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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein, who arrived back here from

Laos at 11:30 am today by special flight after attending opening ceremony of the XXV SEA Games held in Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Together with Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-

in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the airport were Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets Prime Minister General Thein Sein, who attended opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games in Laos, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA



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Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads and officials.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental heads,

who accompanied Prime Minister General Thein Sein, arrived here on the same flight.

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Dr Kyaw Sein voted for Life-time Achievement National Literary Award (2008)

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information today named writer Dr Kyaw Sein (Dr Kyaw Sein) winner of Life-time Achievement National Literary Award (2008) in recognition of his lifelong brilliant performances for improvement of Myanmar literature in the Union of Myanmar.

The award will be presented at the ceremony to present National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards for 2008 to be held at the Office of the Ministry of Information here at 9 am on 31 December 2009.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Raise the momentum of anti-drug campaign and take part in regional development tasks

Use of various kinds of narcotic drugs is becoming more widespread all over the world and it brings grave consequences not only to drug users themselves but also to their families and the social environment related with drug producers and traffickers.

The danger of narcotic drugs being the concern of all countries and regions in the world, they are carrying out anti-drug campaigns seriously. To eliminate drug production and trafficking, they are trying through various ways and means, including exchange of information between themselves.

Myanmar regards her fight against narcotic drugs as a national duty and is trying to the best of her ability to eliminate their menace by implementing the 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs. The plan period is from 1999 to 2014. It is now in the last year of its second five-year phase and much headway has been made.

The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control occasionally holds ceremonies to destroy narcotic drugs seized in various parts of the nation. Narcotic drugs were destroyed twenty times up to 2006 in Yangon and 47 times in other states and divisions.

A ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs seized in Shan State (East) was held at the state sports ground in Kengtung on 8 December. Various kinds of narcotic drugs, stimulant tablets, chemicals and accessories destroyed were worth more than 93 billion kyats (over 93 million US dollars).

We would like to call on the entire national people to take an active part in the measures for regional peace and stability, the rule of law and regional development while the government is accelerating the momentum of its fight against narcotic drugs.

IBTC Open Golf Championships continues

YANGON, 9 Dec—The fifth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour (2009-2010) IBTC Open Golf Championships continued at Yangon Golf Course (Danyingon) here on 3 December.

Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) led the professional golfers division with 208 strokes, Naing Naing Lin (Srixon) and Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) followed with 212 strokes.

Soe Moe Win led with 215 strokes, Aung Win

(Myanmar Selection) followed with 217 strokes and Yan Myo Aye with 219 strokes in men's amateur division.

The championship was mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) together with co-sponsors Air Bagan Ltd, KBZ Bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resert (BOB), (INAX, T-Home), CEPESA

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 ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the ceremony to mark World AIDS Day at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, here this morning.

It was also attended by district/township PDC chairmen, officials concerned from Ministry of Health,

members of social organizations and guests.

The commander delivered an address on the occasion and presented awards to students who won prizes in the contests.

Afterwards, the commander and officials viewed HIV/AIDS paintings and documentary photos put on display in the hall.—MNA

FM receives Sri Lankan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Rohitha Bogollagama and party, arriving at Nay Pyi Taw to attend 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, at the ministry here this evening.

They discussed matters related to enhance the bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

Also present on the occasion were Sri Lanka Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Newton



Minister U Nyan Win receives Sri Lankan Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Rohitha Bogollagama.—MNA

Gunaratna, officials from the Embassy of Sri Lanka

and directors-general from the departments

under the ministry.

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Five companies win Responsible Care Logo



Responsible Care

YANGON, 9 Dec—Jointly organized by Myanmar Industrial Entrepreneurs Association, Chemical Industry Group, Myanmar Re-

sponsible Care Committee and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), a ceremony to award Responsible Care Logo was held at Traders Hotel here this morning.

Present on the occasion were officials from the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department under the Ministry of Labour, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings L, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Engineering Society and industrial zones, Administration Director Mr Eitaro Kojima of

JETRO (Yangon Branch) and Responsible Care Expert Mr Konoshin Kukuma.

The copyright of RC Logo is presented to companies which act in accord with noble concept in environment, health and safety works in the production of chemical products.

The RC Logo programme was started in 2006. UPG group, United Pacific Co Ltd, GP Battery, Myanmar UR Chemical Co Ltd and Chemical Engineering Production Cooperative Ltd were awarded RC Logos at the ceremony.

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Lubricantes, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water,

Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and Yangon Golf course (Danyingon).

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Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) leading professional golfers contesting in IBTC Open Golf Championships.—NLM

Tobacco Kills

Iraq orders security shakeup after Baghdad blasts

BAGHDAD, 10 Dec — Iraq's Western-backed government — facing intense pressure to address security lapses after suicide bombings killed 127 people in the capital — ordered a shake-up on Wednesday in the country's military leadership.

led Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to replace Baghdad's top military commander reveals a stark psychological shift among Iraqis who once accepted such violence as routine and are now demanding someone pay a political price.

Iraqis to be patient as he signalled more changes might be ahead for security officials. The Prime Minister was expected to attend a special parliamentary session on Thursday, where lawmakers demanded his security ministers answer for lapses that allowed for the attacks.

"I call on the Iraqi people for more patience and steadfastness," al-Maliki said in a televised address.—*Internet*



An Iraqi wraps himself in a blanket as he sits in front of his destroyed house in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 Dec, 2009. Aboud's house collapsed in one of series of coordinated attacks struck Baghdad on Tuesday.—*INTERNET*

Air raid kills three militants in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 10 Dec — Three militants were killed as an aircraft targeted them in Taleban former stronghold Kandahar in south Afghanistan, a statement released by the Kandahar governor office on Wednesday said.

"The three militants were busy in planting mines on a road in Dand District on Tuesday when the aircraft targeted them from the air killing them on the spot," the statement added. There were no casualties on civilians, it said. The statement also added that four civilians were injured when their tractor ran over a mine in Shurabak District on Monday. Roadside bombs planted by militants often claim civilians' lives. Two more civilians were killed and two others sustained injuries as a mine hit a civilian car in Uruzgan Province on Tuesday.—*Xinhua*

Suspected US drone strike kills 10 in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 Dec — Ten people were killed in a suspected US drone attack in the northwest Pakistan's tribal region on Thursday morning, said security and intelligence sources.

Officials said the unmanned aircraft fired two missiles at Ladha in the South Waziristan tribal agency bordering Afghanistan, killing ten including three foreigners.

The strike in the South Waziristan region was the second since US President Barack Obama's speech last week outlining plans to send 30,000 more US troops to Afghanistan.

On Tuesday, a suspected US drone strike in the neighbouring North Waziristan killed at least three persons and injured another three.—*Xinhua*

Egypt starts building steel wall on Gaza Strip border

CAIRO, 10 Dec — Egypt has begun constructing a huge metal wall along its border with the Gaza Strip as it attempts to cut smuggling tunnels, the BBC has learned. When it is finished the wall will be 10-11km (6-7 miles) long and will extend 18 metres below the surface. The Egyptians are being helped by American army engineers, who the BBC understands have designed the wall.

The plan has been shrouded in secrecy, with no comment or confirmation from the Egyptian government. The wall will take 18 months to complete. For weeks local farmers have noticed more activity at the border

where trees were being cut down, but very few of them were aware that a barrier was being built.

That is because the barrier, made of super-strength steel, has been hidden deep underground.

The BBC has been told that it was manufactured in the US, that it fits together in similar fashion to a jigsaw, and that it has been tested to ensure it is bomb proof. It cannot be cut or melted - in short it is impenetrable.—*Internet*



There are thought to be hundreds of tunnels along the border.—*INTERNET*

Argentina, Venezuela sign 14 cooperation agreements

BUENOS AIRES, 10 Dec — Argentine President Cristina Fernandez and her visiting Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez signed on Wednesday 14 cooperation agreements.

The agreements involved the increase of commercial air transportation frequency, purchase of vehicles, industrial technical assistance, the promotion of integration of small- and medium-sized enterprises, as well as train and ship transportation agreements.

