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## Tatmadaw puts good foundations in place for national development with good will so that new government elected by people can build new nation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The following is the full text of the address delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the Passing out of Parade of the No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy in Pyin Oo Lwin today.

**Comrades,**

At this Passing out of Parade of the No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy, I have words of note for you to which you should pay particular attention.

**Comrades,**

Our Tatmadaw was formed with patriotic youth during the period of independence struggle and was able to lead the people to gain back independence. After the gaining of independence, major armed insurgencies

broke out, with only the immediate surroundings of Yangon under government control. The Tatmadaw was up against large numbers of armed insurgents. Similarly, between 1953 and 1956, the Tatmadaw fought courageously and repelled the Kuomintang invaders.

By 1958, rivalries and conflicts within political parties had grown to such a degree that conditions within the country were deteriorating. Thus at the

request of the then government, the Tatmadaw assumed responsibility as the caretaker government and safeguarded the stability of the State.

In 1962, the actions of some individuals with strong racial and regional bias had put the Union at the risk of disintegration, and the Tatmadaw once again had to safeguard the nation.

A look back through history shows that in successive

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try-wide crisis appeared across the country. The entire administrative mechanism of the State became dysfunctional. As the nation was descending into chaos, the Tatmadaw had no choice but to assume the responsibilities of the State.

At the time the Tatmadaw assumed the responsibilities of the State, there were only ashes and debris across the country. With the duty of building a new nation on its shoulders, the Tatmadaw upheld Our Three Main National Causes and laid down the Four Political Objectives, Four Economic Objectives and Four Social Objectives.

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periods, no matter what contingencies arose, the Tatmadaw was on the people's side and led the way through all difficulties.

**Comrades,**

In 1988, a coun-

**Milestones in two decades of nation-building history where no sector remains without development are proof that demonstrates depth of goodwill of Tatmadaw that has discharged its duties for the people.**

### 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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Walking is good exercise

Good health is a blessing. To be able to live a healthy life, it is necessary for everyone not only to eat nutritious food for body energy but also to take exercise.

Health and physical exercise are interdependent. So, people taking regular physical exercise have less tiredness and more stamina than others. Besides, regular exercise can improve blood circulation and remove extra fat in the body.

Walking is a cost-effective sport for everybody. By doing walking exercise, one can have such benefits as decreased hypertension, clear mind, firm joints, relaxed muscles, regular body weight, good digestion, being active and sound sleep.

Less physical exercise can cause obesity, heart attack, hypertension, diabetes, joint pains and joint inflammation. Particularly, diabetics can be relieved by doing daily walking exercise.

Prevention is better than cure. By walking everyday for about a half hour, everyone can enjoy a healthy family life.

### International Laws Training concludes



Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department presents completion certificate to a trainee. —MNA

YANGON, 10 Dec— The International Laws Training, jointly conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) based in Geneva concluded at Chatrium Hotel, here, this evening.

Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, made a speech. General Manager Mr Nicolas Terraz of Total E&P Myanmar and Representative of UNITAR Ms Anastasia Outkine made remarks on the overall assessment of the international laws training.

Altogether 59 officers from ministries,

## Peoples' Desire

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

### Commander attends opening of Mon State PDC Chairman's Cup Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin attended the opening ceremony of the Mon State PDC Chairman's Cup Men's Football Tournament at the sports ground in Mawlamyine on 25 November.

On 29 November, the commander delivered an address at the Commander's Shield Shooting

Tournament at the shooting range of the command headquarters.

On 2 December, the commander attended the ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day at the hall of Mon State in Mawlamyine. The commander and officials presented prizes to the winners in the painting, cartoon and essay contests.

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### Dy Health Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec— Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo received Chair of Donor Consortium Three Disease Fund H.E Bengt Ekman and Team Leaders of Phase 2 Design Mission of the Three Diseases Fund Ms Birte Sorenson, Mr Amnesty Le Fevre and Mr John Janes at the Ministry of Health here this evening.

Both sides focused on the fact that as the five-year plan for taking measures against AIDS, TB and Malaria starting



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo receives Ms Birte Sorenson, Mr Amnesty Le Fevre and Mr John Janes. —MNA

from 2007 will be completed in 2011, ongoing maternal and child healthcare programmes will also be implemented. —MNA

### AUX Air conditioners at Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2010

YANGON, 10 Dec— AUX Air conditioners with Four-year warranty are being available at Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

The AUX air conditioner is environmentally friendly one thanks to Dual Rotor Compressor, Auto Restart System, Digital Display, 4 way System

Supreme Court, Attorney-General's Office and YCDC attended the course.

It was learnt that the training course included international environmental law, maritime law, international trade law, international investment law and international copy right law.

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Air-Flow, Japanese Branded Compressors, and Japanese Branded Circuit.

Buyers have a chance to get 5% discounts and the safeguard during the trade and till 31<sup>st</sup>, December, 2010.

Those interested may contact United Asia Co Ltd, No 225, 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Anawrahta and Hledan Streets, Lanmadaw Township in Yangon, (Tel: 01-210834, 218021) or Fax 0095-1-228384. —MNA

### United Asia Co booth at Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2010.

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Firefighters hose down burnt vehicles after a bomb attack in the outskirts of Baghdad on 8 December, 2010.—XINHUA

## Gunmen kidnap 18 Afghan deminers in southeast

GARDEZ, 10 Dec—Unidentified gunmen kidnapped 18 Afghan deminers on Thursday in southeastern Khost Province, the Provincial police chief said, the second abduction of a mine clearing team this month. The group from the Kabul-based Mine Detection Centre were travelling in Musa Khel District when they were stopped by a group of gunmen and then seized, said Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai. "They had gone to the area on the request of the elders to clear mines from their village," Ishaqzai told *Reuters*. He did not have further details about the abductions. The Province lies along the border with Pakistan and Taleban-led militants are active there, but a spokesman for the Taleban said he was not aware of the incident.—MNA/Reuters



Iraqi soldiers inspect the site of a bomb attack in the outskirts of Baghdad on 8 December, 2010. XINHUA

## Turkey, Iran battle for clout, deals in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Dec — Turkish clothing and beer are hot sellers in the streets of Arbil, the capital of Iraq's Kurdish north. Far to the south, Iranian cars roam the streets of Basra and Iranian pilgrims flock to Iraq's holy sites. Sunni Ankara and Shi'ite Teheran, old rivals turned friends, are vying for post-war economic clout in neighboring Iraq to capitalize on an expected oil boom, and have been flexing their muscles in Baghdad's government formation talks, diplomats and politicians said.

Already one of Iraq's main trade partners, Turkey wants a bigger foothold in its southern neighbour through increased investment to counter Iran's growing influence and to boost its stature as a regional economic and political power. Turkish companies are top investors in hotels, real estate, industry and energy in Iraq's semi-autonomous northern Kurdish Region, and increasingly in the Shi'ite south where Iranian influence had been almost unchallenged.

Iran is Iraq's main trading partner and has been one of the largest investors in its construction and industrial sectors since the fall of Sunni dictator Saddam Hussein.

*Reuters*

## Blair to reappear at public hearing on Iraq war

LONDON, 10 Dec—Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is expected to reappear at a public hearing on the Iraq war in late January 2011, local media reported on Wednesday. It will be the second time for Blair to give evidence to the inquiry panel. During the last hearing on 29 Jan, the former prime minister defended his decision to invade Iraq in March 2003, saying that the Iraqi regime posed a danger to international security and he had no regrets about it.

The inquiry panel said it wanted "more detail" in some key areas and was concerned about

KABUL, 10 Dec—It's the night shift at a Kabul checkpoint, and police officer Mohammed Saleem will soon be searching suspicious vehicles for hidden bombs, checking ID papers — and watching his favorite TV show.

A new TV series called "Eagle Four" has gained a devoted following in Afghanistan, chronicling life in an imaginary, elite unit of Kabul police that operates free of the corruption, brutality and drug addiction that infect the real cops.

Detective dramas are popular around the world. But the portrayal of honest, competent police officers has a special resonance in Afghanistan, where the

men in blue are more likely to ask for bribes than run to the rescue.

"It is really a great inspiration for all Afghan police," said Saleem, 27, who keeps a small television in a shelter near the checkpoint he mans in this often-violent capital city. "They are using very good, new techniques."

The programme, which airs weekly on Tolo TV, the biggest private TV network in Afghanistan, is loosely inspired by American series such as "24." It gets some funding — nobody will give even a ballpark figure — from the US Embassy in Kabul.

Although the American backers and

Afghan producers won't say much about the aim of the show besides its entertainment value, the series coincides with a US-led programme to train enough police and army recruits so that NATO can turn over the lead for security to Afghan forces by 2014.

