel cable suspension bridge including 1000 feet long main suspension bridge and 380 feet long approach bridges on both sides. So, the total length of the bridge is 1760 feet. The bridge will have 28 feet wide motorway and three feet wide pedestrian ways on both sides. It can withstand 75-ton loads. The upper structure of the bridge will be of steel frame reinforced concrete floor.

The implementation of the project commenced in September 2006. We witnessed the workers and officials making energetic efforts in construction of the bridge for its timely completion.

Upon completion, the local people from Kanbawza region and those from Gandayawady region will have the opportunity to visit Nay Pyi Taw by express bus in a short time. In addition, the better transportation will contribute much to speedy flow of commodities.

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Construction of approach bridge with heavy machinery in progress at Leinli Bridge Project site.

11 Iraqis wounded in Baghdad bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 23 Nov—A total of 11 people were wounded in five roadside bomb explosions across the Iraqi capital on Monday, an Interior Ministry police source said.

Four people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near a fuel station in the al-Nidhal Street in Baghdad's central district of Karrada, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Two more civilians were wounded in Karrada when another roadside bomb detonated near a convoy of an Iraqi politician, the source said.

The blast also damaged one of the convoy's vehicles, the source said.

A third roadside bomb went off near a police patrol at an intersection in the same neighborhood, wounding two civilians, he said.

Two others were also wounded when

a bomb explosion struck a US patrol while passing in the al-Husseiniyah neighborhood in the northeastern Baghdad, he added.

The source could not tell whether the US soldiers sustained any casualty as the troops sealed off the area. The US military did not confirm the incident yet.

One more civilian was wounded when a fifth roadside bomb detonated at a commercial area of al-Sinek in central the capital, he added.

The blast also caused damages to several nearby shops and buildings, he said.

Sporadic roadside bombs, car bombings and suicide attacks are still haunting Iraqis, shaping a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country after nearly five months of US troops pullout of cities and towns.—*Xinhua*



The logo of social networking website 'Facebook' is displayed on a computer screen in London in 2007. Facebook can be a double-edged sword, a Canadian woman learned when an insurance company cut her health benefits, claiming she was healthy after seeing pictures of her smiling in bikini at the beach.

INTERNET

Asian games world press briefing slated for December

GUANGZHOU, 23 Nov—The 1st World Press Briefing (WPB) for the 2010 Asian Games will be held on 13-16 December, organizers said on Monday.

"All international media interested in covering the Asian Games in Guangzhou are now cordially invited to

attend the WPB," the organizing committee said in a statement. "Applications are open to all news media."

All forms can be downloaded from the official World Press Briefing website at (<http://wpb.gz2010.cn>).

During the World Press Briefing, which

serves as an important platform for communication between GAGOC and the media in Asia and around the world, GAGOC will present updates on the latest preparations for the Games and services that will be provided during the Games.

Internet

Afghan soldiers killed, nine others injured

KABUL, 23 Nov— Militancy and conflicts have claimed the lives of three Afghan soldiers and injured nine others in the country over the past 24 hours, a press release of Defense Ministry said here on Monday.

There soldiers were killed as a mine planted by the Taleban militants struck soldiers' vehicle in Musa Qala district of the southern Helmand province on Sunday, the press release added.

Two more soldiers sustained injuries in the blast, it added.

Six more Afghan soldiers were wounded when they came under Taleban attack in Matankuli area of the eastern Kunar province on the same day on Sunday.

One more soldier sustained injuries as a mine went off in Jalaidi strict of the southern Kandahar province on Monday, the press said.

Taleban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops as part of tactic have resorted to roadside and suicide attacks which has proved deadly for both the security forces and civilians. —*Xinhua*



People look at hot air balloons during an exhibition at the Zocalo Square in Mexico City on 22 November, 2009.—XINHUA

21 hostages killed in Philippines' Maguindanao

MANILA, 23 Nov— Twenty-one people who were among a group of local politicians and journalists abducted on Monday in Maguindanao, southern Philippines have been found dead, Philippine military officials said.

The spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Lieutenant Colonel Romeo Brawner said they recovered the bodies of eight men and thirteen women who were killed by the still unidentified armed men. Brawner earlier said that gunmen linked to a powerful politician in Maguindanao snatched 40 people, including his political rivals and 20 local journalists.

Jenilyn, wife of Esmail Mangundadatu, mayor of Buluan town in Maguindanao, his aides and supporters were among those abducted.

"It's barbaric. The perpetrators even raped their women hostages before killing them," Esmail told reporters.

Esmail claimed that a political rival is behind the kidnapping.—*Xinhua*

Ten Palestinians wounded in Israeli strikes on Gaza

GAZA, 23 Nov—At least 10 Palestinians were wounded in Israeli airstrikes on various targets in the Gaza Strip early Sunday, witnesses and medical sources said.

The first raid took place shortly after midnight, targeting a metal workshop in northeast Gaza city where five people were injured, according to the medical sources. The witnesses said the five were passing by accident near the targeted place.

Minutes later, the Israeli aircrafts fired

missiles at another workshop near al-Maghazi refugee camp in Central Gaza Strip. There have been no injuries in the second strike. Israel said that attacks had targeted weapon factories and workshops that produced home-made rockets.

The Israeli air force resumed its attacks at dawn on tunnels beneath Gaza's southern border with Egypt, wounding five more Palestinian smuggling workers, residents in Rafah town said. Officials at Abu

Youssef al-Najjar hospital in Rafah said the workers have sustained slight to moderate injuries.

The airstrikes seemed to be in response to a Palestinian rocket attack on southern Israel late Saturday. No Palestinian group had claimed responsibility for firing the rocket which landed in an open area in Western Negev. Last winter, Israel conducted a fierce offensive in Gaza, killing some 1,387 Palestinians and destroying thousands of houses and public facilities.—*Xinhua*



This undated photo released by Census of Marine Life and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution shows a transparent sea cucumber, *Eynpniastes*, creeping forward on its many tentacles at about 2 cm per minute while sweeping detritus-rich sediment into its mouth at 2,750 meters in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. Thousands of marine species eke out an existence in the ocean's pitch-black depths by feeding on the snowlike decaying matter that cascades down, and even sunken whale bones, according to a report released on Sunday, 22 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET



Woman of Zhuang ethnic group clad in their holiday bests make a toast during a traditional wedding ceremony performance in a village of Maguan County, Zhuang-Miao Autonomous Prefecture of Wenshan, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 13 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Child fitness levels 'overestimated' by parents

LONDON, 23 Nov — Parents have big misconceptions about the amount of exercise their children take part in, according to the British Heart Foundation (BHF). It says 71% of parents polled believe their children are "active enough" but only one in 10 of the children say they are doing the recommended daily amount.

The charity says parents need to take the "blinkers off" about how active their children are to

prevent obesity. However, one expert said there were many barriers to increased activity. The BHF questioned nearly 1,000 UK parents with children aged eight to 15.

It produced a report called Couch Kids which shows that while the number of obese children has risen since the mid-1990s, there have been no major changes in children's physical activity levels over the past decade.

The BHF is calling for urgent action to ensure children can get fit and active easily with:

- * Guidelines on recommended levels of physical activity for all age groups.

- * Schools maximising the opportunities for physical activity.

- * Collection of data about physical activity levels across the UK by local authorities and national governments.

Internet

Second conjoined twin out of coma after separation op



Krishna had been in an induced coma since this week's operation.—INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 23 Nov — The second of two conjoined twins who doctors separated in Australia has woken from an induced coma. The child, Krishna, suffered complications during the operation to separate her from her twin, Trishna, for which both were heavily sedated. The sisters, who turn three next month, are expected to make a full recovery.

They had been brought to Melbourne from Bangladesh in 2007 for the operation. Born joined at the head, they had shared brain tissue and blood vessels. The sisters now face a long recovery, and further tests will be carried out as they grow stronger, doctors said.

The twin's emergence from their induced comas has been momentous both for their guardians and the team of specialists at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, says the BBC's Phil Mercer in Australia.—Internet

Costa Rica to sign information exchange deal with OECD

SAN JOSE, 23 Nov — Costa Rica said Sunday it will sign with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) an information exchange agreement aimed at avoiding possible sanctions by the grouping.