Xinhua



Iraqis inspect the aftermath of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 Dec, 2009. A series of coordinated attacks struck Baghdad on Tuesday, including three car bombs that blew up near government sites.—*INTERNET*

Googling Baidu: Guess what's the most searched word?

Beijing, 10 Dec — The most searched for term among mainland Chinese users of Google is "Baidu" — Google's largest rival in China, according to a report recently released by Google itself, the Beijing Times reported Wednesday.

Xie Wen, an Internet expert said the fact that Google released the report showed its generosity, and revealed both Baidu's strong competitiveness and Google's own flaws in China.

Google released the "Hottest Words by Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan 2009"

on Wednesday.

The report also lists search terms by subject. Among stocks, Vanke A share, China Unicom and Ping An were the most searched for.

Shanghai Composite Index, fund, exchange rate Growth Enterprise Board, and paper gold were among the top economic search terms.

Internet

French military satellite launch rescheduled

PARIS, 10 Dec — The French Guiana-based ArianeSpace centre has finally decided to reschedule the launch time of a military satellite to early next week, Jean-Yves Le Gall, chairman and chief executive officer of the space agency announced late on Wednesday.

The lift-off of the *Arianne 5* carrier rocket with French military observation satellite *Helios 2B* atop was originally scheduled at around 17:26 Paris Time (1626 GMT). However, several hours before the launch window, ArianeSpace, announced that a "pressure problem about the helium container" was found.—*Xinhua*

Suzuki, Volkswagen ink alliance to create top auto group

TOKYO, 10 Dec — Suzuki Motor Corp and Volkswagen AG signed a comprehensive alliance agreement on Wednesday which is expected to create one of the top automobile groups in the world. Under their agreement, Volkswagen will acquire a 19.9 percent stake in the Japanese carmaker.

Suzuki will sell its shares to Volkswagen for around 222.48 billion yen under a third-party allotment to be carried out from mid-January.

The Japanese carmaker is also expected to buy shares in Volkswagen by spending up to half of the money received from the German automaker.

“We want to be the world’s No 1 automaker by 2018 and Suzuki’s cooperation will accelerate the achievement of our goal,” Volkswagen’s Chairman Martin Winterkorn said at a Press conference in Tokyo.

He said the auto industry is undergoing a key period of transition and he hoped the alliance can maximize their advantages.—Xinhua



Volkswagen AG’s Chief Executive Officer Martin Winterkorn (R) shakes hands with Suzuki Motor Corp Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Osamu Suzuki during their joint news conference in Tokyo on 9 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

Mexico’s largest cement company makes commitment to tackling climate change

MEXICO CITY, 10 Dec — Mexico’s largest cement firm CEMEX, a leading cement producer in the world, pledged to cut carbon dioxide emissions per ton of product 25 percent of 1990 levels by 2015, a statement released on Wednesday said.

“We acknowledge the global challenges posed by climate change and are committed to applying our ideas, our skills, our technologies, and our determination to engage in developing a pathway to a low-carbon economy,” said Lorenzo Zambrano, CEMEX Chairman and CEO, quoted by the statement published on the company’s website.—Internet

Giant oil spill in Alaska likely caused by ice

ANCHORAGE, 10 Dec—Officials believe that ice plugged up a pipeline and likely caused a rupture that sent 46,000 gallons of crude oil and water gushing onto snow-covered tundra on Alaska’s North Slope late last month.

The spill is one of the worst by volume since the March 2006 spill of 200,000 gallons of crude at Prudhoe Bay, the biggest spill ever on the North Slope, according to Department of Environmental Conservation figures.—Internet



In this on 7 Dec, 2009 picture provided by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, crews use steamer equipment to melt contaminated material for collection with a vacuum rig.—INTERNET

An assembly line worker is seen at a Proton auto assembly line in the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. Malaysian industrial output rose 0.7 percent year-on-year in October, in its first uptick since September 2008, official data has shown.

INTERNET



Chinese farmers pack garlic at a wholesale market in Yichang, central China. The pungent bulb has outperformed stocks, property and even gold after low demand due to the financial crisis late last year led Chinese farmers—responsible for about three-quarters of world supply—to plant less, slashing supply.—INTERNET



Malaysia bans 12 cosmetic creams for health danger

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Dec — Malaysia’s National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau (NPCB) has banned 12 cosmetic products as they contain toxic ingredients and are dangerous to health, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

The products are Felisa Gentle Peeling Solution,

Krim Malam Rahsia Rimba, Biocosmet Whitening Essence Cream, H2O + Waterwhite Brightening Night Cream, Magixpress Lightening Plus, A Vant Cream, Eri-sya Spa Beauty Cream, Natasya Krim Herba, Temulawak Whitening Pearl Cream Papaya, Ratna Sari Whitening Night Cream, Atika Beauty Renewal Night Cream and Chantique Whitening Night Cream.

The bureau cancelled the registration of the products over the past 11 months because they contained the prohibited ingredients tretinoin (retinoic acid) and hydroquinone, the *New Straits Times* said.—Internet

China’s auto stimulus retained for 2010

BEIJING, 10 Dec — China will extend stimulus measures in the automobile industry for one more year, with small adjustments, to further support the world’s biggest and fastest-growing auto market. The government announced the decision on Wednesday after an executive meeting of the State Council chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao.

The stimulus package, which was due to expire at the end of this month, includes a 50 percent cut in the 10 percent purchase



Buyers examining a small car in an auto market in Nanjing. Purchase tax for smaller cars will be levied at 7.5%.—XINHUA

tax for cars with an engine capacity of, or less than, 1.6 litres and subsidies for trade-in cars. It will now be extended to 31 Dec, 2010. However, the purchase tax for smaller cars will be lifted from the current 5 percent to 7.5 percent of the total vehicle price.

Xinhua

Brazilian government announces more incentives to boost economy

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Dec—Brazil’s Finance Minister Guido Mantega announced on Wednesday a new package of fiscal incentives to boost the country’s economic activity, including an 80 billion reais (45.2 billion US dollars) credit line for the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES).

The money, which is to be released next year, will help BNDES in-

crease its financing operations, especially in the areas of infrastructure and exports.

In 2009, the Brazilian government had already released 100 billion reais (56.5 billion dollars) to the BNDES.

The government also decided to renew the lower interest rates in the BNDES financing operations for the purchase of machinery and equipment

for industries until June 2010.

Additionally, Mantega announced the renewal of tax cuts for computers, a measure which will last until 2014 and cost the government 1.6 billion reais (903 million dollars) alone in 2010.

He also announced extra tax cuts for computers and computer parts sold to public schools.

Xinhua

Pregnant women targeted in new H1N1 plan

BEIJING, 10 Dec—China is preparing an inoculation plan for all pregnant women, who make up nearly 14 percent of the total number of reported deaths from the A/H1N1 flu on the Mainland. Nearly 8 percent of pregnant women have severe cases of H1N1, according to the Ministry of Health on Wednesday. Forty-six pregnant women have thus far died because of the flu.

Other groups facing high risks of infection include the chronically ill,

the obese, infants and seniors, the ministry said. No clear evidence has so far shown that the vaccine harms both the pregnant mother and her baby, according to international studies.

Health experts and officials with departments such as the Ministry of Health, the State Food and Drug Administration, and the Chinese Centre for Disease Prevention and Control are currently working closely to figure out an exact inoculation

plan for pregnant women, said Zhao Kai, a vaccine expert and academician with the Chinese Academy of Engineering, on Wednesday.

“Pregnant women are advised to consult obstetric doctors before deciding whether or not to get the jab,” he said. Of the total number of H1N1 deaths, approximately 47 percent suffered from chronic diseases and 18 percent were obese. Men accounted for 58 percent of the death toll.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency



Doctors at Anqing City Hospital in Anhui Province perform a last check on a patient who had been treated for the H1N1 virus before she was discharged from the hospital.—XINHUA

China issues initial ruling on US and Russia steel dumping cases

BEIJING, 10 Dec—China said on Thursday investigations showed the United States and Russia had dumped oriented electrical steel on the Chinese market, and the United States had subsidized the exports.