Creating an efficient and reliable security force is crucial to undercutting the Taliban — both on the battlefield and in the eyes of the Afghan people, who do not trust the justice system. The Taliban have long used Afghanistan's corruption and lawlessness as a recruiting tool, promising stability and the rule of law through strict Islamic justice.

*Internet*

## NATO service member killed in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Dec—NATO says one of its service members has been killed in an militant attack in southern Afghanistan.

The international military coalition did not provide details on Thursday's incident or give the nationality of the dead. A surge of US troops in the south has been battling to regain control of traditional Taleban strongholds in southern Helmand and Kandahar Provinces in recent months, sparking increased fighting.

A total of 13 NATO service members have died in Afghanistan so far this month, including the latest casualty. More than 670 NATO troops have been killed in Afghanistan so far in 2010. In 2009, 502 NATO troops were killed.

*Internet*

*People transfer a man injured in a suicide blast in northwest Pakistan's*

*Kohat on 8 Dec, 2010.*

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## Medicaid patients' Rx drugs go to dealers

BUFFALO, 10 Dec—Ethel Johnson couldn't get her prescription for pain medication filled fast enough. The 60-year-old Buffalo woman was hurting—but investigators say that wasn't the reason for the rush.

According to secretly recorded telephone conversations, the sooner Johnson could pick up her pills, the more quickly she could sell them to her dealer. Her pain pills were destined for the street.

Johnson is among 33 people charged so far in a large-scale investigation that has opened a window into an emerging class of suppliers in the illicit drug trade: medical patients, including many who rely on the publicly funded Medicaid programme to pay for their appointments

and prescriptions. She has pleaded not guilty.

For the first time, the Buffalo investigators devoted the kinds of resources normally aimed at street drugs like heroin or crack—wiretaps, buys, surveillance and cross-agency cooperation to trace the drugs from pharmacy to street. Even they were taken aback by the burgeoning market for the kinds of pills found in medicine cabinets in typical American homes.

"I have to admit we were sort of surprised at how big this had become," said Charles Tomaszewski, former supervisor of the DEA office. "The suburbs, the city, there was no area that wasn't touched by this."

Internet



Firemen attend an anti-terrorism drill in Luliang City of north China's Shanxi Province, on 7 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

## Fuel cell doubles UAV flight time

SINGAPORE, 10 Dec—Horizon Energy's AEROPAK fuel power cell system has been successfully tested in an Israeli-made, man-portable unmanned aerial vehicle.

Horizon, which has its headquarters in Singapore, said the system has been proved to be a ready drop-in replacement for UAV battery packs currently used.

A test flight was carried out by Elbit Systems in Israel. The test involved takeoff and recovery with an operational payload integrate onboard in simulated battlefield conditions.

The UAV was also flown in turbulent weather to gauge AEROPAK's capability to sustain continuous high power drain from the aircraft's motor.

Equipped with the AEROPAK fuel cell system, which deliver 900Wh net usable energy per quart of fuel, the Skylark 1-LE vehicle will offer the vehicle's users enhanced flight duration, doubling the current endurance of the UAS, Horizon said.

Elbit's Skylark 1-LE is a tactical man-portable unmanned aerial system used in close range, beyond-the-next-hill surveillance and reconnaissance missions by several nations.—Internet



Richard Tesore, head of the Rescate Fauna Marina non-governmental organization (NGO) feeds a female baby La Plata river dolphin in Piriapolis, 100 km (62 miles) east of Montevideo, on 6 December, 2010.—XINHUA

## Study shows child brain tumour is really two cancers

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec—The most common type of malignant childhood brain tumour is actually two different types of cancer, researchers said on Wednesday in a study they said also suggested the youngest patients could receive less toxic treatments. The cancer, called medulloblastoma, is usually curable but children can suffer lifetime effects from treatment, which can include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

Tests in mice show there are two distinct forms of the cancer and one might require less treatment, Dr Richard Gilbertson of St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and an international team of colleagues found. "Ten years ago, medulloblastoma was regarded as a single disease, and all children with this brain tumour got the same treatment. This study shows clearly that there are distinct subtypes of this cancer that come from uniquely susceptible cell types in the brain that acquire specific mutations," Gilbertson said in a statement.

The findings "have profound implications for future research and treatment of this important childhood cancer," they wrote in their report in the journal *Nature*. The study adds to a growing body of research demonstrating that cancer is far more complicated than doctors thought. Cancer was once diagnosed and treated based on where in the body it started.

But more and more evidence suggests that using the organ of origin to diagnose and treat cancer only works sometimes and it may be more important to genetically "type" a tumour.—Reuters

## UK tourist pays for bride's murder in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Dec—Shrien Dewani, the UK tourist accused of plotting his wife Anni's murder in South Africa, paid 15,000 rands (2,143 US dollars) for the deed, the Cape High Court was told on Tuesday. South African taxi driver Zola Tongo, 31, who made the allegation, was on Tuesday sentenced to an effective 18 years in jail.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported on a plea agreement made between Western Cape Director of Public Prosecutions, Rodney de Kock, and Tongo. "The deceased was murdered at the instance of her husband," de Kock told Western Cape Judge President John Hlophe. The prosecutor told the court the alleged hijacking on the couple's vehicle in Gugulethu near Cape Town 13 Nov was in fact not a hijacking.

He said it was part of a plan of subterfuge which Shrien Dewani, the husband of the deceased, and the accused had designed to conceal the true facts. The court heard that Tongo took the couple from Cape Town International Airport to the Cape Grace hotel on the city's Waterfront on 12 Nov.

At the hotel, Shrien asked Tongo to procure a hitman to have "a woman" killed for 15,000 rands. Tongo said in a formal admission, handed in to court as part of the agreement, that Shrien Dewani approached him alone and asked me he knew anyone that could "have a client of his taken off the scene.—Xinhua

## Australian astronomers find new star that glitters with zirconium

CANBERRA, 10 Dec—Australian astronomers on Wednesday said they have discovered a star that glitters with zirconium, a material often used to make fake diamonds. According to Australian Astronomical Observatory's Dr Simon O' Toole, this was the first star of its kind, which has been discovered so far. "It's a very unusual star. We're not completely clear how it formed" he told Australia Associated Press on Wednesday. "This is the first one we've seen with this much zirconium."

The astronomers estimated the star contains four billion tonnes of zirconium,

located in its outer layers. Dr O'Toole said it is the reason why they call it bling, as it is basically a kind of decoration. The star has 10,000 times more zirconium than the sun, and astronomers are now trying to find out why.

"We're trying to get more data on stars like this until we find more and more interesting stuff," Dr O'Toole said. The star was discovered by an Irish research team in New South Wales of Australia, headed by graduate student Naslim Neelanamkodan and her supervisor Dr Simon Jeffrey.

Xinhua



This handout image, released on November 10, 2010 depicts a mother blowing cigarette smoke in a child's face in one of the Federal Drug Administration's proposed new "graphic health warnings." Diseased lungs, dead bodies, a man on a ventilator and mothers blowing smoke in their children's faces are among the images US health officials are considering in their effort to revamp tobacco warning labels.

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## Intel says tablets and phones on the way in 2011

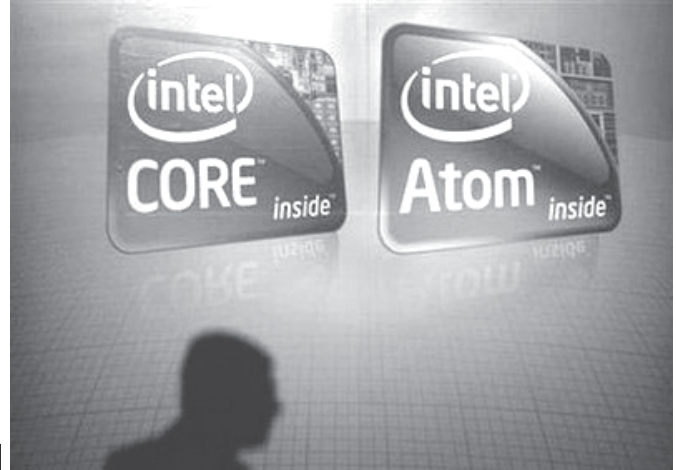
SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Dec—Intel Corp said it is making headway getting its chips into tablet computers and that smartphones using its processors will go on sale late next year as it rushes to catch up in the fast-growing mobile market. The company is betting that new chips due to ship next year will invigorate its mobile business, which has struggled to get off the ground amid explosive sales of Apple's iPad tablets and smartphones using Google's Android operating system.

"The consumer (tablet) products will roll out over the first half of next year," Chief Executive Paul Otellini told analysts at a conference. He said

manufacturers have agreed to use Intel chips in 35 tablet models, including a few already on the market. On a slide, Otellini listed brands including Dell, Asus, Lenovo and Toshiba.

