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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

## A world-class hotel in Nay Pyi Taw

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*Reception Hall where the international meetings can be held.*

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## Kanyin Dam to bring development to western regions of Ayeyawady

### Article & Photos:

***Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)***

For the development of western regions of Magway Division on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River, the Tatmadaw government implemented construction projects of not only railroads, motorways and bridges but also dams and reservoirs to ensure development of the agricultural sector with additional water resources. Now, Kanyin Dam is under construction in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Division in order to irrigate about 25,000 acres of summer paddy. Both Ingapu and Myanaung townships will be able to have access to irrigation water upon the completion of Kanyin dam.

Our news crew, accompanied by Staff Officers U Khin Maung Than of Ma Mya Dam project, U Myo Myint Aung (quality control), Deputy Staff Officers U Myint Swe and U Thein Win Tun, arrived at Kanyin Dam construction project in Ingapu Township via Pathein-Monywa road. The dam project was started in 2002-2003 and the concrete diaphragm wall has been completed. And 86 per cent of concrete plastering and 88 per cent of drilling have been completed.

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*Completed spillway of Kanyin Dam.*



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Endeavour for establishment of industrial nation

Industrial sector is instrumental in bringing about national development. So Myanmar is building sound infrastructures to build up an industrialized country. Import-substitute industries are mushrooming as the State has extended building industrial regions and zones and factories.

With the State being able to establish more heavy industries, percentage of the industrial sector in the nation's GDP has increased year by year. Establishment of more industries and factories has not only contributed to regional development but also created job opportunities for local people.

New production techniques have been acquired as encouragement is being given to develop the private industrial sector while promoting operation capacity of State-run factories. Moreover, use of modern machinery and tools has facilitated in gaining technology and work experiences.

Ministry of Industry-1 is running factories manufacturing consumer and household goods. Textile factories, pharmaceutical factories, paper and pulp mills, high heat-duty fire brick factories, steel household goods factories, plastic factories and consumer goods factories are now operating in full swing for manufacturing a wide range of products.

For balanced development of industrial zones and regions, local and international study of boosting productivity and continuous research on quality control are necessary.

There has been improved productivity due to the establishment of a great number of factories in industrial zones and regions. So the industrial sector will develop more by manufacturing high quality goods while trying for each and every factory to operate at full capacity with proper proportion in cost and income.

## 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

### 40<sup>th</sup> C-in-C's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Track and Field events conclude

YANGON, 29 Nov—The prize presentation ceremony of 40<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) Track & Field events was held at Aung San Stadium here on 26 November.

It was attended by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, senior military

officers, station commanders, Tatmadawmen, their family members and fans.

The deputy commander and senior military officers watched the final events and the responsible persons presented the individual awards to winners and referees.

Next, the deputy commander presented the championship shield to the champion team.—MNA

### Associations under Myanmar Fisheries Federation hold AGMs



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses AGMs of associations under Myanmar Fisheries Federation.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Nov—The annual general meetings of Myanmar Fish Entrepreneurs' Association, Myanmar Saltwater Farmers Association, Myanmar Aquafeed Association and Myanmar Freshwater Farmers Association under Myanmar Fisheries Federation were held at the federation in Insein Township here this morning, with an address by Patron of Myanmar Fisheries Federation Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Next, President of the federation U Htay Myint delivered an address and Chairman U Than Lwin of MFEA extended greetings.

Secretary U Nay Soe then read out annual report and financial statements in the fifth AGM of the MFEA. The minister then accepted cash presented by

the association to the federation.

It was followed by the third AGM of MSFA in which Chairman U Maung Maung Soe of the association extended greetings and advisor to the association U Hla Win assessed the discussions. The fourth AGM of MAA was then held. Chairman of the association U Ohn Lwin extended greetings and Secretary U Myint Oo read out annual report and financial statements.

It was followed by the third AGM of MFFA in which Chairman U Nyein Myaing of the association extended greetings and Secretary U Win Kyaing read out annual report and financial statements.

The meeting then ended with a concluding remark by the minister.—MNA

### Paung Township gets one more library

PAUNG, 29 Nov—A new library named Myosetthit library was opened in Ahlab village of Paung Township, Mon State, on 17 November.

The building was formally opened by Chairman of Ahlab Village

Peace and Development Council U San Thein and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Cho Myat Myat Htwe.—Myanma Alin



Chairman U San Thein of Ahlab Village PDC and Daw Cho Myat Myat Htwe of Paung Township IPRD cut a ribbon to open Myosetthit library. MYANMA ALIN

### World Diabetes Day marked in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—A ceremony to observe World Diabetes Day was held at the meeting hall of 300-bed teaching hospital in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, at 9 pm on 14 November. It was attended by rectors from the Universities of Medicine, medical superintendents, professors, specialists, departmental officials, heads township health departments staff, members of social organizations and guests.

Attendees were given free diabetes check-ups and pamphlets. It was followed by a health educative talk. Chairman of the ceremony Medical Superintendent of the 300-bed teaching hospital Dr Khin Maung extended greetings. Professor Dr Aung Gyi of Mandalay General Hospital and Associate Professor Dr Aye Aye Aung of the 300-bed teaching hospital discussed preventive measures against diabetes.—MNA

# Afghan war more challenging than Iraq

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHANK**(Afghanistan), 29 Nov — Veterans of Iraq recall rolling to war along asphalted highways, sweltering in flat scrublands and chatting with city-wise university graduates connected to the wider world.

Now fighting in Afghanistan, US soldiers invariably encounter illiterate farmers who may never have talked to an American as they slog into remote villages on dirt

tracks through bitterly cold, snow-streaked mountains.

“Before deploying here we were given training on language, culture, everything. I thought that since I was an Iraq combat veteran, I didn’t need any of that stuff. I was wrong,” says Sgt Michael McCann, returning from a patrol in the east-central province of Logar.

While their experiences in the two war zones vary, for many soldiers in the

field — if not policy makers — the conflict in Afghanistan is one they think may prove harder and longer to win.

Soldiers and officers involved in combat operations all cite the more punishing geography and climate, those focused on development the bare-bones infrastructure, and intelligence specialists the even greater difficulties in identifying the militants as among the many sharp contrasts between Afghanistan and Iraq.

*Internet*



*Afghan police stand guard at a site of a blast in the centre of Kabul, on 28 November. An explosion was heard in the capital, according to witnesses, around 10:20 am (0550 GMT) and was immediately followed by the sound of sirens as security forces rushed to the scene. —INTERNET*

## Raul Castro praises Cuban army as well prepared

**HAVANA**, 29 Nov — Raul Castro toured military installations and met with his armed forces high command during three days of extensive war games, saying his forces’ preparedness inspires more respect than possession of an advanced weapon ever could.

The military exercises, which were wrapping up Saturday ahead of Cuba’s National Defence Day on Sunday, involve hundreds of thousands of people — both uniformed and civilian — and are the largest since 2004.

Cuban military leaders say they must guard against an American attack, despite assurances from Washington that such talk is absurd and the fact that relations have been improving, albeit slowly, since President Barack Obama took office.

*Internet*

## At least 73 dead in Congo boat accident

**KINSHASA**, 29 Nov — At least 73 people were killed and others missing after a logging boat sank in a lake in western Democratic Republic of Congo, a Red Cross official said on Saturday.

The boat sank in bad weather and had been transporting logs on Lake Mai Ndombe in Bandundu Province with no authorization to take on passengers, United Nations-sponsored Radio Okapi said.

“We are at 272 survivors and 73 dead. These are bodies that we have found along the shores of the lake,” Dominic Lutula, president of the Congolese Red Cross told *Reuters*.

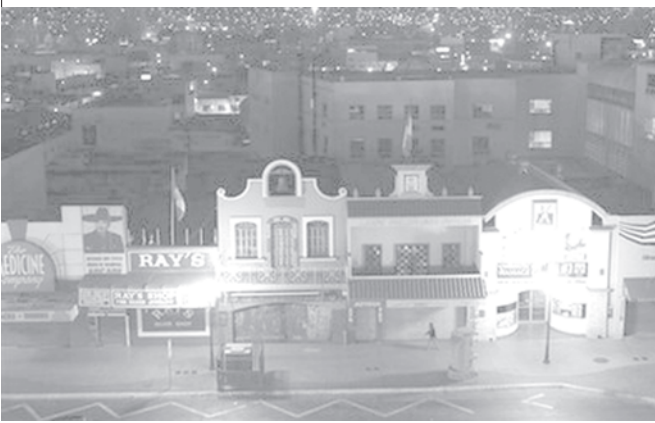
*Internet*

*A Jordanian man points towards a dried water pit near the Dead Sea, south of the Jordanian capital Amman, on 9 November. The surface level of the Dead Sea is plunging by a metre (three feet) a year and nothing has yet been done to reverse the decline because of a lack of political cooperation as a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict.*



*INTERNET*

*A man walks along an empty Revolution Avenue in downtown Tijuana, Mexico, on 28 Nov, 2009. Mexico’s drug war and the economic crisis are keeping tourists from the once busiest party street, forcing some bars to shut down. —INTERNET*



## Death toll from floods in Saudi reaches 106

**RIYADH**, 29 Nov — A Saudi official says the death toll from the unusually heavy rains that hit western Saudi Arabia has reached 106.

