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## Objectives of 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Independence Day

- All the national people to constantly join hands for ensuring the perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
- All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity
- All the national people to work in concert for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic new nation as the multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully
- All the national people to make collaborative efforts with the Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit for further strengthening the already achieved stability and peace, security, prevalence of law and order, unity, development and democratization process with momentum
- All the national people to have greater awareness in warding off all destructive acts to disintegrate the Union and the national unity as the perpetuity of the Union plays a crucial role in building the Union of Myanmar

## 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

## Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win on inspection tour around Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Taninthayi Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen

Khin Maung Htay and departmental officials inspected agriculture and livestock breeding tasks at local battalion in Kyunsu and met officers and other ranks  
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## National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award ceremony postponed to 31 December

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—It has been arranged that the National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award ceremony will be held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information here at 9 am on 29 December 2010. But the ceremony has been postponed to 31 December 2010 at 9 am.—MNA

## Pathein-Monywa Road to unite lower with upper Myanmar

Byline & Photos: Yangyi Aung

While in Monywa, I had a chance to get together with my schoolmates, especially with a friend of mine, Kyaw Moe. He lived in Lattaunggyi

Village on the other bank of Chindwin River, west of Monywa. After getting married to a woman from Pale, he settles there and his business is booming.

He persuaded me to come along to his place by explaining smooth transport.

In our childhood, the route from Monywa to Salingyi, Yinmabin and Pale on the west bank of Chindwin River mainly relied on Z-craft transportation. But, now it has easy access to transport sector thanks to Chindwin Bridge.

Beyond the bridge on the west bank, I saw Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road and Pale-Yinmabin-Salingyi Road, and Aungzeya housing constructed by North-West Command.

Then, I stopped by the construction site of Pathein-Monywa Road for an interview with engineers of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction. There, Deputy Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Thein explained that the project was upgrading the road into an asphalt one. Their assigned roadwork is 87-mile Kazunma-Monywa road section.

The road links Pathein of Ayeyawady Region and Monywa of Sagaing Region across Bago Region and Magway Region which is 450 miles and five furlongs long.

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Workers tarmacking road section at mile post No. 450/4-450/5 on Pathein-Monywa Road.

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Defend the nation in unity

Everyone loves and values freedom. Independence is a priceless treasure for every race and country. In other words, independence is the sovereignty of the State and the people. So, all the national people of the Union are to safeguard independence and national sovereignty.

Today is the time when a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation is being built. Myanmar is trying to be able to stand tall among the international community. But, it is still necessary to try to ensure more peace and stability, security, the rule of law, unity, development and democratic infrastructures.

Nation-building task is a bounden duty of all citizens. All are to work together with correct vision and true patriotism. All national people must cooperate with each other with Union Spirit and full patriotic spirit.

Union Spirit is true patriotism all the national people have to safeguard for ever. History has it that national unity is a strong force of the Union. With unity and amity among the national brethren plus firm Union Spirit, the whole Union will be blessed with peace and development.

Myanmar is natural resource-rich country. It is a geographically-strategic country as well. This is why Myanmar had to experience outside control and manipulation in the past. Again today, internal and external elements are attempting to jeopardize national unity of Myanmar. All are therefore to prevent such danger.

All in all, the nation's independence and sovereignty will reign for ever if all the national people are to safeguard them in unity.

### UMFCCI President leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 9 Dec—A seven-member delegation led by President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint on 3 December left for Thailand to attend Indochina Fair 2010 to be held in Bangkok from 4 to 13 December.

UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung, Executive U Sein Htway and responsible persons saw off the delegates at Yangon International Airport.—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

### U Ko Ko Latt appointed as Ambassador to Kuwait

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Ko Ko Latt as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Kuwait.

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### US Deputy Assistant Secretary calls on Foreign Affairs Minister, Chief of MPF, departmental heads of S&T Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received a delegation led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Mr Joseph Y Yun of the United States of America at the minister's office here, today. At the call, the two sides discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Min Lwin of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Director-General U Kyaw Tin of the Political Department and the officials of the ministry. The US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State was accompanied by charge d'affaires Mr Larry M Dinger of the US Embassy.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the USA and

party met Directors-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and exchanged views on promotion of bilateral



relations and cooperation between the two countries as well as regional and international issues.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the USA and

party also met Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi and officials, and departmental heads of Ministry of Science and Technology separately.

In the afternoon,

Minister U Nyan Win hosted a luncheon to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the USA and party at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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### MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointments of following heads of service organizations on expiry of their one-year probation period.

| Name                         | Appointment  |
|------------------------------|--|
| (a) U Than Win               | Director-General<br>Central Trade<br>Dispute Committee<br>Ministry of Labour                       |
| (b) Professor Dr Daw Mya Thu | Rector<br>University of<br>Nursing (Yangon)<br>Medical Science<br>Department<br>Ministry of Health |

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*Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win receives US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Mr Joseph Y Yun.—MNA*

### Electronic & Living Products Show in Mandalay on 17 Dec

YANGON, 9 Dec—Conquest Organizing Group will conduct Electronic & Living Products Show at the City Hall in Mandalay from 17 to 20 December.

SYH, Myanmar Kowa Co Ltd (Rinnai Gas stove), I.E.M, Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd, Asia General Electric, Lucky Home, Family Entertainment, Olympic Electronic, MNZ, Ever Seiko Co Ltd, Ocean Glory Furniture, Authentic Co Ltd, D-Station

(Korea Battery), Smart Electronic Dictionary, Technoland, Popular Plastic, Three Friends, CHINT, Malikha Electronic and Sky Net (Shwethanlwin Co Ltd) feature their products such as electronic equipments, computer accessories, technical facilities, construction materials, home decoration materials, furniture, clothes, cosmetics, home products and foodstuff in the show.

Any company may contact Conquest Organizing Group at No. 12 (second Floor), Khema Street, Hledan in Ward 8, Kamayut Township, Ph: 01-511439, 01-73094734 or 09-5084734.

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*President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and members seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Thailand to attend Indochina Fair 2010.—MNA*



## At least 21 killed in Bangladesh's train collision

DHAKA, 9 Dec—At least 21 people were killed in a collision between 2 passenger trains in Bangladesh's Narsingdi District, 51 kms northeast of Capital Dhaka at about 5 pm local time Wednesday.

Private news agency UNB quoted witnesses as saying at least 21 people died in the accident including 19 were killed on the spot and two wounded people died in hospital.

The news agency said hundreds people were injured and the death toll may go up.

Ruhul Amin, an official from Fire Brigade in Narsingdi, told *Xinhua* over phone they confirmed 10 people killed in the accident and feared the figure will rise as the rescue operation is underway.

Bangladesh Railway Director General TA Chowdhury told *Xinhua* by phone a 4-

member committee was formed to investigate the accident to see whether it is an accident or a sabotage.

Army have been deployed in rescue operation of the train disaster to work together with Fire Brigade, Police, Red Crescent and local officials.

Wounded people who were rescued from the damaged compartments were being rushed to the hospitals.

*Xinhua*



**Rescuers work on the scene after a collision of two passenger trains in Narsingdi, 51 km northeast of Bangladesh's Capital Dhaka on 8 Dec, 2010. At least 21 people were killed in the collision in Narsingdi at about 5 pm local time Wednesday.**

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**Singapore Sports School canteen.**  
*INTERNET*

## Suspected cause of Sports School food poisoning

SINGAPORE, 9 Dec—Cordial drinks and chicken frank rolls were suspected to have caused the mass food poisoning incident at the Singapore Sports School canteen last month which affected 106 students.

This is according to investigations into the incident by the Ministry of Health (MOH), the National Environment Agency (NEA) and the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA). In a joint statement the three agencies said they couldn't determine the exact cause of the food poisoning in the absence of positive patient

samples.

Their investigations showed that the cordial drinks prepared by canteen operator, ISS Catering Services, were served to students using a plastic bucket which was not clearly labelled. The agencies said clear labelling of containers used for food preparation is important to minimise the risk of cross-contamination.

One of the food handlers was also tested positive for Salmonella. She was required to stop working from the time of the outbreak until she was certified fit on 7 December.—*Internet*

**A forensic worker stands next to a bullet-riddled car and police markers at a crime scene in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 6 Dec, 2010. According to local media, unknown assailants shot two female members of the local attorney general's office inside their car. One of them was reported dead.**

*XINHUA*



## US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec—A US soldier was killed on Wednesday during operations in southern Iraq, the US military said Thursday.

"A soldier assigned to United States Forces-Iraq was killed on 8 December while conducting operations in southern Iraq," the military said in a statement without giving further details.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it said.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to about 4,430, since the breakout of the US-led war on Iraq in 2003, according to media account based on Pentagon figures.

US troops in Iraq had been reduced to below 50,000 soldiers. Washington said that the remaining US troops will remain in Iraq to conduct support and training missions.

US military forces are to pull out completely from Iraq by the end of 2011 according to the security pact named (Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA) signed late in 2008 between Baghdad and Washington.—*Xinhua*

**Firefighters hose down burnt vehicles after a bomb attack in the outskirts of Baghdad on 8 December, 2010. A parked car bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol killed two civilians and wounded 17 others when it went off in the town of Taji, 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said. —XINHUA**

## UN health agency endorses rapid TB test

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Dec—The World Health Organization (WHO) has endorsed a rapid new tuberculosis (TB) test which the UN agency said could revolutionize care and control of the disease, UN spokesman

Martin Nesirky told reporters here Wednesday.