The dumping and subsidies have caused substantial damage to the domestic industry, and China will charge deposits on the imports from the two economies from Friday, according to an initial ruling issued by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

The amount of the deposit paid at Customs would be decided by the dumping margins of different producers. The dumping margins ranged from 10.7 percent to 25 percent by the US companies, and 4.6 percent to 25 percent by the Russian companies.—Xinhua

Singapore hospital launches study on HPV infections in women

SINGAPORE, 10 Dec—The Singapore General Hospital is calling for more women to come forward to take part in its first study on Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infections in Singapore, local media reported on Wednesday.

HPV is a common virus linked to the development of cervical cancer, which is the sixth most common cancer among women here. The disease claims 200 lives every year in Singapore, according to local radio 938Live reports. The study aims to enroll 1,800 healthy Singaporean women between the ages of 15 and 55 over the next six months. It has attracted 550 participants since its launch in August.

Xinhua

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Two electricians conduct on spot technical inspection and debugging to the apparatus of the 330 kilovoltage booster substation, at the Jiuquan Dongfeng Electricity Generation Field, in Guazhou County of Jiuquan City, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 8 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

China's first fireproof bus on trial run in Sichuan

CHENGDU, 10 Dec—China's first fireproof bus began trial run on Wednesday in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province. The fireproof vehicle is equipped with nine shower nozzles on the roof, which will sprinkle extinguishing agent after the driver presses a button on his left, said Song Xiaoyong, director of the fire prevention division of the provincial fire-control department.

The agent could cool the air and put out the fire in 60 seconds, and meanwhile dilute the toxic fumes in the bus, Song said, adding the spray would cause no harm to human body.

If the engine catches fire, a dry powder extinguishing system will be triggered automatically, or manually in case of emergency, he said.

On 5 June, 2009, a bus in Chengdu caught fire and left 25 passengers dead. “After the accident, we have been working on how to make the vehicle more fire-resistant,” Song said. The extinguishing equipment, costing 20,000 to 30,000 yuan (2,930 to 4,395 US dollars), would be installed on all buses of the city if proved working well, he said.

Xinhua

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Singapore presents study on alternative energy

SINGAPORE, 10 Dec—Singapore presented a study to help identify the alternative energy potential of countries around the world, local media reported on Thursday. The findings of the study, believed to be the first of its kind, were presented to delegates at a side event at the Copenhagen climate meet, local English newspaper *The Straits Times* reported.

Energy Studies Institute research fellow Felicia Shaw told the delegates that huge variations of alternative energy potential were found across countries by the study, which focused on solar, wind and hydroelectric power, and geothermal resources. However, physical constraints, such as land size

also limit a country's potential with Singapore being a case in point. Despite being located in the tropical sunbelt area, it is unable to harness solar energy on a large scale because of its size.—Xinhua

Early warning systems for droughts highlighted at UN-backed meeting

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Dec—With the frequency and severity of droughts likely to increase due to climate change, more than 60 scientists from all the world's regions are meeting at a United Nations-backed conference in the United States this week to draw up guidelines for early warning systems that could save countless lives, UN officials said here on Wednesday.

“Early warning systems for drought allow individuals and communities to act in sufficient time to reduce the possibility of loss of life, personal injury, and damage to property and fragile environments,” said the director of the UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, Mannava K Sivakumar, stressing his agency's key role.—Xinhua



A white Bengal tiger named Betty plays with a Christmas tree inside a cage at Buenos Aires' Zoo on 8 Dec, 2009. XINHUA

Winter storm hits much of US

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — A strong winter storm blasted much of the United States on Wednesday, leaving hundreds of flights delayed and many schools cancelled, authorities said. The National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning for several Midwestern states for Wednesday, saying places like North Dakota and Minnesota could get dangerous wind chill.

By Wednesday morning, Madison, Wis. had received 43 cm of snow, prompting the University of Wisconsin to cancel

classes. Schools were closed across Iowa and parts of Minnesota, too. Passengers heading to cities in snowbound states were left waiting in airports.

Travellers at New Jersey's Newark International Airport and Teterboro Airport were experiencing delays of close to two hours while La Guardia Airport in New York was experiencing delays of more than two hours, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

Snow and sleet fell on

Chicago, Ill., cancelling more than 325 flights on Tuesday at O'Hare International Airport. New England also was expected to get dangerously low temperatures and heavy snow in some parts Wednesday. Heavy rain fell across the South, causing flash flooding in north-central Alabama and parts of Louisiana.

Xinhua

"Mini" stem cell transplant may reverse severe sickle cell disease

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — Results of a preliminary study by scientists at the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Johns Hopkins University show that "mini" stem cell transplantation may safely reverse severe sickle cell disease in adults.

The phase I/II study to establish safety of the pro-

cedure, to be published on 10 Dec in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, describes 10 patients with severe sickle cell disease who received intravenous transplants of blood-forming stem cells.

The transplanted stem cells came from the peripheral blood of healthy related donors matched to the patients' tissue types.

Using this procedure, nine of 10 patients treated have normal red blood cells and reversal of organ damage caused by the disease. Jonathan Powell,

associate professor at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Centre, says the intravenous transplant approach for sickle cell disease, caused by a single mutation in the hemoglobin gene, does not replace the defective gene, but transplants blood stem cells that carry the normal gene. Sickle cell disease, named for the "deflated" sickle-shaped appearance of red blood cells in those with the disease, hinders the cells' ability to carry oxygen throughout the body. —Xinhua

Woman found in motel with 45 cats and dogs

WARREN, 10 Dec — Police in a Detroit-area town say they found a woman living in a motel room with 45 dogs and cats.

Tim Herig, the animal control officer of Warren, Mich, told *WDIV-TV*, Detroit, police got a phone call about the woman. She told investigators on Tuesday she had been evicted from her home and had moved into the Motel 6 as a temporary residence.

"He was a friend, concerned for her welfare," Herig said of the tipster. "She knew she would be out of the motel soon so he offered to take her in but could not take all the animals. He didn't realize there were this many."

Animal control officers took 41 cats and four dogs to the Macomb County animal shelter. Herig said many of the cats were packed two to a carrier and all the animals were covered in urine and feces.

The woman is in a hospital where a psychological evaluation has been ordered. —Internet



A man adjusts the chute on a snowblower as he cleans up snow in Waukesha, Wisconsin on 9 Dec, 2009. Much of the Midwest is forecast to have blizzard conditions and more snow fall, local media reported on Wednesday. — XINHUA

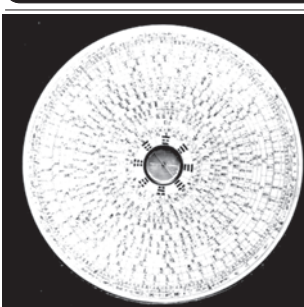
First snowstorm hits Canada

OTTAWA, 10 Dec — The first snowstorm of this winter season is slamming eastern Canada, causing traffic chaos, flight delays and school closures in some regions. The storm began to hit parts of Ontario and Quebec provinces on Tuesday night and is expected to continue into Thursday, bringing as much as 30 centimetres of snow to some places.

Flights were delayed on Wednesday in the airports of Toronto and Montreal. Schools were closed in Ottawa where 15 centimeters of snow is expected.

Environment Canada reported that the western prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are undergoing an Arctic wind chill, with temperatures going down to as low as minus 38 degrees Centigrade. — Xinhua

NEWS ALBUM



A compass made by craftsman Wu Shuisen, the seventh-generation inheritor of the making skills of Wuluheng Compass, is seen in Wan'an Town of Xiuning County, east China's Anhui Province. Wan'an Town is one of the cradlelands of the making of compasses in China, which has a history of 600 years.

A labrador retriever breast-feeds her babies in Liuzhou, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. A labrador retriever, raised by Mr Li in Liuzhou, gave birth to nine puppies and 10 puppies respectively in March and December this year.

World's smallest mom has third child

A Kentucky woman known as the world's smallest mother says she has given birth to her third child, a healthy baby boy.

