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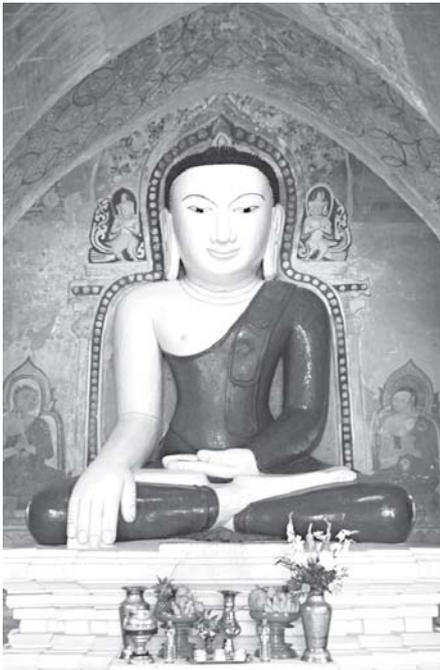
## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to King of Bhutan

**NAY PYI TAW, 17 Dec**—On the occasion of the National Day of the Bhutan, which falls on 17th December 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan.—*MNA*

### True patriotism

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

## Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing go on pilgrimage to Bagan, Monywa



**NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec**—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing visited Sinmyashin Pagoda in Bagan, and Maha Bodhitahtaung Laygyunsekkyia Standing Buddha Image and Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda in Monywa Township yesterday morning.

On a pilgrimage to Sinmyashin Pagoda in Bagan, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered alms food, fruit, flowers

and water and paid homage to the Buddha image, and made cash donations to it.

The Senior General and wife and entourage had a stroll in reverence of the pagoda.

The Senior General, accompanied by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and entourage members, left

NyaungU by helicopter and arrived at Khatakkantaung Village in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region.

They were welcomed there by Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn, and departmental officials at region, district and township levels.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pay homage to Buddha Image at Sinmyashin Pagoda.

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### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Encourage greening of Mount Popa and thriving of tea plantations

Nowadays, Mount Popa area in central Myanmar is lush and green, covered with thick foliage of forests. It is valuable natural resources in hot and dry central area of Myanmar. Mount Popa where small rivers and creeks originate is part of watershed mountain range in central Myanmar.

The dams built around Mount Popa area are adjacent to watershed forests of Mount Popa area. As part of efforts to constantly conserve lush and green Mount Popa area, over 1.3 million trees and about 3 million perennial trees have been grown.

Moreover, efforts are being made to extend tea plantations to be able to contribute to greening of the area and to enable the local people to increase income. Since 2008, tea plantations have been set up in Mount Popa area of Mandalay Region and Mount Natyegan area of Magway Region.

Up to 2011-2012, plans are being implemented to grow over 2,500 acres of tea in Mount Popa and Mount Natyegan areas. At present, thriving tea plantations can be seen there. In addition to tea plantations, cultivation of perennial trees has been extended yearly.

Mount Popa area helps generate favourable weather for the central Myanmar. As such, the local farmers are to double their efforts in growing perennial plants such as cashew, mango, Seintalon mango, jackfruit, tamarind and others. Concerted efforts are to be made for thriving perennial plants, vegetables, tea plantations and other mixed-cropping plantations in the area of Mount Popa.

Forests generate favourable climate and improve conservation of soil and forest ecosystem. That is why all the local people are to engage in greening of Mount Popa area and extended growing of perennial plants including tea plantations.



## Public Perspectives

- \* 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

### Information Minister attends opening of library in Nipatan Village of Salingyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan on 13 December attended the opening of Sareikta Pyokhin Library in Nipatan Village of Panhtu Village-tract in Salingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region and unveiled its signboard.

Also present on the occasion were township level departmental officials, social organization members, townselders, students and local people.

Chairman of Salingyi Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Min Han, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Win Kyi, member of Ward PDC U Kyaw Lin and townselder U Than Tun formally opened the library.

After unveiling the signboard, the minister viewed maintenance of books at the library and conversed with rural people who were reading at the library.

Next, he met local people from Nipatan Village and 16 surrounding villages.

The minister heard reports on progress of regional development tasks and requirements and fulfilled the requirements of education, supply of water for agricultural purpose and construction of inter-village roads. He stressed the need for the local people to read the books at the self-reliant library for broadening their horizons and to make strenuous efforts for sustainable development of the library.

*Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan cordially greeting rural people at village library.—MNA*



*Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan donates books and publications to village library through a local.—MNA*

Next, he donated books and journals to village libraries in Nipatan, Panhtoo, Kangyidaw, Yemain, Yewintaw and Kywekhotaw villages.

Chairperson of Salingyi Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Thida Than Soe Oo donated books and journals for Sareikta Pyokhin Library through the librarian.

Later, the minister cordially conversed with the locals.—MNA

### Engineering diploma courses of Dual Tech

YANGON, 16 Dec—Dual Tech opens engineering diploma courses such as Air-conditioner & Refrigeration, Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical, M & E, and Civil (Construction).

Anyone who has completed matriculation education regardless of age may join the courses, whose terms range between six months to one year.

AGTI diploma holders may attend Advanced Diploma Course, Euro-Pass Programme.

Dual Tech (Insein Centre 1) is near Sawbawgyigon Traffic Lights at the junction of Pyay Road and Mindhamma Road in Insein, Yangon (Ph: 727293, 730 69682) and Dual Tech (Yankin Centre 2), at 206/2 on Yankin Road near Yoma Bank, Yankin Township Ph: (8550596, 73020803).—MNA

## Missing Nepal plane found, all 22 onboard dead

KATHMANDU, 16 Dec—All 22 people aboard on a small plane died when it crashed in Nepal's mountainous east, searchers said Thursday after finding the wreckage of the plane that had gone missing a day earlier.

The Rescue Coordination Committee at Katmandu Airport said Thursday that searchers found the wreckage near a village about 100 miles (160 kilometres) east of the capital, Katmandu.

Police official Bhesh Bahadur Thapa stationed near the crash site said by telephone that the wreckage was scattered over an area of 1000 feet (300 metres) radius on the sides of a mountain. It was not yet clear what caused the crash.

Thapa said the rescuers were collecting the bodies and preparing them to be sent back to Kathmandu.

Internet



Photo taken on 3 Dec, 2009 shows a small plane of Tara Air of Nepal parking at the domestic terminal of Tribuvan Airport. A plane belonging to Tara Air that took off from Lamidanda Airport in Khotang District in eastern Nepal crashed on 15 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

## Iraq obtains info on bomb plots in the US, Europe

BAGHDAD, 16 Dec—Iraqi authorities have obtained confessions from captured militants who claim al-Qaeda is planning suicide attacks in the United States and Europe during the Christmas season, two senior officials said Wednesday. A senior US intelligence official confirmed the threat as credible.

Iraqi Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani said that the botched bombing in central Stockholm last weekend was among the alleged plots the militants revealed. Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, in a telephone interview from New York, called the claims "a critical threat." Both al-Bolani and Zebari said Iraq has informed Interpol of the alleged plots, and alerted authorities in the US and European countries of the possible danger. Neither official specified which country or countries in Europe are alleged targets.

Internet

## Suicide bombers kill at least 39 in southeast Iran



The aftermath of an explosion outside a mosque in Iran's southeastern city of Chahbahar is seen in this still image taken from video on 15 December, 2010.

INTERNET

TEHRAN, 16 Dec—Two suicide bombers blew themselves up near a mosque in southeastern Iran on Wednesday, killing at least 39 people, including a newborn baby, at a Shiite mourning ceremony, state media reported. The attack, which also wounded 90 people, took place outside the Imam Hussein Mosque in the port city of Chahbahar the official IRNA news agency said.

The bombers targeted a group of worshippers at a mourning ceremony a day before Ashoura, which commemorates the seventh century death of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's most beloved saints.—Internet

## New York airport bomb plotter given life sentence

NEW YORK, 16 Dec—A US judge on Wednesday sentenced a militant to life in prison after a jury found him guilty of participating in a plot to bomb New York's John F Kennedy International Airport.

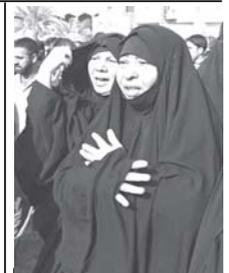
After a four-week trial, a federal jury in August found Abdul Kadir, 58, of Guyana, guilty of conspiring to blow up buildings, fuel tanks and pipelines at the airport in the New York City borough of Queens.

He was convicted along

with co-defendant Russel Defreitas, a US citizen born in Guyana, who awaits sentencing.

Defreitas, who had worked at the airport, provided knowledge of its facilities and layout, US prosecutors said, while Kadir, an engineer, helped with technical aspects such as how to blow up buried fuel pipelines. At the sentencing hearing in Brooklyn federal court on Wednesday, US District Judge Dora Irizarry said "there can be no doubt whatsoever that the offenses for which Mr Kadir was convicted are about as serious as they come, short of murder."

Reuters



Women react, during the funeral for those killed in road said bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 Dec, 2010. Roadside bombs struck crowds of Iraqi pilgrims as they prepared to mark the year's most solemn Shiite religious ceremony, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET

## Swedish troops to continue to stay in Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM, 15 Dec—The Swedish parliament on Wednesday passed a resolution with a vote of 290 in favour, 20 against and 19 abstentions, allowing Swedish troops to continue to stay in Afghanistan.