The official says rescue teams were looking for possible survivors from the downpours that caused heavy flooding in the coastal city of Jiddah, the main entry point for the millions of people performing the annual hajj pilgrimage. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to the media.

The deaths have been blamed on flooding and collapsed homes and bridges. Sami Badawood, spokesman of health services in Jiddah, says in a statement that area hospitals have been equipped to deal with any possible outbreaks of diseases resulting from the flooding, such as dengue fever. —*Internet*

## 9,000 Marines to Helmand after Obama speech

**WASHINGTON**, 29 Nov — The US military will deploy up to 9,000 Marines to Afghanistan’s Helmand Province — doubling US presence there — in the days after President Barack Obama’s war strategy announcement this week, the *Washington Post* said on Saturday.

Citing senior US officials, the daily said the extra Marines won’t move to the restive southern province until after Obama’s address to the nation on Tuesday from the prestigious West Point military academy in New York state.

The aim is to regain a footing in the region that has been a base for a fierce Taliban insurgency in recent months. —*Internet*

## Europe lacks means, will for Afghan war

**BRUSSELS**, 29 Nov — The United States’ partners could deploy some 5,000 extra troops under a new strategy to combat the Afghan insurgency but lack the means or the will to do much more, according to analysts.

Plagued by economic problems, overstretched armies deployed in Iraq or the Balkans and growing military and civilian casualties, European nations are losing appetite for a fight that has dragged on for eight years. But any tepid response to requests by commanders could hurt US President Barack Obama, who is due to unveil the new strategy on Tuesday, and dispatch more than 30,000 US reinforcements to make it work. —*Internet*

## China to keep macroeconomic policy stance in 2010 with flexibility

BEIJING, 29 NOV—China has vowed to maintain its macroeconomic policy stance in 2010 despite worries that its stimulus is likely to risk fueling new bubbles and overcapacity.

A meeting of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee agreed on Friday that the country will continue the proactive fiscal policy and moderately easy monetary policy next year.

"It is a must for the country to stick to the pro-growth policy stance," said Zhang Liqun, a researcher with the Development Research Center of the State Council, one of China's top think tanks.

"A guarantee to the 8-percent growth target this year does not mean the national economy has been on an independent and stable developing track," Zhang said.

Xinhua

## 'Telepathic' car symbolises Cambodian car industry hopes

PHNOM PENH, 29 NOV—The gold-coloured convertible turns heads on impoverished Cambodia's roads — not least because of creator Nhean Phaloeck's outlandish claim that it can be operated telepathically. "I just snap my fingers and the car's door will open. Or I just think of opening the car's door, and the door opens immediately," says the 51-year-old as he proudly shows off the homemade car, named the Angkor 333-2010.

Onlookers gasp as he demonstrates the trick, and with the fibre-glass vehicle having cost him 5,000 dollars and 19 months of labour he is in no mood to reveal the remote control system behind it.

But as with a handful of other Cambodians who make their own curious cars, he dreams the two-seater will help foster an automobile industry in the country, still poor after decades of conflict.

"I am very excited and proud of this car because many people admire me and keep asking me about how I can make it," he says, adding that it reaches speeds of up to 100 kilometres (62 miles) per hour.—*Internet*



Cambodian mechanic Nhean Phaloeck sits in his self-designed home-made Angkor 333-2010 car at his house in Phnom Penh. The gold-coloured convertible turns heads on impoverished Cambodia's roads — not least because of creator Nhean Phaloeck's outlandish claim that it can be operated telepathically.—INTERNET

## India says overseas workers will not be affected by Dubai World default

NEW DELHI, 29 NOV—India said on Saturday there is no cause for worrying over potential job losses among Indians employed in the Gulf following the multi-billion-dollar debt default risk faced by Dubai World, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service*.

Indian Minister for Overseas Indian affairs Vayalar Ravi said he has feedback from Indian consulate general in Dubai and Indian embassies in the region.

"We are not expecting any kind of exodus of Indian workers to India," he was quoted as saying.

The minister also said there was some impact in the Gulf region at the beginning of the meltdown last year but the situation had changed since then.

About 100,000 Indian workers had returned from Dubai at that time. But many of them have gone back, the minister pointed out.—*Xinhua*

## Russia agrees French superjumbo overfly

PARIS, 29 NOV—Russia has given the green light for Air France's A380 superjumbo to overfly Siberia, opening the way for a projected Paris-Tokyo service, Transport Minister Dominique Bussereau said on Saturday.

In a statement, Bussereau said the accord was approved by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin at the end of a two-day visit to France which saw a number of business

deals concluded.

Bussereau said the agreement on the A380 also allowed for more cargo flights between Paris airports and Russia, favouring Russian companies in particular, as Moscow had sought.

Air France has just begun regular commercial flights between Paris and New York with the A380 as the first European airline to use the superjumbo jet. It will also serve Jo-

hannesburg from February and then Tokyo.

The aircraft is already in use by Singapore Airlines, Gulf-based Emirates and Qantas of Australia. Putin's trip also secured a deal for French investment in a key pipeline project and the struggling Avtovaz car maker, as well as a promise that France will consider selling Moscow a huge amphibious assault ship.

Internet



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INTERNET

## Nissan to double electric car power

TOKYO, 29 NOV—Japan's Nissan Motor Co is working on a lithium-ion battery that can power an electric vehicle for 300 kilometres (190 miles) on a single charge, the business daily *Nikkei* said on Sunday.

The distance is nearly double the 160-kilometre range of the Leaf, Nissan's first all-electric car set to go on sale in late 2010 in Japan, the United States and Europe.

Nissan, Japan's third largest automaker, aims to produce electric cars incorporating the new battery by 2015, according to *Nikkei*.

Nissan plans to boost the capacity of the lithium-ion battery's positive electrode by adding nickel and cobalt to its main material, manganese, it said.

The enhanced battery can store about twice as much electricity as batteries with positive electrodes made only from manganese.

It is robust enough for practical use, able to withstand about 1,000 charge cycles, the daily said.

Internet

## Dubai looks to oil-rich neighbour for possible aid

DUBAI, 29 NOV—As world markets absorbed the shock of Dubai's debt crisis, the ruler of the once-booming city-state left town for an important meeting in a desert palace. His hosts: the leaders of neighbouring Abu Dhabi whose balance sheets are flush with oil revenue.

It's not known what promises were made inside the halls in Al Ain during the parade of visitors for an important Islamic feast day on Friday. But their new relationship is clear. Abu Dhabi has the cash and cache to be Dubai's white knight

— in a Gulf version of a too-big-to-fail bailout or to help calm markets with promises to intervene if Dubai's fiscal mess deepens. The direction Abu Dhabi takes will likely set the tone for the coming week as analysts try to sort out what banks and institutions have the most at stake in the money crunch — which has suddenly shifted Dubai's image from a desert dream factory of indoor ski slopes and a "seven-star" hotel to a reckless spender sideswiped by the recession and unable to pay its bills.—*Internet*



Cars drive on a highway in the Gulf emirate of Dubai. Dubai's ambitions to become an international financial centre are in doubt after the shock announcement that its main state-owned firm wants to suspend debt payments, analysts said on Sunday.—INTERNET

## China's top political advisor: China, Brazil should share experience in green energy

IGUAZU, 29 Nov—Both rich in hydroelectric resources, China and Brazil should learn from each other in promoting the harmonious development between man and the nature, said China's top political adviser Jia Qinglin on Saturday.

Jia, chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee, made the remarks

during his visit to the Itaipu Waterpower Station on the Brazil-Paraguay border. Jia spoke highly of Itaipu's resource utilization mode, which combines hydrodynamics, aquatic breeding, tourism and ecosystem protection, a development mode characteristic of harmony between man and the nature.

China and Brazil are both rich in hydraulic re-

sources.