Stacey Herald, 35, said she defied her doctors' orders for the third time in three years and gave birth 28 Nov to 2-pound, 10-ounce Malachi, *The Sun* reported on Tuesday.

Herald stands at only 2 feet, 4 inches tall due to Osteogenesis Imperfecta, also known as brittle bone disease. She said doctors advised her that having children could kill her. However, she said she defied their orders to have children Kateri, 3, Makya, 18 months, and newborn Malachi.

Doctors said they induced labour at 32 weeks of pregnancy because they feared he was growing too large for the mother to carry, the British newspaper said. Herald said Malachi is healthy but remains under supervision at a hospital.



Hero pilot's hat to benefit two schools

Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the US Airways pilot whose forced landing in the Hudson River made him a hero, is selling a hat to benefit California schools.

The person who makes the winning bid on eBay will get the hat, autographed by Sullenberger, a plastic box to protect it and a handwritten note from the pilot and his wife, Lorrie, thanking the buyer for making a contribution to education, the *Contra Costa (Calif) Times* reported. Proceeds from the sale are going to the San Ramon high school where Sullenberger's daughters are students and to a sister school in East Oakland, across the Bay from San Francisco, Allie Herson of Barbary Coast Consulting said.

Herson said Sullenberger has owned the hat for a long time, although he was not wearing it, or any other, in January when he landed in the Hudson.

Sullenberger's plane lost engine power after a bird strike during takeoff from LaGuardia Airport in New York. Without time to reach LaGuardia or another airport, he brought the plane down in the river, and all passengers and crew were able to evacuate before it sank.

He has since written "Highest Duty: My Search For What Really Matters."



Floating on a single-bamboo-pole on Chishui River, SW China's Guizhou Province.

Much ado about bamboo

Wang Guohong stands on an 8-m-long bamboo pole as it floats down the river.

He clutches another shorter pole, about 5-m-long, with both hands.

The 42-year-old lifts one foot and thrusts forward. For a moment, his body is parallel to the floating bamboo, and he looks like "a swallow slightly touching the water's surface", as the move is termed. Wang's friends, who watch from an islet in the river, taunt him: "You're too old. You can't hold the position for three seconds."

The middle-aged man may not have the agile body of a teenager. But he has the best balance of the bunch.

As coach of this unique sport called "single-bamboo-pole rafting", he leads a ragtag team of fishermen, construction workers and teachers in preserving a tradition that's almost 300 years old.

Delegation of Chengdu Military Region of PLA calls on Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence received a delegation led by Lieutenant General Ai Husheng of Chengdu Military Region of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, who arrived here at the invitation of Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, at Paunglaung Yeiktha, here, at 3 pm on 7 December.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing hosted a dinner to the delegation of Chengdu Military Region of PLA at Shwenandaw Hotel, here, at 7 pm.

On 5 December morning, the PLA delegation arrived in Yangon by air and visited place of interest downtown Yangon.



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence receives delegation led by Lieutenant General Ai Husheng of Chengdu Military Region of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Paunglaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

On 6 December, the Chinese delegation arrived in Kengtung by air and visited there. Next, they met Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyoo. In the evening, the commander hosted a dinner to the

Chinese guests at Golden Triangle Yeiktha.

On 7 December, the delegation led by Lieutenant General Ai Husheng of Chengdu Military Region arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by air.

On 8 December, the Chinese delegation left

Mandalay by car and visited Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin. They were welcomed by the Commandant and senior military officers of DSTA. Next, they left PyinOoLwin for Lashio. While in Lashio, the

Chinese military delegation called on Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut. In the evening, the commander hosted a dinner to the Chinese guests.

Yesterday, the Chinese delegation visited

Lashio and went to Yangon by air. In the evening, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation. This afternoon, they left Yangon by air.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win receives Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Kasit Piromya of Thailand and party. MNA

Myanmar FM receives Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Kasit Piromya of Thailand and party, who arrived in Myanmar to attend 12th BIMSTEC ministerial meeting, at the Ministry here at 3:15 pm today.

They discussed matters on boosting bilateral relationship and cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, directors-general of respective departments under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials from Thai embassy in Myanmar.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing meets Chairman of National Tourism Management Board and Minister at Laotian Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, who accompanied Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, received Chairman of National Tourism Management Board and Minister at Laotian Prime Minister's

Office Mr. Somphong Mongkhonvilay and Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A. Souphakhet at the hall of Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane at 5 pm yesterday. At the meeting, they discussed matters on boosting bilateral cooperation in the tourism industry.—MNA



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing holds discussion with Chairman of National Tourism Management Board and Minister at Laotian Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay and Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Laotian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein met Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at the latter's office in Vientiane of the Lao People's

Democratic Republic at 2 pm yesterday.

At the call, together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn

Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, and officials.

The Laotian Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay, Assistant Foreign Minister Mr Alounkeo Kittikhoun, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A.Souphakhet and senior officials.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh.
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Prime Minister arrives at Vientiane to attend opening of XXV SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental officials, left Kengtung Airport by special flight at 10 am yesterday to attend the opening ceremony of the XXV SEA Games. They arrived at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic at 11.50 am Laotian local time.

The Prime Minister was welcomed on board by Myanmar Ambas-

sador to LPDR U Nyunt Hlaing and Deputy Director-General Mr Viroj Sundara of Asia-Pacific and Africa Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of LPDR.

Next, the Prime Minister was greeted by Minister at Laotian Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay, and Minister for Sports of Myanmar Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

A Laotian damsel presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. The Laotian Deputy Director-General presented Laotian governmental high-ranking officials to the Myanmar Prime

Minister.

Myanmar Ambassador U Nyunt Hlaing, Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing, and staff members of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attache's Office welcomed the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and entourage arrived at the Sports Village in a motorcade, and cordially greeted and spoke words of encouragement to Myanmar athletes to the XXV SEA Games.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrived at Lao Plaza Hotel where he would stay.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Minister at Laotian Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Myanmar athletes.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets LPDR President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein paid a courtesy call on Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at his office in Vientiane yesterday afternoon.

Present at the call together with Prime

Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao People's Democratic Republic U Nyunt Hlaing and departmental officials and together with Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone were Deputy

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Minister at Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Hiem Phommachanh, Laotian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and high ranking officials.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with LPDR President Mr Choummaly Sayasone.
MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on LPDR President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at his office in Vientiane.
MNA

Prime Minister meets staff of Myanmar Embassy, Military Attaché's Office in Vientiane

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein met with staff and family members of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office at Plaza (1) Room in Lao Plaza Hotel at 3.15 pm yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister

for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. The Prime Minister briefed family members to Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office led by Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing and wife, Military Attaché (Army, Navy, Air) Col Win Hlaing and wife on Myanmar-Laos friendship, prospects for boosting bilateral cooperation, and development of the

motherland.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented gifts to families of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office and spoke words of encouragement.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets staff and family members of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by LPDR Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh. (News on Page 16)

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein back from Laos

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party left Lao Plaza Hotel of Vientiane where they put up in a motorcade and then arrived at Wattay International Airport at 9.45 am today.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party were seen off at the airport by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay, Minister

for Sports of the Union of Myanmar Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Col Win Hlaing, staff family members of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office.

Next, the Prime Minister and party left Wattay International Airport by flight and arrived back here in the afternoon.

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The opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games in progress.

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Foreign Affairs Minister meets Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal



Minister U Nyan Win receives Deputy PM and Foreign Affairs Minister Ms Sujata Koirala of Nepal.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win met Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal Federal Democratic Republic Ms Sujata Koirala and members

at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here this afternoon. The meeting focused on matters relating to boosting relations and cooperation between the two countries.

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Fire Station in Dagon Myothit (South) Township inspected

YANGON, 10 Dec—Director-General U Myint Htun of the Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement inspected fire engines, measures for efficient use of electric power, keeping Fire Station clean,

enforcement of rules and regulations at the Fire Station in Dagon Myothit (South) Township today.