Costa Rica's Treasure Minister Jenny Phillips told *Xinhua* that the government will seek to amend existing laws to permit investigations of bank accounts in the country, as required by the OECD.

Under the country's law, probes of bank account data require the authorization of a judge.

According to Phillips, the government will send a law amendment bill to the Legislative Assembly before 15 Dec, as a way of showing its willingness to cooperate with the OECD.

Xinhua

Car bomb fizzles at Belfast police HQ

BELFAST, 23 Nov — Two men crashed a car carrying a 400-pound bomb through barriers at Belfast police headquarters but it only partially exploded, authorities said on Sunday. The Police Service of Northern Ireland said in a statement the men fled the vehicle after driving it through the barriers on Saturday night but only a small explosion followed about 30 minutes later, *CNN* reported.

"Had this device functioned as the terrorists planned, there would have been widespread damage and destruction," the statement said. The statement did not mention any injuries in the incident, *CNN* said.

Internet



A pair of flamingos stroll leisurely under bright sunshine, inside the zoo of Suzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 22 Nov, 2009.

XINHUA

Over 100 icebergs drifting to N Zealand

SYDNEY, 23 Nov — More than 100, and possibly hundreds, of Antarctic icebergs are floating towards New Zealand in a rare event which has prompted a shipping warning, officials said on Monday. An Australian Antarctic Division glaciologist said the ice chunks, spotted by satellite photography, had passed the Auckland Islands and were heading towards the main South Island, about 450 kilometres (280 miles) northeast.

Scientist Neal Young said more than 100 icebergs — some measuring more than 200 metres (650 feet) across — were seen in just one cluster, indicating there could be hundreds more. He said they were the remains of a massive ice floe which split from the Antarctic as sea and air temperatures rise due to global warming. "All of these have come from a larger one that was probably 30 square kilometres (11.6 square miles) in size when it left Antarctica," Young told *AFP*.

"It's done a long circuit around Antarctica and now the bigger parts of it are breaking up and producing smaller ones." He said large numbers of icebergs had not floated this close to New Zealand since 2006, when a number came within 25 kilometres of the coastline — the first such sighting since 1931.

Internet

Photo taken on 20 Nov, 2009 shows the production line of whisky in the early years in Qingdao Red Wine Cellar in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. As one of the oldest production place of red wine in China, the Qingdao Red Wine Cellar was established by a German businessman called Klauke in 1912.

XINHUA



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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (046N) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 24.11.2009 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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Turkey to add visual health warnings to cigarette packages

ANKARA, 23 Nov — Turkey will add visual health warning messages to cigarette packages produced as of 1 Jan, 2010, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Sunday. Chairman Mehmet Kucuk of the Turkish Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulation Board (TAPDK) told the agency that cigarette packages produced before 31 Dec, 2009 which only have written warning signs can be sold till 30 June, 2010.

There will be no cigarette packages without visual warning messages in Turkey as of 1 Jan, 2011, Kucuk said. There will be 14 pictures, which will be chosen from 42 sample pictures in the European Union's system, on tobacco product packages to draw people's attention to

the harm of cigarettes, the chairman was quoted of saying. Visual warning on cigarette packages is used in countries including Britain, Belgium, Romania, Brazil, Thailand and Singapore, the agency said.

Xinhua

Man happy with simple life in Utah cave

MOAB, 23 Nov—A 48-year-old man who has not used money in nine years and resides in a desert cave in Moab, Utah, said he loves his simple existence.

Daniel Suelo said while he shops for clothes by going through garbage, he is content with living an existence where he does not have to worry about a job, mortgage or other concerns that plague most US residents, *The Denver Post* reported on Sunday.

"The understanding that, really, we all possess nothing is the cornerstone of all spiritual endeavors and religions," Suelo said.

Internet

Palestinian woman dies of A/H1N1 virus

RAMALLAH, 23 Nov— A Palestinian woman died of A/H1N1 virus in the West Bank, the health ministry said on Sunday.

