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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—On the occasion of the birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2010, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

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

Contracts for Thaton and Mawlamyine main power stations signed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint attended a ceremony to sign contracts among Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Chint Electric Co Ltd, Gunkul Engineering Public Co Ltd and Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd held at the ministry here on 2 December.

Also present at the ceremony were Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein, departmental heads, and officials of the three companies.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint made an opening speech and Dr U Aung Soe Win of Chint Electric Co Ltd expressed thanks on behalf of the companies. Director-General U Aung Than Oo of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and managing directors of the companies signed the contracts on purchase of power transformer, capacitor bank and substation materials for 230 KV Thaton main power station and Mawlamyine main power station, and exchanged the notes.—MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for further development of Myanmar traditional medicine

Myanmar traditional medicine has been used since the early Myanmar civilization. The Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners who emerged in successive periods compiled various medical treatises. Myanmar traditional medicine is a royal medical subject and the people have received various medical treatments and therapies.

The government is encouraging constant development of Myanmar traditional medicine. It is turning out traditional medicine practitioners by establishing the University of Traditional Medicine. Research is being done to produce potent traditional medicines. Herbal plants are being grown in herbal gardens.

The traditional medicine practitioners on their part are to study the subject thoroughly to be able to stand tall among the international community in the field of traditional medicine. They have to produce potent quality traditional medicines.

The 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference commenced today. The practitioners from various regions will discuss development and propagation of Myanmar traditional medicine, training, research development, prevention and treatment and extensive use of traditional medicine in various fields.

Myanmar traditional medicine is wide and deep. So it is necessary to maintain the usual potency and characteristics of Myanmar traditional medicines. It is also required to promote Myanmar traditional medicine to reach international standard.

With the government's encouragement for development of Myanmar traditional medicine, the practitioners are to work hard for further development of Myanmar traditional medicine.

Mega Sales Promotion for Falcon engine oil



NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Mega sales promotion with information about discovery of counterfeit engine oil in market to customers took place at the office of Han Yadanatin Co Ltd on 25 November.

It was learnt that the company has arranged to find the difference between the original Falcon engine oil and the imitative one. That is a chance to get lucky draw coupons for every customer who buys one Falcon bottle of engine oil.

On the occasion, the manager presented advantages of new Falcon Engine Oil namely Super 2000 (Gold), XMD (G-15), XMD (G-20).

For further advices, contact Han Yadanatin Co Ltd, Ph: 226300, 226258.—MNA

People's Voice

- * 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

Mandalay Region marks World AIDS Day 2010

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—A ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day 2010 was held at the town hall in Chanayethazan Township on 2 December.

First, Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung delivered an address.

The Head of Mandalay Region Health Department read the message sent by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

The commander presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in essay, painting and poem contests to mark the World AIDS Day.

After the ceremony, the commander viewed

FM felicitates Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—On the occasion of the birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, which falls on 5 December 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kasit Piromya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

the documentary photos on control of AIDS in the region.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, departmental officials and members of social organizations.—MNA

Golf tournament hails 500th birthday of Ketumadi (Toungoo)

YANGON, 4 Dec—The golf tournament to mark the 500th birthday of Ketumadi (Toungoo), sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA commenced at Southern Star Golf Club in Ketumadi on 2 December.

Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut, Commander of Toungoo Airbase Brig-Gen Hsan Oo Hlaing, Vice-Presidents of MGF U Min Thein and U Aung Kyi, Executive of MPGA U Ko Ko Lay and



Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut tees off to open golf tournament to mark 500th birthday of Ketumadi (Toungoo).—NLM

Executive Director U Tint Oo of IBTC formally opened the golf tournament.

After the first round, Zaw Zin Win (Srixon) and Soe Kyaw Naing

(Srixon) were leading the professional golfers division with 72 each while Thein Naing Soe stood first in the amateur division with 73.

Co-sponsors of the

tournament were Grand Royal Premium Drinking Water, Srixon, Red Star Myanmar Group International Co Ltd and Southern Star Golf Club.—NLM

Masterpieces of Artist U Ba Nyan on art gallery

YANGON, 4 Dec—The special show of Artist U Ba Nyan's artwork, organized by Ministry of Culture, took place at Arts Hall of the ministry in Bahan Township here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library and officials, Ambassadors of Foreign Embassies, and artists.

The director-general spoke an opening speech, and those present observed the paintings. The art exhibition featured 60 works of art till 13 December, daily from 9 am to 4 pm.

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Coord meeting on Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—A coordination meeting to hold the 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference was held at the hall of No. 7 Transit Centre, here, this morning.

Director-General Dr Aung Myint of Traditional Medicine Department presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen representative U Tun Kyaing of Magway Region and representative U G Khau Yeim of Kachin State.

Meeting Chairman Dr Aung Myint explained tasks about the conference.

The group-wise discussions followed and the meeting came to an end.

MNA

Iranian pilgrims killed in bus crash in south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—At least 20 Iranian pilgrims were killed and up to 40 people wounded when two buses collided near a marketplace in south of Baghdad on Friday, the police said.

The two buses were carrying Iranian pilgrims and heading to the holy Shiite city of Najaf, when they crashed and overturned into a nearby busy vegetable marketplace in al-Kefil area, some 40 km south of the city if Hilla, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"All the deaths were Iranian pilgrims and many Iraqis at the market were among the wounded

people," the source said.

Hilla is the capital city of Babil Province, located some 100 km south of Baghdad.

Hundreds of thousands of Iranian pilgrims flock to Iraq to

visit holy Shiite shrines and mosques since the US-led invasion in 2003 that toppled Saddam Hussein's Sunni regime and set up Shiite-led government.

Xinhua



Guards stand outside the heavily fortified French Embassy in Baghdad in 2005. Iraqi forces have thwarted an attempt by a suicide bomber to blow up a vehicle by the French embassy in Baghdad, an Iraqi general said on Monday.

INTERNET

12 dead as heavy snow, flooding slams Europe

BERLIN, 4 Dec—Freezing temperatures and often blinding snowfall killed 12 more people and caused travel chaos across northern Europe on Thursday, while some of the worst floods in a century devastated parts of the Balkans. Airports closed down or delayed flights across the continent, roads were coated in an impassible mix of ice and snow and even Europe's vaulted high-speed trains struggled to cope.

Authorities declared a state of emergency in three Balkan Countries on Thursday — Bosnia, Serbia and Montenegro — and were evacuating hundreds of people after heavy rainfall caused severe flooding along the Drina River — the worst in 104 years, officials said. "From my terrace, I no longer see a river, but a lake that has flooded parts of the town's centre," said Muris Razanica, whose hillside hotel has a stunning view of the Bosnian town of Gorazde.

"This area is famous for rafting but if this goes on, big ships will be able to dock in Gorazde, it's really unbelievable," he added as the federal army turned out to help evacuate people.—*Internet*



Cars are stuck as a wheel loader tries to get the snow off the road during a heavy snow storm near Neu Mukran on the island of Ruegen at the Baltic Sea, northern Germany, on 2 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

Bombs kill 13 in Iraq, dozens wounded

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—A series of car bomb explosions in the Iraqi capital, two of them targeting Iranian pilgrims, killed at least 13 people and wounded more than 80 others, Interior Ministry and police sources said.

Militants blew up a car bomb in front of a house used by Iranians as a rest stop in the Kadhamiya District of Baghdad, as well as explosives planted in an adjacent house, and Interior Ministry source said.

The explosions killed five people, wounded 18 and severely damaged the two houses, the source said.

In Baghdad's northern Shula District, a car bomb exploded near a bus carrying Iranians, killing two people and wounding 28, the source said.

A third car bomb blast struck a market in Baghdad's southwestern Bayaa District, killing six people and wounding 41 others, the ministry source said.

MNA/Reuters

Al-Qaeda planned to kill Saudis with poisoned gifts

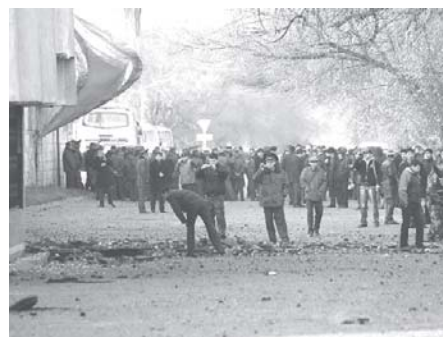
JEDDAH, 4 Dec—Al-Qaeda militants now in detention planned to kill Saudi government and security officials and media workers by sending poisoned gifts to their offices, an Interior Ministry official told *Reuters* on Saturday.

The group "planned to rob banks and companies to finance their operations", the official who declined to be named, said.

Last month Saudi Arabia said it captured 149 al-Qaeda militants in recent months who were raising money and recruiting members to carry out attacks inside the kingdom, targeting government facilities, security officials and the media.

"Using poisoned perfume which they planned to send as gifts is one of the ways the arrested people planned to carry out their assassinations," the Interior Ministry official said.

MNA/Reuters



Security personnel work on site of a blast in Bishkek on 30 Nov, 2010. An explosion in Kyrgyzstan's Capital on Tuesday wounded at least two people outside a sports palace where several people are standing trial accused of mass killings during an April uprising in the Central Asian republic.