The resolution indicated that in 2011, the number of troops in Afghanistan can reach as high as 855 in exceptional situation, but in normal situation, it will still be 500. The four governing

parties and the two main opposition parties Social Democrats and Green voted yes to the resolution, while the far right Swedish Democratic Party and Left Party voted no. The two opposing parties want to see Swedish troops withdraw from Afghanistan in 2013. The resolution didn't say how long the Swedish military presence in Afghanistan will last or whether the troops will withdraw in 2014.

Xinhua



A policeman inspects the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 15 December, 2010. Two roadside bombs targeting Shi'ite pilgrims in Iraq killed three people and wounded at least 32 others on 14 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

## Afghan war review shows tilt to hitting militants

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, 16 Dec—The latest White House review of the war in Afghanistan to be released Thursday will show that coalition forces have relied heavily on air strikes and

night raids against militants as part of the overall strategy, US and NATO officials said.

The emphasis such counterterror operations — aimed at killing and capturing militants — could reflect the difficulties the US military has faced in carrying out the other, main part of its strategy, known as military parlance as counter-insurgency, or COIN—to clear the enemy out of a particular territory, then focus on holding and

developing it to win over the local Afghan population. "It may be an indication that US goals in Afghanistan and Pakistan are being narrowed from a broad COIN mission to something closer to the stated goal of disrupting and defeating al-Qaeda," said Rick Nelson, a retired Navy officer who served in Afghanistan last year and is now a counterterrorism expert at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

NATO officials say both are part of the overall strategy being employed by Gen. David Petraeus, the commander of American and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

The alliance insists that at the same time that the coalition has stepped up counterterror operations, it also has increased its work to bring development and better governance to Afghanistan's 34 provinces.

Internet



Afghan policemen inspect the damaged car at the site of a bomb blast as a wounded man sits on the ground in the eastern city of Khost earlier this year.

INTERNET



## Science

### Soyuz crew blasts off on space station mission



The Soyuz-FG rocket booster with Soyuz TMA-20 space ship carrying a new crew to the International Space Station, ISS, blasts off from the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 16 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

BAIKOUNUR, 16 Dec—Astronauts from the US, Russia and Italy blasted off into the darkness early Thursday, casting a warm orange glow over the chilly plains of Kazakhstan with their Soyuz spacecraft as they began a mission to the International Space Station. Russia's Dmitry Kondratyev, NASA astronaut Catherine Coleman and the European Space Agency's Paolo Nespoli of Italy rode into space on the Soyuz TMA-20, which plans to dock at the orbiting laboratory on Friday.

Family and colleagues of the crew waited nervously before the launch, which kicked off with a piercing white flash succeeded by a roaring wall of sound.

Within seconds, the rocket seemed little more than a blur of incandescent

flames fading into the distance.

Officials at the viewing platform gave status updates at 20-second intervals over loudspeakers until reaching the nine-minute mark, indicating the ship had reached the relative safety of orbit, prompting a lively round of cheers. At that moment, a plush toy tiger that Coleman brought as the crew's mascot began floating in front of her, signaling the beginning of weightlessness as the spaceship reached an altitude of more than 125 miles (200 kilometres) above Earth, according to NASA television footage.—Internet

### Scientists: It's not too late yet for polar bears



In this undated file photo released by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, a sow polar bear rests with her cubs on pack ice in the Beaufort Sea in northern Alaska.—INTERNET

ANCHORAGE, 16 Dec—Two groups of scientists are suggesting a sliver of hope for the future of polar bears in a warming world.

A study published online Wednesday rejects the often used concept of a "tipping point," or point of no return, when it comes to sea ice and the big bear that has become the symbol of climate change woes. The study optimistically suggests that if the world dramatically changed its steadily increasing emissions of greenhouse gases, a total loss of critical summer sea ice for the bears could be averted.

Another research group projects that even if global warming doesn't slow — a more likely near-future scenario — a thin, icy refuge for the bears would still remain between Greenland and Canada.

A grim future for polar bears is one of the most tangible and poignant outcomes of global warming. Four years ago, federal researchers reported that two-thirds of the world's polar bear habitat could vanish by mid-century. Other experts foresee an irreversible ice-free Arctic in the next few years as more likely.

The new study, which challenges the idea of a tipping point, says rapid ice loss could still happen, but there's a chance that the threatened bears aren't quite doomed.—Internet

### Israeli scientist finds sweet solution to plastic waste

JERUSALEM, 16 Dec—An Israeli researcher said he has found a sweet solution to a sour worldwide problem: mountains of disposed plastic items that pack landfills and wash out to sea, and take decades, if not centuries, to melt down.

Prof Moshe Kol of the Tel Aviv University (TAU) School of Chemistry, working in tandem with colleagues at the University of Aachen in Germany and the University of Bath in England, is using corn starch and sugar to help create "green" plastics for hundreds of common items that is as strong as or stronger than oil-based versions of the products.

"The structure of these corn-based plastics depends on several parameters. The most important is the character of the building blocks, like Lego blocks, that hold the material together," says Prof Kol, in a statement from TAU released this week.

Early results of tests, in this case to create a transparent disposable drinking cup, looks and feels like the more familiar polystyrene, although the cup can only hold liquids under 122 degrees Fahrenheit.—Xinhua



## Technology

### eBay buys mobile software maker Critical Path

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Dec—Online auction house eBay on Wednesday announced it has bought mobile gadget application maker Critical Path Software as it follows buyers and sellers onto smartphones and other devices. "We're very serious about innovating in mobile commerce," said Mark Carges, chief technology officer of global products at eBay Marketplace.

"Integrating the Critical Path Software team into eBay will be a big win for mobile shoppers around the world... we can make shopping and selling anywhere, anytime, for almost anything, even better."

Critical Path has worked with California-based eBay on applications that let smartphone users connect with the online auction house as well as its other services such as classified ads; ticket marketplace StubHub, and Shopping.com. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.—Internet



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### Atos shares jump on Siemens deal for IT giant

PARIS, 16 Dec—Shares in French computer services consultancy Atos Origin leapt Wednesday in response to a deal with German giant Siemens targeted at creating the "European leader" in the sector.

Atos Origin and Siemens announced overnight that Atos Origin would pay 850 million euros (1.13 billion dollars) for the information technology activities of Siemens.

Siemens, in exchange for its IT division, will get a 15 percent of Atos Origin and 186 million euros in cash. Atos Origin will also issue bonds worth 250 million euros convertible into shares in five years' time



Thierry Breton, CEO of French information technology services company Atos Origin, and Peter Loscher (L), CEO of German industrial group Siemens give a press conference after signing a partnership in Paris.—INTERNET

and reserved for Siemens.

This "strategic global partnership" would create the seventh-biggest IT group in the world, they said.

Atos Origin is headed by former French finance minister Thierry Breton who said on French radio Europe One on Wednesday that the group intended to recruit 8,000 people throughout the world this year, of whom 1,600 would be hired in France.

The joint statement said that the deal would result in the shedding of 1,750 jobs at Siemens, of which 650 were in Germany.

Breton said that the agreement "enables us to be a leader without any doubt in Europe in the fields of computing sectors which are growing, in which there is much investment but also in which there is much recruitment."—Internet

### YouTube wants Web show maker Next New Networks

LOS ANGELES, 16 Dec—Google Inc's YouTube is in talks to buy Web show maker Next New Networks in what would be the video sharing site's first foray into content production, the *New York Times* reported on Wednesday. The proposed price has not been disclosed, according to the *New York Times*, which cited two people briefed on the discussions.

Buying Next New Networks would make sense for YouTube, said ThinkEquity analyst Aaron Kessler, especially because YouTube has run into copyright problems with some professionally produced videos that people have added to the site.

"They're basically looking for more content they can monetize, especially if they can produce the content themselves," he said. "You don't want to go full bore into becoming a media company, which Google is not, but if you can selectively acquire a few properties, it makes sense."—Reuters

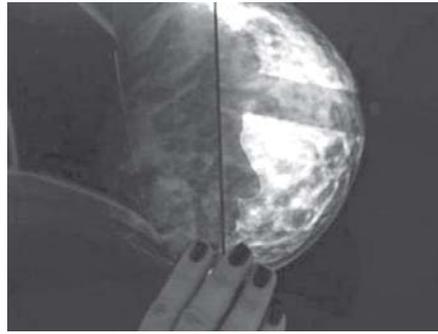
## Health

### Health Tip: Make small changes to cut calorie

Making a few small changes to your diet can help you trim the calories, which can add up to real weight loss.

The American Dietetic Association offers these suggestions to shave calories:

- \* Use small plates and bowls.
- \* Eat slowly, making meals last at least 20 minutes.
- \* Always place a serving onto a plate, rather than eating directly from a carton, box or bag.
- \* Pour drinks, except for water, into a narrow glass.
- \* Choose water over drinks that contain calories.—*Internet*



*Vasiliki Kostoula, a Greek breast cancer patient, is framed through a breast x-ray after a radiological medical examination in an Athens hospital on 29 October, 2008.—INTERNET*

### Genetic research sheds light on adrenal gland tumour risk

NEW YORK, 16 Dec—Scientists report that they have advanced their knowledge of genetic mutations associated with adrenal gland tumours by identifying 13 new potential variations. Tumors called pheochromocytomas can affect the adrenal gland, which is located above the kidney. These tumours — which are usually benign but can also be cancerous — cause the adrenal gland to produce too much adrenaline, resulting in high blood pressure, headaches, heart palpitations, nausea and vomiting.

