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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

## Stability and peace are the focal point of the drive for creating a better future of the nation



NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—*The following is a translation of the full text of the speech delivered by Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the fifth day session of the USDA Annual General Meeting (2009) today.*

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association including you attending the Annual General Meeting.

Our association has been implementing the process for building a new nation, as aspired by the public hand in hand with the people for 16 years. Now, our association has become mature with a lot of experiences of organizing measures and cooperation in should-

ering responsibilities for State stability and development.

Our association was formed with those who joined it of their own accord to contribute towards the lofty aim of restoring stability and peace, perpetuation of the Union, and generating better living conditions for the people. Our association does not represent any particular individual, organization or social class only, and therefore, the association is free from personality cult, attachment to own organization, and sectarianism that can make a negative impact on its unity. The association stays in touch with the people and is capable of serving their interest, and it has expanded and consolidated with the public support, as a result.

The process of building a new nation is now in progress according to the past events, present objective  
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Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at the fifth day session of the USDA Annual General Meeting (2009).—MNA

## Annual General Meeting 2009 of USDA held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—The Annual General Meeting 2009 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association had been held at the USDA Headquarters in Dekkhinathiri here since 22 November.

Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe addressed the annual general meeting at the USDA Headquarters in Dekkhinathiri here this morning.

Patron of the USDA Chairman of the SPDC Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the USDA Headquarters at 8:50 am. The Senior General was welcomed by

Members of the USDA Central Panel of Patrons Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the USDA.

The fifth day session of the annual general meet-

ing 2009 was also attended by Members of the Central Panel of Patrons Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander, CEC members of the USDA, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, chairmen and committee members of

*(See page 7)*



# PERSPECTIVES

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## For further improvement of tourism industry

Myanmar is a land of natural beauty with diverse types of rich cultural heritage, waterfalls and picturesque beaches which are fascinating local and foreign tourists.

The government is working hard in all spheres to improve the infrastructures for the nation's economic growth and long-term interest, one of which is tourism industry.

Today, tourism industry has become a lucrative business in the world. With development in tourism industry, therefore, a country or region can enjoy economic growth and higher living standard of local people.

In the list of the Myanmar's tourist attractions are Inlay Lake, Ngapali, Ngwehsaung, Setse and Chaungtha beaches that are full of natural beauties.

Inlay Lake in highland Shan State (South) is a worldwide famous lake, which is characterized by Intha nationals' style of rowing with single leg.

Bagan Archaeological Region has artistic edifices in large quantity. MraukU in Rakhine State, a naturally captivating town, is on the map of the world for its rich cultural heritage.

In a bid to add momentum to the hotel and tourism service for the Myanmar's tourism industry, the government invites local and foreign investments, gives wider place to private national entrepreneurs, enhances the good reputation of Myanmar that has scenic places and archaeological sites in abundance, and collaborates with neighbouring countries.

Therefore, it is required of the people to conserve the sites of natural beauty and preserve cultural heritage in Myanmar for further improvement of tourism industry, which is an important part of the drive for national economic growth.

## Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course concludes

YANGON, 27 Nov — The Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 8, conducted by Myanmar Pharmaceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association concluded at the office of the association at UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township here yesterday morning.

Chairman of the association Dr Win Sithu and Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin made speeches.

The chairman and executives presented certificates of honour to the instructors and completion certificates to 41 trainees. The chairman also gave away gifts to course supervisor Dr Mie Mie Ko.

Trainee U Hla Han

**Chairman Dr Win Sithu of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association presents a gift to course instructor.**

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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

## Industry-1 Minister attends conclusion of Advanced English Proficiency Course, Management Course

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—The concluding ceremony for Advanced English Proficiency Course No. 1/ 2009 and Management Course No. 1/ 2009 took place at Ministry of Industry-1 here on 25 November.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang said that the ministry is conducting various kinds of courses for raising work efficiency of staff, and stressed the

need for staff to apply the experiences they acquired at the courses so as to serve the interest of the ministry and become good service personnel.

Next, the minister presented the prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates through the trainee leaders.

Altogether 59 trainees attended the two courses that lasted 6 weeks.—MNA

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Convention on Rights of the Child held



Director-General U Soe Kyi of SWD makes speech at celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Convention on the Rights of the Child.—MNA

YANGON, 27 Nov—A ceremony to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Convention on Rights of the Child organized by UNICEF and Social Welfare Department under Ministry of Social

Welfare, Relief and Resettlement took place at Sedona Hotel here this morning.

Resident representative Mr. Ramesh Shrestha of UNICEF reported on the 20<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Convention on Rights of the Child.

The ceremony came to an end with the concluding remarks of Director-General U Soe Kyi of SWD.

After the ceremony, those present on the occasion viewed the documentary photos and paintings of the 20<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Convention on Rights of the Child.—MNA

## UMFCCI officials meet German guests



Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of UMFCCI and officials from Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs' Association and Myanmar Argo-based Foodstuff Manufactures' Association receive General Manager Mr Thomas Brandt of Malaysia-German Merchants' Association.—NLM

General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint General Secretary U Myint Soe, CEC Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, executives, responsible persons from

Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs' Association and Myanmar Argo-based Foodstuff Manufactures' Association met a six-member German

delegation led by General Manager Mr Thomas Brandt of Malaysia-German Merchants' Association and party at UMFCCI office here

MNA

delegation led by General Manager Mr Thomas Brandt of Malaysia-German Merchants' Association and party at UMFCCI office here yesterday.

The meeting focused on opportunities for cooperation for the industrial development in Myanmar, mutual cooperation in garment industries, jointly holding discussions and opening courses for taking up industrial technologies and more economic cooperation between Myanmar and German.—MNA

## Taleban leader rejects peace talks, defies US troops buildup

KABUL, 27 Nov — Afghan Taleban leader Mullah Omar on Wednesday rejected Afghan President Hamid Karzai's call for peace talks and scoffed at an expected US troop buildup in a rare statement issued ahead of the Eidul-Adha, the biggest annual religious festival. In the statement posted in English on a Taleban website, the reclusive Taleban supreme commander also called on

Afghans to support the Taleban and break off ties with Karzai's government.

Karzai, inaugurated last week for his second five-year term, called for peace and reconciliation with militants. On Sunday, a presidential spokesman said that Karzai could invite militants to attend a "Loya Jirga," or traditional grand assembly. However, the Taleban have consistently rejected calls for talks with the Afghan government, insisting that foreign troops must pull out of Afghanistan be-

fore any negotiation. "The invaders do not want negotiation aimed at granting independence to Afghanistan and ending their invasion but they want negotiation which will prolong their evil process of colonization and occupation," the statement said.

Omar also insisted that the foreign troops were doomed to lose the war in Afghanistan, even though Washington may send more troops to quell the Taleban insurgency.

MNA/Xinhua

### Tonga warned of tsunami danger

WELLINGTON, 27 Nov — The head of a review committee looking at Tonga's tsunami warning system said the Pacific island kingdom's capital of Nuku'alofa is at great risk if a tidal wave strikes.

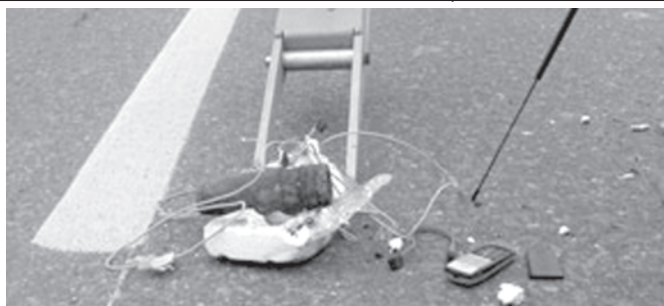
Ofa Fa'anunu, director of the Tonga Meteorological Service, said on Friday that the capital is located on a peninsula and it has an opening to the lagoon and the sea from the other side.

The capital is also low-lying and there are not many roads coming out of Nuku'alofa, he added.

Fa'anunu is in charge of the committee looking at possible changes to the way the kingdom prepares for a tsunami.

He said they are concerned about how to evacuate Nuku'alofa, where 70 percent of the population is situated.

Xinhua



The Iraqi military displays a car bomb built to be triggered by a cell phone in Baghdad on Wednesday.—INTERNET

### Britain will not stop hacker's extradition to US

LONDON, 27 Nov — British Home Secretary Alan Johnson said on Thursday he cannot stop the extradition of a Briton wanted in the United States for hacking into NASA and Pentagon computers. Gary McKinnon was arrested in 2002 after US prosecutors charged him with illegally accessing computers, including at the Pentagon and NASA and causing 700,000

US dollars worth of damage. The US Army's entire network of more than 2,000 computers in Washington was shut down for 24 hours in what US authorities called "the biggest military back of all time". But his lawyers argued that extraditing McKinnon, who been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism, would be detrimental to his health.

"I have carefully con-

sidered the representation in the case of Gary McKinnon," The High Court had accepted that his extradition could have consequences for his health, but judges ruled that the process of the law overruled those concerns.

MNA/Reuters

### Bombs shake Iraq before major holiday

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — A series of bombings in Iraq, just before a major holiday, killed at least six people and wounded 44 others on Thursday. The two deadliest attacks on Thursday were in the towns of Iskandariya and Yousifiya, south of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry official said.

Two bombs detonated in quick succession about 11 am at a busy marketplace in Iskandariya, killing at least two people and wounding 28 others, including children, the official said. Iskandariya, part of Babil Province, is about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Baghdad.

In the second attack, a parked car bomb exploded at a taxi and bus stop in Yousifiya. The blast killed at least two people and wounded 10 others, the

official said. As Iraqis prepare to celebrate the major holiday of Eid al-Adha, public places like markets are packed with shoppers. In Baghdad, three bombs attached to civilian vehicles caused casualties.