He called for stepping up fire preventive measures, building capacity, and trying to become reliable firefighters.—MNA

Renewable Energy, Efficiency Business Forum to be held

YANGON, 10 Dec—With a view to ensuring wider use of renewable energy in Myanmar, Renewable Energy, Efficiency Business Forum, organized by

Kaung Kyaw Zay Company that wins Southeast Asia energy awards yearly through its papers, will be held for the first time at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda

Myanmar win one silver, one bronze in SEA Games

YANGON, 10 Dec—The XXV Southeast Asian Games continued in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic. Myanmar weightlifter Pyae Phyo won silver, Indonesia stood first and Malaysia third in men's 56-kilo weight-lifting event.

At the men's 74-kilo Taekwondo event, Zarni Htun shared third place with Thai player, and Vietnam stood first and the Philippines second.

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Bronze medal winner Zarni Htun.
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Silver medal winner Pyae Phyo.
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Road here from 9 am to 5 pm on 14 December (Monday).

The forum covers paperreading sessions and

display of booths. Those wishing to attend the forum may dial Tel-571284 and Tel-095183517.—MNA

Life-time Achievement National Literary Award (2008) Writer Dr Kyaw Sein (Dr Kyaw Sein)

List of books and writers of national literary awards for 2008

No.	Subject	Book Title	Writer	Publisher
1	Collection of Short Stories Award	Short Stories Evoking Feelings of Adoration	Kyu Kyu Thin	Naingngan Gonyi Publishing House
2	Belles-Letters Award	Traveller to Khakabo	Yein Nwet Par	Nan Dewi Publishing House
3	Myanmar Culture and Arts Award	Lifestyle and Traditions of Lesu National Race	Myat Wai Toe (Education University)	Serpap Beikman
4	Child Literary Award	Innocent Children (Short Stories for Children)	Yenanmye Maung Maung Kyi	Ye Aung Publishing House
5	Youths Literary Award	Kutho Ayaung Hso-payba	Kyunsinmyay Saw Khet	Serpap Beikman
6	Translation Award (Informative)	The Man Who Changed China: The Life and Legacy of Jiang Zemin	Taw Kaung Min	Thiha Yatana Publishing House
7	Translation Award (Creative)	Loss of Power and Short Stories on Singaporean Lifestyle	Win Htut Zaw	Trust Publishing House
8	General Knowledge (Arts) Award	Yazawun Hte-hma Ponna	Dr Dagon (Ph.D) (Astro) (Kol.)	Thamee Zawtika Publishing House
9	General Knowledge (Science) Award	Forestry for Public Knowledge	Dr Kyaw Tint	Lin Oo Taya Publishing House
10	General Knowledge (Applied Science)	Advanced Agricultural Farming	Aung Soe (Agriculture/107)	Serpap Beikman

National literary awards announced

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information today issued the list of books and writers of national literary awards for 2008.

Kyu Kyu Thin won Collection of Short Stories Award for her work "Short Stories Evoking Feelings of Adoration"; Yein Nwet Par, Belles-Letters Award for "Traveller to Khakabo"; Myat Wai Toe (Education University), Myanmar Culture and Arts Award for "Lifestyle and Traditions of Lesu National Race"; Yananmye Maung Maung Kyi, Child Literary Award for "Innocent Children (Short Stories for Children)"; Kyunsinmyay Saw Khet, Youths Literary Award for "Kutho Ayaung Hso-payba"; Taw Kaung Min, Translation Award (Informative) for "The Man Who Changed China: The Life and Legacy of Jiang Zemin"; Win Htut Zaw, Translation Award (Creative) for "Loss of Power and Short Stories on Singaporean Lifestyle"; Dr Dagon (Ph.D) (Astro) (Kol.), General Knowledge (Arts) Award for "Yazawun Hte-hma Ponna"; Dr Kyaw Tint, General Knowledge (Science) Award for "Forestry for Public Knowledge"; and Aung Soe (Agriculture/107), General Knowledge (Applied Science) for "Advanced Agricultural Farming".

National literary awards are of 14 categories, but no writers won awards for novel, collected poem, drama, and politics this year.

It is reminded that winners contact as soon as possible the secretary of the committee in Sarpap Beikman at 529-531, on Merchants Street, Yangon (Ph: 01-381448), and send one 5" x 7" color photo and one 1" x 1" photo in a week.

The awarding ceremony will be held at the Office of the Ministry of Information here at 9 am on 31 December 2009.—MNA

US allies to send 6,800 more troops to Afghanistan

BRUSSELS, 10 Dec—A NATO spokesman said on Wednesday that 36 ISAF members had pledged some 6,800 more troops to Afghanistan at a force generation conference, which is seen as a move to bolster US President Barack Obama's new Afghan strategy.

James Appathurai told a press briefing that the force generation conference, held in Mons of Belgium on Monday, was "a strong demonstration of commitments and solidarity by our allies and partners" and the non-US members of the ISAF pledged about 6,800 forces, excluding any forces deployed temporarily for the Afghan elections in August.—Xinhua

Five US men arrested in Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec—Five American men were arrested in Pakistan this week and are being investigated for alleged links to extremist groups, the Pakistani Embassy in Washington said on Wednesday. The five men, students in their 20s from northern Virginia, were picked up from Sargodha in Punjab Province in Pakistan on Tuesday, said embassy spokesman Imran Gardezi.—Internet

Death toll caused by storms in Sao Paulo rises to eight

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Dec—The Sao Paulo authorities announced on Wednesday that they found two more dead bodies after a storm hit the city on Tuesday, making the death toll rise to eight. The other six people, including four children from the same family, were killed by mudslides that occurred during the storm.

Sao Paulo Emergency Managing Center informed that Tuesday was the most rainy day in the city in the past 10 years. The storms have caused the most important rivers in the city, Tiete and

Pineiros, to overflow, blocking the main expressways and leading to over 100 kilometers of traffic jams.

Xinhua

Taleban warns ROK against sending troops to Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Dec—The Afghan Taleban said here on Wednesday that if the Republic of Korea (ROK) sends troops to Afghanistan, it will certainly face "consequence." Taleban spokesman Talib Mujahid said in a statement that the Taleban learned from media reports that the ROK has showed readiness to send 500 soldiers to Afghanistan and deploy them in the northern Parwan Province. The ROK decision is seen as an act against the independence of Afghanistan and the Afghan people, said the spokesman, adding that the ROK violates the commitment made in 2007 in exchange for the release of 19 ROK hostages.—Xinhua

Antarctic nations consider new controls on ships

WELLINGTON, 10 Dec—Countries that manage Antarctica are considering new controls on ships visiting the frozen continent to reduce the growing threat of human and environmental disasters posed by exploding numbers of tourists, an official said on Wednesday.

A proposal for a code to ensure ships plying the world's southernmost seas could withstand hitting an iceberg and other measures are being discussed at a meeting this week in New Zealand of more than 80 experts from signatories to the Antarctic Treaty, the international accord to oversee the region.

Antarctica's pristine environment, unpredictable and extreme weather, mostly uncharted waters and vast distances from habitation pose major dangers for vessels and major problems for rescuers in any emergency.—Internet

UN crisis relief fund raises record 424m USD in pledges

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Dec—The United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) raised a record 424 million US dollars at its annual pledging session on Wednesday as top officials warned of rising needs in 2010 for one of the world's leading tools in disaster response, whether for sudden-onset crisis such as earthquakes or ongoing but neglected emergencies.

"That's more than we've raised at any similar pledging meeting before, so that's extremely encouraging particularly when you consider we're doing that against the background of a major economic and financial crisis which has affected the budgets of many donor countries in a very significant way," UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes told reporters here.—Xinhua



Unidentified family members of Mohammed Jassim, 22, grieve at a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 Dec, 2009. Jassim was killed when series of coordinated attacks struck Baghdad on Tuesday.—INTERNET

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV AN TAO JIANG VOYNO (470)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN TAO JIANG VOY NO (470) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 10.12.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ADMIRE CORAL VOYNO (25)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ADMIRE CORAL VOY NO (25) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 11.12.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Weather causes delays
at Chicago airports**

CHICAGO, 10 Dec—Snowy weather continues to cause delays and cancellations at Chicago Airports. Chicago's Department of Aviation says delays at O'Hare International Airport were running more than 60 minutes late as of 8:30 pm on Tuesday, and more than 300 flights have been cancelled.