Vast is the room for bilateral exchange and cooperation in areas like the conservation of water resources, construction and administration of power installations, as well as personnel training, he said. Jia expressed hope that both sides could learn from each other so as to better serve the interests of the two peoples.

Xinhua



Contestants pose for photos at the final of the 49<sup>th</sup> Miss International Beauty Pageant held in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 28 Nov, 2009. The top three winners are Anagabriela Espinoza from Mexico, Seo Eum-mi from South Korea and Chloe-Beth Morgan from the UK. —XINHUA

## At least six die in boat capsizes in E Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Nov.—A boat which capsized offshore the Sabah State in East Malaysia on Thursday had claimed at least six lives, local police said on Saturday.

Sabah police said that three more bodies were found on Saturday following three on Friday offshore Kudat Town, where the tragedy took place at 5.30 pm on Thursday, about an hour after the boat left the Kudat jetty for Pulau Banggi, or Banggi Island.—Xinhua

## Nepal holds "Stop Melting Life, Save the Himalayas" conference

KATHMANDU, 29 Nov.—A Press conference has been held in the capital of Kathmandu to voice the concern on the impact of climate change in Nepal, local media reported on Sunday.

The conference, entitled "Stop Melting Life, Save The Himalayas", was organized through the joint co-ordination of Climate Change Network Nepal, Nepalese Youths for Climate Action, Clean Energy Nepal, Oxfam GB Nepal and Kathmandu Metropolitan City on Saturday. According to Sunday's *The Rising Nepal*, climate change is a

big threat to the lives and livelihoods of the poor people of Nepal. Rainfall patterns are changing, temperatures are rising and glaciers are melting fast. Rapid retreat of Himalayan glaciers will affect lives and livelihoods of over a billion of people living in the basin of the

rivers fed by glaciers. Pankaj KC, campaign coordinator of Climate Change Network Nepal, said that leaders and representatives of the country must demand climate justice for Nepal at the United Nations summit at Copenhagen.

Xinhua

## India to spend \$2 b on Commonwealth Games

PORT OF SPAIN, 29 Nov.—A total of two billion US dollars is estimated to be spent on the Commonwealth Games that will be held in June 2010 in New Delhi, organizers said here on Saturday.

Sindhushree Khular, India's minister of youth, told reporters on the second day of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in the capital of Trinidad and Tobago that the budget was much larger than originally planned due to an expansion in the number of venues. "The original budget estimate was low, the same thing that happened in Glasgow and in London," Kular said, referring to Glasgow's 2014 plan to host the Commonwealth Games and London's 2010 plan to host the Olympics. "When we made the budget we thought there would be 10 functional areas. We now had to raise the number to 34."—Xinhua

## Chinese naval fleet leaves Chile for Peru

VALPARAISO, 29 Nov.—A Chinese naval flotilla on Saturday concluded its good-will visit to Chile and sailed for Peru to continue its South America tour. The squadron, composed of missile destroyer Shijiazhuang and supply ship Hongzhe, unmoored at around 10:00 am local time and sailed from the Valparaiso military wharf to music played by the Chile navy's military band.

The two-vessel fleet arrived in Chile on Monday for the Chinese Navy's second visit to Chile since 1997. During the four-day visit, Major General Wang Fushan, commander of the fleet, met with Chilean

Defence Minister Francisco Vidal and other high-ranking military and government officials.

Xinhua



## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

### Series of earthquakes hit Indonesia's East Nusatenggara Province

JAKARTA, 29 Nov.—A serial earthquakes rocked Indonesia's East Nusatenggara Province, the country's territory border to Timor-Leste, on Saturday with the strongest magnitude of 6.2, the Indonesian Meteorology, Climate and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) reported. The strongest earthquake occurred at 14:04 p.m. local time (0704 GMT) at 195 km Southwest of Waingapu at a depth of 30 km below sea level.

The first earthquake occurred at 07:36 am local time (0036 GMT) at 5.2 magnitude at 20 km below sea level, followed by other earthquakes at 5.3 magnitude at 08:08 am local time (0104 GMT) and 12:25 p.m. local time (0525 GMT) at 25 and 50 km below sea levels respectively.

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

### Moderate offshore earthquake hits Philippines

MANILA, 29 Nov.—An offshore earthquake, measuring 5.9 magnitude, jolted southern Philippines on Sunday morning. There is not yet report of casualties or damage.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said the temblor with a tectonic origin struck at 2:10 am Sunday (1810 GMT Saturday) 159 kilometers southeast of General Santos city.

The Southeast Asian country is part of the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, a string of islands on the Pacific Ocean rim that were formed by the eruptions of undersea volcanoes.—Xinhua

*A Lipizzan Stallion performs during the "World Famous" Lipizzan Stallions' 40th Anniversary tour in Fairfax, Virginia, on 28*

*November, 2009.—INTERNET*

## Venezuela turns to cloud-seeding to battle drought

CARACAS, 29 Nov — Hugo Chavez says he is starting to “bombard” clouds now that Cuba has provided Venezuela with cloud-seeding help in an effort to produce rain and alleviate the effects of a severe drought.

The Venezuelan president said on Saturday night that specialized equipment, sent by Fidel Castro and Cuban President Raul Castro, is starting to be used to seed clouds from planes.

“We’re bombarding clouds,” Chavez said during a televised speech. “We have some planes there, and some equipment that Fidel and Raul sent us.”

Chavez is trying to squeeze more rain from the clouds as his country heads into its dry season amid a drought that has put reservoirs at their lowest levels in decades. The lack of water behind hydroelectric dams that supply most of Venezuela’s electricity is threatening to worsen blackouts that have already become an emerging political liability.

Chavez suggested he wants to witness the cloud-seeding effort, saying: “Any cloud that comes in my way, I’ll hurl a lightning bolt at it. Tonight I’m going out to bombard.”—*Internet*

## Wis police report four shot in Madison duplex

MADISON, 29 Nov — Four people, including two children, were wounded early on Saturday at a duplex in what investigators described as domestic shootings.

Madison police said they didn’t know what prompted the shootings and were waiting Saturday afternoon to talk to the victims, who were still emerging from surgery.

“I have four injured people and we don’t have a straight story on what happened,” Sgt Phil Moore said.

A 42-year-old woman, 38-year-old man, 7-year-old boy and 8-year-old girl were taken to a local hospital with gunshot wounds, Moore said. They all lived together in the duplex, but Moore didn’t elaborate on their relationships or identify them by name.

One victim ran across the street and called police about 6:20 am on Saturday, Moore said. Police recovered all the weapons involved, including at least one firearm, he said.

He declined to provide other details, but said everyone involved in the shootings had been identified and there was no threat to the community.

*Internet*



Children look at bicycles at the Chinese pavilion at India International Trade Fair in New Delhi recently.—*INTERNET*

## La interstate crash kills five; critically hurts ten

NEW ORLEANS, 29 Nov — A minivan packed with children blew a tire, clipped a delivery truck and rolled on a Louisiana interstate on Saturday, killing five people and critically injuring another 10, state police said.

Thirteen children riding without seatbelts were thrown from the van, including four of the dead who were found in the median of Interstate 10 near Baton Rouge, Louisiana State Police said. All those killed

and injured were aboard the GMC Safari minivan, and some were related, police spokesman Russell Graham said. “I just saw the vehicle flip about three or four times and kids flying everywhere,” witness Tammy Hall told *WAFB-TV*. “It looked to be about 10 to 11 kids out of the car. And everyone started stopping, and we went to get her, and you could tell the driver was dead instantly.”

*Internet*

## S Korea fishing boat sinks off Uruguay; no one hurt

MONTEVIDEO, 29 Nov — A South Korean fishing vessel has burned and sunk in the port of Uruguay’s capital. Navy officials say all 38 crew members are safe.

Navy spokesman Anselmo Borges says Saturday’s fire began in the bunk area and spread to other areas of the 130-foot (40-metre) *Esperanza*. The cause is under investigation. Navy divers removed ammonia gas tanks used for refrigeration before the fire could cause them to explode.

Borges says the vessel arrived on 5 Nov and was due to head soon for fishing grounds.

He says crew members come from Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Another South Korean vessel burned in Montevideo on 19 Nov. The cause of the fire on the *Excellent 8* also is unknown.—*Internet*



“Okonomiyaki Robot” demonstrates its ability to cook Japanese traditional food Okonomiyaki, a savoury pancake, during the international robot exhibition 2009 in Tokyo on 25 Nov, 2009. The robot which has 15 joints, can take verbal orders from customers and use standard kitchen utensils. The banner reads, “Okonomiyaki”.