One of the bombs detonated on a highway in eastern Baghdad, killing the driver in the car and wounding two civilian bystanders. In southwestern Baghdad's Saydiya neighbourhood, an Iraqi was killed and three others were wounded when a bomb attached to a civilian vehicle detonated. In northern Baghdad, a driver was wounded when a bomb attached to his vehicle exploded.—Internet

### Four killed, 39 injured in separate bombings in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — Four people were killed and 39 others injured in separate bombings in and around Baghdad on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

One of the attacks involved two bomb explosions at a crowded vegetable market in the town of Messayab, some 60 km south of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 28 others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The blasts, which occurred in a quick succession, damaged many nearby shops and stalls and caused damages to the surrounding buildings, the source said.

Xinhua



A car which was damaged in a bomb blast is seen in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 26 Nov, 2009. XINHUA

### 10,000 extra NATO troops seen unlikely

BRUSSELS, 27 Nov — US expectation of an additional 10,000 NATO troops in Afghanistan under its new strategy is unrealistic, a senior diplomatic source told *The Times of London*. "It's more likely to be in the region of 5,000 and they will be an assortment of penny packets from different nations," the source told the *London Times*.

The *New York Times* had reported US officials were pressing NATO for an additional 10,000 troops to augment a US troop surge that US President Barack Obama may authorize under the Afghanistan strategy he is expected to announce next week. The *Times* said despite US efforts, European allies seem

willing only to provide less than half that number because of declining public support for the Afghan war.

The *London Times* said NATO is scheduled to hold a meeting in Belgium 7 Dec, at which time individual members would be in a position to know what is required. The report said countries making offers of more troops — or likely to do so — include Britain, Turkey, Italy, Poland, Spain, New Zealand, Georgia, South Korea, Japan and possibly Germany. The report said France remains firm its 3,750-man force will not be increased, while Canada and the Netherlands are considering withdrawing their existing deployment.—Internet



Twenty to twenty-five foot waves break off Ocean Beach in San Francisco, on 26 Nov, 2009. Large waves upwards of thirty feet are battering the coast of northern California. In the foreground is the Sunset District of San Francisco.—INTERNET

## Russia, France to sign deal on modernizing carmaker Avtovaz

Moscow, 27 Nov—Russia and France are preparing an agreement on French auto giant Renault's involvement in the modernization of Russia's ailing carmaker Avtovaz.

The accord could be signed during Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's visit to Paris, Russian Ambassador to

France Alexander Orlov said on Thursday.

"We are preparing an agreement on Renault's participation in the modernization of the Avtovaz plant, which could be signed on 27 Nov," Orlov said through a video link from Paris.

Avtovaz, Russia's largest automaker, witnessed a sharp sales decline amid the global economic crisis, which highlighted the necessity for the compa-

ny's modernization, Orlov said.

The Russian government has turned to Renault, which holds a quarter of Avtovaz's shares, and has received positive responses, he said.

The ambassador, however, said the purchase of the French helicopter carrier *Mistral* is not on the agenda of the upcoming talks.

Xinhua



A floating hospital for the poor is sailing the Amazon, taking much-needed health services to populations who are still very isolated from the rest of the vast country.—INTERNET

## Canadian aircraft maker Bombardier Aerospace cuts 715 jobs

OTTAWA, 27 Nov—Bombardier Aerospace, one of the world's largest aircraft companies, announced on Thursday it is laying off 715 more workers as a result of dwindling orders for its products.

The Montreal-based company said orders for its CRJ aircraft have dwindled in the last year because of the depressed global economy.

"There are not enough projected CRJ aircraft sales to maintain the current production plans," said Guy C Hachey, Bombardier Aerospace president and chief operating officer, in a Press release issued on Thursday.

Xinhua



A poster advertising Apple iPhone 3G seen at an Apple store in Seoul, South Korea, on 27 Nov, 2009. The iPhone's arrival in South Korea is generating considerable buzz among consumers and industry watchers amid expectations it will shake up a market dominated by world-beating domestic manufacturers.

INTERNET

## Vietnam to see FDI down 72% in first 11 months

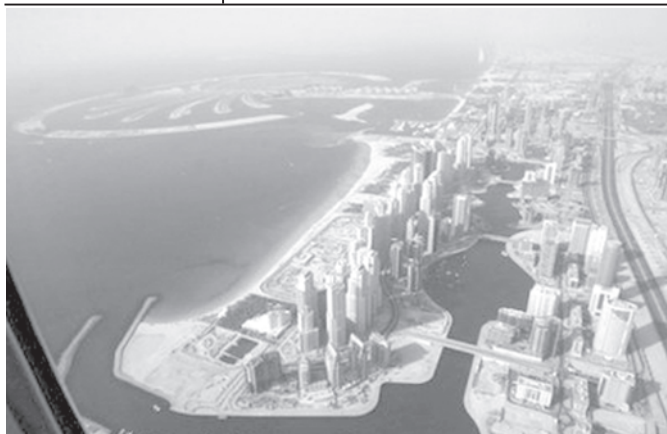
HANOI, 27 Nov—Vietnam's attraction of foreign direct investment (FDI) is estimated to decrease by 72 percent year-on-year to about 19.7 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of this year, said a report on the website of Vietnamese government on Friday.

Of the total, about 14.6

billion US dollars are committed for 776 newly-licensed projects. The rest 5.09 billion US dollars was additional capital for 213 ongoing projects, according to the Foreign Investment Agency of the Ministry of Planning and Investment. In this period, Vietnam's FDI disbursement is expected to be

nine billion US dollars, a drop of 10.4 percent against the same period last year, said the agency.

During this period, there have been 45 countries and regions pouring investment in Vietnam. The United States continues to be the biggest foreign investor of Vietnam with the registered capital of 8.1 billion US dollars, accounting for 41.1 percent of total FDI in the country.—Xinhua



An aerial view shows the man-made Palm Jumeirah island (background) and the Madinat Jumeirah resort in the oil-rich Gulf emirate of Dubai, September 2007. Global equities slumped Thursday, with Europe down three percent after Dubai's shock call to suspend the debt of a key state company fuelled anxiety about excessive public borrowing, analysts said.—INTERNET

## France raises public deficit for 2010 budget

PARIS, 27 Nov—The French Senate House has passed the finance bill for 2010 Budget on Wednesday night, raising the planned public deficit to 117.6 billion euros (176.7 billion US dollars).

With 176 favouring

votes, the bill increased the 2010 budget deficit by 1.7 billion euros, up from the previous 115.9 billion euros nodded by the National Assembly.

In September, the government deficit was estimated at a record 8.5 percent of GDP in the budget plan for 2010, however, due to the government's continuous investment in stimulus packages, the gap can be broadened.

Contentious creation of carbon taxes and reforms to professional taxes are placed in the first part of the bill in spite of oppositions from the left and public.

French carbon tax, covering the use of oil, gas and coal, will charge 17 euros for per tonne of emitted carbon dioxide. It is expected raise the price of fuel oil by 4.5 euro-cents per liter and that of petrol by 4 eurocents per liter.—Xinhua

## Acer says Windows 7 good for sales

TOKYO, 27 Nov—Taiwan's Acer Inc, the world's No.2 PC maker, said Microsoft Corp's Windows 7 operating system launch last month has been positive for year-end PC sales, though the gains were within expectations.

Acer's CEO said it was keeping its quarterly revenue outlook and maintaining a 15 percent sales growth target for next year.

Internet

## Former businessman lives on no money for a year

LONDON, 27 Nov—A businessman gave up his career to live on no money for a year after becoming disillusioned with consumerism. Mark Boyle said giving up his job, possessions and money to live the life of a pauper in a rusty old caravan was the best decision he has ever made.

The 30-year-old has vowed to continue with his money-free life for

good, adding: "It's been fantastic. I never really knew how much stress and worry money brought to my life until I was free of it." "People often ask me if I miss my old world... stress, traffic jams, bank statements, utility bills... why would I miss any of that? Now I've tasted life without money I never want to go back to the way I lived before."

Mr Boyle said he sur-

vives by growing vegetables on his one-acre plot of land. He also forages for mushrooms, nuts and berries, as well as picking up waste food from supermarkets and restaurants. He added: "For toothpaste I use cuttlefish bone I found washed up on the beach mixed with wild fennel seeds. For loo roll I'll pick up old newspapers from the newsagent."

Internet



The photo taken on 25 Nov, 2009 shows the Pudong area and the Huangpu River shrouded in heavy fog in Shanghai, east China. The meteorological department of Shanghai issued the first red warning signal of fog this winter on 26 Nov. Air flights and expressway traffic were affected to some extent by the fog since Wednesday.—XINHUA

## Russia, NATO may resume military cooperation in December

Moscow, 27 Nov—Russia and NATO may declare the resumption of military cooperation at a ministerial meeting on 4 Dec, Russian newspaper *Kommersant* quoted a Foreign Ministry source as saying.

“The parties are expected to announce the restoration of military cooperation which has been suspended since last year’s brief war in South Ossetia,” the source said.

Russia will announce its plan to take part in opera-

tions conducted by NATO at the meeting, said the source. “Russia will resume its participation in NATO’s Operation Active Endeavor in the Mediterranean and joint combat against piracy near the Somali coast,” said the source. Operation Active Endeavor, launched by NATO after the 11 Sept, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States, is aimed at protecting oil tankers going through the Mediterranean.

Separately, a source

with Rosoboron export, Russia’s state weapons export monopoly, told the *Kommersant* newspaper that Russia and NATO were working on an agreement which allows Russia to service Soviet-era military hardware abroad without mediators.