Intel's Atom chips dominate netbooks but smartphone and tablet manufacturers have mostly rejected them in favour of more power-efficient chips based on ARM architecture that are made by companies like Qualcomm and Marvell. Investors have been waiting to see to what extent major manufacturers choose Intel's chips for high-profile consumer tablets due out next year.

Reuters



A shadow is cast on an Intel advertisement at the Computex 2010 computer fair in Taipei in this on 1 June, 2010 file photo.—INTERNET



A Thai Airlines Boeing 747 passenger aircraft (L) is pictured at Frankfurt's Airport on 9 December, 2010. INTERNET

## Hawaii asteroid-hunting telescope launch delayed

HONOLULU, 10 Dec—The University of Hawaii expects to delay by about two years the launch of a new asteroid-hunting telescope it plans to build at Mauna Kea's summit. The school's Institute for Astronomy plans to build the Pan-STARRS telescope on the site of the university's existing 2.2 metre telescope after demolishing the older facility.

Pan-STARRS is shorthand for Panoramic Survey Telescope & Rapid Response System. The telescope will scan the sky for asteroids as well as phenomena like supernova, or exploding stars.

University of Hawaii astronomer and Pan-STARRS principal investigator Nick Kaiser said Wednesday the project was delayed after mechanical problems pushed back completion of a prototype built at Haleakala on Maui.

Internet

## Panama Canal traffic halted due to heavy rain

PANAMA CITY, 10 Dec—Traffic in the Panama Canal was halted on Wednesday due to heavy rain, the first time the waterway has been closed in more than 20 years.

At least five ships were visible idling in the canal, a major shipping route that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, from Miraflores Locks, on the Pacific side of the waterway, about 6 hours after the suspension.

"We are taking steps to normalize traffic operations in the coming hours," canal authority vice president Manuel Benitez said in a statement. If the shutdown lasts less than a day it should have a minimal impact on trade.

Between 13,000 and 14,000 ships pass through the canal every year — about 36 per day — representing roughly 5 percent of world trade, according to the canal authority. A spokesman at the canal authority office told Reuters the the shutdown, the canal's first since the 1989 US invasion, was a precaution.

MNA/Reuters

## S Africa appeals Briton's bail over honeymoon murder

LONDON, 10 Dec—A millionaire Briton accused of murdering his bride while the couple were on honeymoon in South Africa must remain in custody after South African authorities appealed against a London court granting him bail on Wednesday.

Businessman Shrien Dewani, 30, was held by extradition officers on behalf of South African authorities after handing himself in to a police station near his home in Bristol, western England, late on Tuesday.

He is accused of conspiring to murder his 28-year-old wife Anni, a former model and Swedish national, who was shot dead last month in Cape Town. Dewani denies any involvement in her murder.

MNA/Reuters



Dancers from coastal province of Kenya dance during the Kenya Music and Cultural Festival in the capital city of Nairobi, on 6 Dec, 2010. XINHUA

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## Cyber group says WikiLeaks attacks to grow

LONDON, 10 Dec—More cyber attacks in retaliation for attempts to block the WikiLeaks website are likely in a "data war" to protect Internet freedom, a representative of one of the groups involved said on Thursday. "Anonymous has targeted mainly companies which

have decided for whatever reason not to deal with WikiLeaks. Some of the main targets involve Amazon, MasterCard, Visa and PayPal," a spokesman calling himself "Coldblood" told BBC Radio 4.

"The campaign is not over from what I've seen, it's still going strong. More people are joining, more and more people are downloading the voluntary botnet tool which allows people to command dos (distributed denial of

service) attacks," he added. The speaker, who had an English accent, said he was aged 22 and was a software engineer.

Credit card giants MasterCard and Visa came under intense cyber attack on Wednesday as supporters of WikiLeaks retaliated for moves against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange after the release of US diplomatic cables that angered and embarrassed the Obama administration.

Internet



Artists from Heilongjiang Peking Opera Troupe perform "Lu Gou Xiao Yue" (the moon at dawn in Lu Gou) in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Dec, 2010. The show reflects the life and culture of the Nuzhen people, an ancient nationality in China. Wednesday is the second day of the month-long demonstration of excellent Peking Opera plays in Beijing. XINHUA

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File photo shows Japanese police officers recover the body of Lucie Blackman in Misaki city, Kanagawa prefecture in February 2001. Japan's top court has rejected an appeal by a man who faces life in jail for raping and dismembering a British bar hostess, paving the way for.

INTERNET

## US company recalls walnut over salmonella risk

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec—A California-based food distributor announced on Wednesday it is recalling its El Guapo brand shelled walnuts which might be contaminated with salmonella bacteria.

The recall involved one-ounce packages of El Guapo shelled walnuts with the date code 5527 being embossed on the front of the package under the El Guapo banner, Mojave Foods Corp said. The nuts may be contaminated with salmonella and were sold only in Southern California, the company said in a statement.

Consumers should not eat the

recalled product and should destroy it, the statement said. So far there have been no reports of illness resulting from consumption of the product, the statement said. The product was supplied by Atlas Walnuts in Visalia, Southern California, according to the statement.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. The most common symptoms are diarrhea, abdominal cramps and fever within eight hours to 72 hours of eating a contaminated product.—Xinhua

## Record set for crossing Antarctica

LONDON, 10 Dec—A United Kingdom expedition to the Antarctic has claimed the record for the fastest land crossing of the ice-covered continent, officials said.

The 10-member team of the Moon Regan Transantarctic Expedition completed the crossing in less than 13 days, smashing previous records, the BBC reported Thursday.

The team set off from the Union Glacier airstrip Nov. 25 and arrived Thursday on the Ross Ice Shelf, 1,209 miles away.

The team, composed of explorers, mechanics and scientists, traveled in convoy led by a propeller-driven scout vehicle. Two large trucks followed, carrying most of the crew and equipment.

The expedition used ice-penetrating radar to avoid crevasses.

The scientists conducted several tests en route, including collecting samples of snow to test for trace metals to track the passage of pollutants within the Southern Hemisphere, the BBC said.—Internet

A woman and her son walk through a supermarket in central China's Anhui Province.—INTERNET

In this April 2006 file photo provided by Earthjustice, a false killer whale is seen leaping while chasing prey in waters off Hawaii.

INTERNET



## Japan man loses appeal over death of UK hostess

TOKYO, 10 Dec—Japan's top court has rejected an appeal by a man who faces life in jail for raping and dismembering a British bar hostess, paving the way for the sentence to be finalized, court officials said Thursday. Joji Obara, 58, a wealthy former property developer, was in 2008 sentenced to life in prison for raping 10 women between 1992 and 2000, including 21-

year-old Lucie Blackman, who was later found dead.

He did not face murder charges because of insufficient evidence. Obara launched a Supreme Court appeal, but a court official there said Thursday that the court had rejected it two days earlier.

The sentence will now be finalized unless Obara submits an objection to the court within three days.

Blackman vanished while she was working in bars in Tokyo's Roppongi red-light district while trying to save money for a holiday in Australia. Her dismembered body was found seven months later in a seaside cave on the city's outskirts.

The high court has ruled that Obara raped her and then dismembered and abandoned her body in 2000.

Internet

## Pakistani blind cricket team sets up new world record

ISLAMABAD, 10 Dec—Pakistan's national blind cricket team set up a new world record of 517 runs in 40 overs on Thursday in South Africa against the host team, local media reported.

Pakistani team broke its own world record which it had established against England's blind cricket team in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates by making 498 runs in 40 overs.

In the match Pakistani batsman Masood Jan made century with his 104 runs while other main scorers Hanif Javed and Muhammad Jamil scored 78 and 84 runs respectively.

Both teams are of world class and have won cricket world cup titles. Out of the total three world cups Pakistan won the title twice in 2002 and 2006 while South Africa had won the cup once in 1998.

MNA/Xinhua



## Seven arrests after Auckland, Napier raids in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 10 Dec—Seven people have been arrested following raids at New Zealand North Island cities of Auckland and Napier, police said on Thursday. The operation is the result of two-month investigation in which police allege the gang has been selling large quantities of methamphetamine to drug dealers in Hawkes Bay.

In Auckland, police officers, including members of the Armed Offenders Squad arrived at the Mt Eden gang address just after 8 am on Thursday. Six people were due in the Napier District Court and one in the Auckland District Court.—Internet

## 4,000 homes in S Australia still without power after storms

CANBERRA, 10 Dec—About 4,000 homes across South Australia are still without power on Thursday, after the severe storms wreak havoc across states of Australia, the ABC News. According to Paul Roberts from power firm ETSA, lightning has caused extensive damage to the Electranet transmission network on Tuesday. The State Emergency Service (SES) has started organizing public meetings about

recovery efforts and how people can get assistance if they have suffered flood damage.