In this photo taken, Ariel, a Leonberger dog owned by Paul and Mary Ann Smith of Powell, Wyo, lies happily surrounded by her brood of 18 puppies, 9 males and 9 females. Ariel’s litter, born in late October, set a new worldwide record for the number of surviving Leonberger puppies in one litter.

## Psychotherapy can boost happiness more than money

Psychological therapy may be much more effective at making people happy than getting a raise or winning a lottery prize, suggests an English study.

Researchers analyzed data on thousands of people who provided information about their mental well-being and found that the increase in happiness from a \$1,329 course of therapy was so significant that it would take a pay raise of more than \$41,542 to achieve an equal boost in well-being.

That suggests that therapy could be as much as 32 times more cost-effective at improving well-being than simply getting more money, the researchers said.



## Stellar fossils from Milky Way’s past revealed

A cluster of ancient stars is likely the relic of a dwarf galaxy that merged with the Milky Way during its early days, scientists now find.

Called Terzan 5, the globular star cluster lies within the Milky Way’s central bulge of stars that protrudes up and down from the galaxy’s flattened disk. A globular cluster can host a collection of 10,000 to 1 million-plus stars bound together by gravity.

The traditional view of the 150 or so clusters in our galaxy has been that the stars of each one, typically ancient in cosmic terms, were born at about the same time from one cloud of gas and dust.

The model of King Kong featured in the original 1933 epic film, is seen ahead of its auction, in central London, in this file photo. The tiny King Kong figurine that helped launch the career of one of cinema’s biggest monsters has sold for about 121,000 pounds (\$200,000) at a London auction. Auctioneer Christie’s says the 22-inch (56-centimeter) skeleton was the one used in the climactic scene of the 1933 movie in which the giant ape climbs New York’s Empire State Building.

## NEWS ALBUM

### Health tis: Having a conversation about cancer

If you’ve been diagnosed with cancer, it’s a difficult task to inform friends and family. The American Cancer Society suggests how to approach the subject:

- \* Compose a list of people you want to tell yourself, and other people you want them to notify for you. Also, jot down thoughts about how you’d like to begin, and what you want to share.

- \* Explain your type of cancer, and share as much about your diagnosis, prognosis and treatment options as you are comfortable with.

- \* Encourage family and friends to do research on their own.

- \* Think about any topics that are too difficult for you to discuss, and avoid those topics.

- \* Compose responses to likely questions, and know when and how you’d like to end the conversation.



# A world-class hotel in Nay Pyi Taw

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In making the endeavours in all aspects for the development of Nay Pyi Taw, the government has equipped Nay Pyi Taw with international-standard buildings, roads and bridges, starting from building up it.

As a result, one can see departmental build-

new towns such as Ottara Thiri, Pobba Thiri, Dekkhina Thiri and Zeya Thiri are being built as well as Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Water Fountain Garden, Herbal Garden and National Landmark Garden.

As parts of a special project, international-standard Mount Pleasant

Hotel which is located on the Phozaung Mountain near Ottara Thiri. Just when we arrived there, we felt cool.

While taking a look around from Viewing Tower which is the main building of the Hotel, we saw very pleasant views. We saw Yezin Dam, Ottara Thiri and Pobba



*A bridge connecting Mount Pleasant Hotel with bungalows.*



*Photo shows a bungalow in Mount Pleasant Hotel.*

Ngaik Dam, Bago Mountain Ranges and sunset view in the west.

We interviewed Director U Yan Win from G-4 Group Company, which is constructing the hotel.

He said, "We started building Mount Pleasant Hotel on 28 May 2009. It has an area of 25 acres. The main building is Viewing Tower and it is a three-storey structure. In addition, it has a Reception Hall in which international meetings can be held. As a first phase, ten bungalows will be opened in early December. The nineteen remain-

ing bungalows are under way to be opened in March, 2010. Upon completion, there will be altogether 70 bedrooms in it. To mark the opening of the Hotel, guests who stay at the Hotel during the six months are to pay costs less than 40 percent of the fixed price, he added.

The hotel being situated at over 1,600 feet above sea level, the temperature of mountain is five degree centigrade less than that of the ground level. The weather condition is the same as PyinOoLwin. It is cool.

So, it was named Mount Pleasant Hotel. It is a place where guests can enjoy the viewpoints of Nay Pyi Taw.

Plans are under way to build mountain walkways and child playgrounds. Especially, Chinese and Thai food will be available at the Hotel.

Opening the international-standard Hotel, guests from home and abroad can enjoy pleasant views.

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**Translation: MT**  
*Myanma Alin*  
(27-11-2009)

ings, houses, roads and markets across Nay Pyi Taw far and wide.

At the same time, the

Hotel is being constructed and will be opened soon.

We, Myanma Alin daily team, took a visit to

Thiri in the east, Uppatasanti Pagoda in the south and Chaungmagyi Dam, Pyithu Hluttaw,



*Photo shows a bungalow in Mount Pleasant Hotel.*



*Mount Pleasant Hotel decorated with many architectural designs.*

### Development tasks inspected in Thakayta, South Okkalapa

YANGON, 29 Nov—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin opened 5<sup>th</sup> Myoma Street in Southern Ward (4) in Thakayta Township here this morning.

The 521 feet long and 15 feet wide concrete street was built with the technical assistance by the Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of YCDC and with the contribution of social organizations and ward dwellers.

Next, he attended the opening of a new health centre of No (1) Basic Education High School in South Okkalapa Township. The mayor, Chairman of the school health care committee Dr Myint Thaug and

Headmistress Daw Mya Mya Thin formally opened the facility.

The mayor addressed the ceremony to donate blood at the same venue, and viewed members of social organizations and the Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association donating blood.

He also inspected construction of concrete roads in No (8) Basic Education Primary School in Ward (7) and on 14<sup>th</sup> Pinya Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Pinya Street in Ward (5), and sinking of 8-inch diameter tube-wells on Kaytu Marlar Road in Ward (4), in front of Nandawun Market on Thumingalar Street, and on Thumingalar Street in Ward (10) in South Okkalapa Township.

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### Sarsodaw Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Tsp



Chairman of the Township WJA U Myint Lwin (San Kaung) makes a speech on Sarsodaw Day.

NAY PYI TAW PYNMANA, 29 Nov—The Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Writers and Journalists Association observed Sarsodaw Day at No. 1 Basic Education High School on 17 November.

Chairman of the Township WJA U Myint Lwin (San Kaung) made a

speech. U Kyaw Shin and U Kyi Aung (vocalist Kyi Aung) gave talks. U Tun Kyaw Min read out the message sent by Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. A total of over 300 teachers and students attended the ceremony.

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### Kayin State PDC Chairman attends winter groundnut collective cultivation ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council

Brig-Gen Zaw Min attended the winter groundnut collective cultivation ceremony

near Kawhlight village in Hpa-an Township on 17 November, and inspected the thriving kitchen crops in Kawhlightkyun.

On 18 November, the chairman inspected monsoon paddy harvest and digging canal near Yathagpyan, Pangon and Nganetpya villages.

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#### All this needs to be known

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

### Tatmadaw Football Tourney (2009) continues

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—The first-stage round robin matches of the 48<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament (2009) continued at designated sports grounds.

In Group (A) matches held in Eastern Command Zone (Taunggyi), Yangon Command made a victory over North-East Command 6-1 while No. 11 LID beat Central Command 1-0; in Group (B) in South-West Command Zone (Patheingyi), it was a goalless draw between South-East Command team-A

and Eastern Command while No. 55 LID crippled Triangle Region Command 3-0; in Group (C) in North-West Command Zone (Monywa), Southern Command utterly routed Coastal Region Command team-A 3-0 while South-East Command team-B held draw with No. 44 LID 1-1; in Group (D) in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo), No. 88 LID and Coastal Region Command team-B also held 0-0 draw while No. 66 LID made the highest goals of the day against North-East Command 7-4.

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### Coordination meeting on curbing maternal and child mortality rate held

YANGON, 29 Nov—Organized by Yangon Division Health Committee to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the coordination meeting on curbing maternal and child mortality rate was held at University of Nursing (Yangon) here today. Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman of Division Health Committee U Khin Maung Tun made a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, Head of Yangon Division Health Department and Deputy Head Dr Wai Mar Mar Tun discussed works being carried out and

tasks in maternal and child health care.

The chairman of Yangon Division Health Committee accepted health-aided vinyl donated by Yangon Division Health Committee, Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, World Vision (Myanmar), Marie Stope International (Myanmar) and UNFPA.