"The test provides an accurate diagnosis in about 100 minutes, compared to current tests that can take up to three months for results," the

spokesman said at a daily news briefing.

"Evidence points to a three-fold increase in diagnosis of patients with drug-resistant TB if the new test is implemented, WHO says," he said.

TB is a common and often deadly infectious disease caused by various strains of mycobacteria. It usually attacks the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body. It is spread through the air when people who have the disease cough, sneeze, or spit.—*Xinhua*



## Four killed in helicopter crash

VERACRUZ, 9 Dec—A federal police helicopter that had transported two inmates to a Mexican prison crashed in Veracruz state Wednesday, killing four people and injuring two others, authorities said.

Mexico's Attorney General's Office said in a statement that three officers and the helicopter pilot died in the crash, which happened after the inmates were taken to the prison.

The helicopter's two other passengers were an official from the country's organized crime investigation unit and another police officer. They were taken to a hospital and were in serious condition, the statement said.

The crash happened at about 5 pm in a mountainous area in the centre of the state, said Veracruz public safety spokeswoman Nohemi Guzman. The helicopter had gone to a prison in Villa Aldama. The identities of the prisoners who were transported were not released and the government did not say what crimes they were charged with.

Guzman said investigators believe that strong winds and low visibility may have contributed to the accident. Witnesses said they saw the helicopter swaying before it crashed.

*Internet*



## Japan probe overshoots Venus, heads toward sun

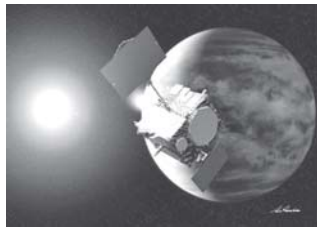
TOKYO, 9 Dec—A Japanese probe to Venus failed to reach orbit Wednesday and was captured by the sun's gravitational pull in a setback to Japan's shoestring space programme, which will have to wait another six years to try again.

The failure in the crucial orbital insertion stage of the probe was a big letdown for Japan, which has never succeeded in an interplanetary mission but has marked some major successes in space on a relatively tight budget that is focused primarily on small-scale science projects.

The probe, called Akatsuki, which means dawn, reached Venus on Tuesday and fired its engines in an attempt to reach an elliptical orbit. Mission officials said they briefly lost contact after that and determined Wednesday that Akatsuki's engines did not fire long enough to attain the proper orbiting position.

The probe would have been the first that Japan had put in orbit around another planet. Japan launched a failed mission to Mars in 1998 that was plagued by technical glitches and finally abandoned in 2003.

Still, officials said communication had been restored and Akatsuki



*In this artist's rendering by Akihiro Ikeshita released via Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Japanese probe Akatsuki is reaching Venus, right. Probe Akatsuki on 7 Dec, 2010, reached Venus and prepared to enter orbit on a two-year mission that would mark a major milestone for Japan's space programme and could shed light on the climate of Earth's mysterious neighbour.*

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appears to be intact and functioning as it heads off into an orbit around the sun.

"Unfortunately, it did not attain an orbit," said Hitoshi Soeno of JAXA, Japan's space agency. "But it appears to be functioning and we may be able to try again when it passes by Venus six years from now."

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## Cancun climate talks hunt for compromises

CANCUN, 9 Dec—With just two days left, delegates to the annual UN climate conference haggled and cajoled into the night in search of compromise on a raft of issues, including whether industrial nations should generate \$100 billion a year, or up to \$600 billion, to help poorer countries cope with global warming.

"The progress made is encouraging, but unresolved issues are still many," Zimbabwe's Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe, chair of a conference working group, said Wednesday of the half-dozen key disputes. "We need to do better and we need to do more."

This year again the UN talks will fail to produce an overarching deal to slash emissions of global warming gases. From the start, the two weeks of talks focused instead on reaching agreement in secondary areas under the

UN climate treaty.

Setting up a "green fund" for developing nations would top the list of conference accomplishments, and late Wednesday the special climate envoy of host Mexico foresaw success.

"Our expectation is it will be decided at Cancun," said Luis Alfonso de Alba. Earlier,

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, leading a discussion on climate financing, described the fund as "crucial for building trust between the developed and developing world," trust that UN officials hope could eventually pave the way to a comprehensive climate deal.

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*A World Wild Fund-issued photo taken in the Bukit Tigapuluh area of Sumatra shows rare wild elephants. Three endangered Sumatran elephants have been found dead after their herd rampaged through a village in western Indonesia, a conservationist and officials have said.—INTERNET*



## Nintendo needs some magic to spur growth

TOKYO, 9 Dec—Nintendo faces a tough battle to boost growth as rivals snatch the lead in motion-controlled gaming from the long-time world-beater, just as competition from smartphones and tablets batters the handheld market.

Microsoft and Sony are enticing casual and core gamers with a new generation of console accessories, while Apple's iPad is flying off the shelves.

Nintendo, which means "Leave luck to heaven," is the only major player in the pre-holiday rush without a significant new hardware product.

The company is betting on a glasses-free 3D-capable handheld game player, the 3DS, to be launched in late February in Japan and in March in the United States, but it no longer has the market to itself.

"Users have a growing range of options. It's not just Nintendo any more," said Mitsushige Akino, chief fund manager at Ichiyoshi Investment Management Co Ltd, which does not hold shares in Nintendo.

"Within that fragmented market, they are not going to be able to take the kind of share they had before, and margins will be thinner."

After a three-year run of record earnings to March 2009, Nintendo's margins have deteriorated sharply and the company has forecast profit will fall to its lowest in five years for the year to March 2011.—Reuters

## Google says shut out of US Department of Agriculture cloud computing deal

SEATTLE, 9 Dec—Google Inc didn't get the chance to compete for the largest federal government "cloud computing" deal yet announced, according to the Web firm, adding to its concerns that government agencies are unfairly favouring rival Microsoft Corp.

Early on Wednesday, the United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA) announced it was moving 120,000 of its employees onto email, Web conferencing and messaging systems provided over the Internet by Microsoft, generally referred to as "cloud computing."

The move is the largest of its kind by a federal agency and the first by a cabinet-level department in a growing area that is hotly

contested by Microsoft which has long provided technology to local and national governments — and emerging competitor Google, which offers cheaper but less well-known online alternatives.

The issue of technology procurement by US government agencies has heated up recently. Last month, Google sued the US government for excluding its products from being considered for a 5-year contract worth about \$59 million to upgrade the Interior Department's email system.

Government agencies, like many companies, are attracted by cloud computing as it generally saves them money on maintaining a computer network as data is stored remotely, and it means users can access systems from more or less anywhere.



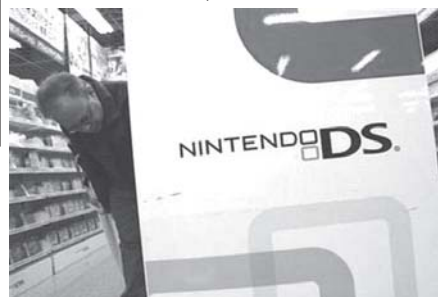
*A man uses Wi-Fi to access the Internet at a cafe. Google has partnered with US telecom titan Verizon to provide wireless broadband connections for Chrome notebooks.*

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Microsoft, as the incumbent provider, tends to win most government technology contracts in this area, but Google has recently won high-profile jobs to provide a version of its online Google Apps service to the US General Services Administration, the state of Wyoming and the city of Los Angeles.

Reuters

*A man looks at Japanese video game maker Nintendo Co Ltd's game software titles for the Nintendo DS at an electronic store in Tokyo on 28 October, 2010.—INTERNET*







## Health Tip: You may have sprained your neck

If you tear a ligament that joins the seven spinal bones in your neck to each other, it's considered a neck sprain. It often occurs when the neck is stretched to an extreme position during a motor vehicle accident or fall.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says possible signs of this injury include:

- \* Pain, particularly the back of the neck, that worsens when you move.
- \* Pain that gets worse a day or two after the initial injury.
- \* Pain and muscle spasms in the upper area of the shoulder.
- \* Pain in the back part of the head.
- \* Sore throat, trouble sleeping, feeling fatigued and irritable, and having trouble concentrating.
- \* Numbness, weakness or a tingling sensation in the hand or arm.
- \* Stiffness and difficulty moving the neck.

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## Radiation after surgery lowers chances of breast cancer's return

NEW YORK, 9 Dec—Women with localized breast cancer are less likely to develop invasive cancer if they receive radiation after surgery, a new study finds.

The researchers also found that treatment with the drug tamoxifen greatly reduced the risk of the recurrence of localized cancer. The three-nation study included patients with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), the most common type of noninvasive breast cancer, who were followed for a median of 12.7 years.

The researchers found

that radiation after surgery reduced the risk of invasive cancer in the same breast by nearly 70 percent and decreased recurrent DCIS in the same breast by more than 60 percent. Radiation therapy had no effect on the other breast.

"This study is very important in confirming the benefits of radiotherapy in the treatment of ductal carcinoma in situ and, most importantly, decreasing the incidence of invasive carcinoma developing in the same breast," said Dr Lauren Cassell, chief of breast surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

"If we could only identify which particular patients were most at risk, we could target our radiotherapy to those patients who truly benefit from it and avoid over-treating others."

Internet

## Secondhand smoke tied to kids' poor mental health

NEW YORK, 9 Dec—Kids who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to struggle with mental health problems, suggests a large new study of British children.