South Australia Families and Communities Minister Jennifer Rankine said money was available to help people affected by flooding. Meanwhile, Rescue crews in other states Queensland, Victoria and South Australia are also on high alert amid more rainfalls.

In Wagga Wagga of New South Wales, 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.

MNA/Xinhua



# The 63<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination in the year of 2011

*Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)*

It is known that the Union of Myanmar has been a predominantly Theravada Buddhist nation in the world for nearly one thousand years, and over 90 per cent of nation's population has taken faith in Theravada Buddhism since then. Furthermore, the Union of Myanmar has been recognized as a permanent higher learning centre of genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in the Buddhist world but also throughout the world. According to historical records of Buddhism, the Fifth and Sixth Great Buddhist Councils (Synods) were successfully convened in the Union of Myanmar with a view to purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the Buddha's teaching) all over the world. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council, which was attended and participated by Maha Theras from Theravada Buddhist Nations, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, was successfully held in the Union of Myanmar in 1954.

In order to carefully preserve genuine Theravada Buddhism, a great number of Buddhist Monastic Institutions and Learning Centres of Buddhist Scriptures have been established in the Union of Myanmar for years. For the time being, the two Pariyatti Sasana Universities, one in Yangon and another in Mandalay have been so far established to promote and propagate the Theravada Buddhism throughout the world. At present, Buddhist monk students are attending these two universities, and if they have got through the prescribed examinations held by these universities, they will be conferred Takasila Dhammacariya Degree (Bachelor of Arts) in Buddhism and Tekkasila Maha Dhammacariya Degree (Master of Arts) in Buddhism respectively. And now, the international Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the very first one in the Buddhist world has been also already established in the Union of Myanmar in order to propagate, promote and flourish genuine Theravada Buddhism throughout the world, and to share the knowledge of Buddhism both in theory and practice with the peoples of the world to promote their happiness and moral well-being.

According to the Pariyatti (learning canonical Texts) Education System of the Union of Myanmar, there are seven kinds of religious examinations

including the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination yearly held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar. The seven kinds of religious examinations are as follows:-

- (1) Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination
- (2) Dhammacariya Examination
- (3) Pathamagyi Examination
- (4) Pathamalat Examination
- (5) Pathamange Examination
- (6) Abhidhamma/Visudhimagga Examination (only for Laymen and Nuns)
- (7) Five Nikaya Examination

Out of these seven kinds of religious examinations, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination has been separately held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar since sixty years ago. Buddhist monk candidates who wish to appear for this Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination must have passed at least the Pathamagyi examination. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination is quite different from other religious examinations because the candidates have to take 33 days to sit for this examination. They have to take both oral examination consisting of Pali Texts of 8026 pages of Tipitaka canons and the written examination consisting of Pali Texts, Athakatha (Commentaries) and Tika (Sub-Commentaries) of 9934 pages of Tipitaka canons respectively. Only the candidates who have got through both oral and written examinations will be presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (the Title of Religious Heroes). Up to now, only twelve outstanding members of Sangha (Bhikkhus) were presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida within over 60 year's duration of the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination.

It is learnt that many members of Sangha throughout the country appeared for the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination from year to year. However, most of them were not successful. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination is the most

difficult of the religious examinations which are yearly held in the Union of Myanmar. Such Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination can be held only in the Union of Myanmar which has carefully preserved the genuine Theravada Buddhism for members of Sangha, multifarious Buddhist people and Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, hand in hand, are striving to propagate, promote and flourish the genuine Theravada Buddhism at home and abroad. We all Buddhists know that the Sasana is of the three kinds, viz (1) Pariyatti Sasana (Learning the Buddha's teaching), (2) Patipatti Sasana (Practical application of the Buddha's teaching) and (3) Pavedha Sasana (Realization of the Buddha's teaching). Out of them, the Pariyatti Sasana is the most important one which mainly leads to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the noble teachings of the Buddha). The aims and objectives of holding the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination are to preserve, promote and flourish the genuine Theravada Buddhism all over the world.

## The 63<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination in the year of 2011

We all Buddhists throughout the country are very pleased and honoured to learn that the 63<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination will be held at Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) in the precinct of the Siri Mangala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Yangon, Myanmar and it will take 33 days starting from 12 December 2010. It is learnt that over 120 entitled candidates of members of Sangha who have been enrolled throughout the Union of Myanmar, will sit for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination of year 2011. Lodging and messing (four kinds of requisites) for candidates will be provided by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, other donors and well-wishers throughout 33 days. It is further learnt that devotees, well-wishers and other people are cordially invited to visit the Mahapasana Cave (examination centre) for paying profound respect to the members of Sangha who are sitting for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination of year 2011.



**Myanmar Brewery Limited Family's members partaking in its 6th blood donation process.**

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## Myanmar Brewery Ltd Family holds 6<sup>th</sup> blood donation

YANGON, 10 Dec—To mark Myanmar Blood Donors' Day, Sixth blood donation ceremony of Myanmar Brewery Limited Family this morning was held at the National Blood Centre of the Yangon General Hospital, with address of Managing Director Mr

Peter Ong. Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha spoke word of thanks.

Medical staff of Yangon General Hospital, In-charge of National Blood Centre Dr Thida Aung, Mr Peter

Ong observed blood donation practice performed by Myanmar Brewery Ltd Family's members, who had donated a total of 3197 bottles of blood in Yangon and Mandalay since May of 2006, and who will partake in collective blood donation

process in Mandalay on 13 and 17 December.

Myanmar Brewery Ltd Family provided medical operation treatment for altogether 106 patients with cleft lip and palate in Sittway, Taunggyi, Magway and Townships of four Districts in Yangon Region at the Yangon General Hospital with support of the Ministry of Health in October, 2010.—MNA



*Dignitaries seen at the Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy.—MNA*

## Tatmadaw puts good foundations in place ...

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**Comrades,**

In accordance with the Four Political Objectives, the Tatmadaw worked strenuously for community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law. For the peace and tranquillity of the State, all illegal armed groups in the country were

appropriate to the times, a new Constitution setting out how the 3 powers of the State will be exercised is necessary.

To achieve national reconsolidation among the national peoples, a National Convention was held with a view to the emergence of a new

government that the people elect will be able to build a new, modern and developed nation with continuity.

**Comrades,**

In uplifting the economy of the State, our Tatmadaw worked for agricultural development as the basis and then for all-round development of other sectors of the economy, as our country has been an agricultural country through generations.



*Dignitaries seen at the Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy.—MNA*

invited to return to the legal fold and join hands to work for local development activities. At present, numerous organizations that have returned to the legal fold have reorganized as Border Guard Forces under the command of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, in accordance with the Constitution, and have received protection from the State.

**Comrades,**

In order to establish a political system that is

Constitution, to which various far-sighted representatives who desire to serve the national interests were invited. At present, the new Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been adopted with the overwhelming support of the people. And ceaseless efforts have been made by the Tatmadaw to put in place good foundations for national development within the time available with the goodwill (*cetana*) in which the new

In the Myanmar agricultural sector, till 1988, there were 138 dams and reservoirs, over 11 million acres of paddy fields and 26 million acres of cultivable but uncultivated land.

During our time, additional 233 dams, reservoirs and flood gates have been built, raising the irrigated land area from slightly more than 1.3 million acres to over 2.8 million acres. Moreover, in areas where the construction of dams and

reservoirs had proved difficult, 327 river-water pumping projects were carried out and 8,162 wells were dug to access underground water. Thus the cultivated land area has risen from over 23.8 million acres to more than

Southeast Asia. The production of other crops has also increased many times over.

A sound agricultural infrastructure has been put in place to enable step-by-step industrialization of our country with the

forest cultivation measures were put in place extensively and energetically to prevent wastage and deterioration of the valuable forest resources of Myanmar, while the Yoma Greening Project was implemented to



*Dignitaries seen at the Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy.—MNA*

57 million. In addition, 11.7 million acres, out of over 26 million acres of uncultivated land in the country, has been developed into cultivated land.

So currently the paddy acreage has risen from 11.8 million to over 16 million acres for monsoon paddy and over 3 million acres for summer paddy, with the rice production up from over 630 million baskets a year in the past

agricultural economy as the basis.

**Comrades,**

The central region of Myanmar has long been an arid zone, and before 1988, it was on the verge of desertification. So, in order to ward off the dire threat of desert encroachment, the forestry sector had to implement the Greening of Nine Districts promptly, and as the need arose, subsequently expanded the

conserve the forests of the Yoma Mountain Range that had been affected by domestic insurgencies. Given the contributions of the forestry sector towards pollution control for the world environment, protection and conservation work needs to be carried out with continuity.

**Comrades,**

In nation-building, to ensure the simultaneous



*Dignitaries seen at the Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy.—MNA*

to over 1566 million baskets at present.