Medical superintendents, OG specialists and responsible persons discussed death toll of pregnant women, mothers and child under one year and decline of mother and child mortality rate in Yangon Division. The discussion came to an end with closing remarks by the chairman of YDHC.—MNA

U Khin Maung Tun accepts health-aided vinyl donated by Yangon Division MCWSC, World Vision (Myanmar), Marie Stope International (Myanmar) and UNFPA.—MNA



### Respect paying ceremony of TadaU BEHS on 2 Jan 2010

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—The eighth ceremony to pay respects to teachers who retired during the period between 1953 and 2009 of TadaU BEHS will be held at Yadanar Tun hall on 2 January 2010. The old students are invited to attend the ceremony without fail.

Those wishing to donate cash and

kind may contact Fund Raising Committee Chairman Dr. Kyaw Tin (ph 066-44058, 44236, 09-9050896), Respect Paying Committee Chairman U Ye Lin Thu (Shwethit Gold Jewelry) (ph 066-44067, 09-6808836, 09-2024994), Secretary U Soe Moe Aung (Sabaephyu Store) (ph 066-44121, 44122, 44125 and 09-2021212). —MNA





# Kanyin Dam to bring development to western regions of Ayeyawady

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



*Groundwork is being carried out with the use of heavy machinery.*

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The groundwork of Kanyin Dam project started in 2007-2008 and 31 per cent was completed up to June 2009. Up to that month, 35 per cent of groundwork for the construction of spill-

way was completed by clearing the 85-acre land and 54 per cent of concrete pavement was completed. The other works are also being undertaken to complete on schedule. The entrance road to Kanyin Dam was up-

graded to gravel one with 24 feet in with and 4 miles in length to ensure serviceable in all weathers. There is no need to irrigate monsoon paddy as the average annual rainfall of the region is 79 inches. The Kanyin Dam

therefore is being constructed with the aim of irrigating summer paddy fields.  
The Kanyin Dam is of earthen type and has 194 feet in height, 3750 feet in length and 2850 feet long embankment. It is built by

damming Kanyin Creek and is located near Tatkon village of Ingapu Township in Ayeyawady Division. The dam construction is carried out by Construction Group (9) of Irrigation Department starting from 2002-2003 and is ex-

pected to be completed by 2010-2011. The government is constructing the dam with the aim of improving the socio-economic status of the locals and greening the region.  
**Translation: HKA**  
*(Kyemon; 24-11-09)*



*Water supplying canal being constructed with the use of heavy machinery.*

## Loikaw University, the pride of Kayah State...

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Loikaw University, a glory of Loikaw of Kayah State, was opened on 5 August, 2007. The main building is 400 feet long, 283 feet wide and 41 feet high. It is a three-storey structure.

The main building is complete with Ph.D and M.Res treatise room, computer training centre, e-library, physics practical room and language lab as well as lecture rooms.

It is fair to say that the birth of the Loikaw

University creates an opportunity for the youth in the region to learn higher education within their reach and to discharge their duties in the drive for the national development by doing their bit.

**Translation: MT**  
*(Myamma Alin: 29-11-2009)*



## Bangladeshi exporters get additional over \$140 mln stimulus package

DHAKA, 29 Nov — Bangladesh's export sector gets an additional 10 billion taka (142.9 million US dollars) stimulus package to face the tail effects of the global financial crisis.

Bangladeshi Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith announced the package at a press conference at his office Wednesday, according to national news agency BSS.

The amount is an

addition to the stimulus package, announced earlier for the export industries excluding garment sector.

Amidst growing concern about possible negative impact of global recession on the country's export, the government in April this year announced a stimulus package of 34.24 billion taka (489.1 million US dollars) for the exporters.

The stimulus support with the additional

amount will be provided over the next five years to help exporters including apparel sector increase their competitiveness, maintain strong position at the existing market and explore new avenues with product diversification.

With the additional amount, the garment sector will get up to 5percent cash incentive for entering into markets other than US, UK, European Union and Canada.—Xinhua



Shaolin monks demonstrating their Kungfu skills. Every Chinese man is expected to know at least a little bit Kungfu.—INTERNET

## IBM to buy start-up Guardium

TEL AVIV, 29 Nov—The world's biggest technology services company, is expected to announce this week the acquisition of database security start-up Guardium for \$225 million (136.2 million pounds), Israeli financial newspaper *TheMarker* reported.

The deal is due to close on Monday and will then be announced to the public, *TheMarker* said on Sunday.

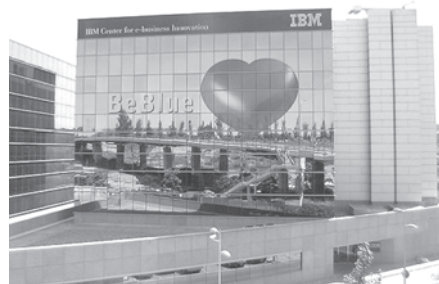
Guardium started as an Israeli firm in 2002 but moved to Boston in 2003. It has about 60 employees and all will profit from the sale, *TheMarker* cited a source close to the

company as saying.

The company had raised \$21 million from venture capital funds such as Ascent Venture Partners, Israel's StageOne Ventures and Veritas, and Cisco Systems (CSCO.O), the paper said.

Guardium is a subsidiary of Israel's Log-On Software. Officials at Log-On declined to comment on the report.

Guardium's product enables companies to extend the use of corporate applications to customers, partners and providers while ensuring that the databases used by those applications are shielded.—Xinhua



IBM plans to buy Guardium, a subsidiary of Israel's Log-On Software.—INTERNET

## Nuclear experts probing radiation-contaminated water

SIRSİ (Karnataka), 29 Nov—An internal investigation is on by a nuclear experts' team in Kaiga in Uttara Kannada district, after at least 50 people working in the nuclear power plant were treated for excessive radiation exposure after drinking water mixed with tritium, a highly radioactive substance.

The team in Kaiga is probing last week's incident in which 45-50 employees working in the first maintenance unit of the plant were treated for increasing level of tritium, also known as Hydrogen-3, after they drank water from a water cooler in the operating area on 24 November.

Uttara Kannada district Superintendent of Police Raman Gupta told *PTI* that police have offered their assistance in the investigation.

"We are taking it seriously as public interest is involved. We are waiting for the nod of Kaiga authorities for investigation", Gupta said.—Xinhua

## Dollar falls to 14-year low in lower 84-yen level in Tokyo

TOKYO, 29 Nov—The US dollar briefly fell to the 14-year low in the upper 84-yen range early Friday morning in Tokyo. At 9 am, the dollar fetched 85.16-18 yen, compared with 86.78-79 yen at 5 pm Thursday in Tokyo. US financial markets were closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The euro traded at 1.4968-4970 dollars and 127.45-53 yen against 1.5089-5090 dollars and 130.95-99 yen in Tokyo late Thursday.

Japanese Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujii said Japan will "keep close tabs on the dollar-yen rate" and will "take appropriate measures" if foreign exchange rates "move abnormally".—Xinhua

## Turkey says developing own Internet search engine

ANKARA, 29 Nov—Turkey's telecommunications watchdog said Saturday the country is developing its own Internet search engine and aims to launch it in 2010, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

All major search engines used worldwide are based in foreign countries, which can not meet Turkey's needs and could bring security problems, said Tayfun Acarer, chairman of Turkey's Information Technologies and Communications Authority Board.

"I believe that our search engine will be popular in Turkic and Muslim countries and I am confident that these

countries will trust our search engine," Acarer was quoted as saying.

Turkey also initiated another project to allocate an e-mail address with a quota of 10 gigabytes to each of Turkey's 70 million citizens to build a mobile network that matches citizens' identity numbers, said Acarer.

He said the project is being tested and that its software infrastructure was already completed.

The network could replace foreign mail networks such as Yahoo, Gmail and Hotmail in Turkey, Acarer was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

## Indian men to spend more on bikes in next six-months

MUMBAI, 29 Nov — An expected fall in lending rates in the near-term is likely to prompt Indian bachelors to spend more money on two-wheeler purchases over the next six months, a study has said.

"Young unmarried males are most likely to spend on two-wheelers over the next six months, as they believe interest rates are likely to decrease," the study by Boston Analytics on 'Vehicle Purchase Intentions' said.

Conducted among 10,000 Indian consumers, the study found the major thrust in demand was coming from young males in the age-group of 18-35 years, who are mostly unmarried and ready to spend.

While a majority of two-wheeler makers saw record sales in October, the demand for these vehicles would hugely depend on consumers' comfort to borrow money, it said.—Xinhua



With ever-developing technology, we may probably see soccer matches between humans and robots in future.—INTERNET

## Indonesia launches new Navy vessel

JAKARTA, 29 Nov — The Indonesian government launched on Saturday a Navy vessel namely “Banjarmasin 592” in state’s run ship dockyard located in Surabaya, East Java, local media reported.