The findings add urgency in the push for parents to put away their cigarettes for good, or at least smoke outside of the home, researchers say. However, it's still unclear if tobacco fumes actually take a toll on children's brains, or if something else is at play.

"We know that exposure to secondhand smoke is associated with a lot of physical health problems in children, although the mental health side has not been explored," lead researcher Mark Hamer, of University College London, told Reuters Health in an e-mail.

Two of every three

kids between the ages of three and 11 are exposed to secondhand smoke in the US. Meanwhile, of children aged nine to 17, one in five have been diagnosed with some kind of mental or addictive disorder, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Reuters



US scientists have used stem cell technology to create mice from two fathers, an advance that they say could help preserve endangered species and even help same-sex couples have their own genetic children one day.

INTERNET



A young marmoset is carried by its father at the Amneville zoo, eastern France, June 2010. Japanese researchers said Wednesday they had used stem cells to restore partial mobility in a small marmoset that had been paralysed from the neck down by a spinal injury.

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## Japan's economic growth revised upward to 4.5% in Q3

TOKYO, 9 Dec—Japan's economy grew an annualized real 4.5 percent in the July-September quarter, marking the fourth consecutive quarter of expansion and beating economists' forecasts, the Cabinet Office said Thursday in a finalized report, which saw the figure upwardly revised from a 3.9 percent growth.

The July-quarter expansion exceeded median economists' forecasts for 4.1 percent growth and a notable increase in capital spending contributed to the growth, the Cabinet Office said.

As measured by GDP (gross domestic product) this corresponds to 1.1 percent from the previous quarter, from a preliminary reading of 0.9 in the recording period, the government data showed.

Private consumption, which accounts for about 60 percent of GDP, contributed to the expansion as consumers rushed to buy eco-efficient cars, homes and consumer technology ties ahead of the expiration of a government 'green' subsidy and points programme, the Cabinet Office said.

Analysts still maintain the pace of the economic growth is likely to slow sharply, or possibly reverse its growth trend in the final quarter of this year, as weakening overseas demand, deflation, waning domestic demand and a strong yen are likely to take their toll on growth.

Xinhua



The organizer receives the Guinness record certificate for the largest helium balloon cluster in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 5 Dec, 2010. The helium balloon cluster consisted of 20,000 helium balloons.

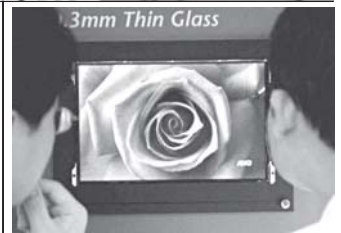
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## Indian exports grow by 26.8% in November

NEW DELHI, 9 Dec—India's exports grew by 26.8 percent to 18.9 billion US dollars in November, while imports increased 11.2 percent to 27.8 billion US dollars, reported the Indo-Asian News Service Wednesday.

This narrowed trade deficit to 8.9 billion US dollars in the month, the report quoted Indian Commerce Secretary Rahul Khullar as saying.

"There is huge turnaround in exports of engineering products, especially automobiles. Gems and jewellery are also doing good," Khullar was quoted as saying.—Xinhua



People look at the latest AU Optronics flat panel TV at a trade show in Taipei. Fines worth 860 million dollars have been slapped on the Taipei firm alongside Chimei InnoLux Corporation, Chunghwa Picture Tubes and HannStar Display Corporation along with South Korean firm LG Display.—INTERNET

## China to float 30-year book-entry T-bonds at yield of 4.23%

BEIJING, 9 Dec—China's Ministry of Finance said here Wednesday that it will sell a batch of 30-year long-term book-entry treasury bonds this week at a yield of 4.23 percent.

The bonds, with a total face value of 28 billion yuan (about 4.2 billion US dollars), will be sold over five days starting Thursday, said the ministry in a statement on its website.

The bonds are the 40<sup>th</sup> batch of the kind to be sold by the ministry this year, and will be the fifth batch of 30-year T-bonds the ministry has sold this year.

The bonds will become tradable on 15 Dec through the national inter-bank bond market and over the counter at designated commercial banks. Interest will be paid every half year.—Xinhua

## Europe freezes as fresh snow causes travel chaos



*People walk on a snow covered street in front of the Invalides museum in Paris. Heavy snow blanketed Paris Wednesday forcing the closure of the Eiffel Tower and briefly shutting its main airport as sub-zero temperatures turned Scottish roads into deadly ice sheets and Spain and Portugal cleared up after flooding and tornado-like winds.—INTERNET*

PARIS, 9 Dec—Heavy snow blanketed Paris forcing the closure of the Eiffel Tower and briefly shutting its main airport as sub-zero temperatures turned Scottish roads into deadly ice sheets and Spain and Portugal cleared up after flooding and tornado-like winds.

Road, rail and air travellers faced fresh disruption following last week's transport shutdown with Paris's Charles de Gaulle-Roissy Airport closed for an hour-and-a-half and the mercury plummeting as low as minus 18.3 degrees Celsius (minus one degree Fahrenheit) at Tyndrum in the Scottish highlands.

In Portugal the high winds carried off cars, uprooted trees, tore off roofs and blew over electricity poles Tuesday, leaving around 30 people injured. A second body was recovered in Spain Wednesday following flooding. France's meteorological service France Meteo said 11 centimetres (four inches) of snow fell in central Paris, the heaviest snowfall since 1987.—*Internet*

## Antarctic cruise ship limping to port in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Dec—A large wave slammed into an Antarctic cruise ship with 88 American passengers and 77 crew members aboard, but the ship's crew overcame minor damage and was heading safely back to its scheduled port on Wednesday, the vessel's operator said.

The *Clelia II* declared an emergency on Tuesday, reporting it had suffered engine damage amid heavy seas and 55 mph (90 kph) winds when it was northeast of the South Shetland Islands and about 500 miles (845

kilometres) from Ushuaia, the Argentine Navy said in a statement.

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators issued statement saying the wave that hit the *Clelia II* caused a broken bridge window and some electrical malfunctions that temporarily knocked out some communications and affected engine performance.

"There are no injuries to passengers, although one member of the crew sustained minor injuries," it said.

*Internet*



*This 7 Dec, 2010 photo shows the Antarctic tourist ship the 'Clelia II' struggling in high seas with 165 people aboard in the southern Drake Passage, just north of the Shetland Islands. The ship declared an emergency on Tuesday, reporting it had suffered engine damage amid heavy seas and 55 mph (90 kph) winds when it was about 500 miles (845 kilometers) from Ushuaia, the Argentine Navy said in a statement.*

*INTERNET*

## India to deepen strategic cooperation in counter-terrorism with EU

NEW DELHI, 9 Dec—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said Thursday India will work with the European Union (EU) to deepen strategic cooperation in counter-terrorism and other "non-traditional" threats to security.

In a statement before leaving for Brussels to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> annual India-EU summit, Singh said India's partnership with EU has evolved from economic and development cooperation to a broader strategic engagement.

"There is a high degree of convergence of our views on global issues. I will seek to deepen our political and strategic cooperation, including in

the area of counter terrorism and other non-traditional threats to security," said Singh.

He said the European Union is India's largest trading partner and a significant source of investment and technology, while negotiations on a trade and investment agreement are also underway.

Singh will also attend the India-Belgium Summit in Brussels at the invitation of Belgium Prime Minister Yves Leterme before paying a working visit to Germany at the invitation of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

*Xinhua*

## Prison fire kills 83 in Chile

SANTIAGO, 9 Dec—A fire gutted a building in the San Miguel prison south of the Chilean Capital Wednesday morning, leaving at least 83 inmates dead, 14 in critical conditions and 21 slightly injured. Some 200 people were evacuated during the ordeal.

President Sebastian Pinera described the incident as "tremendous and painful" as he arrived at the scene.

Extending condolence to the families of the victims and reiterating his pledge to reform the prison system, he said the injured will receive best treatment the South American Country could provide. The information on the victims, once confirmed with precision, will be sent to the family



members directly, he added.

Speaking to reporters at the scene, Health Minister Jaime Manalich promised to release more information about the accident "within an hour."

As *Xinhua* reporters witnessed at the scene, many family members of the prisoners were there waiting to receive the information on the identities of the dead.

Anxious, sad and worried, they kept asking

*Relatives of inmates react outside San Miguel public prison, after a fire broke out in the building, killing 83 inmates, in Santiago on 8 December, 2010.*

*XINHUA*

the police whether there was any updated information. Some of them tried to go beyond the security line to get into the scene, and were stopped by the police.—*Xinhua*

## "Inept" moves preceded BP spill

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—BP and its contractors made a series of decisions that were "breathtakingly inept" ahead of the largest offshore oil spill in US history, a co-chair of the White House oil spill commission said on Wednesday.

Bill Reilly, who co-chairs the presidential commission set up after the BP spill, blasted the conduct of the oil giant and its partners, Transocean and Halliburton, in drilling the doomed Macondo well, .

"There is virtual consensus among all the sophisticated observers of this debacle that three of the leading players in the industry made a series of missteps, miscalculations and miscommunications that were breathtakingly inept and largely preventable," Reilly said in a prepared remarks for an oil and gas conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Reilly stressed he was not speaking in his capacity as commission co-chair. Still, the remarks could hint at the tone of the panel's final report to be released in January.

The seven-member panel is charged



*Natural gas is burned off a support vessel above the source of Deepwater Horizon oil spill where BP will begin testing a new cap placed over the leak in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast 13 July, 2010.—REUTERS*

with uncovering the root causes of the devastating explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig, as well as guide the future of offshore drilling.

