



# The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

## Rail Transportation Minister visits Locomotive Shed (Insein)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, together with Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin, visited locomotive shed (Insein) this morning.

The minister inspected test-run of BOGIE, newly-built DF-1200-03 locomotive and equipment for production of six new locomotives.

The minister called for completion of DF-1200-03 locomotive in December, and attended the press conference on joint-production of locomotives, equipment and machine parts with local entrepreneurs. The press conference was attended by personnel of Myanma Railways, technicians and 102 local entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that Myanma Railways (MR) had been constructing railways network wherever possible across the nation for smooth transportation and swift commodity

flow; that to do so, MR had continuously carrying out such work as importat of considerable number of locomotives, coaches, and equipment and production of them on its own, that some required machine parts were produced by factories and workshops of MR and some were placed orders with local entrepreneurs; that local entrepreneurs contributed much to smooth running of rail transportation and MR was grateful to them for their cooperation in utilization of domestic productive factors; that a total of 418 items of machine parts were being displayed today and MR hoped that local entrepreneurs would cooperate with MR as before in the future: and that matters related to replacing of electrical and mechanical parts in newly-bought locomotives with home-made machine parts would be discussed.

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### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

## When it comes to development, Salin never left behind

Byline: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*; Photos: *Htay Aung (Kyemon)*

Just as we entered Salin, the first thing we noticed was such shade trees as rain trees, neem

trees,hta-naung(Acacia leucaphloea), and Tamarind trees. In spite of the region being situated in

the dry region, it was not as hot as I expected, thanks to shade trees. Some of the ancient

buildings provide evidence that Salin Township dates back to some hundred years.

Apart from Ayeyawady river, Salin Township is also surrounded by Yenangyoang

Township, Sedoktara Township, Pwintbyu Township, Saw Township and Seikpyu Township.

Salin Township stands at an altitude of 216.186 feet, and is composed of six wards, 421 villages from 102 village-tracts, with over 4,300 households.

We then in company with Executive U Tin Maung Than and engineer in-charge U Thein Tun Oo of the township development affairs committee looked round the town.

The first place we visited was the township DAC park where colourful flower beds lie amidst shade trees. I felt as if I were in a small oasis. Executive U Tin Maung Than said, "We have planted 5,000 young shade trees, and 50,000 landscaping plants to green the township. We are going to distribute them soon."

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*Nwetamei Bridge near Sinbyugyun which contributes to smooth transportation and swift commodity flow.*



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Extend cultivation of industrial raw material crops

Myanmar is a natural resource-rich country with favourable weather conditions, and this contributes to food security as well as development of national economy.

Rubber is one of the industrial raw material crops that help improve national economy. It is grown in Mon, Shan and Kachin States and Taninthayi Division. The districts of Myeik, Dawei and Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division grow rubber and Myeik District grows most.

In its effort to become a state of rubber, Mon State was able to grow 407879 acres of rubber in 2008-2009, exceeding the target.

Rubber is also grown on a commercial scale in Kunlon District of Shan State (North). The district has put 6,963 acres of land under rubber which has also been grown on vacant land and barren hills after the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has conducted research.

Kachin State grows rubber mainly in Myitkyina, Moenyin and Bhamo Districts. Up to the cultivation season of 2008-2009, Myitkyina District has grown 15931 acres of rubber, Moenyin District 4362 acres and Bhamo District 18093 acres. Rubber cultivation started in 2004-2005 and there have been lots of rubber trees from which latex is due to be collected. With fertile soil for growing rubber, Kachin State has been able to cultivate more year by year.

There is increasing demand for rubber in the global market as industrialized countries produce millions of cars every year. So if we extend cultivation of rubber, an industrial raw material crop that can increase State funds, there will be higher per capita income and development of national economy.

National economy will grow more if the national people use their vacant land for extending cultivation of rubber, which is thriving not only in lower Myanmar but also in hilly regions such as Shan and Kachin States.

### Respect paying ceremony of technical instructor course 1197 (Insein) on 26 Dec

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The respect paying ceremony of technical instructor course 1197 (Insein) for the first time will be held at Danu National Dhammayon near Bronze Buddha image at south archway of Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon on 26 December. All teachers and students from states and divisions are invited to attend the ceremony without fail. Those wishing to make

donations may contact U Banya Kyawswa Myint (EP) (Ph: 09-5003910), U Aung Tin Phyo Tun (EC) (Ph: 09-2020945), U Kyaw Tun Than (MT) (Ph: 09-2030482) and U Kyaw Kyaw Naing (EC) (Ph: 09-2201555) in Mandalay, U Hlaing Swe Oo (EP) (Ph: 01-535700) and U Aung Nyi Win (MT) (Ph: 09-2000529) in Yangon and U Than Swe Oo (Ph: 09-5340983) in Magway.—MNA

## People's Desire

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

### Commander attends World AIDS Day 2009

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—World AIDS Day 2009 was observed at the town hall of Myitkyina on 1 December. It was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, senior military officers, state-level departmental officials, health care associations, member of social organizations, teachers, students, townsenders and guests.

The commander made an opening speech on the occasion. The Head of Kachin State Health Department explained facts about AIDS.

Afterwards, social organizations entertained those present. The commander and officials concerned awarded the winners in commemorative contests of World AIDS Day 2009.

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### Yangon Port and Inland Water Transport under reconstruction

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Works for reconstruction of Yangon Port and buildings of Inland Water Transport which were destroyed in cyclone Nargis have been carried out with the help of Japan International Cooperation Agency. The second meeting of the leading committee for cooperation in emergency projects for reconstruction of those buildings was held at Myanmar Port Authority on Pansodan Street in Yangon yesterday.

First, in-charge (Myanmar Embassy) Mr Hideo Miyamoto of JICA gave a speech. Leader Mr Nishimura of the working team reported that the duration of emergency project for reconstruction of Yangon Port and Inland



Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung addresses the 2nd meeting of Leading Committee for cooperation in emergency projects for reconstruction of Yangon Port and buildings of Inland Water Transport.—MNA

Water Transport was set 26 months, dividing into two phases; that the work of the first phase had been carried out in first nine-month duration; that in remaining 17-month period, JICA would carry on implementing of projects for improvement of work efficiency of

Myanmar Port Authority and Inland Water Transport and reconstruction of the pontoon bridge of Botahtaung Port. Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung delivered an address and attendees held discussion.

Next, Managing

Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Authority, Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport, In-charge (Myanmar Embassy) Mr Hideo Miyamoto of JICA and officials signed an MoU on repair of the pontoon jetty of Botahtaung Port.—MNA

### First International Conference on Science and Engineering 2009 held



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe delivers an address at the first International Conference on Science and Engineering 2009.—MNA

YANGON, 5 Dec—With the aim of contributing development in Science and Technology sector, the First International Conference on Science and Engineering 2009, organized by Technological Universities under the Ministry of Science and Technology, was opened at

Sedona Hotel here yesterday.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, departmental heads, rectors, pro-rectors, professors and lecturers from the Technological Universities and Universities of Computer

Studies, professors from international technological universities, researchers, responsible persons from non governmental organizations, resource persons, students and guests. The deputy minister delivered opening speech at the ceremony. Professors and researchers from

international technological universities gave lectures on the subjects related to the technologies. Next, altogether 301 papers—22 of the students abroad and 279 of the students at home—were read out at the respective sections. The conference was to continue on 5 December.—MNA





**Iraqi police man a checkpoint set-up in the centre of Tikrit, 180 kms north of the capital Baghdad, in September 2009. Attacks in northern Iraq on Thursday killed eight people, including a senior anti-terror officer who led a key fightback against al-Qaeda in his province, police said.—INTERNET**

## Global economy to rise by 2.4% in 2010 but recovery still fragile

ACCRA, 5 Dec—The United Nations has predicted that the world economy would bounce back next year with a global growth rate of 2.4 per cent, but warned of a risk of a double-dip recession if the wrong policies are implemented.

“We’re not out of the woods yet,” said Rob Vos, Director of Development

Policy and Analysis from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), ahead of the launch next month of the “World Economic Situation and Prospects 2010” (WESP).

A statement issued by the United Nations Information Centre in Accra on Friday and copied to the Xinhua news agency, said the UN report credited massive policy stimuli injected worldwide since late 2008 for the expected rebound.

Xinhua

## Four US teens arrested at military base in Japan

TOKYO, 5 Dec—Japanese police have arrested four teenagers living on a US military base for allegedly putting a rope across a road that caused a woman to crash her motorbike and suffer a head injury, officials and news reports said on Saturday.

The four were handed over to Tokyo police by officials at Yokota Air Base, on Tokyo’s outskirts, said Mitsuru Takahashi, a spokeswoman for the base.

Tokyo police refused to comment. Military officials would not provide the names of the teenagers or further details because they are minors and because an investigation is under way. Takahashi said base officials were cooperating with Japanese authorities.—Internet

## Medvedev, Obama discuss arms cuts treaty over phone

MOSCOW, 5 Dec—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his US counterpart Barack Obama on Friday discussed the preparation for a new nuclear arms cut pact in a telephone conversation, the Kremlin said.

“Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the Russian and US negotiating teams’ active work,

which resulted in the approval of two joint statements on the expiry of the 1991 START treaty,” the Kremlin Press service said.

“The two presidents agreed to give new impetus to the negotiations in Geneva in order to complete as soon as possible preparation of a new START treaty,” it said.

The Strategic Arms

Reduction Treaty (START-1), signed in 1991 between the Soviet Union and the United States, expires on Saturday.

In a joint statement issued by the Kremlin earlier on Friday, Medvedev and Obama pledged to continue arms reduction cooperation after the expiry of the START-1.