During the time the Tatmadaw has assumed State responsibilities, our country has achieved a high level of rice production, in addition to becoming the leading producer of beans and pulses in

greening activities to 13 districts. Currently, those areas have become green with vegetation and local weather conditions have gradually improved. The agricultural activities of the local people have also developed.

In the forestry sector,

development of all regions, promote friendship and harmony among national groups, and encourage the development of border areas that lagged behind in development, transportation has been given priority.

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*Senior General Than Shwe presents Best Cadet Award to Cadet Aung Naing Oo.*

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*Senior General Than Shwe presents Excellence in Training Award to Cadet Aung Pyae.—MNA*



*Senior General Than Shwe presents Excellence in Studies (Science) Award to Cadet Lwin Htoo.—MNA*



*Senior General Than Shwe presents Excellence in Computer Studies Award to Cadet Naing Lin Aung.—MNA*

## Tatmadaw puts good foundations...

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For this reason, the Tatmadaw constructed a network of roads across the country. While there were 13,635 miles of roads, including 5543.5 miles of asphalt roads in 1988, at present there are 21,361.2 miles of roads, including 10,343.5 miles of asphalt roads. Throughout the country, 36 major north-south roads and 45 major east-west roads have been designated as Union Highways and are

being upgraded constantly.

Moreover, 3 highways crossing the Bago Mountain Range have also been constructed, while 4 other such highways are under construction.

**Comrades,**

In road construction, because of the geographical features of our country, building

bridges have been constructed.

Moreover, there are major bridges now under construction across the Ayeyawady River: the Nyaungdon Bridge, the Malun Bridge, the Yadanatheinga Bridge, the Pakokku Bridge and the Sinkhan Bridge. Similarly, 250 bridges with longer than 180 feet spans have been completed in all Regions and States, with 34

being expanded, the rail transport sector has also been improved to ensure economical travel and efficient freight transport. While there were 1,976 miles of railroads and 487 train stations until 1988, at the present there are 3,579 miles of railroads and 899 train stations. A total of 11,282 railroads bridges have been constructed.

A network of railroads covering the entire country has been

*Dignitaries at the Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of DSA.—MNA*



*Dignitaries at the Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy.—MNA*



bridges has proved to be challenging. Previously in our country, we had only a small number of bridges across the Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittoung Rivers. But now 17 major river-crossing

bridges under construction. The number of bridges having less than 180 feet spans that have been constructed totalled 2,915.

**Comrades,**

While the national road network is

built with rail lines reaching Bhamo in Kachin State, Kengtung in Shan State, Myeik in Taninthayi Region, and Sittway in Rakhine State through Minbu and An.

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The Patheingyi-Kyangin Rail Line will soon be extended up to Pakokku and linked up with the Pakokku-Kalay line. Furthermore, the rail lines will be extended from Kalay to Tamu and from Lashio to Muse. There are also plans to extend the Myitkyina-Bhamo-Hsipaw-Laikhaline to Namsang, the Kalay-Kalewa-Yagyi line to Monywa, the Toungoo-Yado-Bawlake line to Loikaw and the Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon line to Pinlaung.

At present there is regular train service from Nay Pyi Taw as the centre: Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Shwepyithar, Nay Pyi Taw-Loikaw, Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk, and Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon.

### Comrades,

In addition to road transport, we have also been able to expand water transport and air travel. In 1988, there were only 12 piers that were able to accommodate ocean-going vessels. Now with the construction of additional 13 piers, there are 25. Three inland container yards and container stations have also been built while there was none previously. Upon completion of construction works now underway at Yangon and Thilawa Ports, there will be up to 52 piers.

The number of ships at the Myanmar Five Star Line is now 16 ocean-going vessels and 9 coastal vessels, up from 5 ocean-going vessels and 2 coastal vessels.

As for air travel, the Tatmadaw government constructed 7 new airports across the country, upgraded 21 and renovated and maintained 62. For the development of civil aviation, domestic and foreign flights have been greatly expanded through state-owned enterprises and public-private joint ventures.

### Comrades,

The upgraded health care provision with national coverage, carried out with the aim of bringing good health and longevity to nearly 60 million citizens in our country, has achieved such results as increased life expectancy, prevention of epidemics and reductions in maternal and child mortality.

In the upgrading of the health sector, 4 Universities of Medicine, 2 Universities of Dental Medicine, 1 University of Public Health, 7 other health-related universities and 46 nursing and midwifery training schools have been opened to produce well-qualified professionals. Various programmes of international-standard postgraduate medical training are also being offered.

Furthermore, new hospitals have been opened and existing ones have been upgraded, with up to 898 hospitals now in service up from 631. Similarly, there are now 505 sub-township hospitals up from 305; 1508 rural health centres up from 1337; and 86 local health centres up from 64.

To provide public

*Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe converses with four outstanding cadets and their parents.—MNA*

health care not only through Western medicine but also through traditional medicine, the University of Traditional Medicine was set up in 2001. Currently, 14 Traditional Medicine Hospitals and 237 Traditional Medicine Clinics are in service.

Under the projects implemented to provide health care to national people living in border areas, 100 border area hospitals, 97 clinics, 94 rural health centres, and 202 rural health branches have been opened.

### Comrades,

In the education sector, as the attainment of high education standards by the students depends on the teachers, 20 education colleges have been set up. Our country now has 40,876 Basic Education Schools, up from 33,747 previously. In addition, for technological development, 30 Government Technical High Schools have been opened. In border areas, 1,074 Basic Education Schools have been opened. These measures have been taken in order to ensure that every school-age child has access to education.

As for universities, colleges and degree colleges that offer higher education, there were 27 universities, colleges and degree colleges under the Ministry of Education but now there are 64. There was one Technological University but now there are 32 as well as four Technical Colleges. There was one University of

practice, with the result that electrical power before 1988 amounted to no more than 529.1 megawatts.

After we assumed State power, efforts were made to build hydroelectric power stations and coal power stations one after another. Now there is an installed capacity of 2,848.4 megawatts at 31 power stations, with 41,393.5 megawatts of installed capacity at 62 power stations under construction and 25 megawatts of installed capacity at one power station that has been planned. Upon completion of all the construction, there will be

In the past, there were 19 inland oil fields and 250.91 miles of inland oil and natural gas pipelines. Now, there are joint ventures with foreign companies for 100 blocks that have been developed: 48 inland oil and natural gas blocks, 26 off-shore shallow-water blocks and 26 off-shore deep sea blocks. There are now 1,979.91 miles of inland natural gas pipelines and 520.52 miles of offshore pipelines.

A Myanmar-China crude oil and natural gas pipeline project to lay 870-kilometre pipelines including 6 kilometres of underwater pipelines has re-



Computer Studies, but now there are 25. In addition, 22 universities have been established under other ministries.

They include Myanmar Aeronautics and Space University, Myanmar Maritime University, Myanmar Mercantile Marine College and the research-based Technology University (Yadanabon Cyber City) have also been opened. So currently, there are now 161 universities in the country.

The schools and universities have been opened using our own national resources, and making significant financial investments, to ensure higher education standards for the people throughout the country in every region.

### Comrades,

With national development, demand for electricity has increased dramatically. Although our country possesses abundant hydroelectric resources, there are financial and time constraints in

44,266.90 megawatts of installed capacity at 94 power stations, generating more than 254,000 million kilowatt hours annually. Yeywa and Shwepyithar Projects, which are currently under construction and recently online, will be completed this year. Some other projects, however, will be completed in the next two years.

In addition to the construction of electricity generating stations, large numbers of National Grids and Transformer Stations have also been constructed to ensure that the transmission capacity keeps up with the generating capacity.

The national electric power sector has been developed in the face of major challenges on a self-reliant basis.

### Comrades,

In today's world, energy concerns are affecting almost every country. With development, our country is too beginning to have greater energy requirements.

cently been launched. The oil pipeline has a diameter of 32 inches and the gas pipeline has a diameter of 40 inches. Along those pipelines, an economic corridor will be built consisting of roads and rail lines. These pipelines will be used to transport natural gas from Myanmar and oil from overseas. So, the Kyaukpadaung Deep Sea Port Project has been launched. In Tanintharyi Region, too, a similar project, Dawei Deep Sea Port Project, will be implemented. New oil fields that have good prospects have also been discovered and development work is under way.

The energy sector contributes to agriculture in that natural gas may be utilized in the production of fertilizer. In the past, there were only three fertilizer factories, but at present, two additional factories, one at Hmawby (Myaungdaga) and the other at Patheingyi, have been completed.