In the new study, which included nearly 1,000 people, the researchers identified 19 mutations in the FP/TMEM127 gene that may be associated with pheochromocytomas in the adrenal gland.

“Of these, 19 mutations found in 20 patients were considered of potential pathogenic significance. Thirteen of these variants were [new], while the remainder had been Previously reported,” Li Yao, of the University of Texas Health Science Centre at San Antonio, and colleagues wrote in the report published in the 15 Dec issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The average age of patients when they developed FP/TMEM127-mutated tumors was 42.8 years and median (midpoint) age was 41.5 years.

“These observations support the existence of additional pheochromocytoma susceptibility genes, which may account for some of the genetically undefined cases,” the authors wrote in a news release from the journal’s publisher.—*Internet*



*An injured person receives treatment in a hospital in Quzhou City, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 14 Dec, 2010. A fire broke out at a residential building in Quzhou on Monday night, leaving nine people dead and two others injured.*

XINHUA

### Transplant may have cured man of AIDS

WASHINGTON, 16 Dec—A very unusual blood transplant appears to have cured an American man living in Berlin of infection with the AIDS virus, but doctors say the approach is not practical for wide use. The man, who is in his 40s, had a blood stem cell transplant in 2007 to treat leukemia. His donor not only was a good blood match but also had a gene mutation that confers natural resistance to HIV.

Now, three years later, the recipient shows no signs of leukemia or HIV infection, according to a report in the *journal Blood*.

“It’s an interesting proof-of-concept that with pretty extraordinary measures a patient could be cured of HIV,” but it is far too risky to become standard therapy even if matched donors could be found, said Dr Michael Saag of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

He is past chairman of the HIV Medicine Association, an organization of doctors who specialize in treating AIDS.

*Internet*

## Business

### Asian shares weighed by Europe debt concerns

TOKYO, 16 Dec—Asian stock markets were mixed in choppy trade Thursday as investors turned again to concerns about Europe’s sovereign debt problems. Japan’s Nikkei 225 stock average rose 2.46 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 10,312.24 with a weaker yen lifting some exporters. Camera maker Canon Inc. added 1.3 percent, and Honda Motor Co. was up 1.4 percent. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 added 0.2 percent to 4,778.50.

The Shanghai Composite index lost 0.2 percent to 2,906.35 and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng was down 0.2 percent at 22,939.67 and South Korea’s Kospi lost 0.4 percent to 2,009.78. In Seoul, affiliates of the Hyundai Group surged

amid speculation that the company’s bid to take control of Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. might fail. Financing worries about the deal had hurt



*Trader Richard Newman works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 14 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

stock prices recently. Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. jumped 7.5 percent and Hyundai Elevator Co. surged more than 9 percent.

*Internet*

### EU hopes to seize debt crisis initiative at summit

BRUSSELS, 16 Dec—European Union leaders meet on Thursday to try to agree the next steps in tackling a year-long debt crisis that has consumed Greece and Ireland and threatens to spread to Portugal and Spain.

After months of battling to put out fires, including a 110 billion euro bailout for Athens and an 85 billion euro aid package for Dublin, EU leaders will discuss changing the EU’s treaty to create a permanent crisis-resolution mechanism from 2013, and may look at enlarging their existing crisis fund.

The two-day summit comes as market pressure on the sovereign debt of peripheral euro zone states has fallen marginally before year-end, but EU officials are conscious that any failure to take decisive action could be interpreted as weakness, with the threat of further bond market fallout early next year.

Ratings agency Moody’s warned Spain on Wednesday that its debt could be downgraded, and Portugal took steps to revive its economy and bolster its finances, hoping to stave off renewed market pressure that could force it into an EU bailout.

Moody’s said it was concerned about Spain’s high debt funding needs, its heavily indebted banks and its regional finances, but it did not expect Madrid would have to follow Greece and Ireland in seeking EU assistance.

The Portuguese government announced moves to cut red tape and boost growth, and said it would soon adopt quarterly fiscal targets. Both Spain and Portugal have come under intense pressure and are facing funding crunches next year.—*Reuters*

### US and China sign trade deals, Beijing seeks more

WASHINGTON, 16 Dec — The United States and China agreed Wednesday to pursue free trade in areas from agriculture to technology, but Beijing insisted that Washington needed to loosen its own export controls. Top officials from the world’s two largest economies met for two days in Washington to try to iron out persistent tensions — including over the value of China’s currency, which the United States says is artificially low.

President Barack Obama’s administration, which has been hit hard by economic worries, offered an upbeat take on the talks and highlighted China’s willingness to restart talks on resuming US beef imports. The United States said China also pledged to remain “neutral” on the technological standards for third-generation telephones along with smart grids, so as to permit market access for American companies.—*Internet*



*Residents select vegetables at a supermarket in Binzhou City of east China’s Shandong Province, on 11 Dec, 2010.*

XINHUA

## Mexican border city hits 3,000 dead in drug war

MEXICO CITY, 16 Dec—This year's death toll in drug-related violence in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, the hardest hit by Mexico's drug war, rose to 3,000 Tuesday after two men were shot dead on a street, authorities said.

Ciudad Juarez has seen its homicide rate rise to one of the highest in the world after vicious turf battles broke out between gangs representing the Juarez and Sinaloa drug cartels in 2008.

That year, 1,623 people were killed in drug-related violence, and the toll



*A federal police officer stands on a vehicle as he guards the area near a car where two people lie dead in the heavily guarded 'safe' zone, the PRONAF, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on 13 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET*

increased to 2,763 deaths in 2009.

With prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval announcing the latest grim milestone, a total of 7,386 people have died in the city of 1.3 million people across the border from El Paso, Texas, in three years. Most were members of rival drug gangs, but civilians, police and recovering drug addicts have also been targeted.

Internet

## Tornado hits small Ore town; no injuries reported

AUMSVILLE, 16 Dec—Steven Worden was cutting a customer's hair just before noon on Tuesday when the roof of his barber shop blew off.

Worden, 56, watched the east wall of the store begin to collapse. The top of the wall, constructed of cinder blocks, fell in pieces all around him — his arms were bloodied as he shoved away the blocks and his customers scrambled for safety.

"I thought it was the end," Worden said.

No serious injuries were reported in the rare tornado that struck the small town of Aumsville about 45 miles south of



*A destroyed building is shown after a tornado touched down on 14 Dec, 2010, in Aumsville, Ore. The tornado struck the small town on Tuesday, tearing roofs off buildings, hurling objects into vehicles and homes and uprooting trees.*

INTERNET

Portland on Tuesday, tearing roofs off buildings, hurling objects into vehicles and homes and uprooting trees.

But the damage was extensive.

Trees crashed into porches. A semi-trailer rolled in a field.

"We saw a trampoline fly over a church. It was like the Wizard of Oz," said Gara Adams,

who works at Neufeldt's Restaurant on Main Street in Aumsville.

Next door to Worden's barber shop, Juanita Nichol was working at TG Nichol Plumbing Inc on Tuesday morning when she left to have work done on her car. Ten minutes later, a funnel cloud darkened the sky of the tiny town of 3,560 people.—Internet

## Iraqi shoe thrower signs his first book in Beirut

BEIRUT, 16 Dec—The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at former President George W. Bush said Tuesday he is suing Iraq's prime minister for his detention and alleged torture during the nine months he spent in custody.

Muntadhar al-Zeidi spoke during the signing in Beirut of his first book, entitled "The Last Salute to President Bush."

The book is a journal chronicling the moments leading up to the now infamous Baghdad Press conference on 14 Dec, 2008, at which al-Zeidi shot to fame by hurling his shoes at Bush and calling him a dog.

It also tells the story of Iraqi suffering, starting with the 1991 Gulf War.

The signing was timed to coincide with the second anniversary of the shoe throwing incident, which became one of the iconic images of the Iraq war.—Internet



*Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi speaks during the signing of his first book entitled 'The Last Salute to President Bush,' in Beirut, Lebanon, on 14 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

## California mom sues McDonald's over Happy Meals



*A mother-of-two from California launched a class-action lawsuit against McDonald's, claiming the toys given out with Happy Meals unfairly lure kids into eating unhealthy food.*

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 16 Dec— A mother-of-two from California launched a class-action lawsuit against McDonald's, claiming the toys given out with Happy Meals unfairly lure kids into eating unhealthy food.

Monet Parham is spearheading the suit backed by the Centre for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), aimed at stopping the fast-food giant's use of toys in marketing aimed directly at small children.

The CSPI says such marketing illegally exploits

children. Parham says the main reason her six-year-old daughter, Maya, asks to go to McDonald's is to get toys based on Barbie, i-Carly, Shrek, or Strawberry Shortcake.

"I am concerned about the health of my children and feel that McDonald's should be a very limited part of their diet and their childhood experience," said Parham, from Sacramento.

"But as other busy, working moms and dads know, we have to say 'no' to our young children so many times, and McDonald's makes that so much harder to do. "I object to the fact that McDonald's is getting into my kids' heads without my permission and actually changing what my kids want to eat."