The two countries, in the other joint statement, also confirmed that security guarantees to Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus as non-nuclear states under the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances would be in effect after 5 Dec.

Xinhua

## Shootouts in northern Mexico kill 13 after raid

MEXICO CITY, 5 Dec—A pair of shootouts between troops and gunmen in northern Mexico have killed 13 people, including a bystander and a drug trafficker linked to the killing of a retired army officer.

Navy spokesman Adm Jose Luis Vergara said troops were searching a

villa Friday in a suburb of Monterrey named Juarez when they were ambushed by a group of heavily armed men. Eight gunmen were killed and nine more were arrested in the initial shootout, Vergara said.

Television images showed a garden littered with bloodied corpses. Several handcuffed men sat on the ground with shirts pulled over their heads and a line of automatic rifles nearby.

Internet

**Soldiers and a Police officer inspect a charred vehicle after a shootout in Juarez, Mexico, on 4 Dec, 2009. At least 13 people were killed in two shootouts after Navy and Army troops were searching a villa in Juarez, a suburb of Monterrey, and they were ambushed by a group of heavily armed men.—INTERNET**



## 50 missing, six injured in ferryboats collision in Egypt

CAIRO, 5 Dec—About 50 people went missing after two passenger ferryboats collided on Friday on the Nile River in northern Egypt, said local Nile News TV. Earlier, Egypt’s MENA news agency said that only eight people were missing. One Ferryboat was capsized while the other was badly damaged near the Egyptian northern city of Rosetta, according to MENA.

More than 50 people were on board of the two ferryboats, Nile News TV said, adding that six people were injured and a number of people were rescued.

Rescue efforts are under way and the accident is under investigation, Beheira Governor Mohamed Sharawi told MENA.—Xinhua

**A survivor of a collision between two passenger ferries on the Nile River, rests after receiving treatment at a hospital in Rachid on 5 Dec, 2009. INTERNET**



## Texas refinery explosion kills one, injures two

HOUSTON, 5 Dec—One person was killed and two injured in a Friday night explosion at Valero Energy Corp’s refinery in Texas City, Texas, according to that city’s emergency manager.

The explosion took place at about 9:30 pm CST on Friday (0330 Saturday GMT), said Bruce Clawson, emergency manager for Texas City.—Internet

## A/H1N1 influenza death toll rises to 8,768, says WHO

GENEVA, 5 Dec—At least 8,768 people worldwide have been killed by A/H1N1 influenza, an increase of 942 in the past week, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a latest update on Friday.

Of all the deaths, 5,878 occurred in the Americas, and at least 918 occurred in Europe. The other four WHO regions, South-East Asia, West Pacific, East Mediterranean and Africa reported 766, 706, 392 and 108 deaths respectively.

The H1N1 flu virus was first identified in North America in April, and the WHO declared the new influenza as a pandemic in June. So far the virus has caused infections in more than 207 countries and overseas territories or communities.—Xinhua



## GM and China's SAIC to launch India auto venture

BEIJING, 5 Dec — General Motors and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp will expand their China partnership overseas starting with plans to tap India's burgeoning car market in a move analysts hailed as good for both sides.

The two companies, which dominate China, said on Friday they had

set up a 50-50 joint venture aimed at expanding in emerging Asian markets with an initial focus on selling small cars and mini-commercial vehicles in India.

GM and SAIC, which already have an established relationship in China, will invest a total 650 million dollars in the Indian venture to exploit

the country's "rapidly growing market", GM's executive vice president said.

"It seemed to us a sensible time and a big opportunity to deepen that relationship and broaden that relationship outside of China," Nick Reilly said in a conference call with reporters.

Reilly said GM would contribute about 300-350 million dollars, including existing assets.—Internet



The Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation logo is shown at their Tyson's Corner, Virginia.

INTERNET

### Italy, India to boost partnership, commercial ties in 2010

ROME, 5 Dec — Italy and India are set to relaunch the bilateral partnership and further commercial ties in 2010, Italian Economic Development Deputy Minister Adolfo Urso said on Friday.

Talking at the Italy-India Association, Urso said the Italian government and regions' mission to India scheduled for 13 Dec, to be led by Economic Development Minister Claudio Scajola.

The delegation will be composed of government officials and 400 Italian companies seeking new business agreements in India, Urso said. The aim of the visit is to increase bilateral trade value, currently at 8 billion euros, to 10 billion euros by 2010.

Urso said India was a global strategic partner for Italy and urged the two countries to strengthen their economic relations. The Italian mission to India is thus of the utmost importance for re-launching bilateral ties in 2010 with the new Indian government, the Deputy Minister said.—Xinhua

### Regulators shut AmTrust Bank in Ohio, five others

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec — Regulators have shut down six more banks, bringing to 130 the number of US banks to be brought down so far in 2009 by recession and mountains of bad debt.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp on Friday took over Ohio's AmTrust Bank, the fourth-largest bank to fail this year, with about \$12 billion in assets and \$8 billion in deposits. The Cleveland-based bank's failure is expected to cost the federal deposit insurance fund an estimated \$2 billion.

About a year ago, the federal Office of Thrift Supervision put restrictions on AmTrust because of concern that its reserves against losses were dangerously low. The regulators told the bank to limit new loans for land acquisition, development or speculative residential construction. In addition to its branches in Ohio, AmTrust — formerly Ohio Savings — had branches in Florida and the Phoenix area.—Internet



A man and a boy walk on the beach near the Corus steelworks at Redcar in May. Steelmaker Corus, owned by Indian interests, has said it is cutting 1,700 jobs at a plant in Teesside after running into a dispute with a consortium over a major contract.—INTERNET

### Fiat says it has recalled 500,000 cars

MILAN, 5 Dec — Italian auto maker Fiat said on Friday it had recalled about 500,000 of its Grande Punto and Grande Punto Abarth models in Europe because of a "possible anomaly" in the steering column.

The company said that half the vehicles recalled were in Italy and the rest elsewhere in Europe.

It added that owners were being contacted by letter, asking them to take their cars to Fiat service centers for an evaluation.

The recall was launched on information provided by Fiat dealers.

Internet



Fiat International Financial Marketing Officer Silverio Bonfigliocci and Fiat India CEO Rajeev Kapoor pose with a Fiat Grande Punto car during its launch in New Delhi in June. Italian auto maker Fiat has said it has recalled about 500,000 of its Grande Punto and Grande Punto Abarth models in Europe because of a "possible anomaly" in the steering column.—INTERNET

### Renault to recall 2,136 Koleos on steering system defects

BEIJING, 5 Dec — Renault, France's second-largest automaker, is recalling 2,136 units of Koleos series passenger cars in China because of steering defects, said the State Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) on Friday. The company said the product poses a risk of injuries because the securing nut of the steering column on the gearbox may slacken at low speed when steering is turned very far in either direction. This might cause the steering column itself to disconnect, resulting in a loss of steering.

Dealers will conduct detection on the involved vehicles and fasten the securing nut free of charge. The recall will start from 25 December.—Xinhua

### Steelmaker Corus to cut 1,700 jobs in Britain

LONDON, 5 Dec — Steelmaker Corus, owned by Indian interests, said on Friday it was cutting 1,700 jobs at a plant in Britain after running into a dispute with a consortium over a major contract.

Corus, which has already shed about 6,000 jobs in Britain and the Netherlands since the start of the year owing to the global economic downturn, said that the latest cuts would occur at its Teesside plant in northeast England.

"An international consortium's breaking of a binding contract has led Corus to partially implement the proposal announced in May 2009 of mothballing some of the facilities belonging to the Teesside Cast Products (TCP) business in northeast England," Corus said in an official statement.

"The partial mothballing will result in the loss of about 1,700 jobs," it added.

Corus chief executive Kirby Adams said the news was "devastating" for those affected.

"We extend our sincere gratitude to all of them, as well as to the management team and the trade unions on Teesside, who have all worked night and day to try and avoid this outcome," he added.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown's spokesman called it "a disappointing announcement," adding: "We have worked hard with all parties since the cancellation of a main supply contract in May and we are very aware that Corus management have worked very hard to try to keep the plant open."

Internet



A model presents a luxury watch during the opening ceremony of "A Journey Through Time III" in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia on 4 Dec, 2009. Malaysia launched its luxury watch and jewellery showcase here on Friday again, called "A Journey Through Time III", for the third consecutive year in a bid to make the event a key attraction for tourists. Luxury timepieces from 100 illustrious brands are being shown at the event.—XINHUA



## Vietnam-China trade, tourism fair opens in Vietnam

MONG CAI, 5 Dec—A Vietnam-China trade and tourism fair opened in Mong Cai city of Vietnam's northern province of Quang Ninh on Friday, drawing more than 300 Vietnamese and Chinese companies.

Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Nguyen Cam Tu addressed the opening ceremony that the trade and tourism fair is an important trade promotion activity, contributing to the development of trade

between Vietnam and China.

The fair brings an excellent opportunity for Vietnamese and Chinese companies to meet, share experiences and seek partners, said Tu.

Nhu Thi Hong Lien, Vice Chairwoman of the Quang Ninh People's Committee said at the opening ceremony that Quang Ninh has increasingly promoted trade and tourism relations with localities of China, especially Guangxi Zhuang

Autonomous Region.

There will be more than 400 booths at the fair, including more than 100 booths of Chinese companies, said Lien.

Lien said that the fair will display products of many sectors including agricultural produce and processed food, garment and textile, home appliances, industrial machines and equipments, wood and wood products, and construction materials.