In his speech, Reilly reiterated his call for a self-regulating oil industry group that would help hold companies accountable. "There is also no question that certain companies were well known within the industry to be laggards when it came to a safety culture," Reilly said. "Yet the industry stood by and let disaster happen."

*Reuters*





*This image, released on 12 Nov, 1996, by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, shows Jupiter's ice-covered moon, Europa. Every new discovery makes it seem more likely that we are not alone.—INTERNET*

## Evidence for ET is mounting daily, but not proven

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—Lately, a handful of new discoveries make it seem more likely that we are not alone — that there is life somewhere else in the universe.

In the past several days, scientists have reported there are three times as many stars as they previously thought. Another group of researchers discovered a microbe can live on arsenic, expanding our understanding of how life can thrive under the harshest environments. And earlier this year, astronomers for the first time said they'd found a potentially habitable planet.

"The evidence is just getting stronger and stronger," said Carl Pilcher, director of NASA's Astrobiology Institute, which studies the origins, evolution and possibilities of life in the universe. "I think anybody looking at this evidence is going to say, 'There's got to be life out there.'" A caveat: Since much of this research is new, scientists are still debating how solid the conclusions are. Some scientists this week have publicly criticized how NASA's arsenic-using microbe study was conducted, questioning its validity.—*Internet*

## More young Singaporean smokers turn to roll-your-own smokes

SINGAPORE, 9 Dec—The unit cost may have caused younger people to turn to roll-your-own smokes, or "rollies" in Singapore as tobacco leaves are gaining popularity as a cheaper alternative to cigarettes, local daily *The Straits Times* reported on Thursday.

Doctors said these rollies could be more damaging to the lungs as unlike regular cigarettes, they come without filters to block larger smoke

particles from entering the lungs.

A bag of tobacco leaves, readily available in supermarkets and convenience stores, costs as little as 5 Singapore dollars (3.80 US dollars), enough to fill 50 cigarettes or more.

Singapore customs statistics show that the amount of loose tobacco leaves sold more than doubled between 2006 and last year from 38,174 kg to 82,994 kg.

*Xinhua*



*Eighty-two-year-old Zhao Yufang exercises in the residential compound she lives in Beijing, capital of China, 4 Dec, 2010. Zhao created herself a unique body exercise combining Yoga, Wushu or martial arts, and Qigong or breathing exercise in her sixties, and three hours of daily practice over years has granted her with good fitness.—XINHUA*



*Rescuers look for the missing crew members in the sea east of Tung Lung Chau in Hong Kong, south China, on 7 Dec, 2010. Two person were killed, one injured and six missing after a sand barge and a container vessel collided here Tuesday. The barge capsized and sank off the southern tip of the island. —XINHUA*

## Brazil reports first three Chikungunya cases

BRASILIA, 9 Dec—Brazil Wednesday reported first three cases of Chikungunya, a viral disease spread by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain.

The infected included one man from Rio de Janeiro and another from Sao Paulo who recently traveled to Indonesia. The third was a Sao Paulo woman recently returned from a trip to India, the Health Ministry said. All of them received treatment and have recovered.

So far there is no evidence of Chikungunya

transmission in the country, the ministry said in an online statement.

The cases have been reported to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Chikungunya virus, originating in Southeast Asia and Africa, is transmitted by the mosquito "Aedes aegypti", the same vector of dengue, which is a common disease in Brazil. The mortality rate is much lower than that of dengue.

*Xinhua*

## US company tests capsule launch for commercial flight



*SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket with the Dragon capsule lifts off from launch complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force station in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 8 December, 2010.*

*XINHUA*

WASHINGTON, 9

Dec—A private US company on Wednesday morning launched a spacecraft into orbit in a test flight that NASA hopes could lead to supply runs to the International Space Station after its space shuttles are retired next year.

The Falcon 9 rocket, owned by the Space Exploration Technologies Corp, lifted off at 10:43 am EST from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, carrying a capsule named Dragon. NASA plans to use Dragon to fly cargo, and perhaps astronauts, to the space station.

Dragon was empty and unmanned in the test flight. The move marks the first time a private company has ever tried to recover a spacecraft re-entering from orbit. The company, known as SpaceX, intends for Dragon to circle the globe twice and then splash

down 90 minutes later into the Pacific Ocean, 500 miles off the Mexican Coast.

SpaceX launched successfully a Falcon 9 rocket in June, but that test was done without a real capsule.

The California-based SpaceX has a 1.6 billion dollars contract with NASA for 12 supply runs, while the Orbital Sciences Corp from Virginia has a 1.9 billion dollars contract for eight.

NASA is contributing a combined 500 million dollars for SpaceX and Orbital to develop and test-fly their rockets and capsules.

NASA is relying on Russia to ferry US astronauts to and from the space station, for which is has to pay a high price of 26 million dollars per person this year. The figure will rise to 51 million dollars next year and 56 million dollars in 2013.

*Xinhua*



*File picture shows tourists watching a ship pass through the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal was closed to ships for the first time in over two decades after heavy rains swelled nearby lakes flowing into the key transport route that handles five percent of global trade, officials said.*

*INTERNET*

## Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win ...

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and their families at local station hall on 6 December.

At People's Hospital in Kyunsu Township, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win comforted the patients and presented cash assistance to them.

Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win inspected construction of hostel, and presented cash to the students.

He met officers and other ranks and their families at station hall in Myeik.

On 7 December, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and party inspected construction progress in Ngwe Pale Housing-2 in Konpauk Village.

At fish auction market, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win viewed berthing of trawlers and flow of goods progress.

While at Asaungkaung Company, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and party observed works progress.

On arrival at Myeik General Hospital, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and party inspected construction of private patient ward. They also oversaw construction of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Parami Ward.—MNA

## Santini International Training Academy opens vocational courses

YANGON, 9 Dec—Santini International Training Academy which is a sole agent of American Hotel & Lodging Association in Myanmar is conducting vocational courses for those who wish to join shopping malls, cruise ships and hotels.

The trainees who take basic short courses and advanced courses on Front Office Operation and Food & Housekeeping Operation will get the certificate directly conferred by American Hotel & Lodging Association.

The academy will conduct diploma courses recognized by City & Guilds of England at the end of February.

For further information, contact Santini International Training Academy at No. 170/ 176, first floor of New Ayeya Hotel (near Alardin Game Centre), Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Botahtaung Township in Yangon (Ph: 383739 and 383740).—MNA

## Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe oversees regional development tasks in Kayan, Thongwa townships



**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence meets locals in Apyogyi Tezu Village, Tamangyi Village-tract of Kayan Township.—MNA**

YANGON, 9 Dec—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence viewed broadcasting of fertilizer at green gram model plot in Apyogyi Tezu Village in Kayan Township this morning.

At the office of Kayan Township Peace and Development Council, he delivered an address at the ceremony to provide cash assistance for green gram growers.

The Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading spoke on the occasion. The Managing Director of Century Golden Land Kayan Co Ltd reported on progress of tasks being undertaken by the company. A local on behalf of the farmers accepted the cash assistance and spoke words of thanks.

At Kayan Township People's Hospital, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Flyman medical ward. After visiting the

hospital, he comforted patients.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe looked into digging of a lake in Kwammoedein Village and construction of Thongwa Township Maha Atulawaiyan Sasana Beikman in Thongwa Township.

At Thongwa Township gymnasium, he attended the ceremony to provide cash assistance for green gram farmers.

The managing director of MAPT spoke on the occasion. The managing director of Hmawwun Thongwa Co Ltd reported on progress of tasks. A farmer accepted cash assistance and spoke words of thanks.

At Takaw Sluice Gate near Takaw Village in Thongwa Township, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe accepted facts about the sluice gate and supply of water presented by an official of Irrigation Department and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

## Pathein-Monywa Road to unite...

(from page 1)

That road construction had been implemented years ago. Public Works constructed 130 miles and six furlongs long Pathein-Kankalay-Yaykyi-Ngathaingyaung-Yaynantha-Betye road section in 1970; Snowy Mountain Engineering Corporation (SMEC), 31 miles and six furlongs Betye-Okshitpin section in 1971-72 and 52 miles and seven furlongs long Okshitpin-Mindon section in 1976-77, but it reach only Kanpya; Public Works, 51 miles and five furlongs long Mindon-Padan section in 1982-83 and 82 miles

and together with experts of Australia, one furlong long Padan-Kazunma section in 2000-01; and Public Works, 105 miles and one furlong long Kazunma-Monywa in 2004-05. But the road remained earth road in some places and gravel road in other places.

Now, the government has planned to upgrade the road into a 12 feet wide tarred one with 40 feet wide earth shoulder. There are three sections in the upgrading project: 179 miles and six furlongs long section between milepost Nos 0/0 and 179/6, 183 miles and two furlongs long section between milepost Nos 179/6 and 363/0, and 87 miles and five furlongs

long section between milepost Nos 363/0 and 450/5.

In No. 3 road section, Monywa District Public Works, Building Construction Project Special Group-3, Naing Group Co Ltd, Road Construction Project Special Group-10, Airport Construction Special Project Group-2, Building Construction Special Project Group-5, Road Construction Special Project Group-13, Pakokku District Public Works, IGE Co Ltd and Myanmar Adipati Co are working hard to appear the tarred road. No. 3 road section includes 108 concrete culverts, 51 above 50 feet long bridges and 14 of under 50 feet long.