The CSPI cited the Institute of Medicine and the American Psychological Association as saying that "kids as young as Maya do not have the cognitive maturity to understand the persuasive intent of advertising."

Internet

*People search for survivors in a collapsed factory building in Alexandria, Egypt, on 12 Dec, 2010. At least three people were killed in a factory collapse due to bad weather in Alexandria, officials said.—XINHUA*

## Ancient Mexicans crossbred wolf-dogs

MEXICO CITY, 16 Dec—Mexican researchers said Wednesday they have identified jaw bones found in the pre-Hispanic ruins of Teotihuacan as those of wolf-dogs that were apparently crossbred as a symbol of the city's warriors.

The National Institute of Anthropology and History said the jaw bones were found during excavations in 2004 and are the first physical evidence of what appears

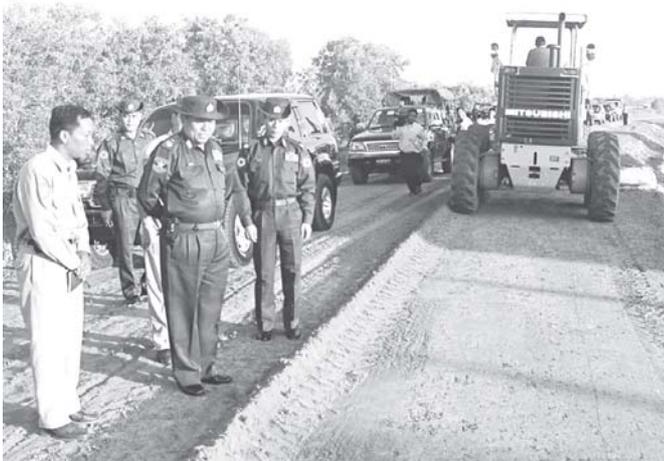
to be intentional crossbreeding in ancient Mexican cultures.

The jaw bones were found in a warrior's burial at a Teotihuacan pyramid. Anthropological studies performed at Mexico's National Autonomous University indicate the animal was a wolf-dog.

"In oral traditions and old chronicles, dog-like animals appear with symbols of power or divinity," said institute spokesman Francisco De Anda.—Internet



**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe looks into construction of Maubin-Twantay-Hlinethaya short-cut**



*Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence looks into progress in construction of Maubin-Twantay-Hlinethaya short-cut.—MNA*

YANGON, 16 Dec—Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress in construction of Yangon Region road section on Maubin-Twantay-Hlinethaya short-cut in

Yangon South District this morning.

At the briefing hall, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe heard reports on construction of Twantay-Myago road section and bridges presented by officials and gave necessary instructions.

After looking into progress of construction tasks, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and party proceeded to Myago Village. The Superintending Engineer reported on progress of the road section from Myago Village to Khatthiya Bridge. Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe viewed the road section by car.

At the fish pond in Kywelan Village of Twantay Township, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and party oversaw catching of fish. An official reported on fish breeding in Twantay. Later, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe left necessary instructions.—MNA

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec— The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed appointment of Professor Dr Daw Marlar Myint, Rector of University of Pharmacy (Yangon) of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health on expiry of the one-year probation period.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

| Name                      | Appointment           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) U Win Shein           | Director-General      |
| Deputy Director-General   | Factories and General |
| Labour Department         | Labour Law            |
| Ministry of Labour        | Inspection            |
|                           | Department            |
|                           | Ministry of Labour    |
| (b) U Zaw Hein            | Managing Director     |
| General Manager (Project) | Myanma Ceramics       |
| Myanma Ceramics           | Industries            |
| Industries                | Ministry of           |
| Ministry of Industry-1    | Industry-1            |

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**Myanmar, Oman establish diplomatic relations**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Dec—The Union of Myanmar and the Sultanate of Oman, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 14 December, 2010.

The Joint Communiqué on the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Sultanate of Oman was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations in New York on 14 December, 2010.

Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with countries all over the world and the Sultanate of Oman has become the 102nd country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.—MNA

**Appointment of Ambassador agreed on**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Dec—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr Valerity E Sadoho as Ambassador Ex-traordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Valerity E Sadoho was born on 16 August 1950 and graduated from Belarusian Technological Institute. He also graduated from the Postgraduate School of the Concrete and Reinforced Concrete Research Institute under the State Committee for Construction, Architectural and Housing Policy of the former Soviet Union. He worked at the Belarusian Research Institutes from 1979 to 1991. Then he served in various capacities

at the State Committee of Foreign Economic Relations and Belarusian Embassy in Poland from 1991 to 1997. He had also served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Economic Relations from 1997 to 1998 and as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1998 to 2000. Then he served in various capacities at the Belarusian Embassies in the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation from 2000 to 2009. He is currently serving as Director of Foreign Economic Relations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Hanoi, Vietnam. He is married with two daughters.—MNA

**Fire breaks out in Mawlamyine**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec—A home was burnt down and the roof of the next-to home was destroyed in a fire in Mawlamyine yesterday.

An electric shock caught fire the upper floor of the house of Daw Mi Nge of

Daungmin Ward (D), Fattan, Mawlamyine, Mon State at about 1.40 am. Then, the upper floor of the house next to her home caught fire.

The head of the township Fire Brigade and members extinguished the fire

with 10 fire engines in cooperation with ward dwellers. The fire was put out at 2.10 am the same day, and Mawlamyine Township Police Force filed a lawsuit, said a police officer.

MNA

**Cold nights ahead!**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that according to the observations at 6.30 hrs MST today, night temperatures are expected to fall 3°C

to 5°C below December Mean temperature in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions within 3 to 5 days commencing noon today.

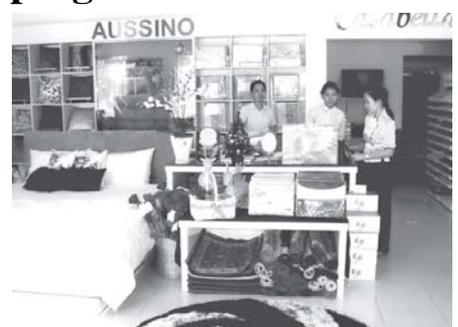
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**Great Casabella to hold special sales programme**

YANGON, 16 Dec—Casabella Home Furnishing Center which is a branch of NatRay Company plans to launch a special sales programme at No. 22, 9th-mile of Pyay Road from 17 to 19 December.

Lorenzo leather sofa and dining furniture, and other interior home decoration items will be put on display.

At the sales programme that takes place two times a year, customers will be offered from 10% to



*Latest designs of home decorations and furniture being put on display at Casabella Home Furnishing Center.—MNA*

50% off. It will be a one-stop centre for the customers who need to buy home decoration items.

MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing go on...

(from page 1)

The Senior General and party offered alms food, fruit, water and lights to the Buddha image on the first floor of Maha Bodhitahtaung Laygyunsekkya Standing Buddha Image.

The Senior General and wife presented cash donations to the image and signed the visitors' book.

The Senior General and party viewed the documentary photos on the historical background of the image, and Buddha images.

At Maha Bodhitahtaung Buddha Shwekyaunggyi Monastery, the Senior General and wife paid obeisance to and presented offertories to the five presiding monks.



They viewed the life-size status of Venerable Maha Bodhitahtaung Monk and visited the altar room.

Next, the Senior General and wife visited Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda in Monywa Township, and offered alms food, fruit, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks and paid respects to it.

They made cash donations to the Buddha



Photo shows Buddha Image at Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda in Monywa Township.—MNA

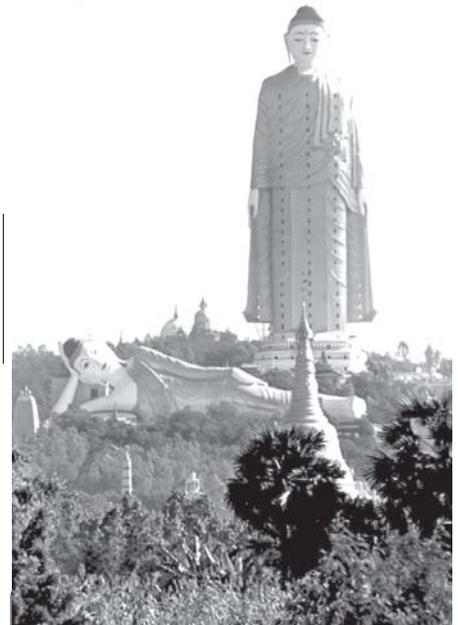


Photo shows Maha Bodhitahtaung Laygyunsekkya Standing Buddha Image.—MNA

image and signed the visitors' book.

The Senior General and party viewed the religious objects around the precinct of the pagoda.

Senior General Than Shwe in a motorcade inspected progress of Monywa and tasks along Strand Road for upgrading the township.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paying homage to Buddha Image on first floor of Maha Bodhitahtaung Laygyunsekkya Standing Buddha Image.

MNA

### Second round of 49th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec—The second round matches of 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament-2010 continued

here today.

Yangon Command team beat Defence Services (Air) team 4-1 at Paunglaung sports ground in Nay Pyi Taw, Defence Services (Navy) tied at Camp Comman-

dant's Office of Ministry of Defence 1-1 at No. 1 sports ground, and Southern Command hammered North-East Command 2-0 at Paunglaung sports ground.