Xinhua



China's "Chenghai" missile frigate arrives in Hai-phong, Vietnam, on 4 Dec, 2009. A Chinese naval fleet comprising of "Chenghai" and "Chaoyang" missile frigates arrived in Hai-phong on Friday for a four-day visit to Vietnam. —XINHUA



Photo taken on 4 Dec, 2009 shows the rime scenery on a street in Mudanjiang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.—XINHUA

## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

### Fatah, PLO back prisoners swap deal between Hamas and Israel

RAMALLAH, 5 Dec—Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat stated on Friday that Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Fatah party back any prisoners' swap between Islamic Hamas movement and Israel.

Israel and Hamas movement are holding

talks through German mediators to finalize a prisoners' swap deal and release Shalit for around 1,000 Palestinian prisoners Hamas is demanding their release.

"We back and support the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails and we are supporting the finalization of the prisoners' swap deal, but

we don't support deporting large number of prisoners," said Erekat.

He referred to the fact that the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has several times demanded Israel to free senior jailed Fatah leader Marwan al-Barghouti and leader of the Popular Front (PFLP) Ahmed Sa'adat.—Xinhua

### Heavy rains cause at least six deaths in Brazil's biggest city

BRASILIA, 5 Dec—Six people died and at least two are missing as a result of the storm that hit Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, and surrounding towns on Thursday afternoon, reported local media on Friday.

The Fire Brigade is working in the search for a couple who has been buried in a house in the far east of the city.

Because of the storm eight spots of the city were on standby and at the most critical moment 19 spots were flooded, seven of which were impassable, informed the Center for Emergency Management (CGE).

According to the meteorologist of the National Institute of Meteorology (Inmet), Marcelo Schneider, bad weather will continue, but there is no risk

of strong strokes as happened on Thursday.

He said the heavy rain was caused by the shock of the hot air with the passage of a cold front that is already moving towards the north of Sao Paulo and the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais.

The bad weather will probably continue, but the precipitation will occur alternately with rainfall between low and moderate intensity.

The rain also punishes the residents of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (Southern Brazil), where there are currently 128 municipalities in alert state. More than 17 thousand people are homeless or displaced, more than 15 thousand homes have been damaged and eight deaths recorded.

Xinhua

### 20 die in nightclub fire in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 5 Dec—A fire at a discotheque and Karaokebar in Medan, the capital of North Sumatra Province of Indonesia, killed 20 people and injured 5 others on Friday night, secretary of the provincial administration Edy Sofyan said on Saturday.

The secretary said that an electrical short-circuit was suspected as the cause of the fire, which resulted in a heavy smoke in the room, but the police are still investigating the accident.

"The smoke made the visitors unable to breathe and killed 20 of them on the site," he told Xinhua over the phone from Medan. —Xinhua



Indonesian fire fighters and residents evacuate a woman injured in a blaze in a karaoke club in Medan, on 4 December. The blaze broke out late Friday in the third-floor club, part of the larger M City entertainment complex in the city, killing 20 people.—XINHUA

### Chinese Terracotta Warriors stride into exhibition hall in Chile

SANTIAGO, 5 Dec—Terracotta Warriors from the tomb of China's First Emperor, Qin Shihuang, marched thousands of kilometres to Chile, where they were put on display in a splendid exhibition which opened on Friday.

Chile's President Michelle Bachelet inaugurated the exhibition, "The Ancient China and the Terracotta Army," in the central hall of the Cultural Centre La Moneda Palace in Chile's capital Santiago. The exhibition, which will run for the next five months, includes 124 terracotta soldiers and horses. They are supposed to protect Qin Shihuang, who ruled from 221 BC to 210 BC, in the afterlife.

"This is one part of the globalization we need to

boost. It means dialogue of cultures, deep connection among the people and communication of dreams," Bachelet said during the inauguration ceremony. "We use the verb 'to orient' in Spanish, which refers to the quest for the good path," she explained. "Our people need to learn about oriental history and culture, mainly that of China." Bachelet stressed that the exhibition furnishes proof of Chinese civilization's development by displaying history from the unification of the empire to the consolidation of the Han dynasty.

She also noted that the Terracotta Warriors display will enable children in Chile to broaden their horizons, eliciting both their amazement and admiration.—Xinhua



## African players see malaria fight as World Cup legacy

CAPE TOWN, 5 Dec — Former Cameroon goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell said on Friday that eradicating malaria should be one of the legacies of the first World Cup in Africa.

“Football is just a game, it only becomes important when it does something for humanity,” said Bell, who helped make Cameroon the first African team to reach the Cup’s quarter-finals in 1990 in Italy.

“People aren’t very interested in Africa,” said his compatriot Roger Milla, who scored four goals in Italy and celebrated each with a dance that captured the world’s attention. “We are bringing our visibility to this cause.”

Hours before the final draw in Cape Town for the 2010 World Cup, football stars joined with government and private businesses to launch an education and awareness campaign to prevent malaria.

“I know a lot about malaria,” Bell said. “I could have died before age five,” like hundreds of thousands of children who die of the disease every year in Africa.

“I missed school, I missed practice, and I missed matches because of malaria,” Bell said.

Malaria is spread by certain mosquitoes, but is preventable and treatable. But the disease remains the leading cause of death among infants in Africa.—*Internet*



**Snow covers trees at the Shouf Cedar Nature Reserve in Lebanon. Pollution and climate change cost Lebanon more than \$500 million a year, the Environment Minister said ahead of the UN climate talks.—INTERNET**

## Pollution costs Lebanon \$500m a year

BEIRUT, 5 Dec — Pollution and climate change cost Lebanon more 500 million dollars (330 million euros) a year, the Environment Minister said on Friday ahead of the UN climate talks.

“The state loses up to 550 million dollars (365 million euros) to pollution annually, 100 million of which is due to climate change,” Environment Minister Mohammed Rahhal said at a conference in Beirut.

The tourism, health and agriculture sectors are most affected by the losses, Rahhal said.

The government, which for the first time plans to start a fund

for environmental issues, has concrete plans to fight climate change, he added.

“We aim for 12 percent of Lebanon’s energy to be produced through alternative sources by the year 2012,” he said, adding Lebanon should capitalize on the wide availability of wind, water and sun.

Rahhal warned that temperatures in Lebanon were expected to rise two degrees on average in the next four decades, and five degrees by the turn of the century.

Rainfall is also expected to drop 50 percent by 2099 if measures to fight climate change are not put into effect, he added.—*Internet*

## Pregnancy complications ‘kill 144’ Nigerian women a day

LAGOS, 5 Dec — The number of women dying from pregnancy-related complications in Nigeria is akin to a plane crashing every day, but the crisis gets less noticed amid pandemics such as AIDS and malaria, activists say.

At least 144 women die each day in Nigeria during pregnancy or childbirth, according to the UN and World Bank statistics, placing it among some of the worst countries for women to deliver babies in the world, after Sierra Leone and Niger among others.

“Imagine a plane crash in Nigeria everyday, carrying only pregnant women. Would we stand by and do nothing? But this is precisely the case — death through pregnancy and child birth has almost become invisible,” Sandra Obiabo, director of a local lobby group, Communicating for Change, said on Thursday.—*Internet*

## Greenhouse gas carbon dioxide ramps up aspen growth

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec — The rising level of atmospheric carbon dioxide may be fuelling more than climate change and could also be making some trees grow like crazy, according to a new study of natural stands of quaking aspen, one of North America’s most important and widespread deciduous trees.

The study, by scientists from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Minnesota at Morris (UMM) and published on Friday in the journal *Global Change Biology*, shows that elevated levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide during the past 50 years have boosted aspen growth rates by an astonishing 50 percent.—*Xinhua*

## Bridge over River Thames sells for \$1.6 million

A toll bridge built in 1769 across the River Thames has sold for more than \$1.66 million at auction. The Swinford bridge brings in about 320,000 in toll payments from about 4 million vehicle crossings a year. Due to a quirk in British law, toll revenue collected from the picturesque stone structure about 65 miles northwest of London can be collected tax-free.

It has been free of income tax since the 18th century, when Parliament granted ownership of the bridge and its tolls to the Earl of Abingdon and “his heirs and assignees forever.” Residents have complained that the archaic toll



**The 242-year-old Swinford Toll Bridge, Oxfordshire, seen here, whose owner can earn tax-free income was sold at auction.**

rules create serious traffic jams. Thursday’s auction took place in central London.

## Divorces new “social plague” in Italy

The number of divorces in Italy is soaring, with nearly 160,000 people separating each year, according to data released by the *Italian association of divorce-lawyers (AMI)*.

It’s an alarming scenario that proves the existence of a new “social plague” characterized by the ongoing crisis of the traditional, catholic *Italian family*, the AMI reported.

In the last 10 years the number of people seeking first separation and then divorce has incredibly increased, triggering a consequent rise in those who enter poverty.

Legal costs, expenditures and finan-

cial obligations cause many divorced and separated couples to suffer serious economic problems and become beggars. “Almost 25 percent of those receiving charity or church assistance are divorced,” said AMI President Gian Ettore Gassani.

“Numerous separated fathers, obliged to pay for their children and ex-wives, end up losing their houses and sleeping in a car,” said Gassani.

Marriage has always been at the core of the traditional Italian family, but a recent crisis in morals and values has put it at risk, making divorces and civil unions a real social problem.

## Shipwreck relics of “Nanhai One” on show in Guangdong

Spectacular porcelains salvaged from an ancient Chinese merchant ship are on display in Yangjiang City of Guangdong Province. The “*Nanhai One*,” or “*South China Sea One*” captured the nation’s imagination when it was raised from the depths of the sea in December of 2007.