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**Comrades,**

Over 70% of our population are the rural people. For national development, rural areas development has to be carried out extensively and thoroughly. For better transportation from the rural to urban areas, 3 inter-district roads have been built. The No.1 Inter-District Road runs from Mandalay to Yangon and is 400 miles long. The No. 2 Inter-District Road runs from Mandalay to Mottama in Mon State and is 462 miles long. The No. 3 Inter-District Road runs from Myitkyina in Kachin State to Sagaing and is 339 miles long. So, a total of 1200 miles of roads have been built through remote and less developed villages that were previously difficult to access. In addition, 36,314 miles of rural roads and 11,232 rural bridges have been built.

**Comrades,**

To provide rural people with access to clean water, 36,163 projects were carried out in 23,828 villages. In the same way, activities for the upgrading of rural health care, rural education standards and rural economy have been carried out energetically.

**Comrades,**

For national development, State-owned factories have been built under the Ministries of Industry No. 1 and No. 2, and their number has risen from 624 in the past to 697 at present. Moreover, 28 industrial zones have been established. And then for the private sector, according to the provisions of necessary support and promotion of advanced technology, the number of registered industrial firms has reached 60,869, up from

### 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

26,829 private enterprises in 1988. In addition, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited now has 55 major factories.

**Comrades,**

The State has built factories and put in place economic and social infrastructure for the country to address the issue of unemployment. Full employment will also reduce the gap between the rich and the poor while contributing to the fight against poverty.

Similarly, the steady growth of population has led to housing requirements. Thus, in Yangon, Mandalay and other major cities, housing developments containing both houses and apartments, and the development of new towns and villages have been carried out to provide housing for the people. Addressing the issue of

unemployment and providing for the housing needs of the people are the priorities that successive governments have to focus on.

**Comrades,**

In conclusion, the milestones in the two decades of nation-building history where no sector remains without development are the proof that demonstrates the depth of the goodwill (*cetana*) of the Tatmadaw that has discharged its duties for the people. You comrades must, as members of the people's Tatmadaw, observe these traditions of the Tatmadaw and provide assistance and support to a new government that comes to power in order to achieve national development. At the same time, you are to serve your principal duty, the strengthening of national defence, and continue standing as the patriotic Armed Forces.

## Commander-in-Chief...

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Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt, Maj-Gen Than Soe, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Maj-Gen Than Aung, Brig-Gen Nay Lin, Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, Maj-Gen Than Htay, Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint and senior military officers, PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Mya Tun Oo, Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of the cadet battalions of DSA.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented Best Cadet Award to Cadet Aung Naing Oo, Excellence in Training Award to Cadet Aung Pyay, Excellence in Studies Award to Cadet Lwin Htoo and Excellence in Computer Studies Award to Cadet Naing Lin Aung.

Afterwards, Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address.

After taking the salute of the cadet battalions, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe left the parade ground.

After the parade, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe met four outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of the DSA and spoke words of honour.

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## Religious Affairs Ministry concludes English Proficiency Course No. 2

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec— Ministry of Religious Affairs held concluding ceremony of other rank-level English proficiency course No. 2 at the ministry here this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko,

Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General U Khaing Aung of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, head of the department U Myint Oo and officials concerned.

The deputy min-

ister delivered concluding address and presented awards to the outstanding staff and completion certificates to the trainees through one. And the ceremony came to an end.

Altogether 38 trainees took the four-week course.—MNA

## Special weather news

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the observation at 12.30 hrs MST today, due to the movement of Western Disturbance from East Central Bay of Bengal and Rakhine Coast towards upper

Myanmar areas, continuation of rain or thunder-showers will be scattered to fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine states, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon regions with likelihood of isolated heavy rainfalls in

Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions within next 48 hrs commencing noon today. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 mph.

MNA

## International Bakery & Pastry Course at Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy

YANGON, 10 Dec— Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy has arranged to open a new International Bakery & Pastry Course in the last week of December for those interested in working in hotels, restaurants and cruise

liners at home and abroad, and running in private.

The course covers making various foods, planning Menu, calculating Menu costing, food safety and quality management of kitchen operation, which are conducted by international

experienced trainers.

IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course will be launched in the last week of December at Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy, Room No. 302 in 267 Building on Pyay

## Myanmar-Malaysia entrepreneurs meeting to be held

YANGON, 10 Dec—General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of

Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Tel: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 or 095020302.—MNA

Commerce and Industry met First Secretary Mr Sanmugan Subramaniam of the Malaysian Embassy at the federation office on 4 December.

They discussed enhancing of investment and trade affairs, the meeting between Malaysian entrepreneurs led by Malaysia

External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and Myanmar entrepreneurs to be held at UMFCFI office tower on 14 December, and individual discussion.

Those wishing to attend the meeting may contact UMFCFI (Ph: 214344-9).—MNA

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1048)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1048) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.12.2010 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****MV ISLAND GREEN VOY NO (017/4)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ISLAND GREEN VOY NO (017/4) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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*Photo taken on 10 Dec, 2009 shows an interior view of the under-construction Wuhan Railway Station in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. The station costing more than 14 billion RMB yuan (2.4 billion US dollars) was put into use on 20 Dec, 2009. It was the first station built for the Wuhan-Guangzhou high speed railway passenger special line. China operated a high-speed railway network with a combined length of 7,531 kilometres, the world's longest, said Chinese Railways Minister Liu Zhijun Tuesday while addressing the seventh World Congress on High Speed Rail held in Beijing, on 7 Dec, 2010. Liu said China's high-speed railways have been operating well, with reliable equipment and a good safety record. China's high-speed rail network has been developing quickly in recent years. A CRH380A train on last Friday set an operating speed record of 486.1 km per hour on a test run on the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway. China plans to build 13,000 km (8,078 miles) of high-speed railway by 2012.—XINHUA*

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV KOTA RAHMAT VOY NO (138)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAHMAT VOY NO (138) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.12.2010 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.

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

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV BANGSRIMUANG VOY NO (94)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSRIMUANG VOY NO (94) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(2) 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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### **New amusement park with Monkey King-themed elements opens in east China City**

HEFEI, 10 Dec — Fantawild Dream Kingdom, a theme park in Wuhu City in east China's Anhui Province featuring amusement facilities with Chinese elements like the legendary Monkey King, opened on a trial basis on Wednesday. The theme park comes after Fantawild Adventure Theme Park opened three years ago in Wuhu. Shenzhen-based Huaqiang Group Co developed both theme parks.

A company spokesman said Fantawild Dream Kingdom covers an area of 500,000 square metres and was built with an investment of 1.8 billion yuan (270 million US dollars). It boasts a dozen independently developed amusement facilities that showcase popular Chinese elements like the terra-cotta warriors and the Chinese Zodiac.

Xinhua



*Visitors ride at an attraction at Fantawild Dreamland in Wuhu, east China's Anhui Province, on 8 Dec, 2010. The amusement park, designed by Chinese investors, started the commercial trial on Wednesday. The theme park at a cost of 1.8 billion yuan (270 million US dollars) has an area of 500,000 square metres with more than 200 attractions and shows.*

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV EMERALD -CORAL VOY NO (44)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV EMERALD -CORAL VOY NO (44) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.12.2010 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.

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: EASTERN-CAR LINER S'PORE  
PTE LTD**

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*The Chinese scientific research ship Dayang Yihao, or Ocean One, sets sail in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 8 Dec, 2010. Dayang Yihao set out here on Wednesday, starting a 376-day global trip that across the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans, with its research mission on hot liquid sulfides and deep-sea biological diversity. This was China's 22nd deep-sea scientific research mission and the third global voyage of Dayang Yihao. A total of 431 scientists joint the research in different phases of the voyage.—XINHUA*

### **Chinese research ship embarks on year-long global voyage**

GUANGZHOU, 10 Dec — The Chinese scientific research ship Dayang Yihao, or Ocean One, set sail here Wednesday, starting a 376-day global trip that will take it across the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans. The vessel will conduct research on hot liquid sulfides and deep-sea biological diversity, said Tao Chunhui, the chief scientist of the ship's

research team, during a media function held before the ship departed in Guangzhou, provincial capital of Guangdong in China's south.

Hot liquid sulfides, commonly known as "black chimneys" by researchers, can provide clues about the origins of life. This will be China's 22nd deep-sea scientific research mission and the third global voyage of Dayang Yihao, an important oceanic science research vessel for China.

A total of 431 scientists will join the research in different phases of the voyage. Dayang Yihao carries advanced scientific instruments including the "Sea Dragon 2," a remotely-operated underwater vehicle (ROV), as well as a powerful newly developed deep sea drilling machine.—Xinhua



## New Michael Jackson song airs, from beyond-grave album

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec—A second song from a new posthumous album by late pop legend Michael Jackson was released on Thursday, days before the beyond-the-grave record hits music shops around the world.

"Hold My Hand," a duet with US singer Akon, went online complete with video ahead of the 14 December release of "Michael," an album of songs the King of Pop wrote before his death, according to producers.

A first song from the album, "Breaking News," was released last month and triggered an online storm of debate over whether the vocals were indeed sung by Jackson himself.