The 45-year-old woman was from southern West Bank town of Hebron, said Asad al-Ramlawi, an official from the ministry.

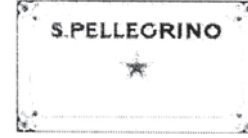
The latest death brings the total number of Palestinians who died of the novel flu to seven, according to the official.

Al-Ramlawi said 1,170 Palestinians have been infected with the virus.

A Palestinian resident in a village near the West Bank city Ramallah died in a Palestinian hospital on 7 Aug, as the first death case of A/H1N1 flu in the Palestinian territories. —*Xinhua*

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Man listens to album for 524 straight days

MAPLE HEIGHTS, 23 Nov — A 49-year-old man in Maple Heights, Ohio, listened to the Judas Priest double album "Nostradamus" every day for 524 straight days, a disc jockey said.

WJCU FM, University Heights, Ohio, disc jockey Bill Peters said Jim Bartek completed his 524-day streak on Saturday by rocking out to "Nostradamus" with nearly 35 people at a local bar, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported.

"Some think he's crazy," Peters said of Bartek. "But his passion and devotion made him an international cause." During his streak of listening to the Judas Priest work daily, Bartek earned notoriety by being featured in a variety of publications ranging from newspapers to magazines like Rolling Stone.

The Plain Dealer said the Maple Heights resident was even contacted by Judas Priest singer Rob Halford, who taped a special testimonial for Bartek.

"You are a special guy. ... You brought a lot of attention to 'Nostradamus' around the world. We got quite a bump from that. Thank you, Jim. Thank you for being a fan," Halford said.—*Internet*

A bevy of white cranes prowl for feeds over the water area of Nanbei Harbour, an integral part of the swamp of Poyang Lake, the country's largest fresh water lake, in Hukou County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 22 Nov, 2009.

XINHUA



Genetic clue to glioma brain cancer growth

LONDON, 23 Nov — Scientists have pinpointed a mutated gene as key to the development of some types of glioma brain tumour. The mutation leads to hugely increased levels of a chemical in the brain, which seems to feed the cancer. The *Nature* study suggests that detecting higher levels of the chemical could provide doctors with a useful diagnostic tool. It also raises hopes that blocking production of the chemical might prevent the cancer getting worse.

People with particular brain tumours, such as lower-grade gliomas, often

carry a mutated version of a gene that controls production of an enzyme called IDH1. The latest study, by US firm Agios Pharmaceuticals, shows that these mutations change the way the enzyme works and result in the build-up of high levels of a chemical called 2-hydroxyglutarate (2HG) in the brain.

Researchers found malignant glioma samples with IDH1 mutations had 100 times more 2HG than similar samples from patients without the mutation. They said measuring 2HG levels could be used to help identify patients with IDH1

mutant brain tumours. Writing in the journal, the researchers said: "This will be important for prognosis as patients with IDH1 mutations live longer than patients with gliomas characterised by other mutations.

"In addition, patients with lower-grade gliomas may benefit by the therapeutic inhibition of 2HG production. "Inhibition of 2HG production by mutant IDH1 might slow or halt conversion of lower-grade glioma into lethal secondary glioblastoma, changing the course of the disease."—*Internet*

Acid oceans leave fish at more risk from predators

MELBOURNE, 23 Nov — Ocean acidification could cause fish to become "fatally attracted" to their predators, according to scientists.

A team studying the effects of acidification—caused by dissolved CO₂—on ocean reefs found that it leaves fish unable to "smell danger".

Young clownfish that were reared in the acidified water became attracted to rather than repelled by the chemical signals released by predatory fish. The findings were published in the journal *Ecology Letters*. Danielle Dixson from James Cook University in Queensland, Australia, led the study. She and her colleagues tested orange clown fish larvae that were raised in water with the same



Clown fish reared in acidified water lost the ability to "smell" danger.—*INTERNET*

slightly alkaline pH as their ocean reef habitat, and those raised in more acidic water.

The team released the fish into a "flow chamber" with two water sources flowing in parallel. One source was taken from tanks containing the clown fishes' natural predators and one was drawn from tanks in which non-predatory fish were swimming.