MNA

### Course on post-harvest handling of agricultural produce opened

YANGON, 16 Dec—Under the Myanmar-Israel cooperation programme, the Ministry of Commerce of Myanmar and International Cooperation Centre of Israel (MASHAV) jointly conducted the course on post-harvest handling of agricultural produce and safety food course at Post-harvest Technology Application Centre of Myanma

Agricultural Produce Trading in Hlegu Township here on 14 December.

Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Tun and Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer spoke on the occasion.

Altogether 33 trainees from MAPT and Myanmar Fruits Vegetables Producers Association are attending the five-day course.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe views learning of students at Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).

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## Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction...

(from page 16)

Next, Minister U Thaung reported on arrangements for the introduction of Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Faculty of Precision Engineering, Faculty of Electronic Engineering and Faculty of Advanced Materials Engineering.

The minister continued reporting on the design and works for construction of main hall, two-storey lecture hall, research and practical rooms, and laboratory.

Senior General Than Shwe stressed the need for making relentless efforts to keep abreast of the international community in the technological field.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party looked into the scale model of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) and the construction site.

Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) is being implemented on 216 acres at mile post No. 27/7 on Mandalay-PyinOoLwin Road near Pyinsa Model Village in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region.

Myanmar youths who passed matriculation exam are entitled to have access to the university, but they will have to sit for entrance exams.

Courses on every subjects for B.E (Information Science), B.E (Computer Engineering), B.E (Electronic Engineering), B.E (Precision Engineering), B.E (Advanced Materials Engineering) will take five years. And altogether 80 students for doctorate course and 977 students for B.E courses will attend the university.

After that, Senior General Than Shwe and



Senior General Than Shwe views scale model of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).—MNA

party arrived at Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) being opened at mile post No. 27/1 near Pyinsa Village.

Senior General Than Shwe and party viewed the learning of students at Electronic Multimedia Lab, Virtual Learning Centre, Web Based

Learning Centre, Parallel Processing Lab, Software Development Lab, Internet & Video Conferencing Lab, Advanced Materials Lab and Precision Engineering Lab.

At the briefing hall, Senior General Than Shwe and party heard a report presented by Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han on progress in construction of housing estates in north Yatanarpon Satellite Town, progress in power supply and water supply, construction of roads, laying of concrete and housing construction in cooperation with companies.

In response to the reports, the Senior General

said that it is important to have quality services such as water system, electricity system, road system and cleaning system so as to continue keeping the city to be a standard one after Yatanarpon Myothit has been established and that works will be successful only when these services are carried out with economic points of views.

After that, Chairman of Myanmar E-National Tasks Force Chairman of Supervisory Committee for construction of Yatanarpon Satellite Town Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw reported on works being carried out in Yatanarpon Satellite Town (See page 10)

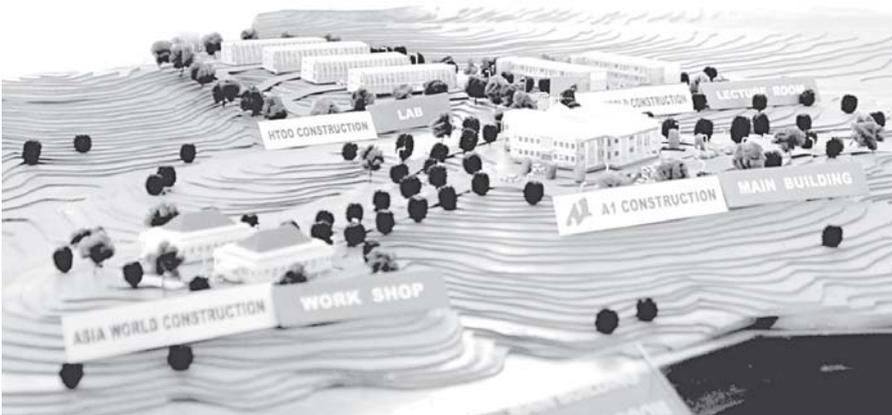


Photo shows scale model of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).—MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction...

(From page 9)  
Project and Yatanarpon Teleport Co., Ltd, saying that investors start building factories in proposed plots for the soft based factories. And Incubation centers have been built. So, entrepreneurs start making the investments there.

The minister also explained facts about Yatanarpon Satellite Town project, completion of installation of

communication machines, works done by the ministry and 17 companies that make investments in Yatanarpon Satellite Town, installation of communication devices, availability of electricity and water in the factories in the plots of soft based factories, works of the investment companies, production of devices in the factories, production of solar panels by Asia

Mega Link, share investments in Yatanarpon Teleport and networks services.

Arrangements have been made to provide (Fiber To The Home) FTTH services that can use telephones, Internet and TV through fiber optic. Multi Carrier Wireless Information Local Loop (MCWILL) Broad Band wireless Access has been built. And, the access is being extended to Hkamti, Bamauk, Homalin, Pinlebu, Kalewa, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other towns. A total of



Students learning at Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).—MNA



Students learning at Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).—MNA

26,750 lines of CDMA-450 MHz (Roaming Restriction) Local Mobile orders placed by Myanmar Telecommunications are being carried out in 12 townships. Arrangements have been made to start offering services after the IP Multimedia Subsystem and Fixed In System

(softswith) has been installed. In his guidance, the Senior General said that it is needed to continue learning ICT in order to catch up with rapid changes and efforts are to be made for wider dissemination of ICT knowledge.

After that, the Senior General and party viewed

Yatanarpon Satellite Town project site from the observation platform and visited Yatanarpon Internet Exchange rooms.

Then, the Senior General and party looked round Yatanarpon Satellite Town project in a motorcade and left there.—MNA

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Japan Cup Karatedo C'ship ends

YANGON, 16 Dec— Finals of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Japan Cup Karatedo Championship took place at Aung San Gymnasium here yesterday.

Leading Patron of the Myanmar Karatedo Federation Police Col (Retd) Khin Maung Tun and officials awarded the prize-winning individuals

and teams.

Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito presented championship shield (women) to the Ministry of Sports; and General Secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thuang

Htaik, championship shield (men) to the Ministry of Forestry.

President of MKF Dr Win Zaw presented a certificate of honour to Vice-President Mr Manabu Takeuchi of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Yangon for sponsorship. MNA



Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito presents championship shield to Sports Ministry team in 2nd Japan Cup Karatedo Championship, 2010.—MKF

## Lenovo Christmas Road Show 20-31 Dec

YANGON, 16 Dec— The Lenovo Christmas Road Show to sell Lenovo notebooks, netbooks, desktops and all in one PCs will be held from 20 to 31 December.

The customers can get prolink mouse, Sony mouse, notebook, cleaning kit, Lenovo table calendar, 2GB pen drive, 4GB pen drives and other valuable gifts as gift according to their chosen model.

KMD, Technoland, ICE, Innwa, King Empire, Unique, MRS, Citicom, Neo Tech, King Service Wisdom, Access Spectrum, The Radiance, Neo Tech, Perfect, ADT will participate in the show to be held in Yangon, and KMD, Technoland, Innwa, MRS, DCD will join the similar show in Mandalay. In addition, customers may visit KMD in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA

## Star to open hospitality operation & service course

YANGON, 16 Dec— Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open the hospitality operation & service course in the last week of December.

The course will last three months. During the training period, trainees will have the opportunity to observe local hotels as on-job training.

Star will conduct IELTS Foundation

Course and Intensive Course in the last week of December.

Those wishing to attend the courses are to enlist at Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at room-302 of building-267 on Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Tel: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 0950-5020302.

MNA

## Nay Pyi Taw-Hpa-an Tawwin bus line launched

YANGON, 16 Dec— Tawwin Bus Line of Bandoola Transport Company launched the Nay Pyi Taw-Hpa-an bus line in front of the office of highway bus terminal in Hpa-an on 8 December afternoon.

The opening ceremony was attended by Secretary of Kayin State Peace and Development Council U Ohn Myint and party, District and Township PDC members, the commander of traffic police unit, the chairman of All Bus-line Control Committee, responsible persons, Director of Tawwin Bus Line Lt-Col Ko Ko Gyi (Retd).

Tawwin Co will run four express air-cons mini buses that can accommodate 30 passengers. Buses will leave Bawgathiri Bus Terminal in Nay Pyi Taw at 7 am and Hpa-an Bus Terminal at 5 pm daily. The buses will stop over at Toungoo, Phayagyi junction and Bilin.

MNA

## Global Fund approves disease payouts amid fears for Africa



Patients lie in a cordoned off wing of a tuberculosis ward in Cape Town. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria on Wednesday approved 1.7 billion dollars for projects against the diseases, amid warnings that some hard-hit African countries were being left out.—INTERNET

GENEVA, 16 Dec—The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria on Wednesday approved 1.7 billion dollars for projects against the diseases, amid warnings that some hard-hit African countries were being left out.

“This funding will allow us to reach millions of additional people with prevention, treatment and care,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Ethiopian Health Minister and chairman of the Global Fund’s board.

“It shows that even in hard economic times, we can continue to expand the fight against the three diseases,” he added in a statement after the board approved 79 new grants over two years.