The video for "Hold my Hand" "tells the story of the song through a collage of images of both Michael and Akon as well as people representing Michael's legacy, shining a light on the aura left behind by King



*A second song from a new posthumous album by late pop legend Michael Jackson, seen here in 1993, was released on Thursday, days before the beyond-the-grave record hits music shops around the world.—INTERNET*

of Pop.

"The video is a tribute to all that Michael stands for — life, in all its permutations love, and its power. A video of memory, healing and joy," said the video's producer Mark Pellington, cited on Jackson's website.

*Internet*

## Injury forces Van Dyke to cancel LA production

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec—An injury has forced Dick Van Dyke to cancel his new musical show in Los Angeles.

Geffen Playhouse publicist Allison Rawlings released a statement Thursday that says Van Dyke is unable to perform because of an injury to his Achilles tendon, which began bothering him last week. As a result, the theater was forced to cancel the upcoming run of "Dick Van Dyke - Step in

Time: A Musical Memoir."

Van Dyke, who turns 85 on Monday, performed in the preview show Wednesday night, but Rawlings says he aggravated the injury.

In the statement, Van Dyke said the injury is forcing him to be off his feet for awhile and thanked everyone for their understanding and support. The show, a career-retrospective, was scheduled to run through 16 Jan.

*Internet*

## Woman attacked over baby toy

PORT ST, 10 Dec—Police in Florida said a woman attacked a fellow Walmart shopper because her baby was "squeezing a child's toy that was making a lot of noise."

Port St Lucie police said Jeanette Ramirez, 33, of Lauderhill, instigated a "verbal altercation" with the mother due to the noise made by the toy and the incident escalated when three witnesses saw Ramirez "physically assaulting/hitting" the other woman, TCPalm. com reported Thursday. Police arrested Ramirez on a charge of misdemeanor simple battery.—*Internet*



*Jeanette Ramirez's mugshot, courtesy of the St Lucie County Sheriff's Office.—INTERNET*

## "Narnia" film to trump "Tourist" at box office

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec—Two costly movies open in theaters across North America on Friday, although neither is expected to deck the halls extravagantly during a relatively quiet pre-Christmas period. "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" looks likely to lead the field with three-day sales of \$35 million-\$45 million. "The Tourist" is expected to earn a modest \$20 million, vying for second or third place with current champ "Tangled" and former champ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1."

Directed by versatile British filmmaker Michael Apted ("The World Is Not Enough"), "Dawn Treader" cost about \$145 million to make. That's down significantly from the \$225 million tab for its immediate franchise predecessor, 2008's "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian." This time around, producer Walden Media and distributor Fox (taking over from Disney) cut costs by using more soundstages, reducing visual effects and obtaining hefty Australian tax credits.

*Internet*

## Egyptian movie wins top prize at Cairo film festival

CAIRO, 10 Dec—"Al-Shawq," a movie by Egyptian director Khaled al-Hagar, won the Golden Pyramid at the 34th Cairo International Film Festival which ended on Thursday. "Microphone" by Egypt's Ahmed Abdullah won the award for best Arabic-language film. France's Isabelle Huppert, in "Copacabana", shared the best actress award with Al-Shawq's Sawsan Badr, from Egypt.

Egypt's Amr Waked and Italy's Alessandro Gassman shared the best actor awards for their performances in Italian Ricky Tognazzi's "Il Padre E Lo Straniero."

*Internet*



## Actor Snipes begins serving sentence at Pa prison

LEWIS RUN, 10 Dec—Actor Wesley Snipes began serving a three-year sentence at a federal prison in Pennsylvania on Thursday for failure to file income tax returns.

Snipes, 48, arrived shortly before noon at the Federal Correctional Institution McKean in the tiny northwestern Pennsylvania town of Lewis Run, federal prisons spokesman Ed Ross said. He had been ordered to surrender by noon.

The minimum security prison camp is worlds away from the harsh prison fortresses depicted in the Snipes' films "Undisputed" and "Brooklyn's Finest." The minimum-security camp doesn't have fences around its perimeter.

The 300 nonviolent inmates live in barracks that feature two-man rooms, daily showers and double-feature movie showings Friday through Sunday. Alas, no NC-17, R or X ratings allowed, which knocks out much of Snipes' action-heavy repertoire.

The most jarring aspect of the celebrity's stay might be the five daily head counts, three during the overnight hours. And Snipes, who earned a reported \$13 million for the "Blade: Trinity" sequel, will have to adjust to earning just pennies an hour handling kitchen, laundry or other campus chores. He can spend just \$290 a month at the prison commissary.—*Internet*



*In this file photo, actor Wesley Snipes poses during the photo call for the film 'Brooklyn's Finest' at the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy. Snipes reports to the Federal Correctional Institution McKean in Lewis Run, Pa Thursday, on 9 Dec, 2010, to begin his three-year sentence for failing to pay taxes.*

*INTERNET*

## Greeting card maker pole dances in store

NEW YORK, 10 Dec—A New York greeting card designer said she has found their success with her business model, which includes in-store pole dances.

Jill-Anne, owner of Jill-Anne's on the Lower East Side, said she has been per-

forming in the store for the past two months and any customers who spend at least \$50 on her hand-made greeting cards get a personal pole dance, the *New York Daily News* reported on Thursday.

"I always swore to myself I would always have fun at work. I have a wonderful time with my company, but I also need mini breaks

and since I don't have a water cooler or the Starbucks around the corner, I have my pole," she said.

"Seventy-five percent of the people, when I'm poling, in my store who walk by are women who smile and clap, so it's not a male lust thing. It's empowering women thing as well," Jill-Anne said.

*Internet*

*Egyptian director Khaled al-Hagar*  
*INTERNET*

## SPORTS

## Benitez, Inter narrow focus on Club World Cup

ROME, 10 Dec — Inter Milan coach Rafael Benitez has set his sights on the Club World Cup in Abu Dhabi to give his faltering side a much-needed boost. An injury-ravaged and under-strength Inter crashed to a 3-0 defeat at Werder Bremen in the Champions League on Tuesday night to slump to a second-place finish in Group A behind Tottenham.

It means they face the possibility of a last 16 clash against one of Europe's heavyweights, such as Manchester United, Barcelona, Chelsea or Real Madrid, guided by former Inter boss Jose Mourinho.

That defeat was also

Inter's seventh of the season in all competitions, matching the number of defeats the club suffered during the whole of the last campaign under Mourinho, when they went on to lift the treble. In Serie A they are in fifth place and 10 points behind leaders AC Milan, but Benitez believes the Club World Cup can provide a welcome tonic to their league and European woes. —Internet



Inter Milan's Spanish coach Rafael Benitez

## Vladimir Klitschko working on alternative date for title fight

BERLIN, 10 Dec — World heavyweight champion Vladimir Klitschko, recovering from injury, is looking to arrange an alternative date for his WBO, IBF, IBO title fight but it remains unclear if Briton Dereck Chisora will be his opponent.

The 34-year-old Ukrainian was scheduled to take on the 26-year-old Zimbabwe-born British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Chisora in Mannheim on Saturday but Klitschko was ruled out after sustaining a stomach muscle in-

jury in training on Wednesday. Doctors in Mannheim, where the fight was to be held, said Klitschko would need to rest for four to six weeks.

"Klitschko Management Group are working on finding an alternative date with the SAP Arena (in Mannheim)," the fighter's team said in a statement on Thursday. "Tickets are still valid and once talks with the arena have been completed we will make the decision known," they said, refusing to say who he would be fighting against. —Internet



Ajax Amsterdam's Belgian defender Toby Alderweireld (C) celebrates after scoring with forward from Uruguay Luis Suarez (R). — INTERNET

## Ajax beat Milan to book Europa League spot

MILAN, 10 Dec — Ajax beat AC Milan 2-0 at the San Siro here on Wednesday to ensure they take their place in the Europa League knockout stages. With Milan already guaranteed second place in Group G and Real Madrid assured of top spot, Ajax and Auxerre were left to battle for third place and the European consolation prize.

And goals from Demy De Zeeuw and Toby Alderweireld ensured the Dutch side - who were rocked by the resignation of coach Martin Jol on Monday - continue their continental adventure this season. Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri passed off the defeat and refused to blame Brazilian star Ronaldinho, given a rare start. —Internet

## Roddick returns to US Davis Cup squad

NEW YORK, 10 Dec — Former world number one Andy Roddick will play for



the US Davis Cup squad in 2011 after skipping the event this year, the US Tennis Association announced on Thursday. Roddick will join new coach Jim Courier when the Americans visit Chile for a first-round tie on the red clay of Santiago on March 4-6.

"I'm very excited to be back," Roddick said. "Davis Cup is something you should commit to for the entire season and not when it's convenient. Trying to win the Davis Cup again is a top priority for me in 2011."