"The flow rates are identical, so the water won't mix," Ms Dixson explained. "This allows the fish in the chamber to choose which water cue they prefer or dislike." In the test, the fish reared in normal water avoided the stream of water that their predators had been swimming in. They detected the odour of a predator and swam away from it.—*Internet*

Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje of Canada skate their gala performance at the 2009 Homesense Skate Canada International in Kitchener. *INTERNET*



Ice sheet collapse could add 5m to seas

PARIS, 23 Nov — The East Antarctic icesheet, once seen as largely unaffected by global warming, has lost billions of tonnes of ice since 2006 and could boost sea levels in the future, according to a new study. Published yesterday in *Nature Geoscience*, the same study shows that the smaller but less stable West Antarctic icesheet is also shedding significant mass. Scientists worry that rising global temperatures could trigger a rapid disintegration of West Antarctica, which holds enough frozen water to push up the global ocean watermark by about five metres.

In 2007 the UN Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) predicted sea levels would rise 18 to 59cm by 2100, but this estimate did not factor in the potential impact of crumbling icesheets in Greenland and Antarctica.

Today many of the same scientist say that even if heat-trapping CO₂ emissions are curtailed, the ocean watermark is more likely to go up by nearly a metre, enough to render several small island nations unlivable and damage fertile deltas, home to hundreds of millions.

More than 190 nations gather in Copenhagen next month to hammer out a global climate deal to curb greenhouse gases and help poor countries cope with its consequences. Another study published last week in the journal *Nature* reported an upwardly-revised figure for Antarctic temperatures during prior "interglacials", warm periods such as our own that have occurred roughly every 100,000 years. During the last interglacial which peaked about 128,000 years ago, called the Eemian Period, temperatures in the region

were probably 6C higher than today, which is about three degrees above previous estimates, the study said.—*Internet*

Frog legs spreading pathogen

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov — A worldwide trade in frog legs may be spreading pathogens deadly to amphibians, scientists in Washington said.

Amphibians are declining rapidly world-wide, with more than one-third of the estimated 6,000 amphibian species threatened with extinction, scientists at the Smithsonian Institution said in a release. Many amphibians are vulnerable to *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, also known as amphibian chytrid. The pathogen could spread unchecked in the \$40-million-per-year culinary trade of frog legs, most of which are consumed in France, Belgium and the United States, Smithsonian

Normal bacteria on skin surface healthy

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov — Normal bacteria living on the skin are good for our health, a new study has found.

According to a study by the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine, bacteria are abundant, diverse and constant on the skin's surface and they help

maintain balance in the skin.

The researchers say the bacteria trigger a pathway that prevents excessive inflammation after injury. "These germs are actually good for us," said Richard L Gallo, professor of medicine and pediatrics, chief of UCSD's Division of Dermatology and the Dermatology section of the Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System.

The study is to be published in the advance on-line edition of *Nature Medicine* on Sunday.

The study was primarily conducted by post-doctoral fellow Yu Ping Lai in mice and in human cell cultures.

Gallo said the exciting implications of Dr Lai's work was that it provided a molecular basis to understand the "hygiene hypothesis" and had uncovered elements of the wound repair response that were previously unknown.

He said this might help scientists devise new therapeutic approaches for inflammatory skin diseases.

Xinhua

A Sri Lankan model displays a creation by local Sri Lankan designers during a fashion event in Colombo.—*INTERNET*



SPORTS

McPherson takes lead in LPGA Championship

HOUSTON, 23 Nov—Kristy McPherson fired a 5-under-par 67 and took the lead Sunday in the suspended second round of the rain-plagued LPGA Tour Championship in Houston.

McPherson was at 8-under 136, a shot ahead of Jiyai Shin and two in front of Lorena Ochoa, Heather Bowie Young and Anna Nordqvist.

Many players, including Bowie Young and Ochoa, who were on the closing holes, were unable to complete the second round before play was suspended for the day. Rains caused lengthy delays in the tournament at the Houston Golf & Country Club on Friday and forced the cancellation of play on Saturday. Tournament officials then decided to cut the event to 54 holes.