XINHUA

International crews arrive to battle Israel blaze

HAIFA, 4 Dec—Firefighting crews and equipment from abroad are arriving in Israel to help the country battle the most devastating blaze in its history that has so far claimed at least 36 lives. The fire was still burning on Friday, a day after it ripped through the Carmel forest in Israel's northern region of Galilee and reached the coastal city of Haifa, forcing the evacuation of 15,000 people.

Those who perished on Thursday were prison guards who had raced to rescue inmates at a prison engulfed by the flames. Assistance is arriving from the United States, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey and Bulgaria, among others. The Israeli Cabinet is set to convene in the morning hours for an emergency meeting on the disaster.

Internet



A burnt-out bus is seen near kibbutz Beit Oren, on 2 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

Kidnapped Dutch aid worker in Afghanistan released

KABUL, 4 Dec—A Dutch aid worker and his Afghan driver kidnapped more than a month ago in northern Afghanistan have been released, an NGO official said Friday.

The man was kidnapped by gunmen on 25 Oct together with his Afghan driver in Takhar Province.

"A Dutch national who went missing in Bangi area on the way from Kunduz to Takhar Province on 25 October was released late Thursday," Aman-u-Din, an Afghan official of NGO Prince Afghanistan told *Xinhua*.

Aman-u-Din gave the name of the worker Peter,

adding that he has been working for Prince Afghanistan that helps disabled children in Takhar.

The Dutch aid worker now is in safe condition and will return to the Netherlands as soon as possible, and the driver is back with his family.

It is unknown whether some ransom money was paid or how the release of the two men was secured yet.

Since the beginning of this year, Takhar and neighboring Kunduz Province have been witnessing a rapid increase of Taliban-led militant activities.

Xinhua

Cholera death toll in Haiti rises to 1,817



Haitian children with cholera receive medical treatment in a provisional clinic run by medical humanitarian organization in Port-au-Prince on 23 Nov, 2010.

XINHUA

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 4 Dec — The death toll of the cholera outbreak in Haiti has risen to 1,817, the Haitian Public Health Ministry said on Thursday. A total of 36,207 patients have been hospitalized in the country due to this deadly epidemic, which has affected more than 80,000 people, mostly in the Artibonite Region in the north of the country, the ministry said.

The Artibonite Region registered the most cases, with a total of 40,000 cases and 700 deaths, the ministry added.

The unstable sanitary conditions in the country, due to a devastating earthquake on 12 Jan, have aggravated the epidemic situation. The Haitian authorities have launched a media campaign encouraging people to take preventive measures such as washing hands and drinking clean water. Meanwhile, in neighboring Dominican Republic, there have been 12 cases of cholera.

Xinhua

Folk doctors feel pins & needles



Acupuncturist

Feng

Juying.

INTERNET

BEIJING, 4 Dec — She sleeps easier now knowing she can insert long, sharp needles into people without going to jail. It's been a year since Feng Juying qualified as a traditional Chinese medicine doctor in Beijing. "It took a load off," Feng 47, laughs in her clinic at Tianchuang Shiyuan residential district on the Fourth Ring Road of Beijing.

Feng began studying acupuncture with a traditional Chinese medicine master at age 16. She never went to university. "I had no degree and so I was unqualified to take the doctor's exam," Feng says, inserting a three-inch needle into the spinal joint of a prone female patient in a room where three pictures hang on the walls displaying the various meridian points.

Only those with a college diploma can become qualified doctors of traditional Chinese medicine, according to China's 1998 medical law. After China added another law regulating traditional medical practitioners with a qualification examination in 1999, some folk doctors found their 1980s licenses had been revoked. The result is that Feng spent decades in hiding, living in fear of the health bureau inspectors with their nosy questions about qualifications.

Xinhua

L American, Caribbean biodiversity in danger

MAR DEL PLATA, 4 Dec — The fauna and flora of Latin America and the Caribbean are in danger, according to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Countries in the region must understand the importance of biodiversity and invest more in sustainable development, the UN agency said in a report issued Thursday in Mar del Plata, a coastal resort some 400 km southeast of Buenos Aires, after two years of investigation.

Echoing the report, Heraldo Munoz, UN assistant general secretary and UNDP director for Latin America and the Caribbean, said

environment awareness must be raised among policymakers, consumers and the rural poor in the region, with more investment in the environment.

He also said policy proposals made by the report have the potential to transform traditional models of development and improve the quality of living for millions of people. Latin America is home to a quarter of the world's mammals, plants, reptiles, birds and amphibians, but the region's biodiversity is endangered by deforestation, farming, over fishing and marine pollution.

Xinhua

UN scientists highlight risks to world carbon targets

CANCUN, 4 Dec — Policy makers and scientists who contributed to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) climate change report have called for greater ambition in the pledges to reduce carbon. "It is clear that we must increase ambition," said Adrian Fernandez, head of Mexico's National Ecology Institute (INE), one of the authors of the report, at a press conference here Wednesday.

The UNEP report, released worldwide at the end of November, said the pledges made during Copenhagen's 15th edition of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) would not cut emissions enough to prevent global temperatures rising by more than 2 degrees Celsius this century.

Most credible scientists believe that, if

temperatures increase by more than 2 degrees, it will trigger a dramatic global crisis.

"The Copenhagen pledges are inconsistent with the 2 percent limit," said Bill Hare, one of the report's authors and a leading scientist at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Change Research.

According to the UNEP study, world emissions have to be kept below 44 gigatons of carbon dioxide equivalent (GtCO₂e) by 2020 in order to prevent the deadly climate change rise.

If no change is made, the world will produce 56 GtCO₂e, but even if Copenhagen pledges are implemented strictly, the figure will still be 49 GtCO₂e.

Even so, the scientists say Cancun has substantial issues to tackle.

"The report has correctly identified that current ambition needs to be increased," said Leon Charles, who represents the Association of Small Island States (AOSIS). The small island states are likely to be the first to suffer serious problems, due to rising sea levels and more extreme weather.

Charles, from the small Caribbean Island of Grenada, said the report had given strong support to keeping the temperature increase within 1.5 degrees or less, an AOSIS demand that had long been sidelined at COP talks.

The Conference of the Parties brings together the 194 signatories to 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Cancun, a resort city on Mexico's Caribbean Coast, in talks that are due to last until 10 Dec. — Xinhua

Microbe found that can use arsenic as nutrient



Mono Lake 'Tufa' towers are seen in this 28 Nov, 2008 photo near Lee Vining, Calif. According to reports, NASA has discovered a completely new life form, a bacteria that uses arsenic instead of phosphorus in its DNA. —INTERNET

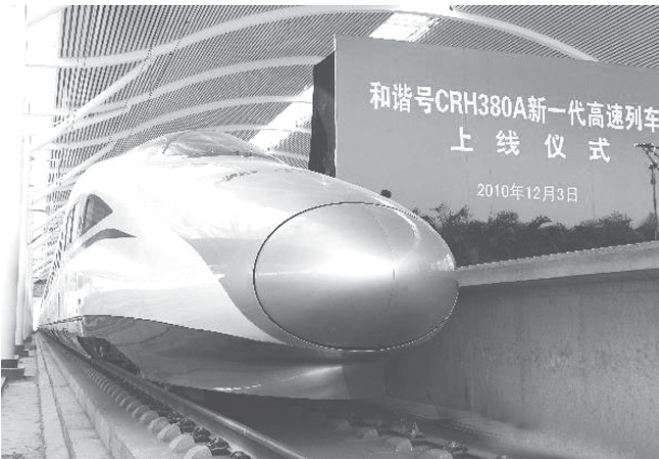
WASHINGTON, 4 Dec — The discovery of a strange bacteria that can use arsenic as one of its nutrients widens the scope for finding new forms of life on Earth and possibly beyond. While researchers discovered the unusual bacteria here on Earth, they say it shows that life has possibilities beyond the major elements that have been considered essential.

"This organism has dual capability. It can grow with either phosphorous or arsenic. That makes it very peculiar, though it falls short of being some form of truly 'alien' life," commented Paul C W Davies of Arizona State University, a co-author

of the report appearing in Thursday's online edition of the journal *Science*. Six major elements have long been considered essential for life — carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus and sulfur.

But the researchers found that the bacteria, discovered in Mono Lake, Calif., is able to continue to grow after substituting arsenic for phosphorous. "It makes you wonder what else is possible," said Ariel D Anbar of Arizona State University, a co-author of the report. The find is important in the search for life beyond Earth because researchers need to be able to recognize life, to know what life looks like, Anbar said. — Internet

Chinese train breaks speed record in trial use



A train of China Railway High-Speed (CRH) is ready for a test running at a railway station in Xuzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

XUZHOU, 4 Dec—One of China's high-speed trains broke the world record for unmodified commercial use on Friday

during trial service, the Ministry of Railways said.

The train CRH380A hit a speed of 486.1 kms

per hour on the tracks between Zaozhuang City of Shandong Province and Bengbu City in eastern Anhui Province,

which form a segment of the world's longest high-speed rail line linking Beijing and Shanghai. The train's previous speed record was 416.6 kms per hour set on 28 September during its run between Shanghai and Hangzhou, capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province.

"It not only marks a milestone in the construction of the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway, but also is a major achievement of China's technology innovation," said Wang Yongping, spokesman of the Ministry of Railways (MOR). It shows China leads the world in high-speed railway development, he said.

Xinhua

EBay buys local shopping engine Milo

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Dec—E-commerce giant eBay on Thursday announced that it has bought Milo, a local shopping engine that provides consumers with access to real-time local store inventory and pricing. Ebay said it plans to integrate Milo's technology into the eBay.com platform and mobile offerings, believing the acquisition will strengthen its selection of products and help eBay sellers reach more shoppers.