Internet

## Newcastle appoint Pardew as manager

NEWCASTLE, 10 Dec — Former West Ham coach Alan Pardew was on Thursday appointed the new manager of Newcastle United, the Premier League club announced. Pardew succeeds Chris Hughton, who was dismissed on Monday in the wake of last weekend's 3-1 loss to West Bromwich Albion, which left the Magpies four points above the

relegation zone.

Newcastle owner Mike Ashley gave Pardew a five-and-a-half-year contract, an indication he wanted the sixth manager at St James' Park since he took charge in 2007 to stay for the long haul. It also appears to signal that Ashley, who tried and failed to sell Newcastle, was preparing to remain in control of the north-east club.



Former West Ham boss Alan Pardew, was on Thursday appointed the new coach of Newcastle, the Premier League club announced. —INTERNET

Pardew's first match in charge is a home fixture against Liverpool on Saturday. The 49-year-old was the bookmakers' — if not the fans' — favourite to take over the St James' hotseat from Hughton, 51, who was axed by Ashley despite having led Newcastle to promotion from the second-tier Championship last season.

Internet

## Shakhtar Donetsk reach knockout round

DONETSK, 10 Dec — Ukraine's 2009 UEFA Cup champions Shakhtar Donetsk reached the knockout stages of the Champions League for the first time here on Wednesday with a 2-0 victory over Portuguese side Sporting Braga.

A dour match was brought to life late in the game when Romanian international defender Razvan Rat opened the scoring with the hosts nailing their place in the last 16 and top spot in Group H shortly after-

wards through Luiz Adriano.

Defeat ended the visitors' hopes of progressing — though Arsenal's win at home to Partizan Belgrade would have made even a Braga win in Ukraine fruitless. Braga were already up against it as Shakhtar went into the match unbeaten in 10 games in all competitions since being hammered 5-1 by Arsenal and unbeaten in 52 successive home clashes since a defeat in 22 Oct, 2008.

Internet

## Entire Italian cycling family faces doping ban

ROME, 10 Dec — Italian Olympic Committee (Coni) prosecutors have asked for an entire family to be banned for doping offences related to a case involving Alessandro Petacchi. Coni has asked for Petacchi's former Lampre



Italian Olympic Committee (Coni) prosecutors have asked for an entire family to be banned for doping offences related to a case involving Alessandro Petacchi, seen here in September 2010. — INTERNET

team-mate Lorenzo Bernucci to be banned for six years, whilst also requesting four-year bans for the cyclist's wife Valentina Borgioli, brother Alessio Bernucci, mother Antonella Rossi and father-in-law Fabrizio Borgioli.

If found guilty, Bernucci's family are to be prohibited "from frequenting sporting establishments and spaces reserved for athletes and related personnel in Italy," according to anti-doping prosecutors. "As well as (prevented from) taking part in sporting events on Italian soil or those organised by Italian sporting authorities." But Bernucci hit out at Coni for involving his family in is case. "I didn't expect the prosecutor (Ettore) Torri to ask for such a severe sentence," he told Italian news agency Ansa. —Internet

## Chelsea fail to find solace at Marseille

MARSEILLE, 10 Dec — Chelsea travelled to Marseille here Wednesday seeking an upturn in their fortunes but it wasn't to be as their French hosts came away with a deserved 1-0 win in this concluding 'dead' Champions League Group F encounter. Aside from seeing two decent penalty appeals turned down Chelsea will find it hard to quibble with a result that saw their hitherto perfect first round record blemished by defeat.

Chelsea coach Carlo Ancelotti had called for a spirited end to their Champions League group games after watching his side win only one of their last six Premier League outings. And with Tottenham looming in London on Sunday Ancelotti told Sky Sports: "We

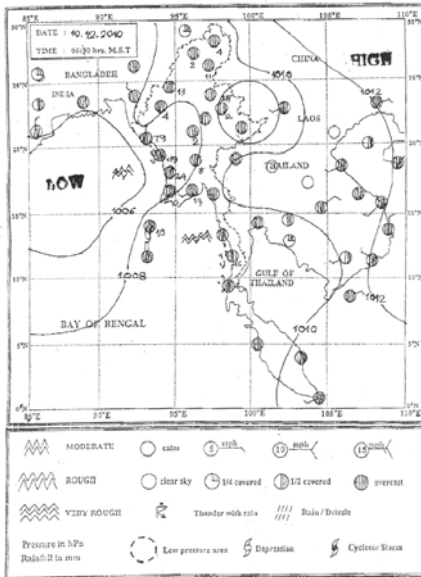
were'n't playing at 100 percent, perhaps 50 percent, we will have to improve especially with Tottenham, Man Utd and Arsenal coming up. Really, we have lost confidence." —Internet



Marseille's forward Loic Remy (R) vies with Chelsea's Serbian defender Branislav Ivanovic. — INTERNET



## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Mon States, Taninthayi Region, scattered in Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States, Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy fall in Rakhine State. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Lower Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (7°C) to (8°C) above December average temperatures in Shan State, Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperature were Haka and Katha (9°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded were Kyaukpau (5.67) inches, Sittway (3.70) inches, MraukU (3.15) inches, Maungtau (3.07) inches and Paletwa (2.80) inches.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 9-12-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 10-12-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-12-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 10-12-2010 was (Tr).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 9-12-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 10-12-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-12-2010 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 9-12-2010 was (5.5) hours.

Rainfall on 10-12-2010 was at (0.11) inch Mingaladon, (0.51) inch Kaba-Aye and at (Tr) Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.87) inches at Mingaladon, (96.85) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South at (12:30) hours MST on 9-12-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010:

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Kayah and Mon States, Taninthayi Region, scattered in Shan State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**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:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-12-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-12-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-12-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Weather Outlook For Second Weekend Of December 2010:** During the coming weekend, likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

## Blast kills at least 11 in northwest Pakistan

HANGU, 10 Dec—A suicide car bomber rammed his vehicle into a hospital in a town in northwest Pakistan on Friday, killing at least 11 people, officials said, in what appeared to be a sectarian attack.

On Wednesday, a suicide bomber blew himself up beside a minibus in the nearby town of Kahat, killing at least 16 people, officials said.

MNA/Reuters



Competitors fight during the women's taekwondo quarterfinals at the Guangdong Stadium in Guangzhou.—INTERNET

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (11-12-2010)(Saturday)

## Transmissions

## Times

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

## Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
- \* News
- \* Perfect Bridal Fashion Fair
- \* "Myanmar Orchestra" Sein Minthar "Solo Dance"
- \* News
- \* Secret Place for Yummy Foods
- \* "Myanmar Favourite Snacks"
- \* News
- \* Live Concert
- \* Young Champions of this Generation

## Oversea Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
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- \* Perfect Bridal Fashion Fair
- \* "Myanmar Orchestra" Sein Minthar "Solo Dance"
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- \* News
- \* Live Concert
- \* Young Champions of this Generation
- \* News
- \* "Products of Myanmar" Velvet Slipper
- \* News
- \* Ywama Floating Market: A Place of Matchlessness
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Myanmar's DHF Prevention Activities Towards A Healthy Society
- \* News
- \* Myanma Jewels In Style
- \* Myanmar Movie "Guilt Over Love"



Saturday,  
11 December  
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:00 am

7. Poem Garden

8:15 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:20 am

9. Musical Programme

8:30 am

10. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Local Talent

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Game For Children

11:55 am

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

12:10 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

12:30 pm

6. TV Drama Series

1:25 pm

7. Mahowthada

2:05 pm

8. Dance Of National Races

2:10 pm

9. Documentary

2:35 pm

10. Music Series

2:55 pm

11. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cultural Dance

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. Thu Lat Than

4:45 pm

5. University Of Distance Education

5:00 pm

- Firt Year (Physics)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:25 pm

8. International Science News

5:35 pm

9. Documentary

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm

13. Yindagomae

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16: International News

17. Weather Report

18: Cartoon Series

19. TV Drama Series

20: Gitadagale

- Phwinfbaoahn

- ★ 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

## Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of Defence Services Academy

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The Graduation Parade of No. 53 Intake of the Defence Services Academy was held at the convocation hall of the DSA in Pyin Oo Lwin at 9 am today, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, and Maj-Gen Soe Win of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai

Lwin, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Win Myint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Maj-Gen Sein Win and Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Maj-Gen Thein Htay of the Ministry of Defence, Defence Services Inspection and Auditor-General (Army, Navy and Air) Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo, Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung, Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin and Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung,



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Ministers U Khin Maung Myint, U Thaung, U Ohn Myint, U Zaw Min, U Thein Zaw, U Lun Thi, Dr Kyaw Myint, Dr Chan Nyein, U Hla Tun and U Thein Aung, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Directors Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Hla Myint, (See page 11)