On completion of Pathein-Monywa Road, local outputs of Monywa

and Pathein can be transported and the people will be able to make pilgrimages through the road.

In addition, the people will be

accessible to Rakhine State through Minbu-An Road, and every part of the nation through Ayeyawady Bridge. On the whole, Pathein-Monywa Road will

bring fruitful development to the country and will unite the lower with upper Myanmar.

**Translation: ZZS**  
**Kyemon: 9-12-2010**



**Photo shows placing of gravel on road section of Pathein-Monywa Road near Dontaw Village in Yinnabin Township.**



## Labour Minister receives Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Union of Myanmar Ms Michelle Su-Wan Chan who has completed her tour of duty at the hall of the Ministry of Labour, here, on 7 December afternoon.—MNA



Labour Minister U Aung Kyi receives Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia Ms Michelle Su-Wan Chan who has completed her tour of duty.—MNA

## 3344.63 acres of poppy plantations destroyed in 2010-2011

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—In poppy cultivation season in 2010-2011, a total of 1377.34 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed from 1 September to 29 November 2010.

A total of 1967.29 more acres of poppy plantations were destroyed from 30 November to 6 December in States and

Regions. So far, a total of 3344.63 acres of poppy plantations have been destroyed there.

Out of 1967.29 more acres of poppy plantations, 1750.71 acres were destroyed in Hsisheng, Pinlaung, Pekhon, Loilem and Nyaungshwe townships in Shan State (South), 93.1 acres in Mongping, Mongton,

Kengtung, Mongyawng and Monghsat townships in Shan State (East), 44.1 acres in Lashio Township of Shan State (North), 4.73 acres in Tonzang Township of Chin State, 0.15 acre in Hkamti Township of Sagaing Region and 74.5 acres in Dimawhsa Township of Kayah State.

MNA

## Shine Group takes part in Yangon International Trade Exhibition-2010



Shine Construction Co booth at Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2010.—MNA

YANGON, 9 Dec—Shine Group of Companies of Shine Construction running interior decoration, Hyundai lift firms, and Kaung Myat Zaw International Company are partaking at Yangon International Trade Exhibition-2010 from 9 to 12 December at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

Shine Group of Companies offers the customers to own a condo room including lift by K 1

## Transport Minister visits multi-disasters prevention and alarm centre



Transport Minister U Thein Swe inspects multi-disasters prevention and alarm centre of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe inspected the multi-disasters prevention and alarm centre of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, here, on 7 December.

At the TV studio, officials reported on telecasting process and procedures of preventive measures against bad weather, earthquake and tsunami with the use of

machinery.

The minister stressed the need for the officials of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology to issue latest weather warnings on radio and TV and in newspapers. He urged them to take systematic fire preventive measures.

MNA

## Furniture at Yangon International Trade Exhibition-2010

YANGON, 9 Dec—Shwebin Ngwebin U Than Tun's furniture show room is partaking at Yangon International Trade Exhibition-2010 at Tatmadaw Convention

Hall on U Wisara Road here, up to 12 December.

The displays at the show room are eye-catching curtains and paintings made of wood and made by Shwebin Ngwebin U Than Tun Co Ltd, as well as other furniture.

At the exhibition, any customer has a chance to get discounts.

For the furniture that the owner wanted, contact No 166, Maha Bandoola Street, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, Ph: 01-292192, 01-703803 or 01-399884.—MNA



Shwebin Ngwebin U Than Tun Furniture Booth seen at Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2010.—MNA

## Taukkashat gaining access...

(from page 16)

Village. Township Development Affairs Committee and the Irrigation Department provided heavy machinery, technology and labour assistance for renovation of the road.

Kanbalu is over four miles far from Taukkashat. Two areas are connected along five miles long cart road and 4.5 miles long gravel road.

The local people constructed the cart road on both sides of the gravel road and placed chipping on two miles long section on the gravel road.

Before concluding the road works, the local people speeded up their efforts. The local people and wellwishers collectively donated K 5.3 million to the funds for upgrading the road.

At present, bullock carts can safely drive along both sides of Kanbalu-Taukkashat gravel road. Various types of vehicles can use the gravel road day and night. In line with the motto: "Build new one, maintain old one", three-mile section of Kanbalu-Taukkashat Road has been constructed

as the gravel section. While the plan to upgrade the remaining section was submitted to the superior level, necessary preparations have been undertaken, according to Assistant Director U Thit Htoo Myint of Township Development Affairs Committee.

Construction of inter-rural roads and inter-district roads helps create equitable development of social, education and health sectors between rural and urban areas.

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Translation: TTA  
Kyemon: 4-12-2010

## Construction on world's 3rd tallest building starts in C China

WUHAN, 9 Dec—Construction on what will be the world's third tallest building started Wednesday in central China's Wuhan City, capital of Hubei Province, a spokesman for the developer said Thursday.

The skyscraper will be 606 metres tall when construction finishes in five years.

The developer, Shanghai Greenland Group, has invested about 30 billion yuan (about 4.5 billion US dollars) in the project.

The building, named the Wuhan Greenland Centre, will have luxury hotels, apartments and a conference centre inside.

The world's tallest building is the 828-metre high Dubai Tower in the United Arab Emirates.

The 632-meter high Shanghai Tower will be the world's second tallest building when construction on it finishes in 2014.—Xinhua



*A man reads comics on a Kindle-style tablet called Wink at the EC Media International Private Limited office in Bangalore. The Indian government won headlines around the world when it unveiled a prototype 35-US dollar tablet computer in July, but questions are now growing over whether the project is just a pipe dream.*

INTERNET

## Cuba, Cambodia reaffirm friendship

HAVANA, 9 Dec—Top Cuban and Cambodian lawmakers Wednesday reaffirmed the friendly relations between the two legislatures and the two countries.

Both President of the Cuban National Assembly of the People's Power Ricardo Alarcon and visiting head of Cambodian parliament Heng Samrin reiterated the stance during their meeting at the Nacional Hote.

Samrin, who had visited Cuba four times before, thanked the host for the hospitality and reaffirmed his country's interest on expanding ties with Cuba.

Alarcon said he appreciated Cambodia's struggle for independence and noted that Samrin's visit was made on the occasion to celebrate 50 years of bilateral diplomatic ties.

Last month, Havana's Friendship House issued a stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bilateral relationship.—Xinhua

## Wall Street close higher, Chinese firms soar in IPOs

NEW YORK, 9 Dec—US stocks closed moderately higher Wednesday after a late-session surge in financial shares offset the negative effects of a stronger dollar.

Two leading Chinese internet firms Youku and Dangdang stole the show in the tech sector, with their shares soaring in US debuts.

Wall Street opened higher as a compromise on tax cuts between President Barack Obama and the Republicans lit up investors' hope for recovery.

But gains on major indices quickly weakens as the dollar rose against most major currencies, exerting downward pressures to gold, silver

and crude oil and dragging basic materials and energy sectors down further.

Gains remained sluggish until a surge in the financials lifted market sentiments in late session. The financial sector gained by 0.96 percent at the closing, with Bank of America up 3.72 percent and Lincoln National Corp up 7.50 percent, the biggest winners among financial institutions.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 13.32 points, or 0.12 percent, to 11,372.48. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 4.53 points, or 0.37 percent, to 1,228.28 and the Nasdaq jumped 10.67 points, or 0.41 percent,

to 2,609.16.

A bright spot of the day was that China's Youku and Dangdang issued their initial public offerings (IPO), feeding great US demand.

Dangdang, the No 1 business-to-consumer brand in China, which is also known as "China's Amazon", made a strong US debut Wednesday. Its stocks surged 86.94 percent to finish 29.91 dollars and continued to climb higher in after hours.

Through this IPO, Dangdang raised more than 200 million dollars in proceeds, which was expected to provide a boost for the online retailer.

Xinhua

## New York fans recall Lennon 30 years after murder

NEW YORK, 9 Dec—Crowds gathered around the "Imagine" mosaic in Central Park on the 30th anniversary of John Lennon's death on Wednesday, sharing his music and recalling when

they first heard the former Beatle was shot.

Lennon was 40 when he was murdered outside his New York apartment on December 8, 1980. His killer, Mark David Chapman, is serving a prison sentence of 20 years to life.

"It came over the radio and me Mum just stopped what she was doing and burst into tears," said Jan Huntley, a Liverpool native on her honeymoon in New York. She said she was 8 years old and getting ready for school when they heard the news.

Around the "Imagine" mosaic in Strawberry Fields, a memorial to Lennon in Central Park, fans huddled in the cold, playing guitars and singing Beatles' songs.

"I love what he stood for. All he wanted in his life was peace," said Ranada Havard, a tourist from Louisiana. "All he wanted was to love his wife, love his children. But he lost it. People are still remembering 30 years later. It's great."

Even those who weren't born when Lennon died said they felt compelled to visit Strawberry Fields, across the street from Lennon's apartment building, to express their grief.

"I've been a Beatles fan all my life. I was raised on them," said 17-year-old Russell Schwartz of Farmingdale, New York. "Honestly, on the 30th anniversary, I couldn't miss the chance to honor a legend."—Reuters



*White swans are seen in a wetland in Yuncheng, north China's Shanxi Province, on 7 Dec, 2010.*

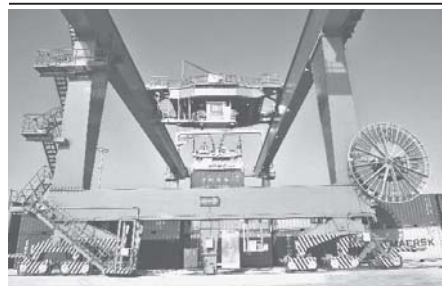
XINHUA

## Oil falls on fuel inventory increase, dollar strengthening

NEW YORK, 9 Dec—Crude prices dropped Wednesday as US fuel inventory increased and tax-cut plan lifted dollar.