Once all scores are in for the second round Monday, players are to go straight to the third and final round.—*Internet*

Milan and Juve win to keep hold of Inter's coat-tails

ROME, 23 Nov—AC Milan edged Cagliari in a 4-3 thriller and Juventus laboured to a 1-0 home win over Udinese



Juventus' midfielder Fabio Grosso celebrates after scoring against Udinese during their team's Italian Serie A football match at Olympic Stadium in Turin.

INTERNET

on Sunday as both Italian giants kept leaders Inter Milan within their sights. The champions, who won 3-1 at Bologna on Saturday, lead Juve by five points with Milan a further two behind.

The main excitement of the day came at the San Siro as Milan coach Leonardo's continued gamble in playing an attacking 4-3-3 formation paid off as his increasingly exciting team edged a wonderful game full of free-flowing action. One of the main protagonists, Ronaldinho, who looked close to the form he showed during his halcyon Barcelona days, said Inter were not on their city rivals' minds.—*Internet*

Top seed Federer wins tough match against Verdasco

LONDON, 23 Nov—World No. 1 Roger Federer came from behind to defeat seventh seeded Spaniard Fernando Verdasco 4-6, 7-5 and 6-1 at the ATP World Tour Finals here on Sunday.

"I was down a set, and only the second set was I able to sort of get the ball into play, find my range, find my rhythm. I think this is also when I started to feel like I had chances," said Federer.

The 28-year-old Swiss opened his first battle at London's O2 stadium with double faults then lost the first game at love. The Spaniard never gave Federer a chance to break before finishing the first set in 6-4.

Verdasco, 26, making his debut at the season ending finale, continued to play strongly in the second set but failed to hold onto his sixth serve before faded quickly at 6-1 in the third set.

Xinhua

Gunners seek Euro tonic ahead of Chelsea showdown

LONDON, 23 Nov—Arsene Wenger has told his Arsenal stars to forget about a looming showdown with Chelsea and the absence of injured striker Robin van Persie as they look to book their place in the knockout stage of the Champions League.

A point at home to Standard Liege on Tuesday will ensure the Gunners of progression to the last 16 while victory over the Belgian champions would guarantee them top spot in group H.

That outcome would provide a welcome tonic five days ahead of Chelsea's visit to the Emirates for an encounter that looks like being pivotal to Arsenal's prospects of sustaining their Premier League challenge.

Internet

Five-star Defoe as Spurs put nine past Wigan

LONDON, 23 Nov—Jermain Defoe scored five goals as Tottenham Hotspur thrashed Wigan Athletic 9-1 at White Hart Lane here on Sunday, a record victory for the hosts in the top-flight. Spurs were only 1-0 up at the break, thanks to a goal by Peter Crouch before fellow England striker Defoe ran riot after half-time with Aaron Lennon, an own-goal by Chris Kirkland and Niko Kranjcar's 90th minute effort adding to the North London club's tally.

Although Defoe seemed certain to grab the headlines for his five goal return, Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp said Lennon had made a key contribution to this thumping win. "I thought we started really bright, we had 25 minutes where we really got off af-

ter them in the first half before they came back into it," Redknapp told Sky Sports.

Internet



Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe (L) shoots past Wigan Athletic's Dutch player Mario Melchiot (R) during the Premiership match at White Hart Lane in London. Tottenham Hotspur won the game 9-1.—INTERNET

Kazak Chinshanlo wins women's 53kg weightlifting gold

GOYANG, 23 Nov—Zulfiya Chinshanlo of Kazakhstan won the women's 53kg category gold medal at the world weightlifting championships here on Sunday.

Chinshanlo tied the world record of 129kgs in the clean and jerk to win the gold with a combined total of 221kgs, while Chinese Chen Xiaoting finished second.—*Xinhua*



Leverkusen's striker Stefan Kiessling (C) celebrates scoring during the German first division Bundesliga football match FC Bayern Munich vs Bayer 04 Leverkusen in the southern German city of Munich. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

INTERNET

Leverkusen back to Bundesliga top after 1-1 draw with Bayern Munich

BERLIN, 23 Nov—Bayer Leverkusen on Sunday moved back to the top of the German Bundesliga standings after fighting to a 1-1 draw at Bayern Munich.