One spectacular highlight was that the ship was laden with fine Chinese porcelain manufactured some 800 years ago.

For the first time, visitors were able to appreciate the fine works that were lost at sea during the height of China’s maritime trade centuries ago.

Like many sunken wrecks, “*Nanhai One*” proved to be a treasure trove. More than four-thousand gold, silver, and porcelain artifacts, and six-thousand copper coins from the Southern Song Dynasty were salvaged. Experts estimate *Nanhai One* contained more than eighty-thousand valuable relics.

The Southern Song Dynasty marked the first high point of China’s porcelain industry. Products were exported to east, south and west Asia. They travelled as far as the east coast of Africa. Those who owned porcelain in those days were seen as holding status.

## NEWS ALBUM

### Rare fossil of giant ground sloth found

A rare skull fossil of a nearly 2 million-year-old sloth was unearthed in California during ground preparation for a utility station.

The skull of the giant ground sloth, which roamed the area during the Irvingtonian Period, from 1.9 million to 300,000 years ago, was discovered in San Timoteo Canyon and is the first of that age found west of the Rocky Mountains, The (Riverside, Calif.) Press-Enterprise reported on Wednesday.

“These are really rare animals. While they fossilize well, there aren’t many skulls (from that period),” said Steve Conkling, a paleontologist for LSA Associates, an Irvine-based company.



**File Photo taken shows porcelain artifacts on the Nanhai One from the Song Dynasty (960-1279).**



# When it comes to development, Salin never left behind

Byline: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*; Photos: *Htay Aung (Kyemon)*



**Tanyaung river water pumping station supplying irrigation water for Salin Township.**

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We then proceeded to Alinkataw Street which was in the process of being upgraded. The street is 800 feet in length and 12 feet in width.

There are 21 tarred roads, totaling 3 miles and 3 furlongs in length, six gravel roads, 6.74 furlongs in length, four laterite roads, 1.98 furlongs in length, 39 earth roads, 8 miles and 7.13 furlongs in length in ur-

ban areas and five gravel roads, seven laterite roads and three earth roads linking rural and urban areas.

With regard to irrigation facility, Salin dam, in Shwedwin village, Kyetpe village-tract, 22 miles from Linzin diversion weir, one of the projects implemented in the time of Tatmadaw Government, began to be implemented in October, 1998 and inaugurated on 15 August 2003.

Another facility is Tanyaung river water pumping station in Tanyaung village-tract. With eight pumps, water from Ayeyawady river is pumped and irrigated to around 15,000 acres of farmlands reaching as far as 4,500 feet in length. It is learnt that the township had achieved its target cultivation of 82,559 acres last year, thanks to irrigation facilities.

The next place we vis-

ited was Nwetame bridge at milepost No.45 near Sinbyugyun. Public Works constructed the bridge across Salin creek and opened it on 24 March, 1997.

The bridge is a bailey type transportation infrastructure. The 1000-foot long and 12-foot wide bridge can bear 13 tons of loads.

We interviewed two youths riding a motorbike on the bridge. One said

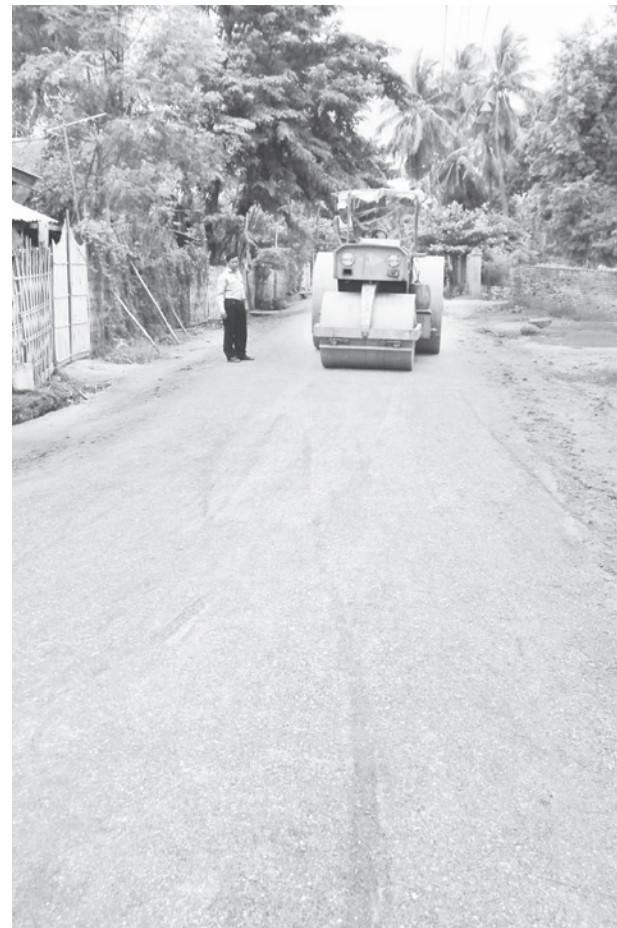
that he was Ko Kyaw Htay of Tanyaung village; that he was a dealer in seasonal crops; that Salin creek was a barrier between Salin and Sinpbugyun townships; that after the emergence of the bridge, the two regions had seen substantial increase in transaction and swifter commodity flow and as a consequence, crop growers, consumers and dealers like him had become well-off.

On the other side of the bridge, we interviewed Chairman of Myaukshataw village-tract Peace and Devel-



**Executive officer U Tin Maung Than of Salin Township DAC explains to the Kyemon news crew.**

Yangon, and Mandalay. Consequently, local farmers now have higher income, and as a result, socio-economic



**An urban road being upgraded.**

opment Council, U Tin Aung Min who said "We, in the past, had to cross Salin creek first by boat to get to the other bank, Nwetame. From there, we had to proceed to Seikpyu Township and only from there, other regions were accessible. Now such local products as beans and pulses, sesame, pepper, onion can be transported directly to Chauk, Ynangyoung, Minbu, Magway, Nay Pyi Taw,

life of local people have improved much."

Gazing at the trucks crossing Nwetame bridge, I was pleased with the enhanced socio-economic status of farmers who have been benefited from emergence of bridges one after another in succession across the nation that I could even see smiling faces of farmers in my mind.

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**Translation: TKK Kyemon: (29-11-2009)**



**Picturesque park of Salin Township DAC.**



## Rail Transportation ...

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Next, U Tun Oo, General Manager (Mechanical & Electrical) and Deputy General Manager (Electrical) U Zaw Win reported to the minister on facts about the machine parts to be produced jointly with entrepreneurs. Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presented gifts and cash to technician Executive U Myint Zaw of Myanmar Engineering Society, technician Col Nyan Tun Oo (Retd), Professor U Tin Maung Nyunt (Retd), Associate Professor U Nyunt Htay (Retd), General Manager U Tin Maung Nyunt (Retd), entrepreneur Dr Pe Khin, Chairman of Production Syndicate metallurgical engineer U Myint Aung, entrepreneurs U Chit Htwe and U Aye Than for their pearl of wisdom that contributed much to smooth rail transportation.

The minister later inspected air-conditioners-equipped upper class sleeping-coaches of No. 29 Up Express in Yangon railway station and cordially greeted the travellers.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects installation of new DF-1200-03 Locomotive.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

## ZPO presents two pairs of penguins to Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The Zoological Parks Organization (ZPO) of Thailand handed two pairs of penguins over to Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) of Forest Department under the

Ministry of Forestry.

The handing over ceremony of penguins took place at the Ministry of Forestry here this evening.

It was attended by Minister for Livestock and

Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on behalf of the Forestry Minister, Chairman of Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association General Lertrat Ratanvanich, Thai Military Attaché to Myan-



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents a certificate of honour to Chairman General Lertrat Ratanvanich.—MNA



Chairman of Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association General Lertrat Ratanvanich presents document relating to two pairs of penguins.—FORESTRY

mar Col Ekachai Harnpoonvittaya, Director-General Mr Sophon Dumnuai of Thai Zoological Parks Organization, Mr Chetta Apipatana (Mr Cheng) of Thai Sawat Import & Export Co Ltd and its members, and officials of the ministry.

Next, the chairman of the association gave

account of presenting the penguins and handed over the penguins to Director-General of Dry Zones Greening Department U Khin Win who presented a certificate of honour to the former.

The minister spoke words of thanks after presenting the gifts.

As a taken of showing the friendship between the

two countries, Thailand also donated a pair of rare penguins to Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) at its opening ceremony on 26 March 2008.

Now, the donation is to mark the 82nd birthday of the King of Thailand and Myanmar also donated two pairs of golden deer and five pairs of star tortoises.—MNA

## Norman School (Sittway BEHS-2) to hold respect paying ceremony on 10 Jan

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The eighth respect paying ceremony of Norman School No. 2 Basic Education High School in Sittway will be held at No. 1 BEHS in Sittway and Danyawadi monastery in Bahan Township, Yangon at noon on 10 January.

As a total of 60 retired teachers—42 living in Sittway and 28 away from the town—will be paid

respects, all old students are invited to attend the ceremony without fail. And they may make cash contribution at U Aung Thein Hla (Ph: 24060, Ext: 204), U Ba Khin (Ph: 23500), U Saw Tun Aung (Ph: 23332), Ko Thurein Tun (Ph: 21868) and Ko Thant Zin Aung (Ph: 21780) in Sittway and U Than Sein (Ph: 397405), U Tha Nu (Ph: 09-5261487), U Than Tun (Ph: 09-

8640232), U Maung Maung Tun Aung (Health) (Ph: 09-5404837), U Kyaw Gyi (Ph: 251722), Daw A A San (Ph: 293784), U Maung Maung Kyaw (Ph: 09-5171951), Daw Cho Cho Win (Ph: 664311), Daw Aye Than (Ph: 201528), U Aung Hla Tun (Ph: 09-5140835), U Maung Khin Than (Ph: 09-5113560) and Daw Khin Mar Cho (Ph: 291022) in Yangon.—MNA

## Organizing Committee of Dagon Township Music Asiayon formed

YANGON, 5 Dec—Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) held a ceremony to form the Organizing Committee of Dagon Township Music Association at the meeting hall of Olympic Hotel on U-Wisara road here today. It was attended by Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council and members, chairmen and secretaries

from social organizations, executives and members of Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central).