Founded in 2007 and based in Palo Alto in the US state of California, Milo currently tracks millions of products and maintains more than 140 merchant relationships, which account for about 50,000 stores across the United States. It tracks real-time local availability and prices of the products and enables shoppers to research online and find the products in-stock at a local store.

An introduction posted on Milo's

website stated that its mission is "to track every product on every shelf of every store in real-time." "Local commerce companies like Milo are blurring the lines between in-store and online shopping," Mark Carges, senior vice president of eBay's marketplaces division, said in a statement.

"By making accurate, real-time, local store inventory and pricing available to online and mobile shoppers, we see a huge opportunity for local retailers, small businesses and eBay sellers to reach more buyers, and for consumers to make more informed buying decisions," Carges added. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. eBay said it does not expect the acquisition to have a material impact on its financial guidance as issued in conjunction with its third quarter earnings release in October.—Xinhua

Farmers make paper umbrellas at a workshop in Jialu Village, Fuchun Town of Wuyuan County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 27 Nov, 2010. As the winter comes, farmers in Jialu are engaged in making paper umbrellas to earn their extra incomes in the slack season for farming. The hand-made paper craftworks are very popular among consumers at home and abroad.

XINHUA

J&J recalls millions of antacids

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec—Johnson & Johnson (J&J) said on Thursday that it is pulling millions of bottles of antacids from shelves because they don't list the alcohol content of flavouring agents. The recall involved 12 million bottles of Mylanta and 85,000 bottles of Alternagel, the company said on its website.

There are no safety concerns related to the recall and consumers can still use the products as directed, said the company.

A spokesperson for the company said the alcohol content is less than one percent and is unlikely to cause adverse effects in alcohol-sensitive individuals. The

recalled products were connected to the company's plant in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

"Certain flavouring agents contribute small (less than 1 percent) amounts of alcohol," J&J said. "It is unlikely that use of these products will cause either absorption or alcohol sensitivity related adverse events." J&J has been plagued by recalls all year. It has announced more than half a dozen recalls that included products such as Children's Tylenol, Benadryl, and Motrin. The company is already under criminal and congressional investigation due to quality control issues, according to ABC News.

Xinhua



Nissan rolling out Leaf electric car in Japan, US



Nissan Motor Co Chief Operating Officer Toshiyuki Shiga, fourth left, and people wave next to the company's zero-emission electric car, Leaf, during a news conference at its headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, on 3 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

YOKOHAMA, 4 Dec—Nissan is rolling out its Leaf electric car, joining General Motors and Mitsubishi as the first automakers to mass market zero-emission vehicles.

Nissan Motor Co said Friday the Leaf will start arriving in Japan and the US later this year. The car is already sold out for this fiscal year in Japan at 6,000 orders and the US at 20,000, reaching production limits.

At headquarters in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo, Nissan showed video of the hatchback zipping along snowy highways and wet roads to highlight its safety and practicality as a fun-to-drive car.

Internet

Samsung promotes chairman's son to president

SEOUL, 4 Dec—The son of Samsung Electronics Co's chairman has been promoted to president in a reorganization of top management posts at the conglomerate the giant technology company anchors. Lee Jae-yong, 42, who is being elevated from executive vice president at Samsung Electronics, would retain his chief operating officer title, Samsung Group said in a statement Friday.

Samsung Electronics is a major force in the global electronics industry, where it holds the top spots in memory chips and flat screen televisions and ranks No 2 in mobile phones behind Finland's Nokia Corp. The company is also the flagship corporation of the Samsung Group conglomerate, which consists of dozens of other businesses including shipbuilding, construction, leisure and finance. Samsung Electronics Chairman Lee Kun-hee's father founded the Samsung Group in 1938. The move to promote Lee Jae-yong, who also goes by Jay Y Lee, was widely expected after Lee Kun-hee, 68, said last month that his son was set to move up the ranks.—Internet



Smuggled tusks are pictured in 2000. Gabon authorities detained 15 people suspected of smuggling ivory Saturday after a swoop in which 105 kilogrammes of ivory was seized, a member of a wildlife protection group said.—INTERNET

Wolf negotiations resume, but no consensus

BILLINGS, 4 Dec—Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and governors from three Northern Rockies states resumed negotiations Thursday to remove the region's wolves from the endangered list, but reached no conclusions. Western lawmakers are pushing bills in Congress that would declare the region's 1,700 wolves recovered and no longer in need of federal protections.

However, Wyoming Gov Dave Freudenthal says there still is no consensus on how that should be done. Freudenthal said a Thursday conference call with Salazar marked progress toward balancing

wolf restoration against local concerns about wolf attacks on livestock and wildlife. Montana Gov Brian Schweitzer and Idaho Gov CL "Butch" Otter also participated.

Montana's two Democratic senators, Jon Tester and Max Baucus, on Thursday released a letter in which they urged Salazar "to keep the governors of the three states at the table to find a unified way forward." Meanwhile, wildlife advocates were scrambling to head off the push against wolves in Congress, saying it could set a dangerous precedent and severely undermine the Endangered Species Act.

Internet



People try to get a vehicle out of snow in Horqin Right Wing Front Banner (county) of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 28 Nov, 2010. A continuing snowstorm has disrupted the lives of more than 52,800 people in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region over the past week. Snow storms has hit four towns in Xing'an Prefecture, a pasture region about 1,500 km northeast of the regional capital, Hohhot, since last Saturday. Snow has accumulated up to 30 cm deep in most parts of the region and a meter in some areas. The snow was 40 days earlier than its usual arrival time and was the heaviest in 30 years. About 2 million heads of livestock have been affected by the storm. —XINHUA

CNOOC wins two awards at 2010 Platts Global Energy Awards

NEW YORK, 4 Dec—China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) Ltd took top billing at Thursday's 12th annual Platts Global Energy Awards, winning two awards in the industry's most recognized awards program. It is the first time ever that a Chinese energy company has won the sought-after Energy Company of the Year and Energy Producer of the Year awards, since the programme made its debut 12 years ago.

"Not only is this a first win for China in the Awards history, but CNOOC ranks among an elite few companies that have taken home awards in two categories in the same year," said Larry Neal, president of Platts, the leading global energy information provider and host of the event.

In its selection of the Energy Company of the Year, Platts' panel of judges highlighted CNOOC Ltd.'s surge onto the global energy stage, listing its achievements which underscore the firm's commitment to becoming a truly "world class" energy company. Yang Hua, the chief executive officer of CNOOC Ltd, told *Xinhua*: "CNOOC sees these awards not only as recognition of what we did, but as an encouragement for us to do more and better in the future."—*Xinhua*

French jobless rate hits 25% for young

PARIS, 4 Dec—France's youth unemployment rate rose to a record 25 percent in the third quarter, well above the European average, and the overall jobless rate remained stuck at 9.7 percent in the latest gloomy news for euro zone growth.

The jobless rate among people aged 15-24 years rose from 24.2 percent in the preceding April-June quarter, the highest level on records going back to 1975, data showed on Thursday.

The rise in youth unemployment—a key concern among voters—erased a brief dip early in the year and left it well above the 18.5 percent it stood at in early 2008 before the global economic crisis hit in earnest. While France's overall jobless rate is lower than the euro zone average, last reported at 10.1 percent as of October, the rate among under-25s is well above the euro zone average of 20.1 percent, EU statistics show.

The overall jobless rate of 9.7 percent was unchanged from the previous quarter and compares to a peak of 10 percent in late 2009 during the latest economic crisis.

MNA/Reuters

Mercury busts charts; 2010 in top three hottest years

CANCUN, 4 Dec—A scorching summer that killed thousands in Russia and exceptionally mild winters in the Arctic were among extreme weather events that have put 2010 on track to be one of the three hottest years on record, UN experts said on Thursday. The data from the World Meteorological Organization show that the last decade was the warmest ever, part of a

trend that scientists attribute to man-made pollution trapping heat in the atmosphere.

Europeans and some Americans may think it was chilly this year, but their unusually cold winters were more than balanced by searing temperatures from Canada to Africa and the Indian subcontinent, said Michel Jarraud, WMO's secretary-general. Parts of Greenland, where glaciers are threatened with summer melt, had an annual average temperature of 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit (3

degrees Celsius) above normal, said the WMO's preliminary report, released on the sidelines of a 193 nation UN conference on climate change.

Moscow had 33 consecutive days when the thermometer topped 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 Celsius) and one day when it cracked 100 (38.2 Celsius), a new record. Russian officials ascribed 11,000 excess deaths to the heat wave and the peak fires that raged on the capital's outskirts.

Internet



In this 22 Nov, 2010 photo, an Iraqi man sits next to raw sewage in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad. After proving a kingmaker for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the fundamentalist Shiite and fiercely anti-US Sadr movement is looking to cash in its chips for a strong role in Iraq's next government. Already, it has gotten bolder on the ground.

INTERNET

China, Russia sign emergency aid document

MOSCOW, 4 Dec—A handover certificate on China providing Russia with emergency humanitarian aid has been inked in Moscow between the two sides, the Chinese embassy in Russia announced on Thursday. The document was signed by Chinese Ambassador to Russia Li Hui and Vladimir Puchkov, State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Russian Emergencies Situations Ministry on Wednesday.