Executive director Michel Kazatchkine claimed that the latest round of grants was “fully funded”, allowing the UN-backed body to continue to expand the fight against the three diseases. More than 40 percent of the amount went towards projects to tackle HIV/AIDS.

They included additional projects in Malawi, Swaziland, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe that could have scaled up early treatment, cut deaths and “aggressively” reduced the spread of the virus, according to the medical charity.

Internet

## Searchers look for more victims of Bangladesh fire



A crowd gathers as smoke rises from a garment factory on fire at Ashulia, about 25 km (16 miles) north of the Capital Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 14 Dec, 2010. INTERNET

DHAKA, 16 Dec—Firefighters searched a gutted garment factory Wednesday for more possible victims of a devastating fire that trapped workers and forced some to jump to their deaths. At least 29 fatalities were reported. No more bodies

were immediately found, said Nilufar Yasmine, a fire department official.

She said officials were still investigating the cause of Tuesday’s blaze.

The 10-story factory near Dhaka is owned by Ha-Meem Group, a local business giant that

supplies major multinationals such as Gap and JCPenney.

Local media reported at least 29 workers died. The government would not give exact casualty figures, but the deputy general manager of the Ha-Meem Group, Delwar Hossain, said they had a list of 23 dead and 52 injured.

Some people waiting outside the factory said their relatives were still missing. “I don’t know anything about my sister, she did not return home,” said Amena Begum.

The fire, which broke out on the upper two floors during lunch break, was brought under control overnight and completely put out by midday Wednesday.—Internet

## Death toll from Colombian mudslide reaches 74

BOGOTA, 16 Dec—A total of 74 bodies has been found under the mud that buried a neighbourhood in Bello, northwestern Colombia, 10 days ago, Bello’s Mayor Oscar Andres Perez said Wednesday.

Perez said that another five bodies were found yesterday, bringing the death toll to 74.

On 5 Dec, about 50,000 cubic metres of mud fell following weeks of drenching rains, burying between 30 and 50 homes that housed 85 people. Most of the victims were children who were playing in a park when the mudslide occurred.

The mayor said the mudslide occurred because the slope had been “saturated with water” for days.

Perez said that they will continue to work “to remove (mud and rubble) until we find the last of the missing bodies and begin to organize the terrain.”

Official figures said that at least 257 people have died during the winter rains this year, much more than the 110 people who died in the rain season in 2009. About 1.9 million people have lost everything and are now homeless due to the rains.

Xinhua

## Thousands of South Sudan children in ‘desperate’ condition

GENEVA, 16 Dec—Thousands of children in south Sudan are living in “desperate” conditions due to serious malnutrition, as well as a lack of access to medical care and education, the UN children’s agency said Wednesday.

“By any international standards, the situation of children in South Sudan is really desperate,” said Yasmin Ali Haque, who heads Unicef’s bureau in the region.

Malnutrition is one of the major problems of the region where 90 percent of the 9 million inhabitants live with less than a dollar a day, said the UNICEF official.

Around 1.2 million people were dependent on food aid in 2009, the UN agency said, noting that more than 40,000 children in the region are treated every year for malnutrition.

After years of conflict with the Arab-dominated north, “generations of children (in south Sudan) have not had access to schooling or proper health care,” she added.

South Sudan also has one of the highest levels of maternal mortality in the world, with more than 2,000 women dying in every 100,000 births.



South Sudanese boys play in Wau, 513 km from Juba, in 2009.—INTERNET

Due to the lack of access to healthcare, one in every seven children “don’t live until their fifth birthday,” Haque said.

In addition, only one out of five children aged six enters school.

In the past five years, the situation has improved with the end of the conflict with the north, said Haque, although she acknowledged that “still a lot more need to be done.” She said the referendum on independence planned for 9 January could worsen a humanitarian situation which is already complicated by “floods, drought, inter-tribal conflict or attacks” by Ugandan rebels.—Internet



A Nigerian naval security officer patrol in the Niger Delta. INTERNET

## Nigeria oil delta raids kill 14

ABUJA, 16 Dec—Nigeria’s military has said 14 people, including eight soldiers and six civilians, were killed during a recent operation in a village in the main oil-producing region targeting a notorious gang leader.

Death tolls have varied widely since the operation at the start of the month. Several activist groups, including at least one that visited the village of Ayakoromo, have issued a joint statement saying at least nine civilians were killed and more than 150 buildings burnt.

“On casualties, we lost a total of eight

soldiers in the crossfire and we also received reports from those on the ground that six civilians were killed also during that operation,” Army Chief of Staff Onyeabo Ihejirika told reporters Tuesday.

He said President Goodluck Jonathan had ordered that the buildings destroyed in the village be reconstructed, though he did not give a number.

The military has blamed the burnt houses on gunfire that would have ignited canisters of fuel stored there for generators or boat engines.

Internet

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (14) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-1 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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## Tight economy boosts appeal for used CTs, MRIs

CHICAGO, 16 Dec — Thrifty hospitals looking to cut health costs increasingly are buying refurbished MRIs, CT scanners and other diagnostic imaging machines that offer bells and whistles comparable to newer equipment, but at a cut-rate price.

Makers of diagnostic

imaging machines such as Siemens AG, Philips Electronics and General Electric Co's GE Healthcare have been fixing up and reselling machines for more than a decade, but they say the refurbished equipment market is heating up as hospitals look for ways to cut costs.

"We've seen double-digit orders growth this year," Dave Elario, global general manager of Goldseal, GE Healthcare's refurbishing business, said in a telephone interview.

Global sales of new imaging equipment are slowing as patients delay care, forcing hospitals to keep new imaging machines longer.

Philips said last month it expects 3 to 4 percent growth next year in the global market for imaging equipment, but it too is seeing robust growth in its global refurbished business, Jeroen Gruben, general manager of refurbished systems at Philips Healthcare, said in a telephone interview.

Gruben said tight budgets, financial constraints and aging populations are driving independent healthcare providers, corporate healthcare institutions and even some government buyers to look for cheaper alternatives to new machines, which can cost several million dollars.



A laboratory staff conducts an experiment in a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) chamber inside a lab.—INTERNET

## Medicaid cuts: teeth pulled, transplant called off

CHICAGO, 16 Dec — In Illinois, a pharmacist closes his business because of late Medicaid payments. In Arizona, a young father's liver trans-

plant is canceled because Medicaid suddenly won't pay for it. In California, dentists pull teeth that could be saved because Medicaid doesn't pay for

root canals.

Across the country, state lawmakers have taken harsh actions to try to rein in the budget-busting costs of the health care programme that serves 58 million poor and disabled Americans. Some states have cut payments to doctors, paid bills late and trimmed benefits such as insulin pumps, obesity surgery and hospice care.

Lawmakers are bracing for more work when they reconvene in January. Some states face multibillion-dollar deficits. Federal stimulus money for Medicaid is soon to evaporate. And Medicaid enrollment has never been higher because of job losses.

In the view of some lawmakers, Medicaid has become a monster, and it's eating the budget. In Illinois, Medicaid sucks up more money than elementary, secondary and higher education combined.

Internet



In this 16 Nov, 2010 file photo, Francisco Felix sits with his wife Flor surrounded by their daughters, 12-year-old Carmen, 2-year-old Carla, 10-year-old Jessica and 3-and-a-half-year-old Jennifer in their Lavean, Ariz. home as they fill out paperwork for the National Transplant Assistance Fund.—INTERNET

## Brazil at risk of becoming 'obese'

BRASILIA, 16 Dec — Brazil is at risk of becoming a country of obese citizens because of over-consumption of fatty foods and a sedentary lifestyle, Health Minister Jose Gomes Temporao warned on Tuesday.

"We're sitting on a time bomb that could explode in the next 20 years," he said, according to media reports.

The rapidly expanding waistlines in Brazil means the country could overtake the United States in terms of excess weight and obesity in the next 12 years, he said.

Temporao said he had delivered a plan to the in-



Brazil is at risk of becoming a country of obese citizens because of over-consumption of fatty foods.—INTERNET

coming government of president Dilma Rousseff, who takes charge next month, that includes a public awareness campaign to promote healthy living, and to get the food industry to cut sugar and salt levels in their products.

Internet

A picture taken on 7 December shows Professor Gheorghe Burnei, head of the orthopedic department at Marie.—INTERNET



## "Should I stay or should I go?" Romanian doctors ponder

BUCHAREST, 16 Dec — In room 213 of a Bucharest hospital, Florentina Fulga, whose 14-year-old son suffers from a severe bone disease, worries about what will happen if more doctors leave the country.

Romania is struggling through a severe economic crisis and doctors and nurses are increasingly torn between the wish to emigrate and the call of duty to treat local patients, despite low pay and spartan conditions.

In the paediatric orthopaedic surgery unit of the Marie Curie hospital, where Fulga's son Sebastian is being treated, almost all medical staff admit they have pondered emigration.

"Who will take care of our children if all doctors go abroad?" said Fulga.

Wages in the Romanian healthcare system

have always been low and were further axed by a quarter in an austerity package adopted by the government in June, as the country strives to curb a swelling budget deficit.

Internet

## Last-ditch method at fighting intestinal superbug

WASHINGTON, 16 Dec — A superbug named C-diff is on the rise, a germ that so ravages some people's intestines that repeated tries of the strongest, most expensive antibiotic can't conquer their disabling diarrhea.