Secretary U Win Naing Oo of Township PDC made a speech. Afterwards, group leader U Yan Paing Soe (Joint Secretary-1) explained facts about aims and objectives, process and formation of MMA (Central). The

Organizing Committee of Township Music Asiayon including chairman U Myint Kyi, vice-chairman U Than Tun, secretary U Zaw Myo Htet (Nay Alin), treasurer Dr Nway Nway Aung, information officer Daw Nan Su Ya Ti Soe, organizer U Soe Thiha (Spectrum) and five members was formed.—MNA



## World AIDS Day 2009 observed in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—A ceremony to mark World AIDS Day 2009 was held at the Town Hall of Myeik in Taninthayi Division on 1 December. It was attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, departments, social organizations, health staff and guests.

The commander made an opening speech. The Head of Division

Health Department explained the facts about HIV/AIDS. Afterwards, the commander and officials concerned presented the awards to winners in commemorative contests of the World AIDS Day 2009.—MNA

## Ministry of Industry-1, China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd ink contract

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Myanma Ceramics Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 and China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd signed a contract for major repair of Kiln Nos.1 and 3 in Glass Factory (Thanlyin) at the meeting hall of the ministry here

today. It was attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Directors-General, managing directors and general managers under the departments and enterprises and officials concerned from China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd.

Managing Director U Soe Yi of Myanma Ceramics Industries and resident agent Mr Jang Am Min of China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd signed the contract and exchanged the documents.

The resident agent spoke words of thanks. MNA



The signing ceremony between Myanma Ceramics Industries and China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd in progress.—MNA

## Seinle Shwepyi Journal Vol VII, No. 1 comes out

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Seinle Shwepyi Journal Vol VII, No. 1 came out. The journal carries latest news and articles on Myanmar affairs.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Pan Shwe Pyi Bookshop of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street and News and Periodicals Enterprise Bookshop.

Manuscripts may be sent to No.8, Second Floor, Garden Tower, at the corner of Dhammazedi Street and Bagara Street, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township Yangon, Ph: 538302.—MNA

## Tobacco Kills



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Htay being greeted by Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag and wife at the reception to mark the birthday of King of Thailand His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej on 5 December.—MNA

## Ministry of Energy holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Energy was held at Yadana hall of the ministry here on 1 December, with an

address by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi. Directors-General, Managing Directors, Head of Office and officials concerned reported on progress of

work. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister made a conclusion speech. MNA

## Training Course No 65/2008 for police sub-inspectors concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The conclusion of Training Course No 65/2008 for police sub-inspectors of the Central Police Training Department of the Myanmar Police Force took place at the department in Zeebingyi, PyinOoLwin Township, yesterday morning.

Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi

inspected the cadet battalions, and awarded the outstanding cadets.

In his speech, the MPF chief called for serving the interest of and protecting the public under the framework of law, staying away from corruption and partiality.

The course was attended by 311 trainees.—MNA

## December Mass walk 2009 held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, responsible persons of the ministries, staff and their families and public took

part in December Mass walk 2009 held at Myoma Market here this morning. Participants started walking from Myoma Market to Thabyaygon Roundabout. They did physical exercise in front of Gem Museum on Yaza

Thingaha road.

Over 6,000 people participated in the activities and were served with snacks and drinking water by the Ministry of Sports and Myat Taw Win Hotel. MNA





# FM radio programmes to cover all states and divisions

Byline: *Myint Maung Soe*; Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*



Some units of broadcasting equipment in Padamya FM radio studio.

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Cherry FM radio programmes can be received at 89.8 MHz.

We also interviewed U Aung Myo Ko, production in-charge of Padamya FM radio. He said, "Thein Kyaw Kyaw Company has been broadcasting Padamya FM radio programmes under the supervision of the Ministry of Information and its surrounding areas since 1 November 2009. We broadcast programmes that are de-

**U Myo Win Nyunt, in-charge of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon FM Branch.**



signed to expand the horizons of the people such as Myanmar classical songs, studio songs, news, weather report, sport and radio commercials from 7 am until 9 pm daily. Now, we have a plan to spread our programmes to Monywa, Shwebo, Myitkina, Sumprabum, and border areas." Padamya FM radio programmes can be received at 88.9 MHz, and they also cover Myingyan, Mahlaing, Sagaing, Mandalay and Shwebo.

Another radio FM due to be launched soon is FM Bagan which is being undertaken by Htoo Co for Magway Division and Chin State. Now, the com-

**U Aung Myo Ko, production in-charge of Padamya FM radio in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.**



pany is preparing for broadcasting its programmes.

Besides those FM radios, Mandalay FM, Pwinsawady FM and Shwe FM have begun to operate. Mandalay FM programmes can be re-

ceived in Mandalay and Yangon; Pwinsawady FM programmes, in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division; and Shwe FM programmes, in Bago Division, Taninthayi Division, Mon State and Kayin State.

Due to the FM radios, local people can stay in touch with what is going on at home and abroad such as national development, economic affairs, education, science, sport, weather report, and local and foreign news.

Translation: MS

**A news presenter at work in Cherry FM Radio.**



# Manhsaung Bridge contributes much towards development of Chin State

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



Photo shows Manhsaung Bridge in Tiddim Township, Chin State.

Characterized by mountain ranges, Chin State had much difficulty in transport sector in the past and lagged behind in the development. Nowadays, development of Chin State can be seen due to the efforts made by the government.

Four main roads, namely Kale-Falan-Haka road, Haka-Gangaw road, Haka-Matupi road and Mindat-Matupi road, have been upgraded in order that they can be used in all seasons. In addition, bridges were built in the state.

Manhsaung Bridge, inaugurated on 20 March 2005, is one of them. It was built across Manipura River on Tiddim—Raid lake road in Tiddim Township.

It is of bailey and RC type structure with 460 feet in length. Motor road is 16 feet wide and water clearance is 320 feet wide and 30 feet high. Local people can go to four corners of the country through main roads in Chin State and Manhsaung Bridge. As a result, it contributes to improving the socio-economic life of local people.

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Translation: MT

Myanma Alin (30-11-2009)



## Rice an unlikely global warming culprit

LOS BANOS, 5 Dec—Asian rice farmers typically do not fly around the world on holidays or own big-engine cars but scientists say they have an important role to play in helping cut the world's output of greenhouse gases.

While much of the globe's focus in the climate change fight is on the burning of fossil fuels and the logging of rainforests, water-logged rice paddies are also a major source of global warming-causing methane.

### OPEC should maintain output

CAIRO, 5 Dec—Arab oil ministers of OPEC said on Friday that the cartel should keep production unchanged when it meets later this month as crude prices are close to the target of 80 dollars a barrel.

"Why should we raise output?" the Oil Minister of OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia, Ali al-Naimi, asked on arrival in the Egyptian capital for a conference of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from Saturday.

"We still have time (for the meeting). But right now, the price is ok, between 70 and 80 (dollars). It's close to the target that we set at 75 dollars a barrel," Naimi told reporters. The oil ministers of Algeria, Libya and Qatar also supported a rollover of oil output when OPEC ministers meet on 22 December in Luanda, Angola, although they said the market was over-supplied.

Internet

"If you step through a rice field, there is a lot of gas bubbling out and the large bulk of that is methane," said Reiner Wassmann, a biologist specializing in climate change at the International Rice Research Institute.

While carbon dioxide is the most famous of the gases that cause global warming, methane is at least 20 times more effective at trapping heat in the earth's atmosphere.

In an interview with AFP from the institute's headquarters in Los Banos, a farming area on the Philippines' main island of Luzon, Wassmann explained that methane was responsible for one fifth of all greenhouse gas emissions.

About 10 percent of the methane comes from rice farming, while other sources include the flatulence of cows and decomposing landfill garbage dumps.—Internet



A Filipino farmer is seen inspecting his rice field in Tiaong town, Quezon Province, southeast of Manila. While much of the globe's focus in the climate change fight is on the burning of fossil fuels and the logging of rainforests, water-logged rice paddies are also a major source of global warming-causing methane, scientists say.—INTERNET



The BMW Vision Efficient Dynamics Concept car alternative fuel vehicle is seen on display during a preview at the 2009 LA. Auto Show in Los Angeles, California on 1 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

## AfDB, Japan sign \$1b USD grant on private sector assistance

LAGOS, 5 Dec—The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Japanese government have signed an agreement for the provision of a one billion US dollars grant to promote the growth of the private sector in Africa.

Toshitsugu Uesawa, the Japanese ambassador to Nigeria, said on Thursday in the Nigerian capital Abuja that the grant was in fulfillment of a pledge made by the Japanese government at the G 8 Gleneagles summit to support the growth of the private sector in Africa.

"Japan announced at

the G 8 Gleneagles summit to implement the Enhanced Private Sector Assistance (EPSA) initiative for Africa, in partnership with the AfDB," the *News Agency of Nigeria* quoted him as saying.

"The EPSA is a one-billion-dollar joint initiative of Japan and AfDB to promote private sector development in Africa, through studies, technical assistance and capacity building," he said.