On behalf of the Russian government, Puchkov thanked the Chinese government and people for providing aid and support to Russia on the abnormal summer

wildfires. Li spoke highly of the close cooperation between China and Russia in recent years on emergency rescue and humanitarian aid, and expressed hope that China could further strengthen cooperation and exchange views with Russia in this regard in the future.

The humanitarian aid delivered by the Chinese side on 20 Aug was worth three million US dollars, including fire extinguishers, compressors, fire-fighting suits and gas masks. Statistics showed that the summer wildfires have cost Russia 15 billion dollars. —*Xinhua*

French police break up big ring of girl pickpockets

PARIS, 4 Dec—French police have broken up a large European network of pickpockets, mostly girls from the Balkans aged between 12 and 16, and who all gave their name as “Hamidovic” when arrested, the Paris prosecutor said on Friday.

Prosecutor Jean-Claude Marin said the network of some 100 girls was the largest of its type ever encountered in France, accounting for about half of all cases of pickpocketing in the Paris underground metro system since 2008.

The girls were forced to undergo extensive training before being put to work.

They faced the threat of violence and rape if

they did not deliver on daily earnings quotas starting at 300 euros, the prosecutor said.

“If you did not meet the daily objectives, you would be hit with fists and weapons, burnt, even raped,” he said.

Police rounded up 18 of the gang’s male ringleaders in a series of stings in the south of France and Italy, including its 58-year-old Bosnian ringleader.

They face charges ranging from criminal conspiracy to human trafficking to rape and barbarity.

Marin and Paris judicial police chief Christian Flaesch said the operation was the result of a two-year

investigation which uncovered a deeply entrenched and “patriarchal” power structure, a code of conduct and well-oiled techniques for stealing from tourists in Paris and other European cities.

“We have the feeling of having broken up a completely medieval (gang) structure,” Flaesch told journalists.

Male leaders mostly kept their distance from the pickpockets, leaving the task of overseeing them to hardened female handlers who lived with them in Parisian hotels. Occasionally, male bosses would stop by to collect cash.

MNA/Reuters



Flame collectors give the torch to Huang Huahua(L), governor of China's Guangdong Province, during the lighting ceremony of the flame for Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games, held at the China Millennium Monument in Beijing, Capital of China, on 3 Dec, 2010. —XINHUA

First annual world eco-safety general assembly opened in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 4 Dec — Cambodia opened first annual world eco-safety general assembly on Friday for hundreds of leaders and stakeholders who are coming from various corners in the region. With the fear of the deterioration of global ecology and the outbreak of unexpected eco-disaster which might harm to human beings,

about 500 participants who are leaders and stakeholders from more than 60 countries are gathering in Cambodia to discuss the matter.

The assembly was presided over by Mok Mareth, Cambodian environment minister, and Jiang Mingjun, director-general of the International Eco-Safety Cooperative Organization (IESCO), is held during the three-day meeting of the 6th International Conference of Asian

Political Parties (ICAPP) which is being held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

“The deterioration of global ecology and the outbreak of unexpected eco-disaster have been seriously threatening human survival and development, and it cannot be controlled by any single country or region alone,” Jiang Mingjun said at the opening speech.

“In response to an international community full of opportunities and challenges, all the countries should strengthen their mutual trust, coordination, further exchanges and cooperation and work hard for the world peace and common prosperity,” he said.

Xinhua

Chemmy Alcott fractures leg in horrific skiing crash

LAKE LOUISE, 4 Dec — Chemmy Alcott was to undergo emergency surgery for a badly broken right leg following a horrific flying crash during a downhill training run. The 28-year-old Alcott on Thursday went airborne over her first jump and never regained her balance in the tricky Coaches Corner section of the ladies World Cup course.

Starting from the 50th position, she landed with an awkward thud then slid down the mountain without her skis and poles before coming to a halt. Alcott suffered a broken tibia bone and a possible fracture of her fibula, said Lake Louise race chairman John Cassels. She was airlifted off the mountain before being transported to hospital in Banff where Canadian doctors were to perform the surgery Thursday afternoon.—Internet

Rescue workers evacuate British skier Chemmy Alcott after she crashed in the Women's Downhill third training of the FIS Ski World Cup in Lake Louise, Canada.

INTERNET



Iceland's strongest woman is a mother of four

STOCKHOLM, 4 Dec — Thora Thorsteinsdottir, a roentgen technician, zone therapist and mother of four from Stokkevri, South Iceland, recently won the title of Iceland's Strongest Woman in a weightlifting competition, according to a report reaching here from Reykjavik on Thursday. “It has always been my dream to excel in strength,” she told the local daily *Frettabladid*.

But she didn't take the competition seriously until it began. By then her only thought was to win. Her training partner Rosa won the fourth. Talking about how they trained themselves, Thorsteinsdottir said they actually trained themselves mostly inside her living room which they changed into a weightlifting room due to the close-down of the nearby gym.

They just bought a weight lifting poll, a bench for bench presses and a lot of weights. Thorsteinsdottir's husband helped her make a rack

for knee bends. “We have practised hard and are very enthusiastic,” Thorsteinsdottir added. “We find weight lifting really fun. It is good to see what you're capable of.” The family have not felt bothered by living in a makeshift weight room. “They think it's normal.

It doesn't bother them,” Thorsteinsdottir said. Her children have been trying it out, it turned out to be fun for them too.

Although her husband is stronger than she is, now she can easily raise him up to her shoulders. Being asked whether her husband feels her as a threat, she said no. “No, he will always be much stronger than I am. It doesn't matter what I do,” the strongest woman in Iceland said. Iceland ranked No 1 in the world in gender equality and also ranked in front in life expectancy (men actually live the longest in the world) according to recent statistics.

Xinhua

Youths are key foundation to development

PHNOM PENH, 4 Dec— A special workshop on “Youth Political Leaders”, held here on the sidelines of the 6th International Conference of Asian Political Parties, has stressed youths are the foundation to development, according to a statement released Friday.

Speaking at the forum, Kim Rithy, president of the Youth Association of Cambodia, said “Young entrepreneurs are the key to economic growth as they are filled with so much energy and creativity. If we have youth who have the basic fundamentals as the cornerstone of their development, they can easily integrate themselves with the world. Therefore, they must be encouraged to give their share of contributions towards building the nation.”

“In this regard we must help eliminate the difficulties which hamper the youth from development as they are the key for sustained human resources supply,” he added.

He pointed out, however, young generations face greater obstacles in their development into useful human resource and capital.

“The challenge was to carefully balance the economic system, ecology and the environment in which the youth can thrive, said Rithy.—Xinhua



EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Myint makes a speech at contract signing ceremony among MEPE, Chint Electric Co Ltd, Gunkul Engineering Public Co Ltd and Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd.(News on page 1)—MNA

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Mingalar Market receives major repairing

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected laying of concrete on Seikkantha Street between Anawrahta Street and Bogyoke Aung San Street and on 36th Street in Kyauktada Township and on 29th Street between Anawrahta Street and Maha Bandoolla Street and on 18th Street between Anawrahta Street and Maha Bandoolla Street. Then, the mayor visited Mingalar Market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and looked into its major repairing and sales of consumer products.—MNA

Russian Embassy hosts Friendly Tennis Get-together

YANGON, 4 Dec—The Myanmar-Russian Friendly Tennis Get-together took place at the tennis court in the compound of the Russian Embassy on Pyay Road, here, this morning. It was attended by Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikhail M Mgeladze and embassy staff, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, President of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Aung Maw Thein and executives. The Mayor and the Russian Ambassador awarded the prize winning players of Russian Embassy Tennis Club and YCDC tennis club. In the evening, a dinner was hosted to them.



Yangon Mayor and Russian Ambassador seen together with winners after prize presentation of Myanmar-Russian Friendly Tennis.—MNA

Wise to conduct management courses



YANGON, 4 Dec—Wise International School for Executives plans to conduct ABE Diploma in Business Management courses in December.

The courses will take 6 months and exams start in early January 2011 which will be directly organized by ABE, UK. Those who pass the exam will be conferred internationally recognized cer-

tificates.

For more information, contact Wise International School for Executives at Room No. 1009, 10th floor, Yuzana Tower, at the junction of Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondaing Road, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 556183 and 09-5157032).

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NRC Myanmar hands over new school buildings

YANGON, 4 Dec—New school buildings constructed by NRC Myanmar Group in Labutta Township, Labutta District,

Ayeyawady Region, were handed over to the Ministry of Education at Yway Nadi Hall in Labutta on 25 November.

Chairman of Labutta District Peace and Development Council U Aye Maung Kyi delivered an opening speech. Mr Kristen Glerop of NRC Group explained the purpose of the donation.

Mr Kristen Glerop handed over the

documents pertaining to the buildings to the district education officer.

Local Tactical Operations Commander Col Myint Maung inspected the building of No (9) Basic Education Primary School. So far, 16 villages in the district has seen 29 school buildings, which can also be used as cyclone shelters.

Labutta IPRD

Talks on economics, management, statistics on 11 December

YANGON, 4 Dec—Kaplan Higher Education Academy and CROWN Education will co-organize talks on economics, management and statistics at the Parkroyal Hotel here from 10 am to noon on 11 December.

Deputy Manager Mr James Kong of Kaplan Higher Education Academy, one of the largest academies in the US, will give talks.

The talks are also meant for those who have completed LCCI Level-3, Diploma in Economics holders, and Economics Degree holders.