The win takes Leverkusen to 27 points, one more than Werder Bremen and two more than Schalke 04. Bayern are seventh on 21.

Germany striker Mario Gomez had given the home side an early lead in the 8th minute when he ran on to a Miroslav Klose through ball and sliced the ball past Germany goalkeeper Rene Adler.

It took the visitors just six minutes to level when Stefan Kiessling scored after a quick breakaway, which Arturo Vidal set up with a pass through the middle from inside his own half.

Elsewhere, Hamburg lost to Bochum 1-0.—*Xinhua*



Dejan Stankovic of Switzerland (R) shoots the ball past Brazil's Bruno during the final match of FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in Dubai on 22 Nov, 2009.

INTERNET

Sevilla's Kone to miss Champions League game for family reason

MADRID, 23 Nov—Sevilla announced on its website on Sunday that striker Arouna Kone will miss Tuesday's Champions League match away to Romania's Unirea Urziceni after his daughter injured in an accident.

The Cote d'Ivoire international has flown to Brussels to be with his six-year-old daughter who fell down the stairs at home and suffered a serious blow to the head. Sevilla have already qualified from Group G.

Xinhua

Barcelona coach Guardiola admits Messi fitness worry

MADRID, 23 Nov—FC Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola admitted he was worried about the possible extent of the groin injury striker Leo Messi suffered in Bilbao on Saturday night.

Messi was substituted after 75 minutes of his side's 1-1 draw against Athletic Club and sat in the dugout with an icepack on the left side of his groin.

It's not yet certain whether or not the Argentinean has merely a strain or whether he has torn a muscle, but he will certainly miss Tuesday's vital Champions League match against Inter Milan and is a doubt for next Sunday's "Clasico" against Real Madrid.

"The first feelings we have about the injury are not that good," he admitted in declarations published on the Barcelona website on Sunday. "I am certain he feels sad about it, because nobody likes to be injured," said the Barca coach, who is also without a Rafael Marquez, Toure Yaya and Eric Abidal, who all have cases of the A/H1N1 Swine Flu virus.—*Xinhua*

27 died, 12 missing in Indonesian capsized boat

JAKARTA, 23 Nov— Indonesian official authorized to oversee the victim handling of the capsized Dumai Express 10 boat said on Monday that 12 people were still missing and the rescue team only found a total of 27 dead bodies with no single foreigner on board the ill-fated boat.

“All together 27 dead bodies founded from the capsized boat. 254 were safe and 12 were still missing,”Rustam Pakaya, Head of the Health Ministry’s Crisis Center told *Xinhua*.

However, different figures showed on TV that 29 died, 243 save and 13 are missing.

The rescuing efforts are still underway at the moment amid the high tide in the Karimun waters, Riau province. Overload and bad weather were the factors blamed for the sinking of the boat served Batam to Dumai in Sumatra island.

The Dumai Express 10 boat capsized on Sunday during its regular service. According to the manifest, 213 passengers onboard.

Earlier reports said that the boat was actually carrying more than 270 people. —*Xinhua*



A Chinese worker puts up decorations for Christmas at a mall in Beijing, China, Monday, on 23 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24-11-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