"The grant is also for private sector projects and African institutions, such as AB Microfinance Bank of Nigeria," he added.

Xinhua

## Global warming may require higher dams, stilts

COPENHAGEN, 5 Dec—With the world losing the battle against global warming so far, experts are warning that humans need to follow nature's example: Adapt or die.

That means elevating buildings, making taller and stronger dams and seawalls, rerouting water systems, restricting certain developments, chang-

ing farming practices and ultimately moving people, plants and animals out of harm's way.

Adapting to rising seas and higher temperatures is expected to be a big topic at the UN climate-change talks in Copenhagen next week, along with the projected cost — hundreds of billions of dollars, much of it going to countries

that cannot afford it.

That adaptation will be a major focus is remarkable in itself. Until the past couple of years, experts avoided talking about adjusting to global warming for fear of sounding fatalistic or causing countries to back off efforts to reduce emissions.

Internet

## Investment in Indonesia expected to grow 9% in 2010

JAKARTA, 5 Dec—Deputy Governor of Indonesian central bank Halim Alamsyah has said that the investment in the country in 2010 may grow by up to 9 percent, on the back of good economic prospects, local media reported on Friday.

"We see the year 2010 as the awakening of investment sector. The investment seems to grow between 7 to 9 percent," he was quoted by detik online as saying.

Besides, Halim also said that the country's exports would also improve next year.

Xinhua

## Pre-dawn police station blast kills one, injures six in Philippines

MANILA, 5 Dec—A home-made bomb exploded before dawn on Saturday at the back of a police station in the southern Philippine city of Jolo, killing an old man and wounding at least six policemen, military officials said.

The explosion caused fire and left a crater of 6 feet deep and 15 feet in diameter on the ground, they said.

The military's regional command chief Maj Gen Ben Dolorfino said they are investigating the blast and are not yet ready to name suspects.

Jolo is the capital city of Sulu Province, a known stronghold of the 400-member militant group Abu Sayyaf. The group, tagged by Washington as an international terrorist organization, is blamed for a series of bombings and kidnappings in the Philippines over the past decade.

Xinhua



Contestants take part in sign language contest in Shanghai, east China, on 3 Dec, 2009. A total of 48 staff members from hotels and bankers took part in a sign language contest here on Thursday, to mark the 18th International Day of Disabled Persons, which falls on 3 Dec.

XINHUA



## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV MOP VILLACH VOYNO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOP VILLACH VOYNO ( ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 6.12.2009 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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*A pedestrian walks in front of the Real Madrid shop at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. The world's richest football club in terms of income, will launch its first lingerie line for women next year, sports daily Marca reported on Wednesday.—INTERNET*

## Indonesian oil firm to invest in exploration in 2010

JAKARTA, 5 Dec — Pertamina E & P, a subsidiary firm of Indonesian state-owned oil and gas company PT Pertamina, planned to invest a big chunk of 924 million US dollars next year in oil exploration, a media reported here on Friday.

President of the firm Salis A Aprilian was quoted by Antara news agency as saying that the firm would drill 110 wells including 30 exploration wells and 80 development wells.

The government has eased regulation and provided incentives to entice investors in oil and gas sector, as an effort to boost investment to raise the country's dwindling oil and gas production to meet rising energy demand and contract commitments. Aging wells and lack of investment have been a reason for the decreased oil production in Indonesia.—Xinhua

## MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER (REVISED)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for supply of the following in JP:¥/ Kyat;

Tender No	Description	Quantity	Closing Date
1/MR/Rail Bus (M) 2009-2010 (JP¥)	In Service Rail Buses (RBE) with Roof Mounted Air Condition	20 – Nos	31-12-2009 (12:00 Hr)
12(T)12/MR(ML) 2009-2010 (Kyat)	Spare Parts for Rail Bus (RBE) and Generator {Engine Parts, Bogie Parts, Transmission, Electrical Parts & Generator Parts (Fuel Filter & Oil Filter)}	1-Lot (131-Items)	8-1-2010 (12:00 Hr)

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 7-12-2009 during office hours and for further detail please call : Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone : 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

## Crew plans to cut rope to free Hawaii whale

HONOLULU, 5 Dec — Marine sanctuary officials planned to return to Hawaii waters with modified equipment on Friday to try to cut loose a young humpback whale entangled in several hundred yards of heavy plastic rope.

The rope runs through the animal's mouth, around its head and behind its blowhole, and is twisted in a knot.

It could kill the yearling humpback if it stays in too long, said Ed Lyman, marine mammal response manager with the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Right now, however, the animal appears healthy.

A whale-watching cruise spotted the entangled animal on Tuesday in waters off Maui. The next day, about a hundred yards of the yellow, polypropylene line came free, but several hundred yards are still attached.

Lyman's crew used a knife attached



*This Dec. 1, 2009 photo provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a juvenile humpback whale entangled in polypropylene rope off the coast of Maui, Hawaii. Officials estimate the whale became tangled in 400 to 500 feet of rope that trailed in two long strands, each more than 100 to 200 feet long.—INTERNET*

to a pole stretching out about 10 to 15 feet to try to cut the rope Wednesday, but couldn't reach it. Officials stayed out of the water on Thursday because of windy weather and because the whale was farther offshore.—Internet

## WHO launches tobacco control programme in Africa

GENEVA, 5 Dec — The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday launched a programme aimed at helping African countries control tobacco use — a major risk factor for non communicable diseases.

A main focus of the programme will be on strengthening African countries' ability to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the international health treaty that guides national efforts to counter the tobacco epidemic, the UN agency said in a statement.

The work will be financed in part by a grant of 10 million US dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant is the largest that

WHO has received for tobacco control in Africa and is an important means to address the non communicable diseases gap in the international development agenda, it said.

Tobacco use is a major risk factor for such noncommunicable diseases as heart attack, stroke, cancer, diabetes and asthma and other chronic diseases which together account for 60 percent of all deaths worldwide.

In the 46 countries of the WHO's Africa region, noncommunicable diseases are expected to account for 46 percent of deaths by 2030, up from 25 percent in 2004, according to the agency.

"Tobacco use in Africa is more than a health

problem. It's a development problem, too," said Dr Ala Alwan, WHO assistant director-general for noncommunicable diseases and mental health.

Internet



*A job listing is posted on a bulletin board at the One Stop Career Link centre in San Francisco, California. US government jobs data will again underline on Friday the depths of the worst unemployment crisis in 26 years, as President Barack Obama hits to the road to empathize with laid-off workers.*

INTERNET

## Galapagos Islands marine life in danger

QUITO, 5 Dec—Over fishing and climate change have devastated the coastal wildlife of the Galapagos Islands, scientists in Ecuador said.

The 24-rayed sunstar and the black-spotted damselfish are believed extinct, while the Galapagos penguin is within "a hair's breadth of annihilation," said a report in the journal *Global Change Biology*.

Another six species are possibly extinct while 36 species are classified as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature said.

Internet

## One Chinese missing after ships collision in S Korea

SEOUL, 5 Dec— One Chinese sailor of a Chinese cargo ship went missing as the ship collided with a South Korean freighter near Incheon Port early on Thursday, the consulate office of the Chinese Embassy to South Korea said on Friday.

There were 11 sailors on the 2,398-ton Kiribati-registered Chinese cargo ship "Xing Guang 7" when it collided with the 4,259-ton South Korean cargo ship "Neo Blue" at about 01:50 am on Thursday local time (1650 GMT Wednesday) near the Incheon Port's entrance.—Xinhua





A customer looks at a Buick Regal car at a General Motors auto dealership in Shanghai on 4 Dec, 2009. General Motors Co will make a major announcement on Friday on its relationship with its Chinese partner after news it was near a deal to sell majority control of its China venture to SAIC Motor Corp.—INTERNET

## Ultrasound, MRI to detect breast cancer

CHICAGO, 5 Dec—A US study finds annual screening ultrasound for women with dense breasts who are at elevated risk for breast cancer are beneficial, researchers said.

Lead researcher Dr Wendie A Berg, a breast imaging specialist at American Radiology Services, said the study confirmed magnetic resonance imaging is highly sensitive in depicting early breast cancer.

“We found that annual screening with ultrasound in addition to mammography significantly improves the detection of

early breast cancer,” Berg said in a statement. “Significantly more early breast cancer can be found when MRI is performed, even after combined screening with both ultrasound and mammography. However, both ultrasound and MRI increase the risk of false-positive findings.”

Women who are at high risk for breast cancer need to begin screening at a younger age, because they often develop cancer earlier. However, women below age 50 can limit the effectiveness of mammography as a

screening tool, the researchers said.

Multicentre trials have shown MRI enables radiologists to accurately identify tumours missed by mammography and ultrasound. However, MRI is not for everyone. “MRI is a very expensive test and requires intravenous contrast, it is something we only recommend for screening the approximately 2 percent of women who are known or likely carriers of BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutations or have very high risk for breast cancer,” Berg said.

Internet

## Many prostate cancers caught by screening won't kill

NEW YORK, 5 Dec—The number of prostate cancers diagnosed in UK men each year would jump from 30,000 to 160,000 if the country introduced population-wide screening for the disease, new research shows. However, many of those cancers are low-risk and may not lead to death.

Something similar happened in the United States in the mid-1990s, when giving men prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood tests to detect the disease became standard practice, Professor David E Neal of the University of Cambridge, one of the new study's authors, told *Reuters Health*.