For more information, contact Crown Education at Room (228-229) of Summit Parkview Hotel (Ph: 211888, ex-228, 09-49293313).—MNA

Country sees first week of December...

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Similarly, mass walk was organized in states and regions across the country. In Yangon Region, a total of 20,448 people participated in activities held at Kyaikkasan sports ground, Aung San Stadium and Youths Training Centre (Thuwunna) starting points.—MNA

Secretary of MCIA and party attend ICT Summit

YANGON, 4 Dec—Secretary U Zaw Min Oo and member Dr Myo Naing of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association and Director of Myanmar Computer Federation Dr Daw Myint Myint Than left here by air on 29 November to attend the ASOCIO ICT Summit 2010 held in China (Taipei) from 1 to 3 December.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint-Secretary U Aung Kyaw Moe and responsible persons of MCIA.

MNA



Secretary U Zaw Min Oo, member Dr Myo Naing of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association and Director of Myanmar Computer Federation Dr Daw Myint Myint Than seen at the airport on 29 November on departure for China.—MNA

Construction Minister inspects Yadanatheinga Bridge construction site

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 1 December arrived at the construction site of

Yadanatheinga Bridge linking Singu Township, Pyin Oo Lwin District in Mandalay Region and Kyaukse Township, Shwebo District in Sagaing Region, after viewing, in a motorcade, progress of Zawchaung RC Bridge with 24 feet wide motor road between milepost 77/4 and milepost 77/5 on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, which is being constructed by Public

Works in Shwebo District.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Lin on progress of piers, posts of approach roads of both sides, and supplementary reports of Senior Engineer U Khin Maung Yi of Public Works in Sagaing Region on progress of approach road with 1 mile 5 furlongs length, and Box

culverts.

The minister instructed the builders to construct piers with use of heavy machinery for completion of the bridge in time, and to meet set standard.

Yadanatheinga Bridge with 2480 feet length is RC type. It has 28-feet two way motor roads with three-foot wide pavements on both sides. It withstands 75 tons per vehicle.—MNA

First round of Tatmadaw football tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—The first round matches of the 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued at the designated zones today.

Northern Command (B) team played a 3-3 draw with Nay Pyi Taw Command (A) team in

Eastern Command Zone (Taunggyi); South-East Command (A) team trounced Triangle Region Command (C) team 9-0 in South-West Command Zone (Patheingyi); South-West Command beat No. 77 LID 1-0 in North-West Command Zone (Monywa); No. 66 LID and Western Command (A) team ended at a 2-2

draw in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo); South-East Command (B) team routed Northern Command (C) team 4-2 in Yangon Command Zone (Yangon); and No. 88 LID won over Coastal Region Command (A) team 1-0 in Central Command Zone (Mandalay).—MNA

Let's participate in December...

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Only with the participation of entire people, will it be possible to improve the sports standard of the nation. The sports and Physical Education Department in pursuing its plan to launch December mass sports activities for 2010 at the national level with the aim of ensuring all-round development of the entire national people, bringing about youths with all-round

development, raising the sports standard of the nation, and contributing towards the social objective "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation".

Mass sports activities are organized from 6 am to 8 am on Saturdays in December. The set period is flexible for some regions with particular climate patterns.

The Mass Sports Activities Division under the Sports and Physical Education Department announces gathering points, sports hours, and

Service personnel doing exercise in 2009 December mass sports activities in front of Myoma Market in Nay Pyi Taw.



sports games one day ahead. In addition, the Competition and Training Division provides necessary sports gear, course instructors, tactical directors, sports grounds, and gymnasiums.

The department also organizes the people through TV, radio, newspapers and publications for sports activities. Moreover, article, short novel and colour contests are held.

In Nay Pyi Taw, servicemen, members of the Myanmar Police Force, service personnel, members of social organizations, students and locals in their walk leave the gathering point in Myoma Market at 6 am on Saturdays. When they get to the ground near the Myanmar Gems Museum through Thabyegon Roundabout, they do exercise Vol I and II, participate in traditional

sports games, and do exercise in front of the market.

Mass sports activities in Yangon comprise mass walk around Kandawgyi Lake, exercise Vol I and II, playing aerobics in sports grounds, gymnasiums, parks and grounds, tracks and fields, Wushu, tug-of-war, and traditional sports games. Three gathering points for mass walks in Yangon are Aung San Stadium, Youths Training Centre (Thuwunna), and Sport and Physical Education Institute (Kyaikkasan).

Mass sports activities yield many benefits. By taking part in mass sports

activities, participants can enjoy good health, happiness, physical and psychological development, boost production of goods, and bring dignity to the nation through sports.

Today, the government dedicates itself to the objectives it has laid down for building a modern, developed nation. In that regard, high health standard of the people is essential for the drive. So, I would like to urge the people to participate in mass sports activities.

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Participants of the mass walk as part of December mass sports activities (2009) of Nay Pyi Taw walking along Kanpat Street between Myoma Market and Thabyegon Roundabout.

Top Guinea court confirms Conde as president

CONAKRY, 4 Dec—Guinea's Supreme Court named long-time opposition campaigner Alpha Conde president on Friday, throwing out complaints of electoral fraud by his rival, former prime minister Cellou Dalein Diallo.

At 7 November runoff poll was Guinea's first free vote since independence from France in 1958 and is meant to draw a line under almost two years of military rule in the world's top exporter of the aluminium ore bauxite.

"Mr Alpha Conde, candidate of the RPG party, having won a majority with 52.52 percent of votes cast, is elected president of the Republic of Guinea," Court President Mamadou Sylla told a

news conference.

The Court sat through Thursday evening and announced its result in the early hours of Friday. No immediate reaction from either candidate was available, but Diallo's campaign manager Fode Oussou Fofana appeared resigned to defeat.

"In the end it will be

Guinea that wins," he told reporters of the fact that the chaotic election process had come to end.

For Conde the final result is a dramatic turnaround of the first round of the vote in which Diallo took a commanding lead of around 44 percent to Conde's 18 percent.

MNA/Reuters



A Target store in Daly City, California advertises sale price items. Analysts are talking of a "tale of two Christmases" with "a jolly season for retailers at the high and low ends of the market."—INTERNET

China charges Australian CEO with embezzlement

ADELAIDE, 4 Dec — An Australian businessman detained last month in southern China has been charged with embezzlement, Australia's government confirmed on Thursday.

Matthew Ng, 44, was formally charged Tuesday after being detained in Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong Province, on 16 Nov, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in a statement. Ng is CEO of a travel services company reportedly embroiled in a dispute with a local partner.

"The Australian government is monitoring developments closely to ensure due legal process is followed," the statement said. "The Australian Consulate-General in Guangzhou has raised the Australian government's strong interest in the case at senior levels of the Guangdong government."

The department would not comment on whether Ng was denying the charges. He remains listed as chief executive of the travel company, Et-China, on its website.

Internet

Artist Wafaa Bilal, an assistant arts professor at New York University seen here in 2007, said Tuesday that a small camera had been put into his head. The zany idea is part of an art project commissioned by the Mathaf the Arab Museum of Modern Art in Qatar, an oil-rich Gulf state.—INTERNET

China quake film best picture at Asia Pacific awards

SYDNEY, 4 Dec—A Chinese film about a family's struggle to deal with a devastating earthquake took best picture award at the 2010 annual Asia Pacific Screen Awards, topping 31 films from 15 countries.

"Tangshan dadizheng" (Aftershock), directed by Feng Xiaogang, deals with the aftermath of the 1976 Tangshan earthquake that killed at least 255,000 people. It is the highest grossing domestic film of all time in China. Chen Daoming received the Best Performance award for his role in the film.

"Ultimately, Aftershock won best film because, in my own view, it has everything," David Puttnam, an Academy Award-winning producer who headed the International Jury for the awards, said on Thursday. "It is incredibly moving and, at the same time, it is really an extraordinarily restrained film...and it ends beautifully".

The nominated movies were chosen from 239 entries from 70 countries. South Korean Director Lee Chang-dong won the Best Achievement for Directing for "Shi" (Poetry). His brother, Lee Joon-dong, produced the movie. More than 550 filmmakers and guests attended the awards ceremony on the Gold Coast in the state of Queensland.

MNA/Reuters



An abandoned Siberian tiger cub is "cared" by a goat at the Jiufeng Forest Zoo in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 14 Nov, 2010. It is estimated that there are merely 50-60 wild tigers surviving in China. More tigers are artificially bred in captivity. The wildness of those tigers raised in captivity has degenerated, thus leading to difficulties for their natural mating and wild living. They have become too familiar with humans and lost their natural wildness.—XINHUA

Chinese buyers power record \$408 mln Christie's sale

HONG KONG, 4 Dec—Christie's sold a record 409 million US dollars worth of Chinese art and collectibles at its autumn Asian sales that ended in Hong Kong on Thursday in another sign of ebullient sentiment for high-end Asian and Chinese art.

The tally was the auction house's best in a single Hong Kong auction season, powered by the purchasing power of mainland

Chinese millionaires who made up 40 percent or so of sales even as the global economic outlook darkens on Eurozone debt woes.

"There was significant participation again from Chinese bidders. It was a perfect storm of great property and hungry demand," said Jonathan Stone, Christie's Asia Managing director.

It wasn't strong across the board,

however, with Chinese contemporary art still struggling to find its footing as more traditional collecting categories of Asian art steam ahead.