The vessel was initially designed by South Korean Dae Sun Shipbuilding (DSS), assembled by Indonesia’s shipyard of PT PAL Surabaya. It takes a year to build up settle the Landing Platform Deck (LPD) vessel.

“This is the transfer of technology form to our strategic industry sector,” Defence Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro was quoted by the Detik.com as saying on the sidelines of the vessel launching.

The assembling of the LPD vessel

was supervised by South Korea’s DSS engineers.

The South Korea’s DSS shipyard has built two vessels for Indonesia’s Navy, the Makassar 590 and Surabaya 591, the minister said.

Another navy vessel would be made by DSS, scheduled to be handed over January next year.

Indonesia has ordered 4 navy vessels to DSS in 2003, financed by credit export scheme, Purnomo said.

The LPD vessel is able to accelerate up to 15 knots, boards 562 troops, 13 tanks, 2 Landing Craft Vehicles boats and 5 helicopters.

The Navy vessel is armed by three units of machine guns from calibers of 67 and 40 mm.—Xinhua



(R-L) Bollywood actors Amitabh Bachchan, his wife Jaya Bachchan, daughter-in-law Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and son Abhishek Bachchan pose for a picture during the unveiling ceremony of “Madhushala” (the house of wine), a book of poems by late writer Harivansh Rai Bachchan, in Mumbai on 28 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

## Bhopal gas survivors mark 25 years of agony

BHOPAL, 29 Nov — Livestock outnumber humans at the Arif Nagar slum, a toxic wasteland next to the site of the world’s worst industrial accident, which occurred 25 years ago this week in the Indian city of Bhopal.

While the animals are blissfully unaware of their poisoned surroundings, residents are bitter whenever they glance behind their homes towards the old Union Carbide factory, where a lethal plume of gas escaped from a storage tank in the early hours of 3 December, 1984, killing thousands instantly.

### Thirteen inmates escape in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Nov— Over a dozen inmates escaped from prison in Farah Province west of Afghanistan, provincial police chief Faqir Mohammad Askar said on Sunday.

“Thirteen prisoners by digging a tunnel fled away from jail on the first day of Eidul Adha on Friday night,” Askar told Xinhua.

Eidul Adha, the Muslims’ biggest annual religious festival, began on Friday.

Askar further added that one of the escapees had been arrested and operation for re-arresting the remaining 12 is continuing.—Xinhua

Arif Nagar and other destitute neighbourhoods around the plant became a graveyard as residents choked to death on more than 40 tonnes of methyl isocyanate — the raw material used to make the pesticide carbaryl.

“I started frothing from the mouth, my eyes were huge and red. I thought I was going to die,” said Hamid Khan, 70, who watched his two children die in the disaster and whose skin and organs are racked with infections to this day.

Khan was a day labourer at the time, but — like many living in the vicinity — the effects of the gas and years of exposure to contaminated water and soil left him too weak to do regular work.

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A securityman walks past the remains of the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal on 18 November. Survivors say the anniversary marks another year of physical and psychological trauma compounded by government and corporate negligence.—INTERNET



Security officials stand guard at the crash site of a cargo plane at Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, China, on 28 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

## Gunmen shoot dead Red Crescent official in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Nov—Unknown armed men gunned down an acting provincial director of Afghan Red Crescent in Takhar Province of northern Afghanistan, a private television channel reported on Saturday.

“Makhdum Abdullah was leaving a mosque in Farkhar District after Eidul Adha prayer on Friday, when unidentified armed men opened fire, killing him on the spot,” Tolo television quoted provincial police chief Ziahuddin Mahmodi as saying in a news bulletin.

Four persons have been arrested in the incident, it added.

Although no groups or individuals have claimed responsibility, Taleban militants fighting Afghan government and international troops often target security forces and government service members.

Taleban militants, active in southern part of the post-Taleban country, have been attempting to infiltrate to the peaceful Northern Provinces in the past several months.—Xinhua

## “Black box” of crashed Zimbabwean cargo plane found in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 29 Nov—The flight data recorder of the Zimbabwean cargo plane that crashed Saturday in Shanghai has been found, local aviation control authorities said on Sunday.

However, experts said decoding of the data recorded in the “black box” would not necessarily ascertain the cause of the accident.

Three staff died and four others were injured after the cargo plane caught fire and crashed at the Shanghai Pudong airport Saturday.

The four injured, who are in stable conditions in the People’s Hospital of Pudong New Area of the city, are from the United States, Indonesia, Belgium and Zimbabwe.

On Sunday morning, the No. 1 runway at the airport was being repaired. When the destroyed lighting facilities on the ground are restored, the local aviation authorities will dispatch professionals to make safety check on the runway. It will resume operation after the check proves it’s up to security criteria.

The crashed MD-11 plane belonged to the Avient Aviation, a freight charter airline based in Zimbabwe. It was scheduled to fly from Shanghai to the Bishkek Manas International Airport in Kyrgyzstan.—Xinhua

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Smoke**



Examinees review their materials before the examination starts in Shanghai, east China, on 29 Nov, 2009. The annual examination for selecting national public servants was held in main cities of China on Sunday.—XINHUA

**A/H1N1 flu virus claims third victim in Macedonia**

TIRANA, 29 Nov—The A/H1N1 flu virus has killed a 34-year-old man in Macedonia, bringing the death toll from the virus to three in the western Balkan country, health authorities said on Saturday.

Director of the country's Clinic for Infectious Diseases Zvonko Milenkovic said that the man had a deteriorating health problem, and died of complications within less than 60 hours after admitted into the clinic.

This is the third death that the H1N1 flu virus had caused in Macedonia, following the deaths of another two men aged 32 and 77 respectively.

The Chairwoman of the Pandemic Flu Committee Jovanka Kostovska said that 2,600 people have been tested positive for H1N1 flu so far, and the figure is set to rise.—Xinhua

**A/H1N1 flu death toll hits nine in West Bank**

RAMALLAH, 29 Nov—A pregnant Palestinian woman from Hebron and a man from Jenin died of the A/H1N1 virus in the West Bank, the Health Ministry announced on Saturday.

Asad al-Ramlawi, an official from the ministry in the West Bank, said that the pregnant woman in her mid 30s and a man with diabetes from Jenin died in the hospital earlier on Saturday.

The latest deaths bring the number of Palestinians who died of the flu to nine, he said, adding that 1,170 people have been infected.—Xinhua

**Afghan, NATO forces detain Taliban militants near Afghan capital**

KABUL, 29 Nov—Afghan troops backed by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) forces detained suspected Taliban militants during an operation in Logar Province some 80 km south of capital Kabul on Saturday, said a Press release of allies.

"The joint security forces targeted compounds near the village of Alozi in the Pul-e-Alam district where intelligence sources reported militant activity and detained the suspected militants," the statement said.

In a separate incident, two more militants were detained in eastern Khost Province on the same day, it added.

"Today an Afghan-international security force detained a couple of suspected militants in Sabari district of Khost Province while pursuing a Haqqani facilitator allegedly involved with planning of attacks and the transport of fighters into the area," the statement said. The Haqqani group is reportedly linked to Al-Qaeda and known for its ruthless attacks in Afghanistan.

The forces also recovered a number of AK-47 rifles and military-grade batteries while no shots were fired and no one was injured in either of the operations, it said, adding "ISAF suffered no fatalities in the last 24 hours."—Xinhua

**Nine killed, 30 injured in road accident in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 29 Nov—Nine persons were killed and 30 others wounded in a road accident at Bangladesh's Bhaluka sub-district of northern Mymensingh District, some 122 kms north of the capital Dhaka, at early hours on Sunday, police said.

Police office of the sub-district Abul Bashar told Xinhua by telephone that the accident happened as a Myensingh-bound passenger bus from the capital Dhaka lost control as it veered at high speed to avoid a truck coming from opposite direction. The bus then slipped off the road and hit two roadside trees.

Three persons were killed at the scene at around 1 am Six others died in different hospitals, Bashar said.

Xinhua

**China to expand old-for-new car, appliance schemes**

BEIJING, 29 Nov—China will expand schemes that give consumers a discount if they trade in old cars and household appliances for new ones, according to Vice Commerce Minister Jiang Zengwei. The pro-

grammes will contribute to a fresh drive by the government to boost rural and urban consumption next year to push up overall economic growth, Xinhua news agency quoted Jiang at the weekend as telling a forum in Beijing.