Russia is now working with some NATO members on a bilateral basis, but they need to get permission from the NATO leadership in the first place, the Rosoboron export source said.—Xinhua

### 5,000 euros bounty for brown bear killer

ATHENS, 27 Nov—The city of Stavropol in northern Greece announced on Thursday that a reward of 5,000 euros (7,450 US dollars) would be offered for any information leading to the capture of the killer of an endangered two-year-old brown bear.

The little male bear was found shot dead with his front legs cut off in the Rhodopi mountain range almost two weeks ago, an atrocious act which shocked the local community.

“The person responsible for this act, according to the first data, seems to suffer from a severe psychological disorder, and must be mentally deranged and a danger to our community,” said an official notice.

During the process of solving the case, Stavropol has obtained help from the police, local hunting clubs and ecological organizations like “Arcturos,” which estimated that there were only 20 to 30 bears left in this area and a total of 250 brown bears nationwide.

Xinhua

### All Items from Xinhua News Agency



The vessel China Yuzheng 311 sails near the Yongxing Island of the Xisha Islands in the South China Sea, south China, on 26 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

### French unemployment rate increases 2% in October

PARIS, 27 Nov—The French unemployment rate in October increased 2 percent from September and saw a year-on-year growth of 25 percent, the Employment Ministry announced on Thursday.

In October alone, 52,400 people lost their jobs, making the total number of jobless hit 2,627,300 in the country.

The noticeable rise following five months of restriction showed the impact of the economic crisis on the labour market, Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said in a statement.

Although the government has taken a series of stimulus measures to spur the labour market, positive reactions may take time to emerge.

The construction sector, the biggest contributor to the labour market, saw a 7.1 percent loss in this year’s turnover, leading to 50,000 layoffs. For next year, the French construction union has predicted a contraction of 3.1 percent.—Xinhua

### Flood warning degrades in Cumbria, Britain

CUMBRIA, 27 Nov—There is only one flood warning remains in force in Cumbria on Thursday, which was badly damaged by the record flood last week.

The Environment Agency in Britain said the warning remained in force in Keswick, with two further flood alerts at Seathwaite and Crosby-on-Eden.

An official said weather conditions will improve in the weekend. Friday and Saturday will have some showers, but the weekend will largely remain dry.

Twenty-one road bridges remained closed in Cumbria, and three of them collapsed during the downpour.

Cumbria is one of Britain’s most popular tourist destinations and tourism is one of the county’s biggest industries, bringing in over 15.3 million tourists and over 1.1 billion pounds last year. But now, thousands of visitors wondered whether to visit there during this festive season.—Xinhua



### Human error evident for Rafale crash

PARIS, 27 Nov—French Defence Minister Herve Morin said on Thursday the crash of two *Rafale* jets in September was “very certain” due to “human error.”

“It’s evident.. It’s very probable, very certain to be a human error,” Morin said when visiting the aircraft carrier *Charles de Gaulle*.

Morin added that the investigation of the accident has completed, but didn’t elaborate on what the human error was. Two *Rafale* jets, French armed forces’ most advanced innovations, plunged into the Mediterranean Sea on the way back to their aircraft carrier after a test flight on 24 Sept.

One pilot survived from in time ejection, while the other was found dead confined within the sunken plane on a slope 700 meters beneath water.

Two recorders have been recovered by last week and both have been sent to France’s Bureau of Accidents Enquiring and Analysis (BEAD) for further investigation.—Xinhua

A bridge destroyed by flood is seen in Cockermouth, northwest England, on 26 Nov, 2009. The British Environment Agency has announced that only one flood warning remains in force in Cumbria, a week after unprecedented rainfall prompted some of the country’s worst ever flooding, while Cumbria County Council has said that 21 road bridges are still closed.—XINHUA

### Traffic accident kills 14 in S Peru

LIMA, 27 Nov—A traffic accident occurred in southern Peru on Thursday, killing 14 people and injuring nine others, Peru’s highway police said.

The accident took place on the Panamericana Sur Highway in San Antonio village, Camana Province in the early hours of Thursday when a trailer with a Bolivian license plate and a truck carrying 25 people collided head-on, the police said.

The two large vehicles were completely destroyed, the police added.

The police blamed the dense fog in the area and the speeding of the two vehicles for the tragedy.

Xinhua



**GM Daewoo vehicles are lined up for export at Incheon port in South Korea. The country's current-account surplus rose to a four-month high last month on brisk exports and reduced overseas travel spending, the central bank has said.—INTERNET**

**15 militants killed in NW Pakistan's tribal area**

ISLAMABAD, 27 Nov— At least 15 militants were killed in northwest Pakistan's military operation on Friday, local TV channel reported.

According to the Frontier Constabulary (FC) media cell, Pakistani security forces surrounded militants strongholds in Bara tribal area, killed 15 militants and injured several others during fierce clashes, the private TV Express reported.

Security forces also destroyed an ammunition dump of militants in Bara town. Sources said that heavy exchange of fire between security men and militants continues in the tribal region.

Meanwhile, an improvised explosive devices (IED) blew up on a road in Bajaur tribal agency, leaving a tribal leader dead.

Pakistani security forces are conducting

military operations in neighbouring tribal areas after they controlled major militants bases in South Waziristan tribal agency.

According to the army statistics, Pakistani security forces have killed more than 600 militants since they launched the ground assault on 17 Oct in South Waziristan, advancing towards the main base of Taleban militants in Pakistan. — *Xinhua*

**EU biofuel industry to complain over duty evasion by US rivals**

BRUSSELS, 27 Nov—European biofuel industry warned on Thursday it would launch a complaint with the European Union (EU) against US rivals over their evasion of the EU's anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

The European Biodiesel Board (EBB), which represents the majority of EU biofuel producers, said there are strong and consistent indications that US subsidized and dumped biodiesel continues to enter the EU market, either via triangular trade with third countries based on fraudulent declarations of origin, or through blends specifically designed to circumvent the EU duties.

"Against the background of persisting circumvention practices, the EBB General Assembly decided to proceed with the lodging of an anti-circumvention complaint to the EU trade authorities," it said.

*Xinhua*

**Over 18,000 Indonesians suffer from HIV/AIDS**

JAKARTA, 27 Nov—An official of the Indonesian Health Ministry said on Thursday that 18,442 people in Indonesia have been infected by HIV/AIDS.

Director General of Disease Control and Environmental Health of the ministry Tjandra Yoga Aditama said that the cases were found at nearly in all parts of the country.

The highest rate of the cases was in Papua province in easternmost of Indonesia, followed by Bali resort island, Jakarta and Riau, said Tjandra.

The director also said that 49.57 percent of the sufferers were at the ages between 20 to 29 years old, followed by 29.84 percent at the ages 30 to 39 years old, 8.71 percent at the ages 40 to 49 years old.

*Xinhua*

**France says 21 drowned trying to reach Mayotte**

PARIS, 27 Nov — Twenty-one migrants drowned trying to get to France's Indian Ocean island of Mayotte from Comoros, the French immigration ministry said on Thursday. Eleven survivors were found clinging to the skiff's wreckage and were taken to hospital in Mayotte, about 40 miles from Comoros.

"A boat coming from Anjouan, Comoros, which was trying to illegally reach the French island of Mayotte was wrecked on Tuesday 24 November, involving the death of 21 passengers," the ministry said in a statement. Tens of thousands of migrants have successfully reached Europe in recent years but thousands more are believed to have drowned or died of exposure in search of a better life.—*Internet*



**Workers build up scaffolding before starting restoration of the Taihao Mausoleum in Huaiyang County, central China's Henan Province, on 25 Nov, 2009. The emergency restoration of the Taihao Mausoleum was initiated recently and will be finished by the end of January 2010. The Taihao Mausoleum is believed to be the mausoleum for a legendary ancestor of the Chinese nation.**

**Bacteria in cigarettes may harm health**

Cigarettes are widely contaminated with bacteria, including some known to harm health, French and US researchers said.

Researchers at the University of Maryland in College Park and Ecole Centrale de Lyon in France found cigarettes could be the direct source of exposure to a wide array of potentially pathogenic microbes among smokers and those exposed to secondhand smoke.

"We were quite surprised to identify such a wide variety of human bacterial pathogens in these products," lead researcher Amy R Sapkota of the University of Maryland School of Public Health said in a statement.

**Moderate drinkers live longer**

A British survey finds that retirees who have a few drinks a week tend to live longer than abstainers.

The study was based on a sample of 2,000 people 65 and older who took a household survey in 1994, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. The Office of National Statistics tracked them for a decade.

Researchers found that 59 percent of men who died during the period of the survey were non-drinkers along with 55 percent of the women.

Dr Alan Maryon-Davis, president of the UK Faculty of Public Health, said the study did not show cause and effect. He said at least some of the non-drinkers might have stopped because of health problems or because previous heavy drinking had damaged their livers.

**Anglo-Saxon treasure valued at \$5.89 million**

An Anglo-Saxon treasure trove found by a man with a metal detector in an English field has been valued at £3.28 million (\$5.89 million).

The money will be split equally between Terry Herbert, who unearthed the Staffordshire Hoard in July, and landowner Fred Johnson.

The hoard comprises more than 1500 mainly gold and silver items thought to date back to the seventh century and is the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon treasure ever found.

The valuation by the independent Treasure Valuation Committee was announced today.



**People view the winners entitled "taro king" or "yam king" at the seventh taro and yam contest held in Anhe Township of Quanzhou County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 25 Nov, 2009. A taro and yam contest was held in Anhe of Quanzhou on Wednesday. As the famous local special products, the total output of taro and yam planting in Anhe this year reached 30 million kilograms.**

**'Galaxy game' lets people help astronomers**

Astronomers in Britain have come up with an Internet galaxy game they say will get people to help them figure out the answers to celestial questions.