In the marquee sales of ancient Chinese artwork and ceramics, the auction house's staging of three single-owner Western collections; including the renowned Fonthill collection from England helped generate additional buzz for long shelved objects.

MNA/Reuters

South Sudan army says northern ambush kills 12

JUBA, 4 Dec—Sudan's south on Thursday accused northern-backed militias of killing 10 soldiers and two civilians in an ambush that comes as north-south tensions rise ahead of a 9 January vote on southern independence.

Both sides accuse each other of violating the 2005 truce that ended Africa's longest civil war in Sudan and massing troops along the still disputed border.

"An SPLA truck was overpowered after falling into a big ambush 25 kilometres (15 miles) north of Bentiu," said southern army (SPLA) spokesman Philip Aguer.

"Twelve people were killed in the gunbattle; 10

SPLA soldiers and two civilians," he said, adding the attack happened on Wednesday. Bentiu is the capital of the oil-producing Unity state in south Sudan.

"They are definitely militia backed from Khartoum," he said. "It was a very coordinated attack." The northern army (SAF) denied the report. "This is completely untrue — it's not possible that we have anyone in Unity state," said SAF spokesman al-Sawarmi Khaled.

The north-south UN peacekeeping mission (UNMIS) confirmed the attack but could not identify the aggressors.

MNA/Reuters



Asia-Pacific businesses to grow over next two years

SINGAPORE, 4 Dec—Nearly 90 percent of businesses surveyed in Asia-Pacific are planning turnover growth over the next two years, according to Global Enterprise Survey Report 2010 on Friday.

The survey by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) provides a picture of how businesses in the economically ambitious Asia-Pacific Region are continuing to recover from the global economic downturn, alongside details on their current activity and aspirations for the future, said Mark Billington, the regional director for South East Asia at ICAEW.

The survey found that around 70 percent are planning growth of 6 percent or more a year, significantly higher than in globally- engaged businesses in Britain and businesses in other EU

countries. The survey also found that businesses in Asia-Pacific continue to hold the view that continued globalisation of markets will have a positive impact on their business, especially those in Singapore.

A total of 69 percent of businesses surveyed say they plan to expand into, or increase market share in, other countries in the next two to three years. Most of those planning to expand are targeting countries relatively close to home, most notably China.

Over the past year, changes in raw material costs are consistently cited as having had a negative influence on competitiveness across the region. Around a third of businesses across virtually all countries in the region have been negatively affected by changes in raw material costs.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Nov, 2010 shows buildings of Hongqi Primary School under construction in the quake-hit Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, northwest China's Qinghai Province. By far, a total of 249 rebuilding projects have been carried out in Yushu, where the investment will reach 5 billion RMB yuan (750 million US dollars) till the end of this year.—XINHUA

Crane collapse kills two, injures nine in east China

HANGZHOU, 4 Dec—

Two people died and nine others were injured when a crane collapsed at a construction site in east China's Zhejiang Province early Friday, local authorities said. The accident happened at 3:30 am at the construction site of a bridge designed to link Jiaying and Shaoxing Cities across the Hangzhou Bay, a spokesman with the project construction headquarters said.

He said one worker was killed at the scene and the other died in hospital. At least one of the nine injured workers was in critical condition. The cause of the accident is under investigation. The Jiaying-Shaoxing Bridge, the second to span Hangzhou Bay, is expected to halve the journey between Shaoxing and the economic hub Shanghai to 1.5 hours when it opens to traffic in 2012.—Xinhua



UN climate chief Christiana Figueres places a building block in a miniature Mayan pyramid at the site of climate negotiations in Cancun, Mexico, on 28 Nov, 2010. The 'Pyramid of Hope' monument was erected by the TckTckTck climate awareness campaign to symbolize the many building blocks needed for a new climate agreement.—INTERNET

Tourists warned after Red Sea shark attacks four

CAIRO, 4 Dec—A shark attacked four divers in the Red Sea over two days and Egyptian officials have imposed a swimming ban in part of the area, one of Egypt's most popular tourist destinations, state news agency MENA reported. Health officials said an oceanic white-tip shark attacked the three Russians and a Ukrainian off Sharm El Sheikh on Tuesday and Wednesday, biting off a hand and causing severe leg and back injuries, MENA said.

They were transferred from Sharm El Sheikh Hospital to the Nasser Institute Hospital in Cairo for treatment, it said. Shark attacks in the Red Sea are reported once every year or two, said Mohamed Salem, director of South Sinai Conservation. The region is famed for its abundant coral, clear waters and exotic fish.

"Oceanic white tip sharks are ranked the third most dangerous shark breed globally," said Ibrahim al-Shazly, a Red Sea diver. "Such an attack is quite rare. The last incident was last year when a French tourist died after her leg was ripped off."—Internet

Chinese cars to take Thailand's market share

BANGKOK, 4 Dec—At the Thailand International Motor Expo 2010, held from 1-12 December at Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, three Chinese brand cars were put on display to show the Thai people that like any Chinese products that are on the rise within Thailand, Chinese manufactured cars will one day be put onto the limelight.

Chery, DFM and Foton were introduced into the Thai market two years ago. Executives at the three automobile houses admitted that promoting the three

brands were an uphill battle, especially when the popularity of Japanese cars was still prevalent in the country.

"The Chinese mobile phones and electronics have become number one in the world now, and of course now Chinese automobile will be the next big thing. The most important thing is the after-sales service," said Pitaya Thanadamrongsak, managing director of DFM Mini-Trucks Thailand.

Since the China-ASEAN FTA came into effect this year, automobile manufactur-

ers have enjoyed the zero-tariff luxury and the free movement of capital for investment, setting up businesses and services with the Asian bloc.

The Motor Expo this year showcased small and compact eco-cars. Chery QQ stole the show as it was one of the smallest cars on show.

The DFM mini-truck boasted its competitive price and its economical fuel usage, using the NGV (Natural Gas Vehicle) and LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) to keep the truck running.—Xinhua

Earthquake in western Indonesia forces people to flee

JAKARTA, 4 Dec—A 4.2-magnitude earthquake rocked West Sumatra province in western Indonesia at 10:13 local time (0313 GMT) on Friday, forcing people to flee of their houses, Metro TV reported here.

According to the Meteorology, Climatology and geophysics Agency of Padang Pariaman regency, the earthquake was centered at 17 kilometres off Padang Sea and at depth of 10 kilometers under seabed, however, the agency did not release a tsunami warning.

Although it was a small earthquake, it triggered panic among people.

The TV footage showed people running out of their offices to avoid risk of being struck down by debris.

The footage also showed people living in coastal areas were running to higher ground to avoid tsunami. The earthquake triggered traffic jams on streets. Panic was also occurred in hospitals where patients were evacuated outside the buildings.—Xinhua

Spanish bullfighter David Fandila "El Fandi" is tackled by a bull during a bullfight at Peru's historic Plaza de Acho bullring in Lima on 28 November, 2010.

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- Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways
Yangon

NY Thruway to review evac plans after snowstorm

BUFFALO, 4 Dec — State authorities plan to review emergency procedures in the wake of an accident on a western New York highway that stranded hundreds of motorists for hours in the grip of a heavy snowstorm. Michael R. Fleischer, executive director of the New York State Thruway Authority, told the *Buffalo News* that although the sudden storm overwhelmed officials late Wednesday "those people who could have been and wanted to be evacuated should have been."

A Lake Erie-fed storm that began Wednesday and continued through Thursday buried parts of Buffalo and some suburbs under more than 2 feet of snow. Downtown Buffalo was largely spared. Dozens of schools canceled classes.



Ken Kobus clears snow from the sidewalk during a winter snow storm in South Buffalo, NY, on 2 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

Fleischer joined authority vice chairwoman Donna J. Luh in calling for a "post-situation review" and new plans to make sure the situation doesn't happen again, the newspaper said. Both called the incident unacceptable.

Police closed Interstate 190 about 3 am Thursday after a truck jackknifed the previous evening and ve-

hicles became backed up and buried in blowing snow, State Trooper Daniel Golinski said. Drivers also were stranded on a 3-mile stretch of Interstate 190. Though parts of I-90, better known as the New York Thruway, were reopened by midday, an 11-mile stretch remained closed as darkness fell. Traffic, mostly big rigs, was backed up for about two miles in the east-bound lanes and a mile headed west after sunset. Authorities expected it would take several more hours to clear the mess.

Internet

Kate 'to become popular baby name'

LONDON, 4 Dec — The name of royal bride-to-be Kate Middleton is expected to become one of the most popular ones for newborn girls in 2011, according to research. Thousands more baby girls are due to be christened after Prince William's fiancée, or

something very close, repeating the trend seen following past royal weddings.

The number of babies with a derivative of the name Kate - Cate, Catherine, the fiancée's full name, Katie and Katy, totalled 2,466 in 2009. If this number doubles as predicted to 4,932 in 2011 it would come second, if last year's figures for England and Wales remain static, behind the top name of Olivia (5,201) and ahead of third place Ruby (4,555). The family history website Ancestry.co.uk has mapped the popularity of names in the year of royal nuptials from millions of birth records.

Internet



The royal wedding could see more newborns named after Kate Middleton next year, a report says.

INTERNET

Dutch cities to start crackdown on marijuana cafes

AMSTERDAM, 4 Dec — The Netherlands' justice minister and five southern Dutch cities say they will implement new restrictions on marijuana cafes after a wave of drug-related gangland violence. They said on Friday the measures include shutting down many cafes, using tax and accounting laws to seize criminal assets, and introducing a "members only" pass system for remaining cafes.