Now a small but growing number of doctors are trying a last-ditch treatment: Using good bacteria to fight off the bad by transplanting stool from a healthy person into the sick person's colon.

Yes, there's a yuck factor. But reports of several dozen cases in a medical journal and at a meeting of the nation's gastroenterologists this fall suggest that with no more inconvenience than a colonoscopy, people who have suffered C-diff for months, or longer, can rapidly improve.

"This is the ultimate



This photo provided by the Montefiore Medical Centre, taken Friday, on 10 Dec, 2010, shows Dr Lawrence Brandt, emeritus chief of gastroenterology, at the medical center in New York.—INTERNET

probiotic," says Dr Lawrence Brandt of New York's Montefiore Medical Center, who has performed 17 of the procedures.

Internet

## Giant pink snails take over Miami Beach

Dozens of giant pink snails have invaded Miami Beach in what appears to be a bizarre cartoon migration along Florida's sun soaked coast, but is fact an art project to promote a clean environment.

The international Regeneration Art Project, which



*A giant pink snail, placed strategically in highly visible location in Miami Beach, Florida.*

has already made its mark in Paris, Milan and Prague among other cities, will remain in this tourist-favoured beach community until 3 January, said organizers Cracking Art Group.

The 45 colourful mollusks, which are made of recycled plastic, are intended to "play with the city in order to rebuild it ideally and mentally," said the international artistic collective Cracking Art Group, which has joined forces with Italy's Galleria Ca d'Oro for the project.

Placed throughout the city, the huge pink snails are "designed to inspire a community-wide conversation about the importance of recycling and its environmental impact, while leaving a potent artistic trace on the Miami Beach community," said the organizers.

## A separated spouse has no right to see pets

Germans who have legally separated do not have the right to visit the pets they shared with their spouses, a court said Wednesday, rejecting the complaint of a dejected wife.

The woman had filed suit to force her former estranged husband to allow her to see their beloved dog, which they had bought during the marriage, on a regular basis, the regional appeals court in the western city of Hamm said.

They agreed as part of their separation that the husband would have custody of the dog but the woman wanted to see him twice a week for a few hours.

The man objected and the court found that while separated spouses have a right to a fair division of property, this did not include joint custody of pets.

"Rules applying to visitation rights for a child do not apply here," the court said in a statement, summarising a ruling dated 25 November.

"Under such arrangements, the primary concern is the welfare of the child and not the emotional needs of the other spouse."



*A dog is seen on October 2010.*

## UAE hotel erects 11-million-dollar Christmas tree



*An Emirati man walks past an 11-million-dollar Christmas tree at the Emirates Palace hotel in the Emirati Capital Abu Dhabi.*

Christmas came in extravagant fashion to the Muslim desert Emirate of Abu Dhabi as a glitzy hotel unveiled a bejewelled Christmas tree valued at more than 11 million dollars on Wednesday.

It is the "most expensive Christmas tree ever," with a "value of over 11 million dollars," said Hans Olbertz, general manager of Emirates Palace hotel, at its inauguration.

The 13-metre (40-

foot) faux evergreen, located in the gold leaf-bedecked rotunda of the hotel, is decorated with silver and gold bows, ball-shaped ornaments and small white lights.

But the necklaces, earrings and other jewellery draped around the tree's branches are what give it a record value.

It holds a total of 181 diamonds, pearls, emeralds, sapphires and other precious stones, said Khalifa Khouri, owner of Style Gallery, which provided the jewellery.

**News Album**

## "Narnia" sails well overseas



*In this film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, from left, Georgie Henley, Ben Barnes, Laura Brent, and Skandar Keynes are shown in a scene from, 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.'*

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 16 Dec—"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" nearly doubled its North American opening in international theaters, earning \$43.9 million in 41 territories for the weekend and bringing its global total to just shy of \$100 million.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1" remains a massive global hit, casting its spell in 45 international territories to the tune of \$27.8 million in its fourth weekend of release for a global total of nearly \$726 million.

"The Social Network" is not only a critic's and award's favourite, but it continues strong internationally in an

impressive 38 territories after 11 weeks of release with \$2.1 million for the weekend and a global total approaching \$190 million.

Next up on the international hit parade will be "Tron Legacy," which opens this weekend in multiple territories.

Internet

## 'Boo Boo the bear is voice of reason'

*Actor/musician Justin Timberlake attends the premiere of Warner Bros. "Yogi Bear 3-D" at the Mann Village Theatre on 11 Dec, 2010 in Westwood, California.*

INTERNET



LOS ANGELES, 16 Dec—Pop star turned actor Justin Timberlake says Boo Boo the bear is "the good angel on Yogi Bear's shoulder," and the voice of reason for the cartoon favourite, about to hit the big screen.

Timberlake provides the voice of Yogi Bear's little friend in the 3D movie, released this week and based on cartoon characters enjoyed by generations of children on television.

"Back when I was in school, I'd procrastinate doing my homework by watching cartoons, and 'Yogi Bear' was one of the staples of after-school television and Saturday mornings," he said. "Boo Boo is definitely Yogi's conscience. He's the good angel on Yogi's shoulder, always there to remind him of what's important. But even as he's the voice of reason, he does it all while being a cute little bear with a nasal-y voice."—Internet

## Kidman weeps in 'Rabbit Hole,' revels in home life

LOS ANGELES, 16 Dec—Nicole Kidman is giving audiences grief with her latest drama, "Rabbit Hole," playing a disconsolate woman coping with the death of

her child.

Yet 10 years after one of Hollywood's most-publicized splits, the breakup of her marriage to Tom Cruise, Kidman is in the happiest of places, with little to sob about.

After a shaky few years when she made such duds as "The Stepford Wives," "Bewitched," "The Golden Compass" and "The Invasion," Kidman is back in Academy Awards contention for the first time since back-to-back nominations for 2001's "Moulin Rouge!" and 2002's "The Hours," which earned her a best-actress Oscar.

Kidman also is a producer on "Rabbit Hole," opening Friday as the first release from her production com-pany,



*Actress Nicole Kidman*

Blossom Films.

She's four years into her marriage with country music star Keith Urban. Kidman, who had a miscarriage while married to Cruise, now has a 2-year-old daughter with Urban. The family has settled so comfortably at their Nashville home that Kidman is not terribly inclined to rush out looking for work.

Internet

### Cruyff slams Barca sell-out

MADRID, 16 Dec — Former Barcelona legend Johan Cruyff on Wednesday slammed the Catalan giants for agreeing a record shirt sponsorship deal worth 30 million euros per season with the Qatar Foundation.

The deal is the biggest ever in the history of strip sponsorship in football worth 165 million euros until 2016 but the former Dutch superstar believes that it goes against the history of the club's fabled strip.

Cruyff said that by signing the deal, Barce-



Former Barcelona legend Johan Cruyff

lona whose slogan is "mes que un club" (more than a club) had become "just another club."

"Socially we've made a bad deal," said Cruyff, who is currently coach of the Catalan national team. "There are other solutions rather than sully the jersey."—*Internet*

### Dortmund Cup woe continues, Napoli squeeze through



Liverpool's Joe Cole reacts against FC Utrecht during their Europa League football match at Anfield.

INTERNET

PARIS, 16 Dec — Runaway German league leaders Borussia Dortmund crashed out of the Europa League on Wednesday as they were held 2-2 by Spanish side

Sevilla in Spain in their Group J clash.

Dortmund - who exited their domestic Cup to third division Offenbach in October - needed to win to progress and deny their opponents a place in the last 32 but it was Sevilla who gained a much needed morale boost to end a run of five successive defeats, including three at home.

French title contenders Paris Saint Germain topped the group, ending their campaign with a 1-1 draw away at Ukrainian outfit Karpaty Lviv.

*Internet*

### Japanese midfielder Ienaga signs with Mallorca

MADRID, 16 Dec — Spanish first division side Real Mallorca have signed Japanese midfielder Akihiro Ienaga on a contract until 2015, the club said Wednesday.

The 24-year-old has passed medical tests and he will have a buyout clause of 18 million euros (24 million dollars), a statement posted on the club's website said.

"Given his characteristics and youth, he is a player who can develop his potential in competitive football like the Spanish league," the statement added.

As Real Mallorca already have three players from outside the Euro-



Spanish first division side Real Mallorca have signed Japanese midfielder Akihiro Ienaga.—INTERNET

pean Union in their squad, the maximum allowed, he will be sent out on loan to a yet to be determined club in the short term.

Ienaga scored four goals in four appearances with J-League side Cerezo Osaka this season.—*Internet*

### Nasri says he's become a man at Arsenal

LONDON, 16 Dec — Samir Nasri believes he has become a man while playing at Arsenal where he is currently enjoying a fine season as the Gunners push for the English Premier League title.

The 23-year-old France midfielder has scored 12 goals so far this season and although he could not prevent a 1-0 defeat at Manchester United on Monday, Arsenal remain well placed.

Although that result knocked the Gunners off the top of the table and meant Arsenal had failed to beat either United or Chelsea, English foot-

ball's strongest teams of the last decade, in their last 11 matches against the duo, they can regain first place if they beat Stoke on Saturday.