The Galaxy Zoo project provides images of colliding galaxies to players who then match them to multiple, randomly drawn simulations. Astronomers say that will help them determine how the galaxies actually merged because humans are "much better than computers" at spotting patterns and similarities, the British Broadcasting Corp reported on Wednesday.

"The strength of the game is that it takes results from many people," said Oxford University's Chris Lintott, a member of the Galaxy Zoo team. Another member of the team, George Mason University graduate student Anthony Holincheck, said the galactic collisions take millions of years to unfold.

"All we get from the universe is a single snapshot of each one," he said. "(With) simulations, we will be able to watch each cosmic car crash unfold in the computer."

**NEWS ALBUM**

## Annual General Meeting...



**Secretary-General U Htay Oo of USDA presents gift to an outstanding youth.—MNA**

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Central Committee and Sub-committee for Organizing the Annual General Meeting 2009 of the USDA. chairpersons, presidents, vice-presidents and secre-

taries of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon, Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon, Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Fisheries Federation, delegates of the USDA at state, division, district, and township level, outstanding youths of 2009 and guests, totalling 887.

Daw Ei Nwe Phyo of Shan State (East) USDA presided over the AGM and Daw Lay Lay Myint of Yangon Division USDA co-presided the AGM.

First, the MC announced the opening of the fifth day session of the AGM upon permission of the patron of the USDA. Afterwards, Patron of the USDA, Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address.

(The full context of the Senior General's address is reported separately.)

Later, Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the USDA awarded 19 science students, and 12 arts students who stood first to tenth positions in 2009 matriculation examination, 15 science students who took optional subjects, 14 arts students who took optional subjects who stood first in respective states and divisions, six students who won gold medals in sports events, two outstanding auxiliary Fire Brigade members of 2009, two outstanding Red Cross members of 2009, six students who won five gold medals and above in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Perform-

ing Arts Competitions and 14 outstanding students of English Language Proficiency Contest at central level of the USDA.

Afterwards, the secretary-general, the joint-secretary-general, CEC members, delegates of the association at state and division level continued the AGM according to the agenda. The AGM concluded chanting of slogans.—MNA



**Secretary-General U Htay Oo of USDA presents gift to an outstanding youth.—MNA**

## Tatmadaw Football Tourney (2009) continues

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov**— The first-stage round robin matches of the 48<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament (2009) continued at designated sports grounds.

In Group (A) match held in Eastern Command Zone (Taunggyi), No. 11 LID won over South-West

Command 2-0 while Nay Pyi Taw Command beat Yangon Command 2-1. In Group (B) in South-West Command Zone (Patheingyi), South-East Command team-A battered No 55 LID 3-1 while Eastern Command held a draw with Defence Services (Navy) 0-0. In Group (C) in Western Command Zone (Monywa), Western Command team-B

crippled South-East Command team-B 5-4 and Southern Command narrowly won over Defence Services (Air) 1-0. In Group (D) in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo), Northern Command routed North-East Command 3-0 while Western Command team-A trounced Coastal Region Command team 3-1.

MNA



**Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents championship shield to Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs team.—MNA**

## Final match of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament held



**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov**—The final match of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament was held along with prize presenting ceremony at the sports ground here this evening.

Among the specta-

**Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents cash awards to winning team.—MNA**

tors were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and personnel, members of Myanmar Olympic Committee, families of staff and volleyball fans.

In the match, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs beat the Ministry of Industry-2 3-1 and grabbed the trophy.

The match was followed by the prize presenting ceremony. Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe awarded the Ministry of Information team which secured third place.

Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw awarded Ministry of Industry-2 team which stood second and Minister U Aung Kyi

awarded medals to winner Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented best player awards.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi then presented cash to teams that reached semi-finals. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee, Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented championship shield and duplicate shield to Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.—MNA

## Stability and peace are the focal point...

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conditions and future prospects. It is the public concern, so the entire people have to take part in the national duty with correct conviction and a sense of patriotism.

**Relaying the national duty from one generation to the next calls for improvement of the infrastructures that guarantee perpetuation and sustainable development of the nation.** The successors on their part are to keep in touch with the noble aim to achieve greater improvement, taking advantage of the already-improved infrastructures.

Stability and peace are the focal point of the drive for creating a better future of the nation. Almost all the regions in the nation including border areas, home to national races, have begun to enjoy the taste of stability and peace due to the unity of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, the top priority given to national unity for national development, and the people's aspiration to stability and peace. In response to and recognition of the common desire, members have to make sustained efforts in the long-term interest of the Union.

With State stability and peace, the 24 Special Regions Development Project, the Border Areas Development Project, and the Five Rural Development Project were adopted for equitable development of all parts of the Union. Members are doing their bit in the projects in all regions.

It is to make sure that every citizen has their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter fulfilled. In that regard, we place emphasis on boosting agricultural production for public food security.

The nation's total sown acreage jumped from 19.9 million in 1988 to 29.32 million in 2008-2009.

So far, the Tatmadaw government has constructed 228 dams, 322 river water pumping stations and 7962 underground water tapping stations in addition to building and rebuilding small dams and lakes for supply of adequate irrigation water. That programme benefits over 3.6 million acres of farmlands. From 1988 to 2008-2009, the percentage of agricultural farmland utilization increased from 120 per cent to 171.1 per cent, and total sown acreage, from 23.8 million to 56.9 million.

Rice is the staple food of our people. We have managed to ensure food security for the growing population. **The paddy output surged to 1561 million baskets in 2008-2009 from 631 million in 1988. Not only is the nation enjoying food security, but helping address the food problems of many other countries.** Our country is trying to meet the targeted paddy output of 2000 million baskets by doing research on hybrid paddy strains, using high-yield paddy strains, supplying necessary inputs, and improving irrigation systems. The sown acreage of beans and pulses stood at only 1.8 million in 1988, but in 2008-2009, that rose to 10.57 million, and the total output of beans and pulses reached 5.33 million metric tons. Myanmar is the largest pea producing country in ASEAN, and is working together with member countries for boosting production of beans and pulses in the region. The total sown acreage of edible oil crops is now 9.28 million, up from only five million in 1988. With the introduction of Ngwechi (6) cotton strain, the per acre cotton yield has gone up from 400-500 to 1600 viss. That has heralded the nation's prospects for sufficient supply of clothing.

Up to now, the government has established 826,000 acres of teak and other species of hardwood trees that are used for public housing. Moreover, it has given green light to set up 270,000 acres of private-owned teak and hardwood trees. Teak, hardwood trees and other plantations have been set up in villages, totaling over 28,000 acres for rural housing. Urban population has increased considerably, so the government is now

implementing urbanization projects for those who have not had housing and illegal tenants. The government pays serious attention to improving the living standard of the people.

Industrialization is part of the drive for national development. While trying to boost agricultural production, the government is establishing industrial zones, numbering 18 to scale up the improvement of the private-owned industries in the industrial sector. In 1988, the number of State-owned factories was 624, and that of private-owned factories was 35,000, but now the numbers have touched 768 and over 118,000 respectively.

Secure and smooth transport can bring about improvement of social-economic life and friendship of the people. Now, the whole nation has seen a network of inter-village roads, roads linking rural and urban areas, and inter-district roads, roads linking one state and division and another, and highways. Furthermore, the government has upgraded old roads. **The total length of the roads has hit over 41,700 miles, up from only over 21,000 miles in 1988. More than that, it has built rural roads stretching over 39,400 miles for rural development.**

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, old railroads are upgraded and new ones are built. The total length of railroads has increased from 2793.86 miles in 1988 to 4338.9 miles. Patheingyi-Hinthada-

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Kyangin Railroad is being extended to Pakokku. A plan has been adopted to build Patheingyi-Imm-Nyaungdon-Hlaingthaya Railroad along with a new bridge over the Ayeyawady River. There has been a plan to build Pyay-Toungoo Railroad through Bago Yoma mountain range, Malun-Pahtanago-Thityagauk Railroad to link Patheingyi-Pakokku Railroad and Nay Pyi Taw, Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad, Katha-Bhamo Railroad, Mongnai-Kengtung Railroad, Phayagazu-Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad, and Dawei-Myeik Railroad, stretching more than 1,200 miles.

In 1988, the nation got only five bridges crossing the rivers Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittoung. From that time onwards, 18 more bridges have been constructed spanning those rivers. **Plans are under way to build four more bridges in Sinkhan (Bhamo), Pakokku, Malun and Nyaungdon for further regional development. Now, the nation has witnessed 232 over-180-foot bridges and 55 railroad bridges.**

Moreover, new airports were constructed and some airports were upgraded. The number of airports with over 5000 feet long runways increased up to 37 from 21 airports in the past. Now, Nay Pyi Taw Airport is under construction to meet the international standard.

Before 1988, there were 13 wharves where ocean liners could dock, and now, there are 28 more wharves where containers can be tackled and three more inland container yards. Construction tasks commenced to build deep sea ports in Kyaukphyu and Dawei. In the communications sector, a total of 936,820 telephones have been installed, and over 1,010,000 mobile phones are in use. As a result, the telephone users have easy access to offshore seas and rural areas. Moreover, services related to fax, e-mail and Internet have improved.

Arrangements are being made to enable the people to increase consumption of electric power. In the past, only 228 megawatts could be generated through hydropower plants. The completed hydropower plants have added rose the generating of 1197 megawatts. At present, a total of 2255.6 megawatts are being generated from the power plants across the nation. On

completion of 47 hydropower projects, a total of 37467.5 megawatts can be added to the power grids. In addition, plans are under way to implement five projects that can generate over 1,000 megawatts. In the future, the hydropower projects will produce 38,467.5 megawatts. At the same time, power grids are under construction.