The US Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday a bigger-than-expected rise for the stock of gasoline and distillates. Gasoline inventories jumped by 3.8 million barrels during the week ended 3 Dec and distillate stocks rose 2.2 million barrels. This overshadowed the decrease of 3.8 million barrels for crude oil inventories and influenced traders' and investors' decision.

On Wednesday, the compromise between President Barack Obama and Republicans on tax-cut extension gave investors hope for economic recovery, dollar rose against most major currencies, sending oil briefly dipping below 88 US dollars a barrel. Light, sweet crude for January delivery fell 41 cents to 88.28 US dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.—Xinhua



*Photo taken on 7 Dec, 2010 shows a scene of the Xi'an railway container central station in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The container central station covering more than 1.3 million square meters was put into operation recently. The total container transport volume of the station is estimated to reach 17.24 million tons per year.—XINHUA*

*NBA's Houston Rockets Yao Ming (R), the new owner of the China Basketball Association's (CBA) Shanghai Sharks, watches as his team beat Qingdao Double Star 109-98 in Shanghai on 20 January, 2010. Over 400 million people watched CBA games last season at one time or another, according to the league's top official.*

INTERNET





## Fidel Castro urges UN to help fight cholera in Haiti

HAVANA, 9 Dec—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro said the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) must help stem the cholera epidemic in that country.

The UN “should mobilize the needed resources to eradicate the cholera epidemic threatening to spread to the neighboring Dominican Republic, the Caribbean, Latin America and other similar countries in Asia and Africa,” he said in an article published on Wednesday.

Fidel Castro added that based on several investigations, including one by the Cuban medical brigade in Haiti, Nepalese soldiers in the UN mission

were found to be the carriers of the disease in Haiti.

According to official figures, the number of cholera patients in Haiti rose to 93,222 people on Tuesday, with 2,120 deaths.

A week ago, the former Cuban leader warned that the cholera epidemic in Haiti could become a threat for Latin America and the Caribbean and called on the international community to work together to fight the disease.

He also said Cuba has added 300 medical staff to its medical brigade in Haiti.

Xinhua



Residents plant vegetables on the dried riverbed of the Ganjiang River at the northern bank in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 7 Dec, 2010. Water levels of main rivers and lakes in Jiangxi continuously dropped due to the rainfall decrease which happened since late in October.—XINHUA



A man cries as he searches for relatives among rubble following a landslide in La Gabriela, north of Medellin in Colombia on 5 December, 2010. As many as 200 people may have been buried in the delay landslides that swept over 10 houses in the region.—INTERNET

## Strong winds, torrential rain set to wreak more havoc across Australia

SYDNEY, 9 Dec—Strong winds and torrential downpours are set to wreak more havoc across Australia, with many flood-ridden townships entering a critical 24 hours, the Australian emergency services authorities warned on Thursday.

The New South Wales (NSW) State Emergency Service (SES) is expecting another frantic day after responding to hundreds of calls overnight in flood-stricken Wagga Wagga in south western NSW.

Thursday has been described as crucial for the state, while rescue crews in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia are also on high alert amid more downpours.

In Wagga Wagga, the SES had received more than 265 requests for assistance by midnight on Wednesday as high winds caused trees to fall, with damage to roofs.

In Victoria State, the SES issued four major flood warnings in the northeast for the Acheron River at Taggerty, the Kiewa River at Mongans Bridge, and the Sevens and Castle creeks at Strathbogie and Euroa.

The four rivers are steadily rising and evacuations may be required, the SES said.

In South Australia, areas north of Adelaide are bracing for more disruption as the state begins to count the cost of record-breaking thunderstorms.

SES chief Mike Beattie said that while weather conditions had improved, there were still concerns for people living near the Light, Gawler and Wakefield rivers, north of the city.

Xinhua

## Confirmed death toll at 47 in Colombia landslide

BOGOTA, 9 Dec—The toll of confirmed deaths in Colombia's landslide has reached 47, with some 80 people still unaccounted for.

Antioquia state emergency management director John Rendon tells *The Associated Press* there is no chance of finding survivors under the sodden earth, which is up to 26 feet (8 meters) deep.

Sunday's slide buried about three dozen homes in the poor Medellin suburb of Bello. It followed Colombia's heaviest rains in 42 years of record-keeping. Rendon said Wednesday that about 500 people are working to recover the dead.

President Juan Manuel Santos has declared a 30-day state of emergency that will allow emergency appropriations to deal with record flooding, which by official count has claimed 223 lives this year.

Internet

## Spain sends aid to flood-stricken Venezuela

PANAMA CITY, 9 Dec—Spain is sending 15 tons of humanitarian aid to flood-stricken Venezuela, the Panama-based Spain Humanitarian Logistic Centre (CLH) for Latin America announced Wednesday.

The aid cargo, including food, blankets, mattresses and cleaning articles and others, will arrive in Venezuela on Thursday, and will be distributed to more than 100,000 victims of heavy rains and landslides, it said in a statement. The delivery was delayed for one day due to technical problems and bad weather.

The aid will be mainly distributed in the impoverished zones of Caracas as well as Merida, Nueva Esparta, Trujillo, Vargas and Miranda states.

CLH was created in 2007 to provide disaster relief for the Americas.—Xinhua

## Fresh cholera kills 13 in northern Nigeria



A man gets his hands disinfected to ward off cholera. A fresh cholera outbreak has killed 13 people, while 112 others have been hospitalised since the weekend in northern Nigeria's Kebbi State, the health commissioner said Wednesday.

INTERNET

KANO, 9 Dec—A fresh cholera outbreak has killed 13 people, while 112 others have been hospitalised since the weekend in northern Nigeria's Kebbi State, the health commissioner said Wednesday.

“We have 13 deaths out of 125 cholera cases we have recorded since Sunday and these figures are from hospital records,” Sadiq Dakingari said. He said the death toll might rise if other records are considered.

“These figures are tentative and we will have to wait for tallies of casualties that could not make it to hospital from local chiefs who usually take inventory of victims that stay at home,” he said.

Cholera is a water-borne disease and can also be transmitted by food that has been in contact with sewage.

It causes serious diarrhoea and vomiting leading to dehydration. With a short incubation period, it can be fatal if not treated in time.

In October, the United Nations Children's Fund said some 1,555 people had died of the disease in Nigeria this year.—Internet

An Ethiopian Airlines plane is deiced at Frankfurt Airport on 9 December, 2010. A lot of fresh snow fell over night in Frankfurt causing traffic problems. Frankfurt's airport had to close its runways for four hours and 250 flights were cancelled, according to local media.

INTERNET



## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV COLTAN VOY NO (001)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV COLTAN VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (126) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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An Indian policemen stands guard at the scene of an explosion in Varanasi, India, on 7 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

## Police question brothers in India holy city blast

LUCKNOW, 9 Dec — Police were questioning two brothers for their alleged involvement in a blast that killed a toddler and triggered a stampede that left many others wounded in a holy Indian City, a top police official said on Wednesday.

The men were detained in Mumbai, India's financial hub, after investigators determined that an e-mail claiming responsibility for the blast in Varanasi town had been sent from a laptop belong-

ing to the two, the official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The bomb hidden in a metal canister exploded Tuesday evening as thousands gathered for a daily Hindu ritual on the banks of the Ganges River in Varanasi.

A banned terror group allegedly claimed responsibility for the blast in the e-mail, which was sent to several media outlets soon after the blast.—*Internet*

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV DALIA ROJA VOY NO (117)

Consignees of cargo carried on MVDALIA ROJA VOY NO (117) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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## WikiLeaks founder Assange refused bail by UK court

LONDON, 9 Dec — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who has angered US authorities by publishing secret diplomatic cables, was remanded in custody by a British court on Tuesday over allegations of sex crimes in Sweden.

Assange, a 39-year-old Australian, had earlier handed himself in to British police after Sweden had issued a European Arrest Warrant for him. Assange, who denies the allegations, will remain

behind bars until a fresh hearing on 14 December.

He has spent some time in Sweden and was accused this year of sexual misconduct by two female Swedish WikiLeaks volunteers. A Swedish prosecutor wants to question him about the accusation.

WikiLeaks, which has provoked fury in Washington with its publications, vowed it would continue making public details of the 250,000 secret US documents it had obtained.

*Internet*



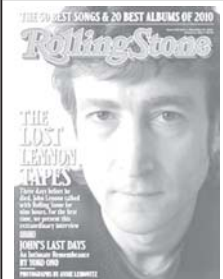
The media photograph the windows of a prison van, believed to be carrying the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange.—*INTERNET*

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In this magazine cover image of Rolling Stone, former Beatle John Lennon is shown on the cover of the album.

INTERNET

## Rolling Stone releases Lennon's final interview

NEW YORK, 9 Dec — Three days before he was gunned down, John Lennon complained about his critics — saying they were just interested in "dead heroes" — and talked optimistically about his family and future, musing that he had "plenty of time" to accomplish some of his life goals.