The government has previously floated the idea of a nationwide pass system that would make it difficult for tourists to buy marijuana, despite the country's famed tolerance policy, which allows sale and possession of small amounts of weed.—*Internet*



The expiry date is stamped on each egg as it is processed and packaged at an egg farm in San Diego County in this picture taken on 29 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Towns in Australia's southern New South Wales face evacuation, floods

SYDNEY, 4 Dec — Australia's southern New South Wales (NSW) is on alert as towns along the Murrumbidgee river face evacuation and floods after a dam overflowed due to heavy rain, the State Emergency Service (SES) said on Friday. SES has warned that lower lying areas of Jugiong, located 344

kilometres south-west of Sydney, could face evacuation on Friday as the Burrinjuck dam on the Murrumbidgee River experienced a deluge of inflows after heavy rain.

The nearby town of Gundagai is also on alert for minor flooding as overflows from the dam, near the Murrumbidgee River, endanger the area. SES also responded to 85 calls for assistance in Wagga Wagga, a city situated on the Murrumbidgee River in NSW, after flash flooding in the area, mostly for leaking roofs, flash flooding and water in some homes.—*Internet*



This image provided by the Venezuelan Government shows an aerial view of flooded areas in Barlovento, Miranda State, Venezuela, on 2 Dec, 2010. Weeks of downpours in Venezuela that have caused flooding and mudslides has killed more than twenty people and forced thousands to flee from their home, authorities said.—XINHUA

Albania seeks China's help to digitalize TV broadcasting

TIRANA, 4 Dec — Albania's public television broadcaster RTSH said on Thursday that it is seeking China's help to overhaul its analogue broadcasting system into a digital one. RTSH's general manager Petrit Beci told the Shekulli daily that they had agreed in principle with a Chinese firm and were waiting for a group of experts who would define the exact map of RTSH's distribution.

"These experts will ultimately produce a clear project, which we shall hand over to the govern-

ment. We hope we will get Chinese investment in this project," Beci added. Albania has been assigned eight digital frequencies in the new system of digital television broadcasting that will be mandatory in Europe by 2012 and RTSH will own two of those frequencies. Viewers might watch 24 channels on those two frequencies when the project is finished. The investment to buy a digital broadcasting system might cost up to 25 million euros, Beci said.

Xinhua



A grey Squirrel climbs a tree in Banff National Park in Lake Louise, Alberta on 2 Dec, 2010.

The national park, Canada's oldest, is situated in the Rocky Mountains.—INTERNET



Tao Jun (C), a Peking opera artist, performs during a modern Peking opera telling a story about the reform in China's countryside in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Dec, 2010. Altogether 45 selected Peking operas will be on show in 6 theatres in Beijing during a national Peking opera exhibition from 2 Dec, 2010 to 20 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Xiamen marathon to kick off in January with a record of 80,000 runners

BEIJING, 4 Dec—The 2011 Xiamen International Marathon is to be kicked off on 2 January with a record of some 80,000 runners participating in six categories. "The number of participants reaches 80,000 for the first time in the history of Xiamen International Marathon, 30,000 more than last year," Zang Jiebin, deputy mayor of Xiamen municipal government, told the press here on

Friday.

The Xiamen International Marathon consists of full marathon, 10-km and 5-km races. The runner breaking the marathon world record could bag one million US dollars of prize money, while the men's and women's full marathon champion will both win 40,000 US dollars. A strong field, including 13 competitive runners from around the world, join in the competition. Tadesse

Tola from Kenya, the men's winner in 2010 Paris Marathon, will lead the field to contend for the prize money, while Chinese runners, including the women's world champion Bai Xue, will probably not run due to the on-going winter training. To attract more runners, the marathon also sees the debut of wheelchair half marathon and 10km skating competition.

Xinhua

41st International film festival of India concludes

PANAJI, 4 Dec—The 41st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) concluded in the Goa's Capital of Panaji on Thursday evening with the Bengali filmmaker Gautam Ghose's "Moner Manush" winning the Golden Peacock award.

Danish filmmaker Susanne Bier's "In a Better World" got the Silver Peacock award for the best director. Guven Kirac, who acted in the Turkish film "The Crossing", won the Silver Peacock for the best actor, while Magdalena Boczarska won the Silver Peacock for the best actress for her performance in the Polish film "Little Rose".

The special jury award was split between the film "Just Another Love Story" from India and "Boy" from New Zealand. The Golden Peacock carries prize money of 4 million rupees (about 86,956 US dollars), while the Silver Peacock for

the best director is awarded 1.5 million (about 32,608 US dollars) rupees. The Silver Peacock for the best actor and actress carries prize money of one million rupees each, while the winner of the special jury prize gets 1.5 million rupees in money.

The festival was inaugurated at Kala Academy in Panaji on 22 Nov, and Indian Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee lit the traditional lamp to lift the curtains. This festival is the biggest annual film festival in south Asia, involving the participation of 61 countries and regions, 300 world-acclaimed films and over 6,000 delegates. Since 1952, India has hosted 40 international film festivals, including both competitive and non-competitive types. From 1975 onwards, these festivals became annual events.

Xinhua

Aretha Franklin calls her surgery a success

NEW YORK, 4 Dec—Aretha Franklin says her surgery was "highly successful" and thanks well-wishers for their prayers. In a statement released Thursday to *The Associated Press*, the Queen of Soul says: "God is still in control. I had superb doctors and nurses whom were blessed by all the prayers of the city and the country."

Franklin did not say what she was being treated for Thursday. Last month, the 68-year-old singer announced she was canceling all concert dates and personal appearances through May on the orders of her doctors.

Internet



Aretha Franklin performs during the second of two 25th Anniversary Rock & Roll Hall of Fame concerts in New York on 30 Oct, 2009.

INTERNET

Forbes Asia names Tony Fernandes Businessman of the Year

SINGAPORE, 4 Dec—Forbes Asia magazine on Friday named Tony Fernandes, the pioneering chief executive officer of AirAsia Group, as its 2010 Businessman of the Year. The 46-year old charismatic Malaysian, a former record company executive, took over Malaysia's then-ailing AirAsia in 2001 and relaunched it as a no-frills airline.

AirAsia has now become the region largest low-cost carrier, with nearly 8,000 employees, 100 planes and 140 routes — including 40 that no airline had served before. Its Malaysia-listed parent company, AirAsia Bhd, saw first-half revenue grow 18 percent year-on-year to 562 million US dollars.

Fernandes describes his vision as "serving the underserved." He remarks, "Generally Asia is about being the biggest, the best, the swankiest, the tallest, the richest. This is where Asian businesses have missed out. The cream is in the 65 million other people who don't have a chance to fly, who don't have credit cards or insurance. I always saw the masses."—Xinhua

In this 1 Dec, 2010, image provided by the New Orleans Museum of Art/John d'Addario, a man's jacket made by the Delaware Peoples in Oklahoma is seen on display in "Great Collectors / Great Donors."

INTERNET



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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Lazio beats Inter 3-1 to match 1st-place AC Milan

ROME, 4 Dec — Lazio beat injury depleted European champion Inter Milan 3-1 on Friday night to match first-place AC Milan in the Italian league.

Giuseppe Biava put Lazio in front in the 27th minute at the Stadio Olimpico and Mauro Zarate made it 2-0 in the 52nd. Playing against his former club, Goran Pandev scored for Inter in the 74th.

but Hernanes sealed the match with a goal in the 89th.

Inter was without suspended forward Samuel Eto'o and injured striker Diego Milito.

Internet

Lazio's Giuseppe Biava, right, is hugged by teammate Stefano Mauri after scoring during the Serie A soccer match.

INTERNET

Yang holds 3-shot lead at LPGA Tour Championship

ORLANDO, 4 Dec — About the only thing going low at the LPGA Tour Championship is the temperature.

Well, that and Amy Yang's scorecard.

Yang shot a 3-under 69 in a safe and solid second round Friday, good enough to hold a three-shot lead when play was called for darkness. Only 10 of the 120 players in the field were under par.

"It is very surprising,"

Internet



Amy Yang of South Korea hits her drive on the 18th tee during the second round of the LPGA Tour Championship.

INTERNET

said Yang, who is going for her first LPGA victory and has never led a round until this week.

Real eyeing Wolfsburg's Dzeko

MADRID, 4 Dec — Real Madrid want to replace the injured Gonzalo Higuain in the winter transfer window with Wolfsburg's Bosnian star Edin Dzeko, Spanish media reported on Friday.

"If there is a club that wants him and that appreciates him, we certainly could do something in the winter market," Dzeko's representative, Irfan Redzepagic, told Sports Daily Marca.



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"Obviously, we like Real Madrid, it's a great club." But he said that "there are several major clubs that are interested in him. Choosing one of them is difficult, but Real Madrid is a team that everyone wants to play for, one of the biggest. It would be a fantastic choice."—Internet

Newcastle defender Williamson signs new deal

LONDON, 4 Dec — Newcastle United defender Mike Williamson signed a new five-and-a-half year contract with the Premier League club on Friday.

Williamson has played a key role in Newcastle's solid start to life back in the English top-flight after last season's promotion from the Championship.

Magpies manager Chris Hughton rates the 27-year-old as one of the finest English central defenders on current form and was delighted to hand him an improved deal.

