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First hydropower plant in the time of government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar inaugurated in Shwegyin, Bago Region

Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty



Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye and Union ministers inspect inflow of water into Shwegyin Dam and greening works. —MNA

NAYPYI TAW, 22 Oct—A ceremony to inaugurate Dam and Hydropower Plant of Shwegyin Hydropower Project, implemented by No. 4 Construction of

Hydropower Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 was held at the power plant near Kyauknaga Village, six miles north-east of

Shwegyin, Bago Region, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win, Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Nyo Saw, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U

Myint Zaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Bago Region ministers, departmental heads, officials of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, departmental officials, entrepreneurs, consultant engineers of foreign companies, social organizations and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Zaw Min said that Shwegyin Hydropower Plant is the 17th facility of its kind that supplies electricity to the national grid, and it is the first hydropower project opened in the

time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The implementation of the project commenced in 2003, and concerted efforts were made for timely completion of water diversion conduit, water intake structure, main embankment, main spillway, supporting spillway, saddle dyke, penstock steel pipeline, power station and switch

yard. Therefore, there are 17 hydropower plants, one Tikyit coal-fired power plant and 15 natural gas-powered plants totalling 33, including today's opened power plant installed with generating capacity of 3360 megawatts. Electricity is vital importance to industrialization of the nation. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 has
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Thanks to Shwegyin Hydropower Project, electricity can be generated for the State and it can contribute to socio economic development of the local people. Moreover, the local people of Shwegyin/Madauk region can enjoy the opportunity to establishment of small- and medium-scale industries to produce value-added products with the use of domestic raw materials.

Anti-DHF campaigns launched in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint encouraged residents of Thukwinegyi Ward in Thingangyun Township taking preventive measures against DHF in collaboration with staff of Health Department and members of social organizations this morning.

Likewise, anti-DHF campaigns were launched in Mingala Taungnyunt, Dagon, Kyimyindine, Hlinethaya, Thakayta and South Okkalapa townships simultaneously.

The Yangon Mayor then inspected upgrading of Thanthuma Street and Laydaunkan Street and construction of drains and pavements in Thingangyun Township, installation of new UPVC pipelines under Parami Street between Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Pyay Road for supply of quality drinking water and car park of Bayintnaung Market in Mayangon Township.—MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for surplus production of crops

Farmlands are instrumental for food sufficiency and economic development of the nation. Myanmar has plenty of cultivable lands. Over eight million hectares of farmlands are quota area for cultivation of staple food paddy for contribution to exporting surplus foods to needy regions.

Paddy and other crops are successfully thriving in Myanmar which is blessed with favourable weather and fertile soil. Farmers are to apply modern technologies in cultivation and use quality strains of crops for increasing the per-acre yield to have a bigger share of the foreign market.

At the ceremony to mark the World Food Day 2011, awards were given to the outstanding farmer and agriculturalists from Muse Township for his performance in producing 217 baskets of monsoon paddy per acre, those from Yamethin Township for production of 52 baskets of sunflower per acre and those from Pynmana Township for production of 60 tons of sugarcane per acre. Concerted efforts are to be made for winning outstanding award in cultivation and production of crops annually.

The State designates 10 major crops namely paddy, sugarcane, cotton, maize, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, mung bean, green gram and pigeon pea and calls for conducting research on these 10 major crops. If any person can produce new strains of 10 major crops meeting the global standard, K 10 million as cash award for each crop will be presented to the person for honouring innovative efforts.

It can be found that cultivation of single crop in an area can harm ecosystem and economy. Moreover, single species of pest may destroy the crops.

Today's agricultural businesses set sights on boosting per-acre yield of crops. Priority is being given to supplying market demand and increasing production of crops. In cultivation of paddy and agricultural produce, the main target is set to produce better quality rice with high per acre yield so as to penetrate into the international market. By exporting quality rice meeting global standard, farmers can earn increased incomes with cost effectiveness.

MWSF patrons provide cash aid to weightlifters

YANGON, 22 Oct—Patrons of Weightlifting Group of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye Tun, Daw Khin Aye Nwe, Daw Tin Tin Latt and Daw Chaw, Vice-President of the federation Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint and General Secretary of the federation Daw L Khun Yi and members visited training camp of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation in Aung San Stadium here this evening.