**Efforts are being made to increase production of oil and natural gas on offshore and inland regions. Work is under way to exploit valuable underground resources.**

The human resources development is a basic need in building a nation. With the opening more basic education schools, the number of basic education schools reached 40,679. There are 6601 Basic Education Post-Primary Schools where the students can pursue education up to 8<sup>th</sup> standard, 1723 Affiliated Basic Education Middle Schools and Basic Education Middle School Branches and 1092 Affiliated Basic Education High Schools and Basic Education High School Branches. Indeed, the arrangements were made to enable the students to enjoy the opportunity for learning education in their respective native places. In the 2009-2010 academic year, the country has 98.25% school enrolment rate of the children of five years old and 94.89% adult literacy rate.

Arrangements were made to enable the students to pursue higher education in the respective regions. In so doing, the number of universities and colleges rose up

to 159 from 32 universities and colleges in the past.

With regard to the health sector, 253 new hospitals were constructed and 264 facilities were upgraded. Now, there are 814 hospitals in the nation. Moreover, a total of 16 medical universities were opened. Emphasis is being placed on health and longevity of the people. Youths,

Today, we have maintained peace and stability and development through realizing the target with the correct policy, realistic programme and genuine goodwill without losing sight of the goal. These good results came through the unity, the endeavours on own strength for serving the interest of all the national people, the courage with the spirit of sacrifice to overcome the obstacles through correct methods based on genuine patriotic spirit of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. It is necessary to maintain these fine traditions which are requirements for the emergence of a new nation the people long for.

Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the ultimate aim of the entire people. **Non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty are the policies necessary to be practised without fail.** In addition, the political, economic and social objectives that are being realized are in conformity with the nation's prevailing conditions. The constitution included in the political objectives has been approved through the national referendum and it is necessary to make sure that it is an enduring constitution. The other remaining political objectives are to continue to be realized.

Free and fair elections will be held in 2010 in accord with the publicly-approved constitution. Parties formed based on their different beliefs will get involved in political activities.

Looking back to Myanmar's history in the post-independence period, instead of endeavouring for national development the nation was divided due to various isms, narrow racism, egoism, sectarianism and personality cult, resulting in armed insurgencies and loss of lives and public property.

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*Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets delegates of USDAs and outstanding youths at the dinner.—MNA*

## Senior General Than Shwe hosts dinner...

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Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the USDA secretary-general, the joint secretary-general, CEC members, deputy ministers, senior military officers, heads of department and enterprise, chairmen and members of the Central Committee and subcommittees for organizing the AGM, secretaries of State/Division USDAs, USDA delegates, outstanding youths, outstanding students, chairmen and responsible persons from social and economic organizations, artists, vocalists and distinguished guests.

Before and during the dinner, vocalists entertained the guests to the accompaniment of the modern music band of Myanmar Radio and Television.—MNA

## Stability and peace are the focal point...

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In 1988 the nation had to experience anarchism and tragedies because of the riots created by some people and party organizations wanting to seize power through short-cut on the pretext of democracy and human rights and due to the instigation of some organizations from outside.

These incidents really happened in the history of our country. Each and every party has its belief and ideology. But they need to uphold non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty as they are the historical requirements of the State. For the improvement of socio-economy of the people, we should not go backward and we are to try to make progress step by step by maintaining the already-achieved fruitful results.

Our USDA is a well-experienced association that is cooperating with the people in the tasks for the wellbeing of the nation such as for peace and stability and development of the State and for rescue and rehabilitation measures whenever a natural disaster occurs. So we need to try to improve our skills and abilities in order to successfully carry out such noble tasks.

Organizational skills are the important requirement of an association so we have to keep those skills improving forever. We must understand that being able to lead and organize the people to participate in nation's welfare tasks with the same belief and conviction means we are sharpening our organizational skills.

In this regard, we should be well aware of the fact that those organizational tasks will be enduring and lively only when they are implemented both practically and theoretically. Such an organizational task that is implemented only theoretically without any effort to serve the public interest cannot achieve success. Likewise, an organizational task without a theoretical basis cannot achieve long-term success. We must also know that a narrow-minded organizational attitude that is based on a person or a group is groundless and outdated.

Therefore, you are to strive for development of your respective regions in accord with the future work



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programmes adopted by the association's annual general meeting, to safeguard non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty with true patriotic

spirit, to cooperate with the people in successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map and to thwart any attempt to harm the interests of the State and the people with courage and strength.—MNA



Early morning shoppers take a break outside the Westfield Shopping Centre in San Francisco, Friday, on 27 Nov. 2009.—INTERNET

## China's three leading banks: no holding of Dubai World bonds

BEIJING, 27 Nov — China's three leading banks Friday told Xinhua they do not hold the troubled Dubai World bonds.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, the country's biggest listed lender, said it has no exposure to bonds issued by Dubai World.

Bank of China, the country's third-largest, does not hold bonds issued by Dubai World, the Dubai government or any Dubai sovereign funds and related institutions, said Zhao Rong, a spokeswoman for Bank of China. The overseas branches of Bank of China do not have direct credit business relationship with Dubai World, Zhao

said. Bank of China will continue to investigate any potential impact on the bank's other businesses and closely monitor related risks, she said.

Bank of Communications, the country's fifth-largest, told Xinhua it does not have exposure to Dubai World credit and bonds. China Construction Bank Corp., the country's second-largest bank, told Xinhua their investigation is underway.

Dubai said on Wednesday it was asking for a six-month reprieve on paying Dubai World's debts as a first step to restructuring the company.

Xinhua

## Health watchdog sacks boss of failing hospital

LONDON, 27 Nov—A health watchdog sacked the chairman of an NHS hospital on Friday, accusing him of failing to cut high death rates, cancer care waiting lists and queues in the casualty ward.

Monitor, the body that regulates NHS foundation trusts, said it had serious concerns about the leadership of Richard Bourne, chairman of the Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust in Essex.

"Regulatory action has been prompted by the Trust's failure to comply with healthcare standards (and) its failure to exercise its functions effectively, efficiently and economically," the watchdog said in a statement.

The hospital missed its target to treat cancer patients within 62 days in the second quarter of this year and failed to make enough progress in cutting waiting times in accident and emergency to four hours or less. Foundation hospitals were set up as part of a flagship government scheme to try to give local health chiefs more power over decision-making and budgets. A patients' lobby group strongly criticised a second NHS Trust in Essex for its poor standards.

The Patients Association, an independent watchdog, demanded urgent reform of hospital regulation after inspectors found high death rates, dirty equipment and low standards of care during unannounced checks at Basildon and Thurrock NHS Trust. The group said a new regulatory system was a "farfetched box-ticking exercise" that was too slow to respond to evidence of failings at the trust. —Reuters



Winner Emene Alexandra (C) from France is crowned at the 21st Miss Model of the World International Grand Final Contest held in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, Nov. 26, 2009. The 21st Miss Model of the World International Grand Final Contest was concluded in Shenzhen on Thursday, attracting 60 contestants around the world in the competition.

INTERNET

## Videogames find ways to help real CSI solve crimes

RALEIGH, 27 Nov—In hit TV crime drama show "C.S.I.: Crime Scene Investigation," and its two spin-offs, the criminologists use the latest technology to solve grisly murders and other crimes.

Soon, real criminal investigation teams will be using videogame technology to help forensic scientists collaborate virtually to recreate what happened at the scene of the crime.

"The problem is that while there have been major advancements in the field of forensic science technology, how investigative teams come together to collaborate has not changed over the years," said Dr. Mitzi Montoya, Zelnak Professor of Marketing and Innovation Management at North

Carolina State University (NC State).

NC State recently received a \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Cyber-Enabled Discovery and Innovation (CDI) program to help lay a foundation that promotes greater collaboration in the field of forensic science - a platform they call IC-CRIME (interdisciplinary, cyber-enabled crime reconstruction through innovative methodology and engagement).

The IC-CRIME platform will employ the latest in 3-D laser scanning technologies and run on the Unity game engine technology, which powers over 50 commercial games like "FusionFall" and "VooDude."

Internet



A Red Phoenix Turkey puts on a display for a hen at Heirloom Heritage Farms in Spanaway, Wash., on Monday, Nov. 23, 2009. The 'major caruncle' hanging under his beak can change color to fiery red to attract a mate. He also puffs himself up and creates a fan with his tail feathers to get attention. This

Thanksgiving season he is safe on at the eight-acre farm, owned by Dawn Turbyfill, a retired Air Force radar technician from Wisconsin. It is dedicated to heritage breed conservation of Turkeys, Chickens, Geese, Ducks and Sheep.—INTERNET

## Unknown disease affects more than 100 people, causes 3 deaths in Congo

BRAZZAVELLE, 27 Nov— An unknown epidemic caused three deaths and affected more than 100 people in the last few days in the Republic of Congo, the central African country's national laboratory reported on Thursday.

"Three people lost their lives since the epidemic broke out. A little more than 100 patients went to Londela Kayes hospital in Niari district, more than 350 km

southwest of Brazzaville," the source said in a statement. Londela Kayes, a region in the southwest of Congo, bears the brunt of the disease, which has symptoms of diarrhoea, strong fever and vomiting. The health authorities dispatched a team on the ground to establish the nature of this epidemic. "It's a flu. We have not yet received the samples which we can use to analyze in order to determine the origin of this disease," an official at

the national public health laboratory said, indicating a possibility of A/H1N1 flu outbreak.

"We are just suspecting. In view of the fact that A/H1N1 has already been reported in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, it's possible that with the movements of businessmen and other state agents, other small regions might have been contaminated," he added.