The trade-in offers, along with tax rebates for rural buyers of domestic appliances and tax breaks on fuel-efficient cars, have helped sustain retail sales, which rose 16.2 percent in the year to October.—Internet

**Rat pack: Scientists warming up to African rodent**

SAN ANTONIO, 29 Nov—Naked mole rats don't get cancer. They shrug off brushes with acid and age so well, some are older than the college-aged researchers handling them. "They really are from Mars, I think," said Thomas Park, a professor of biological sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Actually, they're from the horn of Africa. But naked mole rats are be-

coming more popular in research laboratories, where the seemingly invulnerable rodents have surprised scientists with their ability to live up to 30 years and their potential to offer insights into human health. They're being used to study everything from aging to cancer to strokes.

About 1,500 naked mole rats live in clear tanks connected by long tubes at the University of Texas Health Science

Center in San Antonio, where researcher Rochelle Buffenstein nurtures the largest colony in the US At least a half-dozen other universities also have colonies.

Nearly blind and hairless, the rodents resemble wrinkled spring rolls with tiny legs and buck teeth. They normally live in underground tunnels with a social structure comparable to bees. Buffenstein is studying their longevity.

Internet



In this photo, a pregnant naked mole rat is shown at the Barshop Institute at the UT Health Science Centre in San Antonio. Naked mole rats are becoming more popular in research laboratories, where the seemingly invulnerable rodents have surprised scientists with their ability to live up to 30 years and their potential to offer insights into human health. They're being used to study everything from aging to cancer to strokes.—INTERNET

## China to build remote-sensing satellite receiving station in Antarctica

ABOARD XUELONG, 29 Nov— A Chinese scientist said China plans to build a remote-sensing satellite receiving station in Antarctica to better monitor the global ocean environment.

Jiang Xingwei, director of China's National Satellite Ocean Application Service, who is traveling with the Xuelong ice-

breaker, said the receiving station will rely on the Zhongshan Station and the Great Wall Station, China's two research stations in Antarctica.

Jiang said the receiving station will mainly receive information sent out by ocean satellites, and acquire updates on ocean water colour, ocean dynamic environment and

the polar region environment.

The station has great significance as over 70 percent of the earth's surface is covered by ocean, he added.

Currently, China has four ocean satellite receiving stations, which are located in Beijing, Sanya in southern Hainan province, Mudanjiang in northeastern Heilongjiang Province and Hangzhou in northern Zhejiang Province. —Xinhua



Tourists feed black-headed gulls at the Dianchi Lake in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 27 Nov, 2009. A great number of black-headed gulls migrate here to live through the winter annually.—XINHUA



Thai and Western tourists look on at the Lopburi, Thailand, Monkey Festival on 29 Nov, 2009. The annual festival, in its 21st year, began by businessmen as a way of showing appreciation for the long tailed mackak monkeys and the tourism they attract. —

INTERNET

## GPS cell phone apps challenge standalone devices

KANSAS CITY, 29 Nov—The growth of cell phones with global-positioning technology is making life uncertain for the makers of personal navigational devices that help drivers figure out where they are and where

to go. Manufacturers of standalone GPS products will have to move quickly and smartly to transform their dumb map readers into intelligent devices that can provide a host of services such as traffic avoidance.

Otherwise, they risk obsolescence in a future in which customers view navigation as simply one more application for their phones. Some of the newer apps already closely match what basic, dashboard-mounted gadgets can do.

"You have to redefine the category somewhat, like what Apple did with the iPod Touch," said Ross Rubin, technology analyst for research firm The NPD Group. "That turned it from something that was just a media player into something that accessed the Web."

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## Many pregnant women take drugs harmful to baby

NEW YORK, 29 Nov—With the help of their doctors, women planning to become pregnant should take an inventory of the medications they take, researchers from Canada advise.

In a study, they found that many pregnant women still take medications long known to cause birth defects.

Some medications with known fetal risk, such as drugs that control epilepsy, are essential during pregnancy, Dr Anick Berard, at the University of Montreal in Quebec,

noted in an email correspondence to *Reuters Health*.

Other medications, such as those that treat severe acne, anxiety and psychiatric drugs, antibiotics, and many drugs prescribed for heart disease and medical conditions, "can and should be avoided," according to Berard. Women should understand the side effects of any drug they are taking — especially drugs treating a chronic condition — and plan pregnancies to avoid or minimize risks such drugs pose to babies, Berard added.

For the 5 years between January 1998 and the last day of 2002, Berard and colleagues analyzed the prescriptions filled by pregnant women for drugs available at the time and known to pose fetal risks.

## Nuclear science to fight sleeping sickness

VIENNA, 29 Nov—The International Atomic Energy Agency on Friday announced an agreement to help African nations battle the tsetse fly, the main carrier of parasites

that causes sleeping sickness with its bites.

The IAEA, which has been working on the problem with African countries for 30 years, can make available a Sterile Insect Technique (SIT), a nuclear-based pest control technology that is often described as "biological birth control for insects", according to the agency's website. The IAEA signed a memorandum of understanding on Wednesday with the African Union, extending cooperation in a range of domains. Work on sleeping sickness follows an effective trial in Zanzibar in the late 1990s.—Internet

## Detergent exposure hard on workers' lungs

NEW YORK, 29 Nov—People who work in detergent factories are at increased risk of developing respiratory problems, including asthma, probably from exposure to chemicals contained in detergent, two new studies hint.

But a spokesman for the detergent industry argues that the findings from these studies don't apply to the US and European detergent industries at large. "Over the years, the detergent industry has developed successful product stewardship programmes to promote the safe use of enzymes, using appropriate risk assessment and risk management strategies to avoid unacceptable risks in the workplace," Richard Sedlak, vice president of technical and internal affairs for The Soap and Detergent Association

(SDA), said in a prepared statement.

While the author of one of the new studies agrees that the industry overall has done a good job protecting workers, he said regulatory agencies' current exposure standards are too high.

Exposure to chemicals found in powdered detergent was first recognized in 1969 to cause job-related asthma. Since then, the industry has introduced measures for limiting workers' exposure, although outbreaks of occupational asthma still occur.—Internet

Dancers perform at the Great Hall of the People to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the founding of Chinese Dancers Association in Beijing recently.

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# SPORTS

## Eduardo thwarts OM after Coupet blow for PSG

PARIS, 29 Nov—An injury-time goal by Brazilian striker Eduardo earned Lens a 1-0 victory at home to Marseille on Saturday that prevented Didier Deschamps's side from moving to within a point of top spot.

Auxerre remain top of the division despite losing 1-0 at Paris Saint-Germain, in a game over-shadowed by a serious leg injury sustained by PSG goalkeeper Gregory Coupet. Marseille dominated for long spells at the Stade Felix Bollaert but were grateful to goalkeeper Steve Mandanda for saving Yohan Demont's 62nd-minute penalty, which the Lens skipper took himself after being fouled by Garry Bocaly.

Internet



Lens's forward Eduardo (L) challenges Marseille's defender Hilton Vitorino (R) during their French LI football match at Felix Bollaert stadium in Lens. INTERNET

## Ferguson counting on two more years from Giggs

PORTSMOUTH, 29 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson believes he can get at least another two years of five-star service from Ryan Giggs. The evergreen Welshman, who scored his 100<sup>th</sup> Premier League goal in Manchester United's 4-1 win at Portsmouth, turned 36 on Sunday and is currently playing some of the best football of his career.

Wayne Rooney's first hat-trick for United since October 2006 laid the foundations for the champions' victory at Fratton Park but the artistry of Giggs, who curled in a late free-kick, was every bit as significant. "Happy Birthday Ryan," Ferguson said. "He has had it 36 times in his life, wait until he gets to 67 - I think he will be retired by then! "He is an exceptional player — a rarity. He will play for two years yet."

Internet

## Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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33	N	Y	E											



Tottenham's defender Michael Dawson (2nd R) celebrates scoring during their English Premier League football match against Aston Villa at Villa Park in Birmingham. Dawson smashed in a superb equaliser as Tottenham came from behind to draw 1-1 with Aston Villa and retain their place in the Premier League's top four.— INTERNET

## Redknapp belief in top-four status reinforced by Villa draw

BIRMINGHAM, 29 Nov—Spurs coach Harry Redknapp feels it is time for Tottenham to embrace their chance of breaking the top four monopoly on the Premier League this season after their 1-1 draw against fellow contenders Aston Villa.

Martin O'Neill, the Villa manager, spends much of his time playing down his own side's credentials to leap-frog over struggling Liverpool this season - but Redknapp feels his team are certain to claim a place in Europe this season and sees no reason why that should not be in the Champions League.