At Midway Airport, some flights are delayed more than an hour. And there have been more than 25 cancellations.

Heavier snow only began to fall in Chicago on Tuesday evening. So airport delays and cancellations could worsen throughout the night. The National Weather Service says the winter storm should roll out of Illinois on Wednesday.

Internet

Experiment to test killing one owl to help another

GRANTS PASS, 10 Dec—Federal biologists are designing an experiment to see if killing the aggressive barred owl that has invaded old growth forests of the Northwest would help the spotted owl, which is protected.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service announced on Wednesday it is doing a formal study to decide whether to do the experiment, and laying out the terms if they go ahead. The study will be available for public comment and is expected to be completed by fall 2010. This

is to be done experimentally so we can nail down whether, in fact, removing barred owls could improve spotted owl demographics, and also to look into the feasibility of doing that," said Fish and Wildlife biologist Robin Bown, who is overseeing the evaluation.

The spotted owl went from a seldom-seen denizen of old growth forests to the cover of *Time* magazine in the 1990s as environmentalists forced the federal government to cut back logging on Northwest national for-

ests to protect its habitat. Despite the cutbacks, spotted owls continue to decline, most steeply where there are high populations of more aggressive barred owls that are native to eastern North America.

Though killing one species to protect another is not uncommon — on the West Coast, for instance, ravens are poisoned to protect threatened snowy plovers — a small-scale experiment with killing barred owls in northern California in 2005 created an uproar. —*Internet*



A passenger liner sails through the Wuxia Gorge on Yangtze River, presenting a beautiful scenery in the early winter, in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 4 Dec, 2009. — XINHUA

Couple hides 90,000 yuan in dustbin, loses all of it

BEIJING, 10 Dec—A man in Jinan, Shandong Province, threw away a rubbish bag that contained 90,000 yuan (\$13,200) in cash recently.

Zhang Si and his wife Zhang Ying run a successful timber business in the city.

Late last month, Zhang Si brought home 90,000 yuan in cash after making a sale. Fearing the amount may get robbed, Zhang Ying put the cash in the dustbin.

The next day, before leaving for work, Zhang Si collected the rubbish bag and chucked it into a roadside bin.

The couple realized their blunder an hour later and rushed to the garbage dump, but failed to find the cash.

Xinhua

Moderate earthquake hits Indonesia

HONG KONG, 10 Dec—An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter Scale hit northern Sumatra, Indonesia, at 5:35 am (2135 GMT) on Thursday, according to a bulletin released by the *Hong Kong Observatory*.

The epicentre was initially determined to be at 2.7 degrees north Latitude and 96.0 east Longitude, about 320 kilometres west-southwest of Medan, Indonesia. —*Xinhua*

Moderate quake hits Indonesia's Maluku

JAKARTA, 10 Dec—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale hit eastern Indonesia of Maluku at 10:13 Jakarta Time (0313 GMT), the *Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency* said here on Thursday.

The epicentre was at 233 kilometers of northwest-north Saumlaki-Maluku and 429 kilometres of Timor-Leste. The agency did not issue a tsunami warning.

Xinhua



Nissan workers check auto parts manufactured at the company's Global Production Engineering Centre in Zama City, Japan. Japan's core machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, fell 4.5 percent in October from the previous month, official data showed on Thursday.

INTERNET

Brazilian bank releases first installment of Amazon Fund

BRASILIA, 10 Dec—Five Amazon environmental projects on Wednesday were to get their first installment of the Amazon Fund for Development as the Brazilian Development Bank released 40 million US dollars.

The Fund, created in 2008, has already received 110 million dollars from Norway, which has promised to deliver up to 1 billion dollars by 2016, and has got a pledged input of 26 million dollars from Germany. The funded projects, picked by the Forum for Sustainable Amazonas, focus on reduction of deforestation and land regularization and reclamation.

Project managers will sign contracts with the development bank and the Fund money will be provided in installments in accordance with a scheme of plan and proof of expenses. The implementation of the five projects, to kick off next month, are expected to complete in three years on average. — *Xinhua*

Scientists create instant nanobatteries

STANFORD, 10 Dec — US scientists say they have combined ordinary paper dipped into ink infused with carbon nanotubes and silver nanowires to create an instant battery.

Stanford University post doctoral students led by Assistant Professor Yi Cui said the paper batteries are ultra-lightweight and bendable.

“Society really needs a low-cost, high-performance energy storage device, such as batteries and

simple supercapacitors,” Cui said.

Capacitors are similar to batteries, holding an electric charge, but for a shorter period of time. However, capacitors can store and discharge electricity much more rapidly than a battery.

“These nanomaterials are special,” Cui said. “They’re a one-dimensional structure with very small diameters.” He said the small diameter helps the nanomaterial ink stick

strongly to the fibrous paper, making the battery and supercapacitor very durable

Cui said the paper supercapacitor may last through 40,000 charge-discharge cycles — at least an order of magnitude more than lithium batteries. The nanomaterials also make ideal conductors because they move electricity along much more efficiently than ordinary conductors, Cui said.

Internet



Trucks make their way down Interstate I-35/80, on 9 Dec, 2009, in Des Moines, Iowa. More than a foot of snow was expected in parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, where the National Weather Service warned of ‘extremely dangerous blizzard conditions’ and near whiteout driving conditions.—INTERNET

Atom smasher catches 1st high-energy collisions



A view of a superconducting solenoid magnet at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) near Geneva. CERN said the world’s biggest atom-smasher has set a world record by accelerating to energy levels that had never been previously reached.—INTERNET

GENEVA, 10 Dec — The world’s largest atom smasher has recorded its first high-energy collisions of protons, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Physicists hope those collisions will help them understand suspected phenomena such as dark matter, antimatter and ultimately the creation of the universe billions of

years ago, which many theorize occurred as a massive explosion known as the Big Bang.

The collisions occurred Tuesday evening as the Large Hadron Collider underwent test runs in preparation for operations next year, said Christine Sutton of the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN.

Two beams of circulating particles travelling in opposite directions at 1.18 trillion electron volts produced the collisions, she said.

The Atlas “experiment,” one of four major detectors in cathedral-sized rooms in the collider’s underground tunnel at Geneva, had part of its equipment turned on and could register collisions.—Internet

Researchers identify possible ovarian cancer treatment target

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — A multi-institutional study has identified a potential personalized treatment target for the most common form of ovarian cancer. In the 8 Dec issue of Cancer Cell, the research team describes finding that a gene called MAGP2 — not previously associated with any type of cancer — was overexpressed in papillary serous ovarian tumors of

patients who died more quickly. They also found evidence suggesting possible mechanisms by which MAGP2 may promote tumor growth.

“Ovarian cancer is typically diagnosed at an advanced stage when it is incurable, and the same treatments have been used for virtually all patients,” says Michael Birrer, director of medical

gynecologic oncology in the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Cancer Center, the study’s corresponding author. “Previous research from my lab indicated that different types and grades of ovarian tumors should be treated differently, and this paper now shows that even papillary serous tumors have differences that impact patient prognosis.”

The fifth most common malignancy among U.S. women, ovarian cancer is expected to cause close to 15,000 deaths during 2009. Accounting for 60 percent of ovarian cancers, papillary serous tumors are typically diagnosed after spreading beyond the ovaries. The tumors typically return after initial treatment with surgery and chemotherapy, but while some patients die a few months after diagnosis, others may survive five years or longer while receiving treatment.

Internet

Xinhua

Germ-free kids may risk more adult illnesses

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — Parents who let their kids romp in the mud and eat food that has fallen on the floor could be helping to protect them against maladies like heart disease later in life, a US study showed on Wednesday. Our research suggests that ultra-clean, ultra-hygienic environments early in life may contribute to higher levels of inflammation as an adult, which in turn increases risks for a wide range of diseases,” including cardiovascular disease, Thomas McDade, lead author of the study, said.