Xinhua



A woman works on a computer in 2007 at the cyber cafe "Le Milk" in Paris. More than half of all people who buy flights, hotel rooms and hire cars online risk being left without compensation if companies fail under outdated law, the EU said on Thursday.—INTERNET

### Moderate quake jolts Indonesia's Maluku

JAKARTA, 27 Nov —A 5.2 magnitude earthquake jolted Indonesia's eastern area of Maluku on Friday at 5.25 am (2025 GMT Thursday), Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics agency (BMKG) reported here.

The quake was felt in Maluku's capital city of Ambon. The centre of the quake was located 252 km southwest from Ambon at a depth of 414 km under the sea surface. No tsunami potential from the earthquake.

Indonesia is an archipelago country that sits on a vulnerable quake-hit area, where two continental plates, stretching from Western hemisphere to Japan, meet that often cause seismic and volcanic movements.—Xinhua

### Western investors confidence shaken by Dubai's debt issue

BEIJING, 27 Nov — Confidence of Western investors across the Gulf has been shaken by the Dubai government's shock decision to ask creditor banks for six-month delay on its massive debt repayments on Thursday. Western investors turned to the oil-exporting Gulf region for help during the global financial crisis.

But now European stock markets dropped sharply on the news, with European exchanges particularly hard hit. Paris and Milan each plunged by more than three percent in afternoon trading on Thursday.

The US markets were closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and the dollar edged up from 14-year lows as renewed risk aver-

sion prompted investors to shed riskier assets.

Meanwhile, global financial markets have also been rocked as the emirate struggled to ease fears of debt default.

However, a Dubai's senior official said the suspension of payments on Dubai World was "carefully planned" and done in full knowledge of how the markets would react.—Xinhua

## Cuba launches largest military exercise in five years

HAVANA, 27 Nov—Cuba's armed forces on Thursday launched its largest military exercise in five years, "Bastion 2009," which would ward off a possible attack in a crisis, local media reported on Thursday. Cuba's regular troops, Ministry of the Interior units and the militia took part in the three-day exercise, which also involved the mobilization of ground troops, military flights and artillery practice, the state-run newspaper *Granma* reported.

The Caribbean nation

will also hold a military parade on 29 Nov.

It was necessary to hold this military exercise given the current political-military situation, which was characterized by a confrontation between Cuba and the United States, said General Leonardo Andollo, deputy chief of Cuba's armed forces.

The exercise was aimed at raising the country's capacity to prevent a military confrontation, he stressed.

The exercise was held when relations between Havana and Washington

began to thaw. US President Barack Obama restated negotiations on direct mail service and immigration and cancelled financial and travel restrictions for Cuban Americans in a bid to improve relations with Cuba.

But at the same time, Washington planned to receive its Fourth Fleet, which was directed against Latin American countries and increased its access to seven military bases in Colombia, putting Cuba on alert, analysts said.

Xinhua



Four-year-old male panda Wang Wang is put into a cage as he leaves the China Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre in Ya'an, Sichuan Province on 27 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

### High salt and stroke directly linked

WARWICK, 27 Nov —High salt intake is unequivocally linked to stroke and heart disease, researchers in England and Italy found.

The review of 13 studies, involving more than 170,000 participants in Europe, Asia and North America, found high dietary salt intake directly linked to cardiovascular disease risk.

Researchers at World Health Organization's Collaborating Center for Nutrition at the University of Warwick and the European Society of Hypertension Excellence Center at Federico II University Medical School in Naples, Italy, said habitual daily salt intake is estimated to exceed 10 grammes per day in most adult populations around the world.

Internet

### You can't sweat off effects of alcohol

LONDON, 27 Nov— Exercising the day after heavy drinking does little to minimize the effects of alcohol, British Public Health Minister Gillian Merron said.

"If you have a big night at the pub, you're not going to compensate with a workout the following day," Merron told *The Daily Telegraph*.

Nicolay Sorensen, alcohol concern director of policy and communications, agreed.

"It is encouraging that so many heavy drinkers recognize their drinking habits aren't good for them and that they want to make up for it by taking exercise," Sorensen said.

Internet

### River bacteria may reflect climate changes

CAMBRIDGE, 27 Nov —US scientists say bacteria in six large arctic river ecosystems might be used as markers for monitoring climate change in the polar region.

Researchers at the University of Maryland's Horn Point Laboratory said their study of bacterial communities in the ecosystems reveals predictable temporal patterns showing the bacteria shifted synchronously over time, correlating with seasonal shifts in hydrology and biogeochemistry.

The researchers documented the patterns during a three-year, circumpolar study of planktonic bacterial communities in the six largest rivers of the pan-arctic watershed: the Ob', Yenisey, Lena, Kolyma, Yukon and Mackenzie rivers.—Internet



A Malaysia Airlines Boeing 737 aircraft (L) taxis on the tarmac of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang. Malaysia Airlines said on Thursday Airbus was delaying delivery of the carrier's first A380 superjumbo aircraft by eight months.—INTERNET

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV XIANG DA VOYNO (9046)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9046 ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 28.11.2009 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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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV YONG XIN 201 VOYNO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YONG XIN 201 VOY NO (-) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 29.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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*Unemployed Japanese people search through job vacancies at an employment bureau in Tokyo in August 2009. Japan's unemployment rate fell to 5.1 percent in October from 5.3 percent in September, improving for a third consecutive month, the government said on Friday.*

INTERNET

**Man dies after 28 hours stuck in cave**

SALT LAKE CITY, 27 Nov — A US medical student has died after being stuck upside-down in a cave in Utah for more than 24 hours, officials said overnight. John Jones, 26, was part of a group of 11 experienced cavers who set out to explore the Nutty Putty caves, around 100 km south of Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah.

Nearly three hours after the group had entered the caves on Tuesday evening, Mr Jones became stuck in a feature inside Nutty Putty known as Bob's Push, the Utah County sheriff's office said. "This feature is very tightly confined, being about 45 cm wide and 25

cm high," the sheriff's office said. "Jones was positioned with his head downhill and was unable to move further into the cave. He was also unable to move back up the Bob's Push area."

Nearly 100 rescuers using large amounts of technical and heavy rescue equipment worked around the clock to try to free Mr Jones, who was trapped 46m underground and 213m from the entrance of the cave. At one point they freed him, but a rope and pulley system failed and he became stuck a second time. In the hours after he became wedged again, Mr Jones's physical condition deteriorated.—Internet

*South Korea's WBA featherweight title champion Choi Hyun-Mi exercises during a photo call in Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul on 26 Nov, 2009. Choi is known as the "Defector Boxer Girl" in South Korea, where she is a new hope for a declining sport in the country that was known for producing scrappy and fearless fighters who steadily climbed the world rankings.—INTERNET*



**US scientists discover emotion-like behavior in fruit flies**

LOS ANGELES, 27 Nov—US scientists have uncovered evidence of a primitive emotion-like behaviour in the fruit fly, and their finding may facilitate studies of the relationship between a corrective medicine and a learning disability.

The evidence, published by researchers with the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the December issue of the journal *Neuron*, may be relevant to the relationship between the neuro-transmitter dopamine and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Caltech researchers said that the brain of the fruit fly *Drosophila* contains only about 20,000 neurons, or nerve cells, and has long been considered enough for the studies of the genetic basis of such behaviour as learning, memory, courtship and metabolism otherwise known as circadian rhythm.

Xinhua

**Spain sees 17 new A/H1N1 flu deaths last week**

MADRID, 27 Nov—Spain reported 17 more deaths from the A/H1N1 flu during the week of 15-21Nov, bringing the total number of deaths to 135 in the country, figures from the Health Ministry showed on Thursday.

However, the mortality rate of the disease remained very low and it dropped by a slim 0.01 point to 0.13 deaths per 1,000 infected patients.—Xinhua

**Algeria reports 3 new death cases of A /H1N1 flu**

ALGIERS, 27 Nov—A total of 50 new cases of A/H1N1 influenza, among which were three deaths, were confirmed on Thursday by the Algerian Health Ministry, bringing the number of confirmed cases of the epidemic in the country to 274.

The three latest deaths included a 50-year-old woman in the central city of Biskra, a 27-year-old young mother in the northwestern city of Oran and her newborn baby, local media said.—Xinhua

**Death toll of A/H1N1 flu reaches 161 in Turkey**

ANKARA, 27 Nov—A total of 161 people died in Turkey from the A/H1N1 virus, according to a statement released on Thursday by the Turkish Health Ministry on its Web site.

The Health Ministry also announced that 243 people were hospitalized because of the virus, 70 were in intensive care and 32 were on life support. Ninety-two of the people who died in Turkey from the A/H1N1 flu had chronic illnesses.—Xinhua

**Costa Rica to invest \$18m to combat second wave of A/H1N1 flu**

SAN JOSE, 27 Nov—Costa Rica announced an investment of 18 million US dollars on Thursday in an effort to fight the second wave of A/H1N1 flu expected to hit the nation in January 2010.

To combat the flu, the country's social security system (CCSS) would purchase 30 X-ray machines, 97 fans, and 18,000 Tamiflu (oseltamivir) treatment dosages for patients who need it.

It would also buy 70 refrigerators to store 300,000 vaccines expected to arrive in the country in the next few days.—Xinhua

**Rise in pneumonia cases linked to H1N1**

BEIJING, 27 Nov—Health officials are finding that bacterial pneumonia cases are rising along with instances of the A/H1N1 virus. Doctors are seeing an increase in flu complications leading to pneumonia.

At the same time, cases of seasonal flu are at record levels because of the new A/H1N1 virus. The number of cases is outpacing the typical number of regular flu cases at this time of year. Cases of regular flu usually peak between December and May.