Hughton said: "Mike has been outstanding for us since he came here."

He was somebody who I tracked for a while before we got him, and he has perhaps exceeded even the expectations we had of him.

Internet

Wenger wants Arsenal to turn Emirates into fortress

LONDON, 4 Dec — Arsene Wenger has challenged his Arsenal players to turn their Emirates Stadium into a fortress as the Gunners bid to keep their title charge on track.

Wenger's side have lost their last two home league matches against Tottenham and Newcastle and the Arsenal manager knows his side must reverse that run against Fulham on Saturday, even though they will be without injured captain Cesc Fabregas.

The Spain midfielder will be sidelined for another two weeks with the hamstring injury he suffered against Braga in the Champions League but Sami Nasri and Sebastien Squillaci

are both fit.

And while goalkeeper Manuel Almunia is still unavailable after suffering a minor setback to his elbow injury in training, Wenger is confident his side will return to winning ways at home.

Internet



Arsene Wenger, pictured in November 2010, has challenged his Arsenal players to turn their Emirates Stadium into a fortress.

INTERNET

Johnson title cements Hendrick Motorsports dynasty

LAS VEGAS, 4 Dec — Even as Jimmie Johnson chased his record fifth consecutive championship, a feat that would have cemented Hendrick Motorsports as the best team in NASCAR history, the owner knew he needed to make some

dramatic changes to his organization.

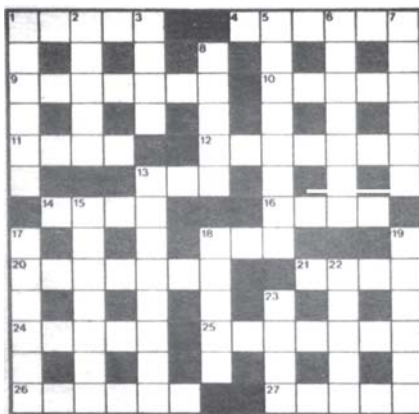
The overall performance wasn't up to Rick Hendrick's standards, only one of his four drivers made it to Victory Lane this season, and nothing has snapped Dale Earnhardt Jr's

Sat 4th Dec 2010 BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal	2-1	Fulham
Birmingham	1-1	Spur
Blackburn	3-0	Wolves
Chelsea	1-1	Everton
Man City	1-0	Bolton
Wigan Athletic	2-2	Stoke City

SPORTS

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Monetary unit
- 4 Battled
- 9 Small cucumber
- 10 Mournful song
- 11 Speed
- 12 Thinly-fried batter
- 13 Colour
- 14 Indonesian island
- 16 Lively dance
- 18 The hawthorn
- 20 Shorten
- 21 Scheme
- 24 Pick-me-up
- 25 Wrongdoer
- 26 Drowsy
- 27 Instruct

DOWN

- 1 Number
- 2 Turn aside
- 3 Kind of fuel
- 5 Commonplace
- 6 Rubbish
- 7 Ancient Egyptian city
- 8 Bird
- 13 Pinch Ada (anag.)
- 15 Set in order
- 17 Prickly plant
- 18 Place of pilgrimage
- 19 Sew
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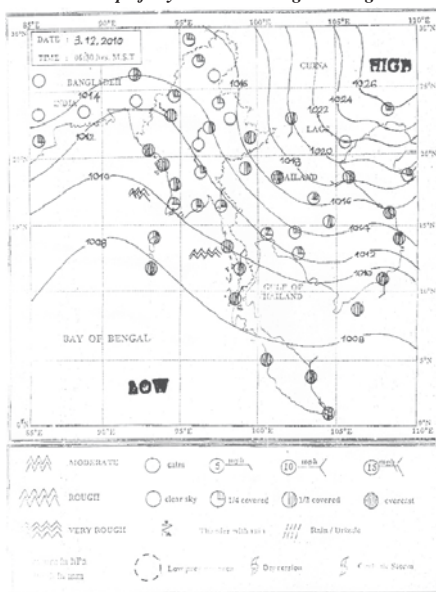


Jimmie Johnson waves to the crowd on the Las Vegas Strip during a NASCAR champions week victory lap on Thursday.

INTERNET

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER****Saturday, 4th December, 2010****Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.**

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Eastern Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above December average temperatures in Southern Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin and Eastern Shan States and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Machanbaw (3°C) and Pinlaung (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded was Kawthung (0.11) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 3-12-2010 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-12-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-12-2010 was (74%). Rainfall on 4-12-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 3-12-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 4-12-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-12-2010 was (69%). Total sunshine hours on 3-12-2010 was (9.0) hours.

Rainfall on 4-12-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-

2010 was (82.76) inches at Mingaladon, (96.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 3-12-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 5th December 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyarwady, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining states and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Tony Singh**(58) Years****(B.Com)****Manager (Finance and Admin)****Malteser International**

Beloved son of late Mr Zora Singh and Dr basant Kaur, son in law of (Mr VV Bharadwaja) and Daw Khin Mya Oo, beloved husband of Neela Bharadwaja (BEC International) of 18/20 Botahtaung Avenue 4th Lane, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, beloved father of Anita and only brother of Caesar Singh, passed away peacefully at Mine Lar, Shan States on 2-12-2010 at 7:30 am. The cremation will take place at Yay Way Hindu Cemetery on 5-12-2010 at 4 pm.

Buses will leave the above address at 2:30 pm.

Bereaved family**Sayagyi Daw Damma Sari****93 years****(Daw Khin Khin Win) BA Ed**

Daughter of (U Po Sa-Daw Kin Lay) of No. 14 B, Inya Road, Yangon; wife of U Maung Maung Kyi, beloved mother of Lt. Col Tin Maung Aung (Retd)-Daw Khin Mya Mya Pyone, Dr Khin Pyone Kyi- U Myint Lwin Nyo, Daw Khin Cho Kyi, U Sein Tun Win, Dr Aye Htut Kyi-Daw Nwe Ni Htay, Dr Htut Htut Kyi-Dr Thinn Nwe Win, grand mother of 16 grandchildren, great grandmother of 3 great grandchildren passed away at 4:00 am on 4-12-2010 (Saturday). The funeral cortage will leave the above residence at 8:30 am for cremation at Yeway cemetery at 10:00 am on 6-12-2010 (Monday).

Bereaved Family**Rest in Peace****Wun Nah Kyaw Htin U Lal Bik****Aged 91 years****Retd Command Engineer,****Constrution Corporation**

The eldest son of the late Chief of Zahau U Thang Tin Lian-Daw Sen Kip, beloved husband of the late Daw San Naing (a) Sung Hniang, father of U Van Hre (a) Kevin (d)-Daw Hoi Pen (Chin State Public Works, Haka), U Lal Tin Mang (Retd Debut Director, Chin State Accounts Office)-Daw Tial Tin Par, Daw Ni Siang, U Henry Tin Kio Bik (Capt Mersk Line)-Daw Sui Hniar, U Mang Tin Lian, great grandfather of 13 and great-great grandfather of 2, died on the 4th, December 2010 at 2:08 pm.

Time and date of funeral service will be announced later.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**Programme Schedule (5-12-2010)(Sunday)****Transmissions****Times**

Local - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (4-12-10 09:30 am ~ 5-12-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
 * News
 * From Yangon to the Peak of Mt. Victoria
 * MI People's Celebrities "Myanmar Style or Western Style"
 * News
 * Your Home in Pyin Oo Lwin
 * News
 * Secret Places for Yummy Food(Porridge)
 * News
 * "Myanmar Movies Impact" Parental Love

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 * News
 * Engaging Pantomime Show
 * News
 * Ngapali, Unique Spot To Relax
 * Music Gallery
 * News
 * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Mandalay, U Pein Bridge)
 * News
 * Inviting Crispy Beans
 * Myanmar Movie "Longing For Mother"



**Sunday,
 5 December
 View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:15 am

7. (38) phyar

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8:20 am

8. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am

9. Song Of National Races

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:35 pm

5. Golf Magazine(TV)

12:50 pm

6. Myanmar Movie

1:20 pm

7. One village and Product

1:30 pm

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

1:50 pm

9. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:15 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. (2010 ASEAN

Suzuki

Cup) (Live)

(Myanmar

& Singapore)

6:20 pm

4. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm

5. Tamyethnar

Takwetsar

7:00 pm

6. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

7. News

8. International News

9. Weather Report

10. Cartoon Series

11. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Country sees first week of December mass walk

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Organizing mass sports activities is vital for uplift of health and fitness of the entire people. Since 2006, Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District has been holding mass sports activities conducted on every Saturday in December, along with sports events, and Independence Day commemorative sports events.

Mass walk of December's first week-2010 started in front of Myoma Market here early this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint, MOC member Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, departmental heads, staff members of the ministries and the public, totaling 12,000, took part in the activity.

The route of the mass walk was from Myoma Market to Myanmar Gems Museum via Taungnyo-Pyinmana Road and Raza Thingaha Road.

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Staff of ministries in Nay Pyi Taw happily participate in mass sports activities in first week of December 2010.—MNA



Let's participate in December mass sports activities

The Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, in its bid to uplift the health standard of the entire nation by making sports games more popular among the people, yearly

organizes December mass sports activities, which can help bring about selected Myanmar athletes.

All States and Regions, districts and townships have to take part in mass sports activities

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Photos: Ko Htwe**

occasionally in compliance with sports and physical education policies laid down by the government.

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