Researchers at Northwestern University in the state of Illinois looked at data from a study in the Philippines, which followed participants from birth to 22 years of age.

The data were compiled by tracking children born in the 1980s to 3,327 Filipino mothers. Researchers visited the children every two months for the first two years of their lives and then spaced out the visits to every four or five years until the kids reached their 20s. Among items that the researchers assessed were the hygiene of the children’s household environment — “whether domestic animals such as pigs and dogs roamed freely” — and their families’ socioeconomic resources.

Internet

Xinhua

Death toll of A/H1N1 flu reaches 35 in Egypt

CAIRO, 10 Dec — Egypt reported on Wednesday two more death cases of A/H1N1 flu, bringing the country’s death toll to 35, said the Health Ministry in a statement. A 14-year-old boy died of A/H1N1 virus in Beheira, 130 km north of Cairo, said the statement, adding that the boy suffered from dyspnea, fever and coma.

Another 21-year-old woman died of A/H1N1 virus in Qena, 450 km south of Cairo. She suffered from pneumonia and heart problems, according to the statement.

Egypt has so far reported more than 3,855 cases of the novel flu in the most populous Arab country. Egypt confirmed its first influenza A/H1N1

death case on 19 July. A 28-year-old Egyptian woman, who was back from Saudi Arabia after making Umrah (pilgrimage to Mecca at any time of the year) Egypt reported its first A/H1N1 flu case on 2 June, a 12-year-old Egyptian-American girl coming from the United States via the Netherlands.

Xinhua

Tamiflu has limits curing A/H1N1 flu

BEIJING, 10 Dec — Tamiflu, the drug known widely in the world as the main medicine to cure the A/H1N1 flu, has limits in preventing people from getting the flu, said a study in the British Medical Journal as quoted by news reports on Thursday.

The new study found although Tamiflu cuts the symptoms’ duration by about a day, however, there is no clear proof that it can



File photo shows packets of Tamiflu tablets are stored in the Swiss Army Pharmacy in Ittigen near Bern on 10 Aug, 2009.

XINHUA

prevent the unfavorable evolution of the diseases.

Research also questioned the validity of the previous studies from Roche, the pharmaceutical giant which produces Tamiflu, by claiming that they were unable to unconditionally provide the information needed to prove how well Tamiflu worked in preventing flu symptoms.

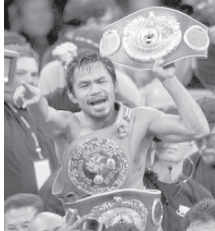
Xinhua

SPORTS

Dallas stadium likely out for Pacquiao-Mayweather

LAS VEGAS, 10 Dec—Promoters of the Manny Pacquiao-Floyd Mayweather Jr fight abruptly cancelled a trip to Dallas on Wednesday, dealing a possibly fatal blow to the chances of Jerry Jones landing the bout for Cowboys Stadium.

The trip was cancelled at the last minute because Mayweather's promoter apparently decided he didn't want the fight at the new stadium. The move leaves the MGM Grand hotel arena in Las Vegas as the heavy favourite to host the 13 March fight. Co-promoter Bob Arum—who got the news at his 78th birthday party on Tuesday night—was upset by the trip being cancelled because Jones had rearranged his schedule so he could give the promoters a tour of the \$1.2 billion stadium and present a proposal to host the bout. "I'm just embarrassed,



Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines.

really embarrassed," Arum told *The Associated Press*. "The man (Jones) changed his whole schedule for this and you certainly want to listen to the man."

Arum said he was blindsided by Mayweather's promoter, Golden Boy CEO Richard Schaefer, who was to join him in Dallas along with HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg. He said Schaefer called him and told him he wasn't going to go to Dallas because he didn't want the fight there.—*Internet*

Chelsea's Essien sidelined for up to a month

LONDON, 10 Dec—Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien will be out of action for up to four weeks after scans revealed a torn hamstring, the Premier League club said on their website on Wednesday.

Essien, 27, was injured in the first half of Tuesday's 2-2 Champions League draw with Cypriot side APOEL Nicosia a few minutes after scoring Chelsea's first goal.

The Ghana international missed most of last season after rupturing knee ligaments but has been a key member of Carlo Ancelotti's team this term.—*Xinhua*

Gerrard targets quick return to Champions League

LIVERPOOL, 10 Dec—Steven Gerrard has urged his Liverpool team-mates to put their disastrous Champions League campaign behind them and concentrate on finishing fourth in the Premier League table. Rafa Benitez's side bowed out of Europe's top knockout competition on a low note on Wednesday as they lost 2-1 at home to Fiorentina, Alberto Gilardino hitting a stoppage time winner for the Italians.

It left the five-times European champions conducting an inquest into their third defeat in Group E. Liverpool finished third in the four-team table, six points behind second-placed Lyon and eight adrift of group winners Fiorentina. While Fiorentina can look forward to the last 16 phase, Liverpool drop down to the Europa League.

Gerrard said it was important the team concentrated on climbing the Premier League table, in which Liverpool are seventh, 12 points adrift of leaders Chelsea, ahead of Sunday's game with Arsenal at Anfield.

Internet

Lyon stroll-but denied top spot

LYON, 10 Dec—Lyon turned on the style but were denied top spot in Champions League Group E on Wednesday with a 4-0 win over Hungary's Debrecen at the Stade Gerland not enough after Fiorentina won 2-1 at Liverpool.

Wednesday's win left the French, dethroned by Bordeaux last season after seven straight domestic titles, with 13 points from their group matches - but Fiorentina came from behind to win at



Lyon's Brazilian midfielder Michel Bastos(R) fights for the ball with Debrecen's Hungarian defender Laszlo Bodnar during their UEFA Champions League football match in Lyon, France—*INTERNET*

Anfield and take their points haul to 15.

Internet

Argentine club River Plate select new president

BUENOS AIRES, 10 Dec—Argentine former soccer player Daniel Passarella was named new president on Wednesday of the Argentine club River Plate, where he also played and worked as coach. Passarella won on Saturday the elections of the club, just by six votes advantage over businessman Rodolfo D'Onofrio.

"The club needs me, but I can't be alone. I want the 17 million of fans we have in Argentina to help me. For River to be a family again," Passarella said during the office taking ceremony in River Plate's facilities in Buenos Aires.

Passarella, 56, thanked the partners who voted for the change and he added that he will try to fulfill everything he promised during his campaign. "We have a great responsibility and we do not want to let you down," Passarella said. Passarella won his club elections with 5,298 votes against the 5,292 votes for D'Onofrio.—*Xinhua*

Spain coach delivers World Cup warning

MADRID, 10 Dec—Fortune may have smiled on Spain in last week's World Cup draw but coach Vicente del Bosque warned on Wednesday that "it will not be easy" for the European Champions to get beyond the first round. Spain, one of the favourites heading into the 2010 finals in South Africa between 11 June and 11 July, were drawn against Chile, Honduras and Switzerland in Group H.

"It's not a group to complain about, neither is it one to be euphoric about. Switzerland and Chile are numbers 17 and 18 in the FIFA rankings and are not very far from the best," the coach told reporters when asked about the draw. "Honduras, according to my sources, are also very strong. It will not be easy," he added.

Spain climbed back to the top of the FIFA world rankings last month displacing Brazil who had led since July following exhibition wins over fellow World Cup qualifier Argentina and Austria. They booked their place in South Africa with two matches to spare and went onto win all 10 qualifiers. Spain have never won a World Cup before. They were favourites in 2006 but were eliminated by France in the second round.—*Internet*



Spanish coach Vicente del Bosque.

Inter through after dominating debutants Rubin

MILAN, 10 Dec—Inter Milan eased into the Champions League knock-out rounds with a dominant 2-0 victory over Rubin Kazan in Group F at the San Siro on Wednesday to possibly save coach Jose Mourinho's job. Rumours before the game suggested the Portuguese would be out at the end of the season if Inter failed to progress but in the end there was little to worry about as goals from Samuel Eto'o and Mario Balotelli ensured a comfortable night.