"We're seeing an increase in serious pneumococcal infectious around the country," said Dr Anne Schuchat, who heads the US National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Xinhua

## Laser therapy can worsen skin cancer

BERGEN, 27 Nov — Low-level laser therapy, used in sports medicine, hair-loss treatment and skin care, can aggravate skin cancer, Norwegian and Brazilian scientists say.

Professor Jan Bjordal of Bergen University College in Norway, working with a team of Brazilian researchers, studied the pain relieving, anti-inflammatory 'cold laser,' finding it caused increased tumor growth in a mouse model of skin cancer.

The scientists said laser therapy was developed in the 1970s, and has been

marketed as a treatment for hair-loss, pain management, sports medicine and skin care. They noted home-treatment sets can be purchased online for unsupervised use.

Bjordal said low-level laser therapy has gained popularity as a treatment for soft tissue injuries and joint conditions.

"However, there is a shortage of evidence, especially in vivo evidence, about the effects of (such laser therapy) in malignant conditions such as melanoma," he said.

Bjordal said he and his

colleagues applied the low-level laser therapy to cancer cultures and to mice injected with melanoma cells. Although the treatment didn't cause any significant changes in the cell cultures, direct irradiation of the tumor with high-dose low-level laser therapy caused a significant increase in tumor mass volume and considerable cellular alterations, indicating a worsening of the cancer in the mice.

The findings of the study are to appear in the journal BMC Cancer.

Internet



Contestants of the Miss Sevilla pageant wearing traditional Sevillana dresses pose for the media during a presentation in the Andalusian capital of Seville on 24 Nov, 2009. The winner of the pageant held on 5 December in Seville will go on to compete in the Miss Spain beauty contest in 2010.

XINHUA

## Protein from pregnancy hormone may prevent breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov — Researchers have found that hormones produced during pregnancy induce a protein that directly inhibits the growth of breast cancer.

This protein, alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), may serve as a viable, well-tolerated agent for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer, according to findings published on Tuesday in Cancer Prevention Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

"Hormones in pregnancy, such as estrogen, all induce AFP, which directly inhibits the growth of breast cancer," said lead researcher Herbert Jacobson, who is a basic breast cancer researcher in the Department of Obstetrics,

Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at Albany Medical College, NY.

"The body has a natural defense system against breast cancer," he added.

"AFP needs to be safely harnessed and developed into a drug that can be used to protect women from breast cancer."

Recent studies have shown that hormones released during pregnancy, such as estrogen, progesterone and human chorionic gonadotropin, reduce a women's risk for breast cancer.

AFP is a protein normally produced by the liver and yolk sac of a fetus.

Jacobson and colleagues sought to determine whether administering

pregnancy hormones to carcinogen-exposed rats led them to produce AFP, which in turn produces the protective effect of pregnancy in the absence of pregnancy.

Results from this study showed that treatment with estrogen plus progesterone, estrogen alone or human chorionic gonadotropin reduced the incidence of mammary cancers in rats.

Xinhua

## Oceans getting slow in absorbing carbon dioxide

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov — The world's oceans appear to be slowing their pace in absorbing carbon dioxide (CO2), a worrying signal for global warming, a study has found. Yale professor Jeffrey Park reached the conclusion by using data collected over the past 50 years from atmospheric observing stations in Hawaii, Alaska and the Antarctica to study the relationship between fluctuations in global temperatures and the global abundance of atmospheric CO2 on interannual (one to 10 years) time scales.

With the oceans currently absorbing over 40 percent of the CO2 emitted by human activities, this trend of decreasing could quicken the pace of climate change.

The study appears in the 25 No issue of the Geophysical Research Letters.

Xinhua

## Research shows how anti-cancer drug works

EVANSTON, 27 Nov — Researchers at Illinois' Northwestern University said they discovered how the drug tetra-thiomolybdate, which is used to fight some metastatic cancers, works.

Northwestern said in a release on Thursday while it is known the drug can help fight certain metastatic cancers and Wilson disease, researchers at the university have discovered an invaluable clue to the drug's inner-workings.

The researchers said the drug results in metallochaperones being sequestered in the body along with the copper they contain, stopping the normal functioning of both inside the cell.

The research study's author, Thomas VO'-Halloran, said his team's findings should allow for the development of new drugs oriented toward metal trafficking pathways.

"Essential metals are at the center of many emerging problems in health, medicine and the environment, and this work opens the door to new biological experiments," the Charles E and Emma H Morrison professor of chemistry at Northwestern said.—Internet

## US researchers identify proteins in lung cancer cells that may provide potential drug targets

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov — Researchers from Boston University (BU) have identified a number of proteins whose activation allows them

to distinguish between cancer and normal cells with almost 97 percent accuracy.

In addition, the BU researchers have developed a new computational strategy to analyze this data and specifically identify key biological pathways (molecular circuits) that are active in cancer and "dormant" in normal cells. The study which appears in the 25th November issue of PLoS ONE, will ultimately lead to the development of drugs specifically aimed to

inhibit these proteins.

According to the BU researchers, there are many features that make cancer cells different from normal cells.

They look different histologically, they proliferate and divide at different rates, they are immortal unlike normal cells, and are less communicative with their neighbour cells.

They are also more "selfish" in refusing to commit suicide (programmed cell death) which normal cells do when their genomes become unstable.—Xinhua



An Aztec dancer prepares before the sunrise ceremony at Alcatraz Island during the Indigenous People.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

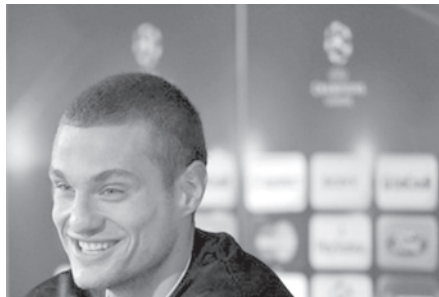
## Vidic planning to stick with Man Utd

MANCHESTER, 27 Nov — Serbia captain Nemanja Vidic has dismissed speculation that he wants to leave Manchester United by claiming that he would like to help the transition to a new generation of players at Old Trafford.

The centreback's situation is reportedly being monitored by Barcelona following reports that his wife, Ana, is unhappy in northwestern England, and the attribution to the player of some unflattering comments about the weather and life in general in England.

But Vidic, 28, insists he is happy at the Premier League champions and looking forward to the day when, following the retirement of veterans like Ryan Giggs and Edwin van der Sar, he is one of the senior figures in the dressing room.

"I am glad to have been part of this club for so many years and if I could be one of the bases on which a new team is built I would be very happy," Vidic said.—*Internet*



Manchester United defender Nemanja Vidic.  
INTERNET

## McIlroy, McDowell take lead in World Cup of Golf

SHENZHEN, 27 Nov — Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell shot a better-ball 58 on Thursday to give Ireland a three-stroke lead over Argentina after the first round of the World Cup of Golf on Thursday.

Argentina's Tano Goya and Rafael Echenique were at 11-under 61, with Japan another shot behind. The United States pair of Nick Watney and John Merrick was tied for 15th at 5-under 67 after four birdies by Watney.

Defending champion Sweden was tied with Italy, Canada and South Korea six strokes off the lead in the \$5.5 million tournament at the Mission Hills Golf Club. Friday's second round will be alternate-shot, as will Sunday, while Saturday will be better-ball again.  
*Internet*



Graeme McDowell, right, and Rory McIlroy of Ireland walk at the 15th hole during the first round of the Omega Mission Hills World Cup golf tournament in Dongguan, southern China's Guangdong Province, on 26 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

## I'm the new Gerrard, not the new Naka

GLASGOW, 27 Nov — Celtic-bound Ki Sung-Yong has told fans of the Glasgow giants that he wants to be the new Steven Gerrard, not the new Shunsuke Nakamura.

Japanese midfielder Nakamura remains a hero for Hoops fans after helping the club win three league titles in his four seasons in Scotland.

South Korea's Ki, who is expected to complete a two-million-pound move from FC Seoul in the January transfer window, hopes to have a similar impact but has stressed that he is a different kind of player.

"There's big pressure on me arriving and playing for Celtic," the 20-year-old was quoted as saying by Thursday's Scottish edition of *The Sun* tabloid.

"People will be expecting me to be the new Nakamura, but I'm not. He was a wonderful player and really gifted technically, but that's not the style I play.

"I'm younger, faster and stronger. In South Korea, people compare me to (Liverpool and England's) Steven Gerrard, and I'll admit that's who I've based my game on.

"But Gerrard is one of the best and most recognised midfielders in the world. At the moment, I'm not, but that's what I want to become.  
*Internet*

## Del Potro downs Federer in ATP semi thriller

LONDON, 27 Nov — Juan Martin Del Potro beat Roger Federer in a three-set thriller on Thursday to scrape into the ATP World Tour Finals semis with Federer by the tightest of margins.

The Argentine beat the Swiss world number one 6-2, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3 in two hours and six minutes at London's O2 Arena, and only just earned himself a spot in the last four at the agonising expense of Britain's Andy Murray.

Federer won the group, but with Del Potro and Murray both having won five sets to four in their three Group A matches, it went down to their games record.

The Argentine went through to the semi-finals by a margin of one, his 45 games won to 43 lost record bettering the 44-43 of Murray. Throughout the match, ATP statisticians were furiously calculating who was going through to the semi-finals.—*Internet*

## Unhappy Gattuso drops exit hint

ROME, 27 Nov — AC Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso dropped a clear hint on Thursday that he will be looking for a transfer during the January window.

Gattuso is unhappy at no longer being an automatic first choice in the Milan team after 11 seasons at the club.