The well-earned and hugely deserved point at Villa will have reinforced Redknapp's self-belief and he is in bullish mood ahead of travelling to Manchester United on Tuesday to face Sir Alex Ferguson in the Carling Cup quarter finals.—Internet

## Bremen goes top after 2-2 draw with Wolfsburg

BERLIN, 29 Nov—Werder Bremen scored a stoppage-time goal from defender Per Mertesacker to draw 2-2 with champions VfL Wolfsburg on Saturday and go top of the German first division soc-

cer league on goal difference. Wolfsburg looked set to win the match while leading 2-1 with just five minutes from time but Mertesacker rose above the Wolfsburg defense in stoppage time to head in the equalizer from a Mesut Ozil corner.

Internet

## Genoa claim derby honours with Samp romp

ROME, 29 Nov—Genoa moved up to fifth in Serie A after thumping Sampdoria 3-0 in the Genoa derby on Saturday in an ill-tempered match in which three players were sent off. Samp stay a point above their city rivals but it is Genoa who will have bragging rights in the city for the next few months. Two penalties from Omar Milanetto and Raffaele Palladino and a third goal from Marco Rossi secured three points for Genoa.

Internet

## Hughes expects Robinho to end City's blues

MANCHESTER, 29 Nov—Manchester City manager Mark Hughes believes Robinho's impressive return to action in his side's 1-1 against Hull will help lift the gloom around Eastlands. Robinho had been out since the end of August with an ankle problem and has been the subject of speculation linking him with a move to Barcelona.

City also became embroiled in a row with Brazil after the player was called up for his country's 1-0 friendly win over England in Doha two weeks ago. But he finally returned to action against the Tigers on Saturday and looked in top form in 75 minutes before being substituted.—Internet

Manchester City's forward Robinho (L) collides with Hull City's defender Paul McShane during their English Premier League football match at The City of Manchester stadium. INTERNET



## Celtic back on top as Rangers slip up

GLASGOW, 29 Nov—Celtic got back to winning ways with a 3-1 defeat of St Mirren to return to the top of the Scottish Premier League on Saturday. The Hoops took full advantage of rivals Rangers' 1-0 defeat to Aberdeen in the early kick-off match to move two points clear at the top. An uninspiring first-half was lit up with three goals in the final nine minutes. St Mirren defender Chris Innes turned Socceros striker Scott McDonald's shot past his own keeper in the 38th minute before Georgios Samaras made it two just three minutes later.

Internet

Celtic's forward Scott McDonald



## Federer ousted by Davydenko at ATP Tour Finals

LONDON, 29 Nov—World No 1 Roger Federer was knocked out of the semi-finals by Russian Nikolay Davydenko

6-2, 4-6, 7-5 at the ATP World Tour Finals on Saturday. It is Davydenko's first victory over Federer in their 13 meetings within seven years.



Nikolay Davydenko (L) of Russia shakes hand with Roger Federer of Switzerland after their ATP World Tour Finals semi-final in London, capital of Britain, on 28 Nov, 2009. — XINHUA

"I thank all my family, everybody who support me, wait for this moment, you know when I can beat Federer, because I beat everyone in top 10 except Federer," said the Russian "Iron Man". "I was thinking it may be coming in 2010 or 2011. But in 2009, end of the season, it's a good feeling." Davydenko, 28, finished second to Novak Djokovic of Serbia in last year's ATP Tour Finals. He edged out the defending champion with a better sets record in Group B.

Xinhua

## Two people killed in Iraq's Diyala violence

BAQUBA (Iraq), 29 Nov—A paramilitary member and a civilian were killed, three people injured, and eight others detained in separate incidents overnight and dawn across Iraq's volatile province of Diyala northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

An Awakening Council group member was killed and two others were wounded, one of them in a critical condition, by a roadside bomb explosion late on Saturday near their checkpoint in the al-Ghalbiyah town, some 16 km northwest of the provincial capital city of Baquba, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

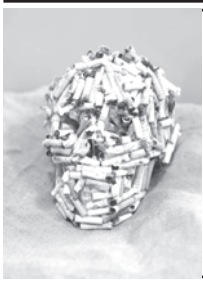
Iraqi security forces cordoned off the scene

to secure the area and immediately launched an investigation on the incident, the source said.

The Awakening Councils, or Sahwa groups, are paramilitary groups formed by some powerful former anti-US insurgent groups, who fought against the al-Qaida network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.

In a separate incident, a civilian was killed and another was seriously injured when another roadside bomb detonated at dawn near their car on the main road leading to the Saif Sa'ad villages, some 27 km northwest of Baquba, he said.

*Xinhua*



A skull composed by cigarette butts is demonstrated at the 4th Beijing Cultural and Creative Fair in Beijing, the capital city of China on 28 Nov 2009. The fair, which was kicked off on Saturday, exhibited various strange and interesting cultural creations and attracted a great number of visitors.—XINHUA

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (30-11-2009) (Monday)

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

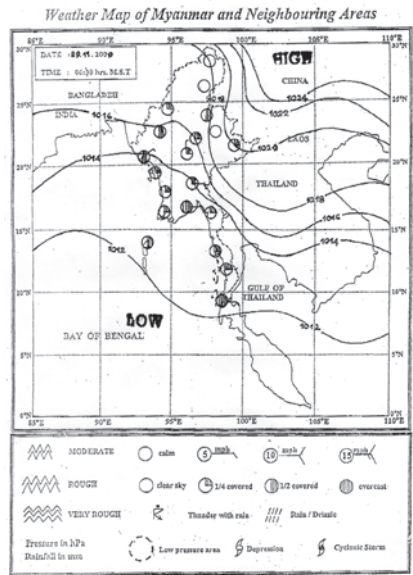
#### Local Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Sea Turtles Conservation
- \* Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
- \* Ancient Royal City Innwa & Nanmadaw Mae Nu Brick Monastery
- \* Tar Tet Pwe...from Shan Midlands Region
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Sea Turtles Conservation
- \* Tea Industry
- \* Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Tar Tet Pwe...from Shan Midlands Region
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Myin Mu-Bagan)
- \* Pleasant Taunggyi (Part-1)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part-II)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



## WEATHER

### Sunday, 29<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 Shan State and Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (7°C) to below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Mon States and Yangon Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (1°C), Haka (4°C), Namsam and Pinlaung (6°C) each, and Mindat (7°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 28-11-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 29-11-2009 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-11-2009 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 28-11-2009 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-11-2009 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 (7) mph from Northeast at (14:30) hours MST on 28-11-2009.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan States upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-11-2009:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-11-2009:** Generally Fair weather.



### Monday, 30 November View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:20 am**  
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန့်မြတ်စိုး) တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်
- 7:25 am**  
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am**  
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**  
6. အတိုးပိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**  
7. Song Of National Races
- 8:05 am**  
8. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:15 am**  
9. ပဲခူးတိုင်းရဲ့အလှပန်းချီ ဆွဲဆောင်းတံတားနဲ့ သက်သေတည်
- 8:30 am**  
10. "လူတူးမျှော်ကျားမှတူးမယ်"
- 8:40 am**  
11. International News
- 8:45 am**  
12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm**  
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm**  
3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 4:30 pm**  
4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ လိုပညာ ရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm**  
5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**  
6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာတား
- 5:05 pm**  
7. Musical Programme
- 5:25 pm**  
8. "လေကားသွားတံဆင်းတဲ့အခါ"
- 5:40 pm**

9. စုပေါင်းသံရုံးရွေးချယ်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm**  
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**  
11. Weather Report
- 6:50 pm**  
12. "နေပြည်တော်တောင်ခန်းရွှင်လန်းဖွယ်နားခိုမယ် Mount Pleasant Hotel"
- 7:00 pm**  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm**  
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. ဝတ်စုံလေဝသနှင့် လေဗေဒစနစ်မှန်းချက်
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၃)



- ★ 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

## Loikaw University, the pride of Kayah State

Byline: *Tin Mar Win and Aye Thandar Thein*; Photos: *Myanma Alin*

For the development of arts and sciences in harmony with the use of knowledge and technologies, the government is now promoting the education sector in order to widen the horizons of the people to keep pace with changes and develop-

ments.

More and more basic education schools, universities and collages as well as degree collages are being opened the length and breadth of the nation including border areas to bring about equal

learning opportunities between rural and urban regions. As a result, the youth around the nation have now higher education in their home regions.

(See page 9)



*Photo shows prestigious Loikaw University, in Kayah State.*