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o (L) celebrates with teammate forward Mario Balotelli after scoring against Rubin Kazan during their Group F Champions League football match in Milan's San Siro Stadium. *INTERNET*

Barca, Inter go through to Champions League last 16

PARIS, 10 Dec—Holders Barcelona and Inter Milan secured their places in the Champions League knock-out stages at the last throw of the dice on Wednesday.

Joining this pair on the final batch of group games were Stuttgart and Olympiakos to complete the 16-team cast-list for the second round starting in February. Barca had the luxury of travelling to Dynamo Kiev knowing that even a defeat would not necessarily spell a premature end to their pursuit of a fourth European crown.—*Internet*



FC Barcelona's Xavi Hernandez (left) vies for the ball with FC Dynamo Kiev's Gerson Magrao during their UEFA Champions League Group F match in Kiev, on 9 December. *INTERNET*

Young Gunners slip in Greece

PIRAEUS, 10 Dec—Arsenal's young guns failed to fire Wednesday as they slipped to a solitary goal defeat at Olympiakos in their final Champions League Group H pool encounter to take the Greeks through.

Having already wrapped up the group in taking 13 points from their opening five matches, Gunners' coach Arsene Wenger sent out a clutch of 10 teenagers as well as fit-again Theo Walcott, a comparative veteran at 20.

The 'Gooner babes' included 18-year-old debutant Thomas Cruise, Jack Wilshire, Kyle Bartley, Jay Emmanuel-Thomas and Francis Coquelin as Wenger

pinned youthful colours to the mast, resting established names such as Cesc Fabregas.—*Internet*



Olympiacos' Enzo Maresca (L) fights for the ball with Arsenal's Fran Merida during their UEFA Champions League football game at the Karaiskaki stadium in Athens. Arsenal and Olympiacos qualified to the next round. *INTERNET*

Daw Nu Nu

Age (90)
3rd MB, BS (1942)

Daughter of U Htwe Maung-Daw Khin May (Yangon), daughter-in-law of U Gon Mann-Daw Myaing (Patheingyi), beloved wife of retired ambassador, Thiripyanchi U Mya Sein, mother of U Khin Zaw, (U Nyunt Than-Advocate, Central Court), Daw Khin Aye Mu (Director of Studies, English House) PyinOoLwin-Mr. Chris Harrison (Retired Director, British Council, Yangon), U Han Tun (Retired Assistant Director, Myanmar Gems Enterprise)-Daw Ni Ni Mar, Deputy Assistant Director, Myanmar Gems Enterprise, and U Gon Lynn Htun, expired on 10-12-09 at 2 am and was cremated. Relatives and friends of the bereaved family are invited to attend the Alms Offering Ceremony in the morning of 16-12-09 at No. 45, A (1) Rd, 9th Mile, Mayangon Township, Yangon.

Franck Ribery admits he'd have better chance of Champions League glory at Chelsea

LONDON, 10 Dec—Chelsea target Franck Ribery believes his Bayern Munich side are less equipped than the Blues when it comes to winning the Champions League.

The winger admits he is being kept in the dark about Chelsea's interest, but *Sportsmail* understands that Stamford Bridge owner Roman Abramovich will sanction a £45million bid to sign him.

The 26-year-old, who has just 18 months left on his current contract, was the subject of interest from Europe's biggest clubs in the summer, with Manchester United, Real Madrid and Barcelona also among those making enquiries.

And Ribery admits that it is his suitors rather than Bayern who will walk away with the Champions League title next summer.

Bayern qualified for the knockout stage of the competition with an impressive 4-1 win at Juventus on Tuesday, but Ribery said: 'It's hard to say whether Bayern are strong enough.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-12-2009) (Friday)

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

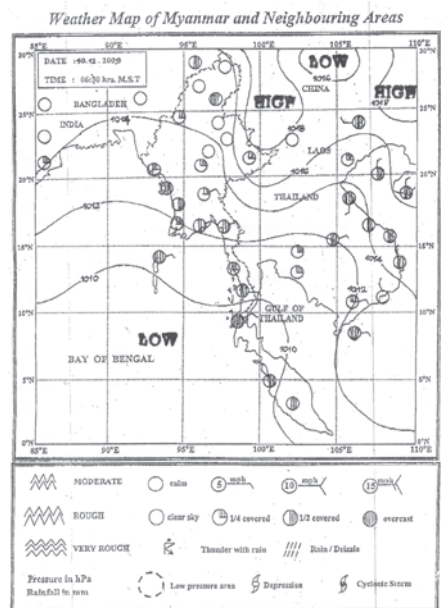
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Simple and Beautiful Rural Life
- * "Monywa" Picturesque City of Pagodas
- * Be Fashionable with Myanmar Cotton wear
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
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- * Beneficial and Useful Rubber Plants
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
- * Songs On Screen
- * "In Commemoration of 150th Founding Anniversary of Yadanabon Mandalay City" Old Mandalay....New Mandalay
- * King of all Fruits
- * Mind.....the essence of Love!
- * Culture Stage
- * Documenting Thabyu Village Practicing OVOP
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay (Part-I)
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Thursday, 10th 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, Chin and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3 °C) to (4 °C) below December average temperatures in Northern Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5 °C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about December average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1 °C), Loilem (0 °C), Tiddim, Namhsan, Pinlaung, Heho and Mogok (5 °C) each, Lashio, Mindat and An (6 °C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-12-2009 was 90 °F. Minimum temperature on 10-12-2009 was 58 °F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-12-2009 was 67%. Total sun shine hours on 9-12-2009 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-12-2009 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 (4) mph from South at (17:30) hours MST on 9-12-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th December 2009: Isolated light rain are possible in Kachin State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-12-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-12-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-12-2009: Partly cloudy.



Friday, 11 December
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 - To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
 - Morning News
- 7:40 am
 - အောင်တော်မူ

- (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊
တေးရေး-ဦးလ်တလေး
တင်အောင်
- 7:50 am
 - Nice & Sweet Song
 - 8:05 am
 - လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
 - 8:20 am
 - အတပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - 8:30 am
 - The Mirror Image Of The Musical Oldies
 - 8:40 am
 - International News
 - 8:45 am
 - "နောက်မကျရအောင်"
 - 4:00 pm
 - Martial Song
 - 4:10 pm
 - Dance Of National

- Races
- 4:20 pm
 - Song Of Yester Years
 - 4:30 pm
 - အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - 4:40 pm
 - အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)
 - 4:55 pm
 - Songs For Uphold National Spirit
 - 5:00 pm
 - "မွှော်သူမောစေချင်"
 - 5:15 pm
 - မြန်မာစာပေမြန်မာစာပေ
 - 5:30 pm
 - မူလနိဒ္ဒာသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
 - 5:40 pm
 - ပဉ္စလင်ကျောင်းတော်
 - 6:00 pm
 - Evening News

- 6:15 pm
 - Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
 - "ခရီးဆက်နေဦးမည် ခွေညာအိ"
- 6:35 pm
 - Musical Programme
- 6:45 pm
 - "သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြပ်ကြပ်အိတ်"
- 7:00 pm
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm
 - News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလောင်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၈၅)
- 21. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (No အပိုင်း)

- ★ 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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games in LPDR



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views Myanmar sports contingent marching into national stadium at the opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended the opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games held at national stadium in Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic yesterday evening.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, and officials, arrived at

national stadium in Vientiane at 5:40 pm. Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Cambodian Prime Minister, Vietnamese Prime Minister, Thai

Prime Minister, ministers contingent marching into Afterwards, Prime Minister General Thein from Southeast Asian the national stadium from



Myanmar sports contingent marching into national stadium at the opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games.—MNA

nations, special guests and fans attended the opening ceremony.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein viewed Myanmar sports

VIP stand.

The opening ceremony of XXV SEA Games started at 6 pm LST and successfully ended at 8 pm LST.

Sein attended the dinner hosted by Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Km (6) hall in Vientiane.

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