"I'm Rino Gattuso and I shouldn't have to wait until someone is injured to be able to play," he told reporters.

"I still feel strong and I'm disappointed to not be showing that but I won't accept the thought that I am no longer indispensable.

"Will I go? There's still five or six matches to go before the Christmas break, I have to talk to the club and with (vice-president Adriano) Galliani because it's not nice after 11 years to play only occasionally."

Gattuso has made only seven starts in Milan's 20 matches this season and has played only 37 minutes of their five Champions League matches, although he has had some small injuries and a suspension.  
*Internet*

## Murray downs Verdasco to keep semifinals hope alive



Britain's Andy Murray returns the ball to Spain's Fernando Verdasco during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 Arena in London on 26 November, 2009.  
XINHUA

LONDON, 27 Nov — Andy Murray edged down Spaniard Fernando Verdasco in a three-hour tough match on Thursday, keeping his hope of a semis spot alive at the ATP World Tour Finals.

Britain's Andy Murray returns the ball to Spain's Fernando Verdasco during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 Arena in London 26

November, 2009.

Playing their last match in Group A, the World No 4 Murray and World No 8 Fernando were hard to crack for either side until Murray stood out in tiebreak of third set, recording 6-4, 6-7(4), 7-6(3).

Murray's victory ends Verdasco's chances of qualifying for the semifinals, as the Spaniard lost all three matches in the year-end elite event.

With two wins and one loss, the Scott has to wait for the result between Roger Federer and Juan Martin del Potro this evening to see his place.

"I'm going to go home, get some rest and then see what happens with the match. I definitely won't watch too much of it.—*Xinhua*

## Cristiano Ronaldo promises Camp Nou goal

MADRID, 27 Nov — Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo promised he will score a goal against FC Barcelona in the Camp Nou Stadium this Sunday.

The most expensive footballer in the world came off the bench to play the last 20 minutes of his side's disappointing 1-0 draw to Zurich on Wednesday night.

It was his first appearance since injuring his right ankle whilst playing for Portugal in early October. He missed almost two months and looked slightly off the pace despite almost scoring a goal

in the last minute of the game.

However, speaking to local television station TeleMadrid, he promised to improve at the weekend.

"I felt OK and my ankle didn't give me any problems. I've been out of action for a while and it's normal for me not to be 100% missing moment," said Ronaldo.

"I am confident that I can soon get back to the condition I was in before I got injured, because I want to help the team by scoring goals."

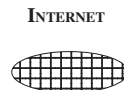
"I couldn't score today, but I will score in the next game (against Barcelona)," he added.

"I want to start in the Clasico, but that is down to the decision of our coach. I want to play, to win and to score in that game," insisted the Portuguese striker, who knows that Barcelona, who beat Inter Milan 2-0 on Tuesday, will be tough rivals.

"It will be a hard game, but we can win it. We have got our strengths and I don't care who plays for Barcelona," he said.  
*Xinhua*



AC Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso.  
INTERNET



### Space shuttle Atlantis heads for Florida landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, 27 Nov — Astronauts aboard space shuttle Atlantis fired their ship's braking rockets on Friday to leave orbit and begin an hour-long glide to Earth, the last leg of an 11-day mission to the International Space Station. Touchdown at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida is scheduled for 9:44 a.m. EST.

The shuttle blasted off on November 16 with 15 tons of equipment and spare parts, including pumps, gyroscopes and tanks which are needed to keep the space station operational after the shuttle fleet's retirement next year. NASA plans five more shuttle missions to complete construction of the \$100 billion orbital outpost, a project of 16 nations, and prepare it for five to 10 years of scientific operations.

Internet



A woman waits in line to pay for her items at the Toys R Us store in Westbury, New York on 27 November 2009. Americans headed to department stores in droves in the dead of night on Friday to kick off the holiday shopping season, though many said they had pared back how much they would spend on family members and on themselves. Black Friday, the day after U.S. Thanksgiving, is often the single busiest shopping day of the crucial holiday season, which accounts for nearly one-fifth of the retail industry's annual sales.—INTERNET

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (28-11-2009) (Saturday)

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

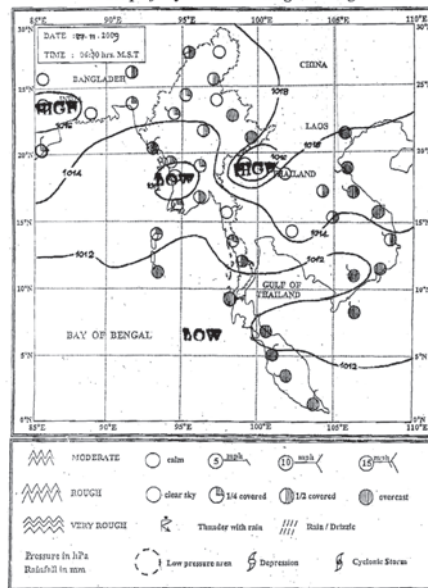
#### Local Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Traditional Matrimony of Ra Wan Nationals
- \* Traditional Bamboo Utensils of Myanmar
- \* A Safe Haven- For Older Persons (Kayah State)
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Let's Talk About Lahu Nationals
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
  - \* Traditional Matrimony of Ra Wan Nationals
  - \* Traditional Bamboo Utensils of Myanmar
  - \* A Safe Haven- For Older Persons (Kayah State)
  - \* Culture Stage
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Let's Talk About Lahu Nationals
  - \* A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
  - \* Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Park
  - \* Myanmar Movies Impact
  - \* Thanakha Joss-sticks from Yesagyio
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Northern Shan, Chin, Kayah, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and Taninthayi Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Loilin (4°C) each, Pinlaung (7°C), Namsam, Mogok and An (8°C) each Lashio and Katha (9°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 26-11-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 27-11-2009 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-11-2009 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 26-11-2009 was (7.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-11-2009 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 (18:30) hours MST on 26-11-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

**State of the sea:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Weather Outlook For First Weekend Of December 2009:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 28 November View on today

- 7:00 am**
  1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
  2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
  3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
  4. အဂ္ဂယမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ဝေယံကွန်းတေးရေး-ဝိစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:50 am**
  5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**

- 6. ကဗျာပန်းခွယျာဉ် **8:15 am**
- 7. Musical Programme **8:30 am**
- 8. International News **8:40 am**
- 9. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-9) (Rush to Judgment) **11:00 am**
- 1. Martial Song **11:10 am**
- 2. Musical Programme **11:25 am**
- 3. Game For Children **11:40 am**
- 4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News **11:55 am**
- 5. Yan Can Cook **12:10 pm**
- 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၉) **12:40 pm**
- 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ **12:55 pm**
- 8. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြံ့ကြံ့ အိတ် **1:15 pm**

- 9. ဝိတစ်သံဠာအလှူဆင် **1:30 pm**
- 10. "သာယာရွှေပြည်တို့နေပြည်" **2:00 pm**
- 11. Dance Of National Races **2:25 pm**
- 12. အစားပြိုင်ပွဲ **2:50 pm**
- 13. International News **4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song **4:10 pm**
- 2. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ **4:20 pm**
- 3. မြန်မြန်ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက **4:30 pm**
- 4. Musical Programme **4:45 pm**
- 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဝုတ်ယနွမ် (ဖိပ္ပားရေးပညာ အထူးပြု (ဖိပ္ပားရေးပညာ) **5:00 pm**
- 6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit **5:10 pm**
- 7. "ကောင်းခြင်းပေါ်ပြာ" **5:25 pm**
- 8. Musical Programme

- 5:40 pm**
  9. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကတေးကြွမယ်
- 6:00 pm**
  10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
  11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
  12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှတက္ကသိုလ်
- 6:45 pm**
  13. ယဉ်တစ်တိုယ်မယ် "ကရန်သင်္ဃာမယ် မနက်ဖြန်များ" (အေသင်ချီဆွေ၊ နန်းဝတ်ရည်ယုလေး) ဝါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမိုး
- 7:00 pm**
  14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေအိမ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 8:00 pm**
  15. News
  16. International News
  17. Weather Report
  18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် ဝိုင်နိုဆေးအိမ်သားစု ဝှန်စားခန်း (အပိုင်း-၆၃)
  19. "ရွှေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
  20. ဝိတစ်ခဲလေးဖွင့်ပိုဦး

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

### People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

## Senior General Than Shwe hosts dinner to delegates to USDA Annual General Meeting (2009), outstanding youth members



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets USDA delegates and outstanding youths at the dinner.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe hosted a dinner to the delegates from USDAs at state/division, district and township levels to the USDA Annual General Meeting (2009) and outstanding youth members at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here this evening.

Upon arrival at the venue at 7 pm, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted those who welcomed him: the delegates from states and divisions, the students who stood first to tenth in matriculation examination (2009), the students who stood first in matriculation examination (2009) in the state or division concerned, sports gold medalist students, outstanding Red Cross members and auxiliary fire brigade members, prizewinners in USDA (Central) level English

proficiency contest, the students, who won at least five golds in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions organized by the government, chairmen and responsible persons from social and economic organizations, artistes and vocalists.

Also present on the occasion were members of the USDA Central Panel of Patrons Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC (See page 9)

### Preventative measures against New Influenza A (H1 N1) in full swing

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—The Ministry of Health has been extensively engaging in the control of New Influenza A (H1 N1) since 28 April, and it has confirmed 66 persons inflicted with the virus. Of them, 65 have been discharged from the hospital as they were fully recovered from the disease and the remaining one is now in good health. There was no death due to the virus.

The Ministry of Health has urged the entire people to strictly follow the notifications on New Influenza A (H1 N1) to ensure that there is no infection of the virus among the public and to cooperate in the prevention and control of the virus.—MNA