Lennon's final interview was released by Rolling Stone on Wednesday, the 30th anniversary of his death, to *The Associated Press*; it will be on magazine stands on Friday. While brief excerpts of Jonathan Cott's interview with Lennon were released for a 1980 Rolling Stone cover story days after Lennon's death, this is the first time the entire interview has been published.

*Internet*

## 80-year-old fined for trashing newspaper

NEW YORK, 9 Dec — An elderly woman says she was hit with a \$100 fine for tossing a newspaper into a city trash bin outside her Manhattan apartment building.

Delia Gluckin, 80, tossed the paper into the city litter basket on her way to the subway station downtown when she was approached by a woman in a blue uniform, the *New York Post* reported Wednesday.

"I thought she was going to ask for directions. She said, 'You just dropped garbage in there.' I said, 'I didn't, it was just a newspaper,' and I offered to take it out," Gluckin said.

Sanitation cop Kathy Castro wrote Gluckin a ticket for putting "improper refuse" in a city litter basket marked "litter only" and "no household trash."

*Internet*

## Biting dog diverts flight

NEW YORK, 9 Dec — A small dog jumped out of its cage and bit a passenger and a flight attendant on a Phoenix-bound US Airways plane on Monday, forcing the captain to make an emergency landing in Pittsburgh.

The dog's owner opened the cage despite being told not to, said Valerie Wunder, a spokeswoman for US Airways.

The captain of Flight 522 from Newark to Phoenix, carrying 122 passengers, decided to divert the plane because he "wanted to make sure everybody was OK," Wunder said, adding she did not know whether charges would be filed against the dog's owner.

*Reuters*



## Widow returns book 74 years overdue

A California library said it refused to accept a \$2,701 payment from a 95-year-old woman who returned a book her late husband checked out 74 years ago.

Hazel Severson said neighbour Laurie Gibson, 79, stumbled upon the Amador County Library's first-edition copy of "Seaplane Solo," an autobiographical account of Sir Francis Chichester's 1930 flight across the Tasman Sea, while cleaning at the Severson home and the widow immediately knew what to do with it, *The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee* reported Wednesday.

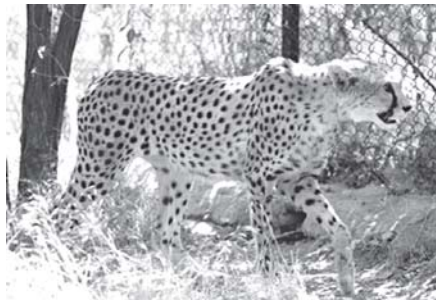
## 406-pound tuna looks like record-breaker

A yellowfin tuna weighing more than 400 pounds, caught off Mexico, appears to be the heaviest ever caught with a rod and reel, sport fishing officials said.

The International Game Fish Association has yet to rule on Mike Livingston's catch, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported. The current record-holder, caught in 1977, weighed 388 pounds, 12 ounces.

Livingston, a resident of Sunland, Calif., returned Monday to San Diego after a 10-day trip aboard the sport fishing boat Vagabond. The fish was weighed at Point Loma Sportfishing, which cleared it at 405.2 pounds.

Livingston said he spent 2 hours, 40 minutes playing the giant fish before reeling it in. His previous personal record was 100 pounds.



*A cheetah is seen in an enclosure. Passengers on a Qantas flight were delayed Wednesday when the pilot reported difficulties in getting one passenger on board — a cheetah.*

## Cheetah delays Qantas flight in Australia

Passengers on a Qantas flight were delayed Wednesday when the pilot reported difficulties in getting one passenger on board — a cheetah.

"We're sorry for the delay, but we're having some problems loading the cheetah," the pilot reportedly told passengers on board the domestic flight as it sat on the tarmac at Melbourne Airport.

Qantas said the Adelaide-bound flight was delayed for 36 minutes after ground staff had problems loading the pallet carrying the big cat, which was bound for a South Australian zoo.

"It was nothing to do with the cheetah being upset," a spokeswoman for the airline said. "It was purely just loading the pallet onto the aircraft."



*Boars are pictured in September 2010 in France. A Frenchwoman had to be rescued by helicopter after she got stuck in a tree where she took refuge from a herd of wild pigs she ran into while strolling in a valley, police said Wednesday.*

## Chopper rescues Frenchwoman trapped in tree by wild pigs

A Frenchwoman had to be rescued by helicopter after she got stuck in a tree where she took refuge from a herd of wild pigs she ran into while strolling in a valley, police said Wednesday.

The 30-year-old was walking near the southwestern town of Bagnères-de-Luchon on Monday when she took fright after seeing the boars and climbed up a nearby tree.

When she later tried to climb down she fell two metres (six feet) and got stuck in branches from where she called rescue services with her GPS-equipped mobile phone and was able to give them her exact location, police said. When rescue workers arrived they decided they would need a helicopter to extricate her safely from the tree and summoned one from a nearby base.

## News Album

## NC-17 rating overturned on 'Blue Valentine'



*In this publicity image released by The Weinstein Company, Michelle Williams, left, and Ryan Gosling are shown in a scene from, 'Blue Valentine.'*

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Michelle Williams and Ryan Gosling's marital drama "Blue Valentine" on Wednesday won a rare appeal of its adults-only NC-17 rating and will go into theaters with an R rating instead.

Motion Picture Association of American spokeswoman Elizabeth Kaltman said the rating was lowered after the group's appeals board viewed the film and heard arguments from Harvey Weinstein, whose Weinstein Co is releasing it. The drama initially drew the NC-17 rating for a "scene of explicit sexual content." The film now carries an R rating for "strong graphic sexual content, language, and a beating."—*Internet*

## "Mad Men," "30 Rock" among nominees for 2011 Writers Guild Awards

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Winners of this year's Writers Guild Awards — AMC drama "Mad Men" and NBC's comedy "30 Rock" were among the shows that have been nominated on Wednesday for the 2011 Writers Guild Award for television writing.

Leading the nominees for drama series, "Mad Men" was followed by another hit from AMC "Breaking Bad," and "Boardwalk Empire," Dexter, "Friday Night Lights." The writers of "Mad Men" walked away with the honor at this year's presentation ceremony. In comedy category, "30 Rock" leads a strong pack which also includes "Glee," "Modern Family," "Nurse Jackie" and "The Office." "30 Rock" won the award at the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual award event, while "Modern Family" landed best new series honor.—*Xinhua*

## Oprah Winfrey spends second day in Australia at Uluru



*US talkshow queen Oprah Winfrey speaks to the media and fans as she arrives to visit a koala sanctuary on Hamilton island in Queensland on 8 December, 2010.*

INTERNET

CANBERRA, 9 Dec—US renowned television host, Oprah Winfrey is spending her second day in Australia at Uluru, Northern Territory on Thursday. The talk show host was originally going to spend Thursday on Hamilton Island of Queensland. "The reason I wanted to go to Uluru is that (singer) Paul Simon called me and said you must, it's not to be missed," Winfrey told Channel Ten on Thursday.—*Xinhua*

## Brazilian film highlighting Rio violence is a hit

SAO PAULO, 9 Dec—A Brazilian film highlighting the violence in Rio's notorious slums, "Elite Squad 2," has broken national box office records, with nearly 11 million tickets sold, the specialized cinema website Film B said Wednesday.

The cops-and-criminals picture, which mixes explosive action with an expose of corrupt politicking, has usurped a 1976 Brazilian supernatural erotic classic, "Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands," for the status as most-watched movie in the country's history, the

site said.

Its success coincided with a spectacular real-life operation last month by the crack police squad of its title and the Brazilian military in sweeping brutal drug gangs out of a nest of slums in Rio de Janeiro.—*Internet*



*Aerial view of the Morro do Alemão shantytown in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November 2010.*

INTERNET

## Arsenal win over Partizan Belgrade 3-1 to reach Champions League last 16

LONDON, 9 Dec — Arsenal finished their last UEFA Champions League group match with a comfortable 3-1 win over Partizan Belgrade on Wednesday, but had to settle for a second place in Group H as Shakhtar Donetsk took the lead with a three-point advantage.

The visitors failed to make any threat in the first half at The Emirates while the Gunners also needed to wait 13 minutes for their first shot. French striker Marouane Chamakh managed to

reach a left-wing cross with his head, but the header went harmlessly over the crossbar.

With the absence of their playmaker Cesc Fabregas, an in-form Samir Nasri took more responsibilities in attacks and Robin van Persie became the one to break the deadlock. On the strike of the half-hour, Van Persie put the hosts ahead from the spot after he was fouled by Marko Jovanovic.

Arsenal kept their dominance in the second-half but Partizan Belgrade

equalized unheraldedly after 52 minutes as Cordova Cleo scored from just outside the box. But Arsenal didn't lose the momentum and substitute Theo Walcott's played an active role after he was introduced into the field in the 66th minutes. The England striker restored Arsenal's lead with a volley after 73 minutes before Nasri added a third with a low finish four minutes later.

Xinhua



Artists perform during the opening ceremony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Beach Games in Muscat, Oman, on 8 Dec, 2010. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Beach Games opened here on Wednesday evening, with more than 2,000 athletes from 45 Asian countries and regions participating. — XINHUA

## Ze Roberto announces desire to return to Brazil, Santos

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Dec—Santos FC received warmly the news on Wednesday that midfielder Ze Roberto is interested in returning to Brazil. The player, currently with Germany's Hamburg SV, left Santos and Brazil four years ago. According to the player's

agent, Juan Figer, multiple teams in Brazil are interested in the experienced 36-year-old. Figer mentioned Gremio, Corinthians and the newly crowned Brazilian Championship winner, Fluminense.