Nasri, who has been a major factor in Arsenal's push for a first major trophy since 2005, said an improved mental approach had been key to his form this season.—*Internet*



French midfielder Samir Nasri

### Inter cruise into Club World Cup final

ABU DHABI, 16 Dec — European champions Inter Milan swept into the final of the Club World Cup with a convincing 3-0 semi-final defeat of Asian counterparts Seongnam Ilhwa here on Wednesday.



Inter Milan's Argentinian forward Diego Milito (L) celebrates his goal against Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma.

INTERNET

Argentine striker Diego Milito made one goal and scored another on his return from a five-week absence, as Rafael Benitez's under-performing side set up a meeting with surprise package Tout Puisseant Mazembe in Saturday's final.

Inter, who last season won an unprecedented treble of Italian league, cup and Champions League titles, were 10 points behind Serie A leaders AC Milan when they left for Abu Dhabi, but they will now be expected to end the year with another piece of major silverware.

*Internet*

### Thrashers stage fake police chase to sell tickets

DULUTH, 16 Dec — The attendance-challenged Atlanta Thrashers are getting desperate to sell tickets.

The team staged a fake police chase with its mascot on Wednesday in an attempt to pique interest in the surging team, which has won 10 of 12 games but still ranks 28<sup>th</sup> in the NHL in fan support.

"Thrash" was picked up by officers in suburban Gwinnett County after he supposedly stole a Zamboni from the team's training complex and took off down a busy highway.

It was all just a publicity stunt. The team says

Thrash will be released from custody as soon as 5,000 additional tickets are sold for the remaining five home games in December.—*Internet*



Atlanta Thrashers goalie Ondrej Pavelec (31) stops a shot in the first period of period of an NHL hockey.—INTERNET

### Gay rights activists slam FIFA chief over remark

LONDON, 16 Dec — Gay rights activists have reacted furiously after FIFA President Sepp Blatter quipped that gay football fans should "refrain" from sex during the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, where homosexuality is illegal.

Asked about concerns over the treatment of gay fans at the tournament, Blatter responded: "I would say that they should refrain from any sexual activities."

The comments, made Monday during a Press conference in South Africa



FIFA President Sepp Blatter holds up the name of Qatar during the official announcement of the 2022 World Cup.—INTERNET

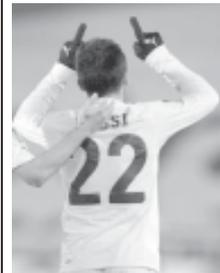
alongside the country's President Jacob Zuma, are the latest slip-up from the gaffe-prone football chief and provoked an immediate and fierce backlash.

*Internet*

## SPORTS

### Napoli, Sevilla, PAOK advance in Europa League

MADRID, 16 Dec — Giuseppe Rossi scored twice, raising his season total to 13 goals and lead-



Spain's Villarreal player Giuseppe Rossi celebrates after he scored against Belgium's Club Brugge.—INTERNET

ing Villarreal to a 2-1 victory at Brugge on Wednesday night in the Europa League.

Rossi, from Clifton, NJ, has five Europa League goals this season. He had a tying goal on a header from Joan Capdevila's cross in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute, then converted a penalty kick in the 34<sup>th</sup> after he was bundled over by Ryan Donk.

American forward Jozy Altidore entered in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute for the Yellow Submarine, already assured a berth in the 32-team second round.—*Internet*

### Anthony scores 35, Nuggets beat Magic 111-94

DENVER, 16 Dec — Carmelo Anthony scored 35 points and the Denver Nuggets pulled away in the final five minutes to beat the Orlando Magic 111-94 despite JJ Redick's career-high 29 points.

With Denver leading 92-91, Arron Afflalo's 3-pointer jump-started the Nuggets on a 19-3 run to close out the game.

Anthony hit 14 of 21 shots from the floor and

Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) shoots against the Denver Nuggets.

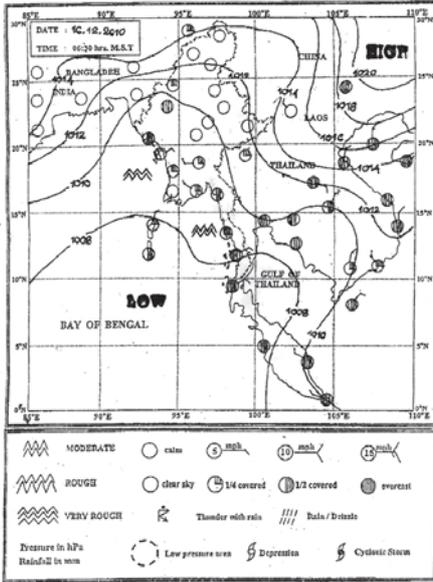
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pulled down 11 rebounds. Nene had 10 points and 10 boards for the Nuggets, who were coming off a 1-3 trip and improved to an NBA-best 11-1 at home.

*Internet*



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



**WEATHER**

**Thursday, 16<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 Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Taninthayi Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States, (3°C) below December average temperatures in Northern Shan State, (5°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State and Upper Sagaing Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Namhsan (3°C) and Heho (5°C).

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 15-12-2010 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 16-12-2010 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-12-2010 was (82%). Rainfall on 16-12-2010 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 15-12-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 16-12-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-12-2010 was (63%). Total sunshine hours on 15-12-2010 was (9.7) hours.

Rainfall on 16-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 15-12-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Southwest Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Mon State and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Rakhine and Kayah States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Penalty shoot-outs 'unfair' say researchers**

LONDON, 16 Dec — Football penalty shoot-outs give an unfair psychological advantage to the team that shoots first according to new research from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) published on Thursday. Now Professor Ignacio Palacios-Huerta, from the LSE's department of management, has suggested football chiefs switch to a tennis style tie-break system, during which players can have two consecutive serves, in a bid to make shoot-outs fairer.

Palacios-Huerta and co-author Jose Apesteguia, an associate professor at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, studied 2,820 kicks from shoot-outs in major national and international competitions between 1970-2008. They found that the team that takes the first kick wins 60 percent of the time and the team that takes the second 40 percent of the time.

"Most TV channels cut to the commercial break when the coin is being tossed to decide which team takes the first penalty — but our findings show that this could be the deciding moment after a drawn match," Palacios-Huerta said.—*Internet*



*Arsenal's Polish goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny (L) watches as a penalty kick from Manchester United's English forward Wayne Rooney goes above the bar on 13 December, 2010. Football penalty shoot-outs give an unfair psychological advantage to the team that shoots first according to new research.*

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**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (17-12-2010)(Friday)**

| Transmissions        | Times   |
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| Local                | - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST                     |
| Oversea Transmission | - (17-12-10 09:30 am ~ 18-12-10 09:30 am) MST |

**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* On the LEDO Road (Part-1)
- \* News
- \* Songs for you
- \* Opening Ceremony of Yatanarpon Web Portal
- \* News
- \* "Youth & Language"
- What is she talking about?
- \* News
- \* Current Affair "The Romantic Wedding Fair 2010"

**Oversea Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* On the LEDO Road (Part-1)
- \* News
- \* Songs for you
- \* Opening Ceremony of Yatanarpon Web Portal
- \* News
- \* "Youth & Language"
- What is she talking about?
- \* News
- \* Current Affair "The Romantic Wedding Fair 2010"
- \* News
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Resort for Rest and Recreation (Inle Khaung Taing Village)
- \* News
- \* Early Morning Athletics
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Handicrafts
- \* News
- \* Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
- \* Myanmar Movie "Love Be Win"



**Friday, 17 December**  
View on today

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| <p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>3. Morning News</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. Dhamma Puja Song</p> | <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>5. Nice &amp; Sweet Song</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>6. Health Programme</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <p>7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies</p> <p><b>8:25 am</b></p> <p>8. Teleplay (Health)</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b></p> <p>9. International News</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>10. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p><b>4:10 pm</b></p> <p>2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition</p> |
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| <p><b>4:20 pm</b></p> <p>3. Song Of National Races</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>4. Songs Of Yester Years</p> <p><b>4:40 pm</b></p> <p>5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Zoology)</p> <p><b>4:55 pm</b></p> <p>6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>7. Myanmar Language</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <p>8. Musical Programme</p> | <p><b>5:30 pm</b></p> <p>9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoethwin</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>10. Evening News</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b></p> <p>11. Weather Report</p> <p><b>6:20 pm</b></p> <p>12. Internet Garden</p> <p><b>6:50 pm</b></p> <p>13. Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring Spa</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p>14. TV Drama Series</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>15. News</p> <p>16. International News</p> <p>17. Weather Report</p> <p>18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)</p> <p>19. TV Drama Series</p> <p>20. Song Lover</p> |
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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

### People's Desire

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

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

## Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City), Yatanarpon Satellite Town Project, works of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd



Senior General Than Shwe hears reports presented by Science and Technology Minister U Thaung.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe this morning inspected construction of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City), Yatanarpon Satellite Town Project, and works being carried out by Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd in PyinOoLwin Township.

Accompanied by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior

military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command, ministers and officials, Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the construction project site of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) of the Ministry of Science and Technology being implemented near Pyinsa Village in PyinOoLwin Township at 10.15 am.

At the briefing hall of the project, Senior General Than Shwe heard reports presented by

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung on measures being taken for human resource development, research and development which cover the opening of technological universities, technological colleges, technological institutes and government technical high schools to narrow technological development gap between urban and rural regions along with the opening of the research-based Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).

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