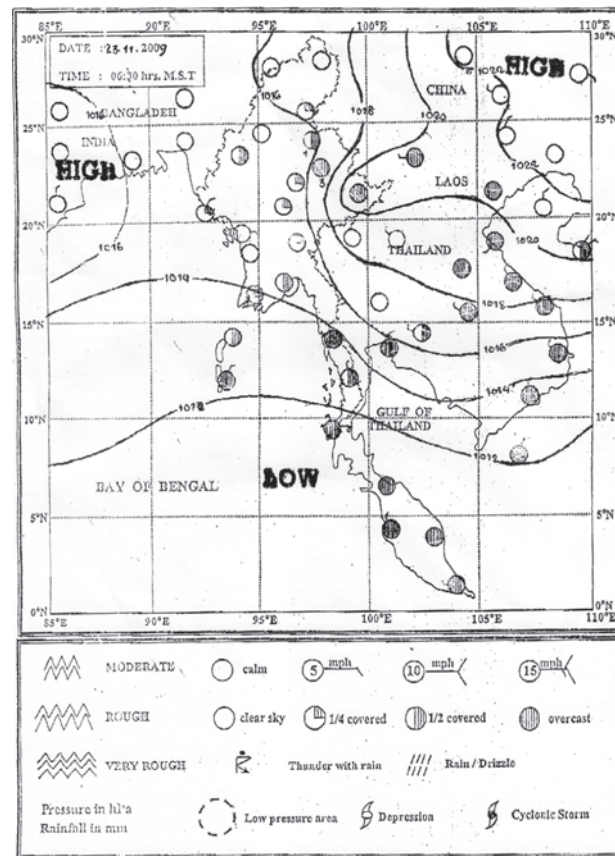
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- * Eco-Friendly Rattan & Hyacinth
- * A Day in Yangon “The National Races Village (Part-III)
- * Culture Stage
- * Myanmar Modern Song
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- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Mandalay Traditional Snack (Htou Moun)
- * Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- * National Dance
- * Reclaim and exploit Fallow and Virgin Land nationwide
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Let's Speak Myanmar
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 23rd November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Division. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, Yangon and upper Sagaing Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Loilem (6°C) Mindat (7°C) and Katha (9°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Gwa (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-11-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 23-11-2009 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23 -11-2009 was 56%. Total sun shine hours on 22-11-2009 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 23-11-2009 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 (4) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 22-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24th November 2009: Likelihood of isolated rain in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Division scattered in Shan, Mon State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be party colour in the remainig areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in the strong wind may reach (35) to (40) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-11-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-11-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-11-2009: Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 24 November View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

- 7:45 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
- 7. “စက်နှင့်စက်ကိရိယာပစ္စည်း ထုတ်လုပ်မှုစက်ရုံ” (မြိုင်)
- 8:15 am
- 8. Song Of National Races
- 8:25 am
- 9. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. “အေးမြသောလေညင်း လေးများ”
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
- 3. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

- 4:30 pm
- 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ ရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ်(စီးပွားစီမံအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားစီမံ)
- 4:45 pm
- 5. Songs for Uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 6. Musical Programme
- 5:15 pm
- 7. “ငွေကြေးကိစ္စမှန်သမျှ တာဏ်ကိုသာအားကိုးကြ”
- 5:45 pm
- 8. ရင်မှာခွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:35 pm
- 12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့
- 7:00 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International News
- 16. Weather Report
- 17. ကြယ်စင်သက်သေ (အပိုင်း-၃) (ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez) ရဲလေး၊ ဘုန်းကျော်၊ ဆန်းထွန်း၊ တိန်းဝေယံ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ သဇင်၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင် သိန်း၊ စိုးရတနာ၊ ဇူးဇူးမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခရီးထိုက် အောင်)
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ” (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်

- ★ 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

Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway being upgraded to model hilly one

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tun Win Naing (MNA)

Recently, I made a trip to Ngwetaung of Gandayawady which is home to Kayah national brethren of the Union.

In the morning, we, the news team, left Nay Pyi Taw along Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road.

We witnessed the gloomy mountain ranges amidst white clouds. The car carrying the passengers including us speedily drove along the uphill and downhill roads.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Koegway waterfall camp, we heard the instructions of the Minister for Construction for durability of motor roads and for minimizing damages on the roads. These instructions highlighted, motto— "Uplift the prestige of Construction Ministry and prove excellent skills of Construction Ministry by systematically and carefully constructing roads, bridges, buildings and airports", "Water as well as over-

loaded trucks damage roads," "Stones and drains contribute to strengthen-

ing roads", "Road shoulders and tar ensure better roads", "There

should not be puddles on roads, and drains must be dredged on both

sides of road", "If it rains, you must look for damages on roads and

repair them as soon as possible."

(See page 9)



Photo shows construction of 1760 feet long suspension bridge on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Highway.