Santos is also in the hunt and is a personal favorite of Ze Roberto. Ze Roberto openly confessed his strong memories of when he played with Santos, claiming to miss the comradery, respect and fun while playing in Brazil. The player is now looking for the right place to end his career and be closer to his family.

Xinhua

## Para Games opening to highlight love

BEIJING, 9 Dec—The opening ceremony of the Guangzhou Asian Para Games will not focus on high-tech performances but emotion - a feature that will display disabled performers' and athletes' love for life and society, Zhu Jianwei, director-in-chief of the ceremony, said. The ceremony, scheduled on 12 Dec at the Aoti Main Stadium in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province, includes three parts - each with an emotional theme to convey love among family, society and disabled persons, Zhu said.

"I'm 100 percent confident of showcasing a truly stunning gala for disabled

persons," Zhu said. But Zhu had to wait for the conclusion of the Asian Games to prepare for rehearsals because the Asian Para Games opening ceremony was scheduled at Aoti Main Stadium, one of the major Asiad competition venues. "My confidence comes from the ceremony's theme - a reflection of disabled persons' dream of a beautiful life, their passion and society's care for them," Zhu told *China Daily*.

Xinhua

## SPORTS

### Ronaldo says tired of soccer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Dec—During the 2010 International Forum of Soccer, the Footecon, Corinthians striker Ronaldo declared on Wednesday that he is getting tired of the sport. After 16 years as a professional, Ronaldo said he is close to the end of the line as a player and active participant in the sport. Ronaldo said that in his

time away from the field, the last thing that he wants to hear about is soccer.

He added that he purposely avoids the television and dislikes conversation regarding the sport. However, he recognized that his profession requires a set mind. Ronaldo promised to start the 2011 season as if it were his first; training hard in order to avoid any potential injuries down the road. Next year will most certainly be his last as a professional athlete.

Xinhua



Corinthians' Ronaldo reacts during their Brazilian Championship soccer match against Goias in Goiania, on 5 Dec, 2010. Corinthians finished the championship in third place.

XINHUA

## Juan to leave Flamengo, raises Sao Paulo's interest

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Dec—Longtime member of the Flamengo soccer team, midfielder Juan received the news on Wednesday that his contract will not be renewed. The information comes from the player's agent, Eduardo Uram, who is actively looking for a new home for the player.

After five seasons as Flamengo's starting left midfielder and defensive

leader, Flamengo's club president Patricia Amorim and head coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo opted to release the 28-year-old player. Juan has frequently been criticized by the Flamengo fan base and has openly demonstrated his dissatisfaction towards the fans in retaliation.

A team that has shown its interest in picking up the free agent is Sao Paulo. The team recently released midfielder Richarlison and intends on cutting Diogo and Carleto before the 2011 season begins. The void left by the three players offers a great opportunity for Juan to return to Sao Paulo.—Xinhua

## Serie A players strike called off

ROME, 9 Dec—The Serie A Players' Association (AIC) confirmed on Wednesday that this weekend's strike will be called off following lengthy discussions between league representatives and the Football Players' Association. The AIC had called a strike for the weekend of 11 to 12 December in protest at the failure to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement, but talks went on for seven hours on Tuesday.

"We are taking advantage of the public holiday to check with the players if this deal is acceptable," explained AIC Vice-President Leonardo Grosso. A full programme of fixtures is planned for this weekend and television broadcasters and the league schedule would be thrown into disarray were games to be called off.—Xinhua

## Joel Santana continues to coach Botafogo

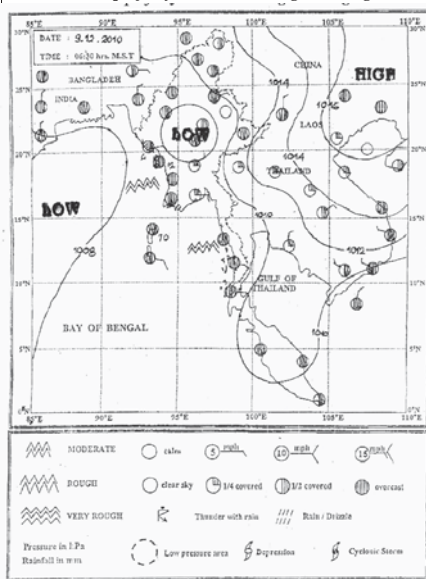
RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Dec—Head coach of the Botafogo soccer team, Joel Santana confirmed his stay with the club in 2011 on Wednesday. The coach based his decision to stay upon fan support, his relationship with the players and the administration's willingness to let him have full control of the team.

Santana vaguely hinted at his decision to stay on Tuesday. However, he did not give a definitive answer. On Wednesday, the coach committed to a one-year extension to his contract, something that Botafogo has sought out to do for the last four months.

In 2010, Santana led Botafogo to win the Rio de Janeiro state championship, clinching the first and second halves of the tournament. His blunt certainty and gift of gab have conquered fans throughout the country. In his re-signing, the coach earned an undisclosed raise. —Xinhua



## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing Region, isolated in Yangon Region, weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (5°C) to (6°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Upper Sagaing Regions and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperature was Machanbaw (9°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded were Cocogun (2.79) inches, Sittway and Kyaukpyu (0.47) inch each.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 8-12-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 9-12-2010 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-12-2010 was (83%). Rainfall on 9-12-2010 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 8-12-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 9-12-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-12-2010 was (70%).

Total sunshine hours on 8-12-2010 was (7.8) hours.

Rainfall on 9-12-2010 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 (6) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 8-12-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the East Central Bay and partly cloudy over Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010:** Rain are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions and weather will be partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of rain in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-12-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

## Missing cat re-appears after 5 years

BILOXI, 9 Dec — A cat missing for five years is back home in Mississippi, bearing battle scars and a wilder attitude but happy, the owner says. "This is the power of microchipping," humane society Director Tara High said. "There is no other way that cat would have found its family. This is a very dramatic story with a wonderful ending." Scrub was an indoor cat living in Gulfport, Miss., with Jennifer and Chris Noble prior to Hurricane Katrina, but after the storm hit their living conditions changed considerably. The Sun Herald of Biloxi, Miss., reported. Jennifer Noble said they had taken to leaving the doors and windows open because it was hot and there was no electricity after the hurricane.

Scrub started going outside but one day didn't come back. "I honestly think he got disoriented; that he just couldn't find this way back," Jennifer Noble said. Five years later, an employee from the Humane Society of South Mississippi called Jennifer's home message machine saying a cat had been brought in with their information on his microchip, the newspaper said Tuesday.—Internet



**Fire fighters put out fire in residential apartments in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 9 Dec, 2010. Fire broke out in the apartments at approximately 9:00 am Thursday. Two people were confirmed dead by 10:00 am. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.**  
XINHUA

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (10-12-2010)(Friday)

## Transmissions

## Times

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

## Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Living in Paradise
- \* Current Affairs "Puducherry Blue"
- \* News
- \* Shwe Than Lwin Home for the Aged
- \* News
- \* A Brief Account of Bagan
- \* Record Album
- \* News
- \* The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)

## Oversea Transmission

- \* Opening
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- \* News
- \* Tar Tet Pwe...from Shan Midlands Region
- \* The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
- \* News
- \* Kyaik Htee Yo (Golden Rock Pagoda)
- \* News
- \* Working & Living in Myanmar (Fishery)
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Culture Stage
- \* News
- \* Today's Efficient Youth (OBF student)
- \* Myanma Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- \* Myanmar Movie "The True Love"

Myanmar

TV

Friday,  
10 December  
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:20 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:30 am

9. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song Of National Races

4:15 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

4. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra

4:40 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Chemistry)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Songs Of Yester Years

5:10 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:20 pm

9. Song Varieties

5:30 pm

10. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)

19. TV Drama Series

20. Song Lover

- ★ 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

## Taukkashat gaining access to Kanbalu along five miles gravel road

Article & Photo: *Moe Myint (Kanbalu)*

Thanks to concerted efforts of local authorities, departmental personnel and local people, five miles long Kanbalu-Taukkashat road has emerged as a all-year round facility with a view to ensuring better transport in rural areas of Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region and enhancing rural economy.

This open season, the local people actively participated in undertaking roadworks, placing of gravel, and digging of drains for improvement of Kanbalu-Taukkashat Road with the assistance of rural organizations and village elders of Taukkashat (See page 9)



*A bulldozer is at work for maintenance of Kanbalu-Taukkashat Road.*

## Women's vocational courses conclude in Pale

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The advanced tailoring course No. 11, the basic domestic science course No. 15 and the wickerwork course No. 10 concluded at the Women's Vocational Training School in Pale Township on 3 December morning.

On behalf of the chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council, Secretary U Zaw Moe Aye made a speech and gave prizes to outstanding trainees.

Principal of the school Daw Nan Thanda Aung presented completion certificates to trainees.

MNA

## Weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that according to the observations at 12 noon today, rains will scatter in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions during next 48 hours due to waves of whirlwinds that moved to Myanmar from the west.—MNA

## Talks on traffic rules held

YANGON, 9 Dec—A talk on traffic rules was held at the training hall of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee (Head Office), here on 6 December morning.

Chairman of the committee U Tin Htut explained the plans to be implemented by Yangon Region APBCC and matters related to traffic rules.

It was attended by members of the committee, responsible persons, bus owners, drivers and bus conductors including media persons.

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