“There was an epidemic of prostate cancer in America,” he said. “The number of cases virtually tripled in five years.” But many of the cancers detected by PSA testing are slow-growing and may be managed best by “active monitoring or surveillance,” rather than radiation or surgery, which can seriously impact a man's quality of life by causing incontinence, impotence, and other side effects, he added. “What we don't want to do is to treat a man at 65 who is destined to die at 85 of a stroke,” Neal said.—Internet

## Dutch AIDS case shows how virus spreads early

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—Newly infected AIDS patients rarely know they have the virus and can continue their high-risk behaviour just when they are the most infectious, Dutch researchers reported. They said the case of a man freshly infected with the AIDS virus demonstrated the dangers of relying on quick HIV tests if patients have flu-like symptoms.

The 49-year-old man tested negative at an Amsterdam clinic using a standard quick test for the virus, but more sophisticated, time-consuming

tests later showed the patient in fact did have a large amount of HIV in his blood, Henry de Vries of the University of Amsterdam and colleagues reported.

“Recent infections are characterized by a highly infectious phase and, if gone unnoticed, can have a large contribution to the ongoing transmission of HIV,” De Vries and colleagues wrote in the online journal *Eurosurveillance*.

“Healthcare providers should be aware of primary HIV infection and the pitfalls in its diagnosis.”—Internet



The ice breaker L'Astrolabe is seen in the Antarctic sea in this undated handout photo. L'Astrolabe will depart on Friday for a two-month expedition to help restore Sir Douglas Mawson's huts in Commonwealth Bay in the Antarctic.

INTERNET

## MIT's proposed green power plant

CAMBRIDGE, 5 Dec—Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have proposed a new type of natural-gas electric power plant that could provide electricity with zero carbon dioxide emissions.

The system, based on solid-oxide fuel cells that produce power from fuel without burning it, would not emit any carbon dioxide or other gases into the air. Instead, it would produce a stream of mostly pure carbon dioxide, which could be harnessed and stored underground through carbon capture and sequestration.

The system, proposed by postdoctoral associate Thomas Adams and Paul I. Barton, the Lamont du Pont Professor of Chemical Engineering of MIT, runs on natural gas, considered to be more environmentally friendly than coal or oil. According to the researchers, natural gas is a relatively plenti-

ful fuel source, with proven global reserves expected to last about 60 years at current consumption rates.

Natural gas power plants currently produce an average of 1,135 pounds of carbon dioxide for every megawatt-hour of electricity produced, which is half to one-third the amount emitted from coal plants.—Internet

## Glaxo's swine flu shot may give kids fever

LONDON, 5 Dec—The European Medicines Agency warns that young children given GlaxoSmithKline's swine flu shot may get a fever after their second dose.

In a statement issued on Friday, the European drug regulator said data from GlaxoSmithKline PLC showed a higher number of children aged six months to 3 years had

a fever after their second dose of the Pandemrix vaccine, compared with the first. Kids were also more likely to have side effects like muscle pain, drowsiness, and irritability. The European regulator recommends children get two doses of swine flu vaccine, though Glaxo says one dose is enough.

Glaxo's vaccine contains an adjuvant, a chemical compound to boost the immune response. It is sold across Europe and Canada.

Another formulation of Glaxo's vaccine, without the adjuvant, is available in the US Vaccines with adjuvants usually cause more side effects. No flu vaccines with adjuvants are licensed in the US.

Internet

Tate Stratton is thrown during the bull riding event at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas on 3 Dec, 2009.—INTERNET





# SPORTS

## Ronaldo and Real aim to put Clasico behind them

MADRID, 5 Dec—Still reeling from their painful derby defeat at Barcelona in 'El Clasico', Real Madrid will hope for some home comfort on Saturday when they entertain Almeria at the Santiago Bernabeu.



**Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo reacts during their Spanish League match vs Barcelona, on 29 November, at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET**

Real claimed a moral victory from the Barcelona loss with many citing it as their best display of the season, but it was Barca who took the points and the Catalans now lead their rivals by five points after winning 2-0 at Xerez in Wednesday's rescheduled match.

"We showed we were at Barcelona's level at Camp Nou and this is the path we want to follow," said Real defender Pepe. "We didn't come away with any points but took lots of confidence." "We are going to fight for the title right until the death

because both sides will drop points. The important thing is to be strong physically and mentally right until the end."

Almeria coach Hugo Sanchez, the former Mexico star, won five league titles as a Real Madrid player and is likely to field a defensive line-up in a bid to frustrate his former employers.

Internet

## Dutch courage not needed for Van Marwijk's team

CAPE TOWN, 5 Dec—A red-hot qualifying campaign earned the Netherlands a seeding for the World Cup and coach Bert van Marwijk is happy with the way the draw panned out for his talented team. The in-form Oranje go into next year's tournament against fellow Europeans Denmark, dangerous African opponents Cameroon and a Japan side that insists it can make the semi-finals.

But Van Marwijk's star-sprinkled team are clearly favourites to top the group and he made clear he was satisfied with the draw, despite also warning that they should not take their opponents



**Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk**

lightly despite winning all eight of their qualifying games.—Internet

## Spain take charge in Davis Cup final

BARCELONA, 5 Dec—Spain were on course to claim their second consecutive Davis Cup title after David Ferrer came back from two sets down to beat Radek Stepanek and leave the hosts 2-0 up here on Friday. Earlier, world number two Rafael Nadal cruised past Tomas Berdych 7-5, 6-0, 6-2 in the opening singles match. Ferrer, by contrast, did

it the hard way. Stepanek, ranked 12 in the world, comfortably claimed the first two sets, before the Spanish world number 18 clawed his way back to take the next three in a heroic performance that lasted four hours and 17 minutes. Ferrer eventually came out the winner 1-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 8-6 in the third consecutive five-set meeting between the two.

"It was one of the most tense matches of my career," said the 27-year-old Ferrer.—Internet



**Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a backhand to Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych during the first match of the Davis cup final in Barcelona.**

INTERNET

## Drogba's worst World Cup nightmare comes true

CAPE TOWN, 5 Dec—Didier Drogba had a wish not to face England in the first round of the 2010 World Cup granted here on Friday, but that is where his happiness ended. Ivory Coast, considered the African nation capable of going furthest, drew Brazil, North Korea and Portugal in Group G, and the Chelsea striker must be wondering what his country have done to offend the football gods.

When the west African 'Elephants' qualified for their first World Cup in Germany three years ago, they got Argentina, Netherlands and Serbia and a raw team at the highest level made an inevitable first-round departure. Now a similar fate awaits the Ivorians with Brazil and Portugal favoured to advance and the Africans possibly left with a third-place finish ahead of the mysterious men from the East, North Korea.

Internet



**Didier Drogba, seen here in November 2009, had a wish not to face England in the first round of the 2010 World Cup granted here on Friday, but that is where his happiness ended.—INTERNET**

## Brazil get Portugal, England lucky in World Cup draw

CAPE TOWN, 5 Dec—Brazil and Portugal were propelled on a collision course, while Lady Luck smiled on England during the final draw for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. The Brazilians and Portuguese will clash in Group G and will be joined by top African side Ivory Coast and unknown quantities North Korea in what will inevitably be dubbed the 'Group of Death'.

"It's a very interesting group," said Brazilian coach Dunga. "Against Portugal with their style of play and their players it will be like Brazil against Brazil. "The big question mark is with North Korea. I will have to take a close look at them. Ivory Coast — they are very strong side."—Internet



**FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke(R) flanked by South African actress Charlize Theron holds up Portugal during the World Cup 2010 draw at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in Cape Town.—INTERNET**

## Yang takes a 2-shot lead at Tiger's event

THOUSAND OAKS, 5 Dec—YE Yang managed to play good golf while coping with a big headache Friday, and his 7-under 65 gave him a two-shot lead going into the weekend at the Chevron

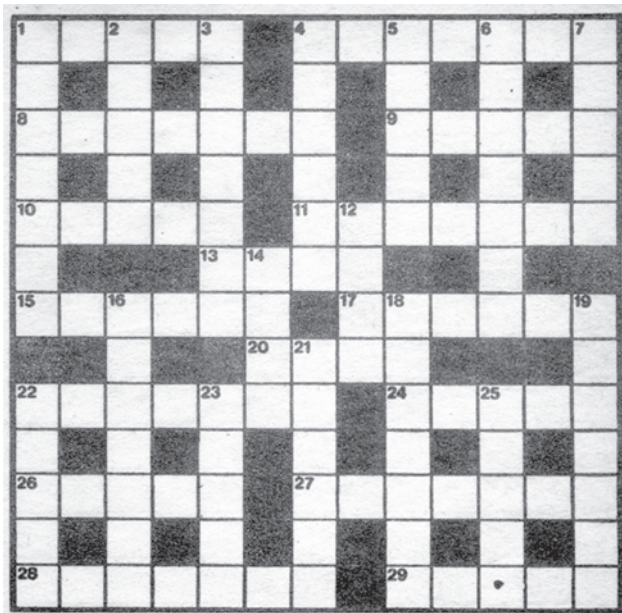
World Challenge. Strangely enough, the PGA champion recalls having a headache at a tournament about the same time last year. His location speaks to what kind of year it has been.

A year ago, Yang was grinding in the California desert during the final stage of Q-school, a six-round tournament that determined whether he would have a PGA Tour card. Since then, he won his first U.S. title at the Honda Classic, then made history as the first Asian to win a men's major, and the first player to win a major when Tiger Woods had the lead going into the final round.—Internet



**YE Yang, of South Korea**

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Arabian sprite
- 4 Hypersensitive aversion
- 8 Kind of drawbridge
- 9 Bravely austere person
- 10 Creek
- 11 Snake
- 13 Was in debt
- 15 Gloss
- 17 Obliterated
- 20 Northman
- 22 Fatty
- 24 Boasts
- 26 Storehouse
- 27 Insulting
- 28 Imprisonment
- 29 Awe

### DOWN

- 1 Angle sent to Nazareth
- 2 Twangy in tone
- 3 Latitude 0
- 4 Opposed
- 5 Defeated contestant
- 6 Disturbers of peace
- 7 Fast-sailing vessel
- 12 Paradise
- 14 Marries
- 16 Captain
- 18 Spring back
- 19 Climb down
- 21 Charge with carbon dioxide
- 22 Helped
- 23 Frequently
- 25 Similar

## PSG look to turn up the heat on Bordeaux

PARIS, 5 Dec—Paris Saint-Germain will be looking to prove their title aspirations as the winter break draws closer by toppling leaders Bordeaux in the French league on Saturday. The Parisians are coming off two straight wins against Auxerre and Boulogne in the past week, which has seen them move up to seventh in the table.

But they face a tough task at Bordeaux, who marched two points clear of Lyon with a 3-0 win at Nancy last weekend. Bordeaux have 28 points from 14 games with Lyon on 26 points, ahead of Auxerre on goal difference. PSG are six points behind the leaders.—Internet



# One person killed in fire accident in Dhaka

DHAKA, 5 Dec— One person was killed and at least 10 others were injured in a fire that broke out in a 12-storey building in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka Saturday, the private news agency *BDnews24.com* reported. Fire service duty official Parvin Akhter was quoted as saying five units were sent to the scene after the fire broke out on the ground floor of the building at around 3:15 pm local time. The fire was extinguished at around 4 pm, she said. According to the police, they had evacuated people from the building as large plumes of smoke had reached the fourth floor. Dhaka Medical College Hospital's emergency medical officer Protul Kumar Sakrar said the victim, 25-year old Saiful Islam, might have died from suffocation.

Ten injured were admitted to the DMCH, he added. Fire service department director M A Matuir Rahman said it looked like the fire had originated from an electric short circuit in an office located on the ground floor.—*Xinhua*



Carlo Janka of Switzerland skis in the men's World Cup super combined ski race in Beaver Creek, Colorado on 4 December 2009. Janka went on to win the race.—INTERNET

## MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (6-12-2009) (Sunday)

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

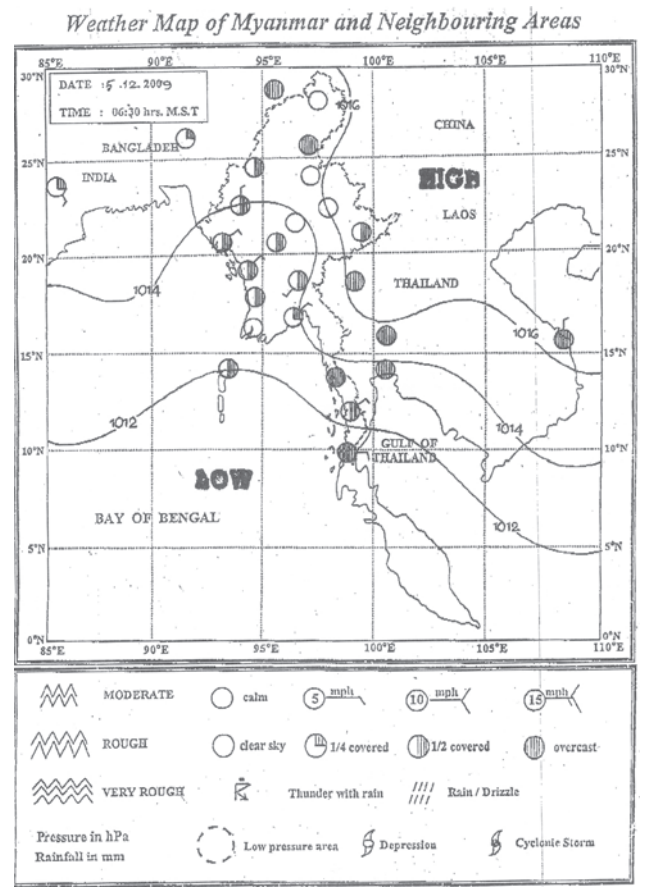
### Local Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* With the gentle breeze.....
- \* From Sandstones To Utensils
- \* Feel Pretty.....in a Rawan Outfit
- \* Let's Sing Together
- \* Straw Embossed Painting
- \* Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* With the gentle breeze.....
- \* From Sandstones To Utensils
- \* Feel Pretty.....in a Rawan Outfit
- \* Let's Sing Together
- \* Straw Embossed Painting
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* A Cup of Milk for Nutrition
- \* Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Monywa)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Inle, Land of the fabulous Leg-rowers
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: [www.mrtv3.net.mm](http://www.mrtv3.net.mm)



## WEATHER

### Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Shan State, Lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in Lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay Division and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Loilem (2°C) each, Namsan (5°C) Lashio (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 5-12-2009 was 57°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-12-2009 was 67%. Total sun shine hours on 4-12-2009 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-12-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.69) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 4-12-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009:** Isolated light rain are possible in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-12-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-12-2009:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-12-2009:** Partly cloudy.



**Sunday, 6 December**  
**View on today**

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော်၊ ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော် မူ သော ဥပ္ပိတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>4. Morning News</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး)</p>	<p>တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)</p> <p><b>7:45 am</b></p> <p>5. Nice &amp; Sweet Song</p> <p><b>7:55 am</b></p> <p>6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <p>7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b></p> <p>8. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>9. International News</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b></p> <p>10. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-12)(Turning Points)</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b></p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p><b>11:10 am</b></p> <p>2. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>11:25 am</b></p> <p>3. Round Up Of The Week International News</p> <p><b>11:40 am</b></p> <p>4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၂)</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b></p> <p>5. Golf Magazine (TV)</p> <p><b>12:40 pm</b></p>
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<p>6. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "တိုက်နဲ့ပဲနေချင်တယ်" (နေအောင်၊ ပြုံးမောင်မောင်၊ ခင်သီတာထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထွန်းမြင့်ထွန်း)</p> <p><b>2:30 pm</b></p> <p>7. "ချင်းပြည်နယ်သို့ခရီးတစ်ခေါက်"</p> <p><b>2:40 pm</b></p> <p>8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>2:50 pm</b></p> <p>9. International News</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p><b>4:10 pm</b></p> <p>2. Dance Of National Races</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>3. တီးကွက်ညီညွတ်သော</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>4. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <p>5. အဝေးသင် တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာ ရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>4:55 pm</b></p> <p>6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit</p>	<p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>7. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b></p> <p>8. "အသက်ကလေးရယ်တဲ့ရှင်စေလို့"</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b></p> <p>9. Sing &amp; Enjoy</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>10. Evening News</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b></p> <p>11. Weather Report</p> <p><b>6:20 pm</b></p> <p>12. "မျက်စိအမြင်ရှင်သန်ရေးမျက်စိ ကျန်းမာရေးစောင့်ရှောက်ပေး"</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>13. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "စပ်ဆေး" (မိုးခမ်းစိုင်းပုံကြီး၊ အေးသီတာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဒီအေးလွင်)</p> <p><b>6:45 pm</b></p> <p>14. "ပြောင်းလဲနေသောကမ္ဘာ့ ရာသီဥတုအခြေအနေများ" (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International News</p> <p>18. Weather Report</p> <p>19. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" (အပိုင်း-၆၆)</p> <p>20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေ့ဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)</p>
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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

### People's Desire

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

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

## FM radio programmes to cover all states and divisions

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

The government is encouraging the establishment of new FM radios with the aim of broadening the horizons of the people, ensuring that the media cover the whole nation, and entertaining the people.

Over the recent years, radio FM programmes were launched, covering Yangon and Mandalay. Now, radio FM programmes have become popular among the people. Presenting news programmes in a lively style, along with a wide variety of programmes such as classical songs, modern songs, sport, weather re-

port, and radio commercials, FM radios are captivating a growing number of the people.

In order to step up the tasks to achieve the government's goal of ensuring nationwide media, region-wise broadcasting of FM radio programmes is being launched in many other townships in addition to Yangon and Mandalay under the supervision of the Ministry of Information.

We conducted an interview with responsible persons from related companies to present region-wise

broadcasting of FM radio programmes for public knowledge.

U Myo Win Nyunt, in-charge of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon FM Branch of Red Link Co said, "Our Company has begun to broadcast radio FM programmes for Taunggyi and its surrounding towns. The trial period was from 15 to 31 August this year. We started to broadcast Cherry FM radio programmes on 1 September 2009. The broadcasting hours are from 6 am to 9 pm every day. Yangon Headquarters sends programmes to us to broadcast. We edit the programmes in the broadcasting station in Nay Pyi Taw and we put them on satellite. We receive the programmes at the retransmitting station in Taunggyi and broadcast them. The programmes include religious sermons, Dhamma (religious) songs, studio songs, afternoon news, local news, sport, astrology, and international songs."

"Apart from Taunggyi, Pintaya, Shwenyaung, and Inlay can receive Cherry FM radio programmes. Now, we are gearing up to spread our wings for the fans in Tachilek, Kengtung, Lashio and Laukkai, and Loikaw in Kayah State," said U Myo Win Nyunt.

(See page 10)



A mechanical engineer broadcasting programmes at the broadcasting studio of Cherry FM Radio.

### Significant night temperatures

(5-12-2009)

<b>Haka</b>	(2°C)
<b>Loilem</b>	(2°C)
<b>Namsan</b>	(5°C)
<b>Lashio</b>	(6°C)