They presented K 0.85 million cash assistance for weightlifting athletes who will participate in XXVI SEA Games.

MNA

UCSB Chairman arrives back from Malaysia

YANGON, 22 Oct—At the invitation of the Public Service Department of the Malaysian Government, Myanmar delegation led by U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board attended the Main Conference and Technical Meeting of the 16th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) which was held at Malacca from 18 to 20 October.

During the meeting, the Heads of ASEAN Civil Service Organizations and representatives discussed matters relating to the operationalisation of ACCSM work plan (2008-2015), implementation of the Luang Prabang Joint Declaration, Draft ACCSM+3 Work

Plan (2012-2015) and ASEAN Socio Cultural Community.

At the meeting, all representatives of the ASEAN member countries unanimously approved and welcomed Myanmar's proposal to host the 17th ACCSM and related meetings to be held in Myanmar in 2013.

Together with the Chairman of the UCSB, member of the Myanmar delegation, Director-General U Wai Myint and Director U Zaw Moe Win of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department also arrived back on the same flight yesterday evening.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister on inspection tour of Maubin-Twantay Road

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 18 October morning made a cash-donation for construction of a water

purification plant at Mogok refectory at the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) in the precinct of Kaba Aye Pagoda. Deputy Construction

Minister U Soe Tint offered Pro Rector Sayadaw K 3 million and K 400,000 donated by the Ministry of Construction for meals a day.

The deputy minister in the evening inspected roadwork on Maubin-Twantay Road in Yangon Region, and then left necessary instructions on maintenance of road/bridge, drainage system, carrying out repairing task of roads as possible.—MNA

Kayin State Troupe stages "Power of Youth" Drama



NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — A troupe representing Kayin State staged their performance at "Power of Youth" drama contest of the 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions at the convocation hall of the University of Agriculture in Yezin Universities'

Member of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Myint Kyaing enjoys performance of Kayin State Troupe in "Power of Youth" drama contest. —MNA



Campus in Zeyathiri Township this evening.

Among the enthusiasts were Member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Myint Kyaing and members of the leading committee for holding the competitions.—MNA

Rakhine State manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Khin Maung Win and party inspected thriving of 14-acre Hsinthwelat quality paddy strain plot in Kyauktaw Township on 15 October. DISTRICT IPRD



Flood in Magway Region causes death and many missing

Search and rescue works under way

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Flash flood in Pakokku, Pauk and Myaing Townships in Magway Region on 19 and 20 October caused deaths and left a number of residents missing. Officials concerned are searching

and rescuing the flood survivors.

Shwechaung creek flood in Pakokku destroyed 120 houses including one monastery and left 58 — 21 men and 37 women — missing. A total of 403 houses, one clinic, one

monastery and one primary school from 22 villages in Pauk Township were ravaged and nine men and 10 women, totaling 19, are missing in flood of Yaw creek/Kyaw creek. In Myaing Township, a girl, aged two, from a family on

the creek bank in Paikthin village was drifted away and is missing. The flood inundated Htantawma village for about four feet and destroyed three houses and one children of the village is missing. A villager of Htantawma is missing and 11 houses were destroyed and two women and one man, totaling three, were dead in flood.

MNA



Rescuers and ambulance staff work in the area where a helicopter pranged in Coyoacan, southern Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 21 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Two killed in helicopter crash in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 22 Oct—Two people died and two others were injured on Friday when a helicopter crashed in southern Mexico City, said the local government's General Attorney's Office.

The Mexico state's Metropolitan Development Minister Fernando Alberto Garcia and the pilot, were seriously injured and taken to hospital. The dead were identified as a second pilot, and an assistant to the

minister.

The helicopter was owned by the Mexico state government.

The Mexico state's Governor Eruviel Avila said his government will pay for the property damages caused by the accident to residents. He said his government is working together with the Federal and the Mexico City's governments to find out the causes of the accident.

The accident's site

is still guarded by policemen, while staff from the Civil Aeronautics General Direction are investigating the causes of the accident.

Xinhua

South Africans walk past taxis at the Bree taxi rank in Johannesburg in 2009.

INTERNET



S African taxi drivers to receive safety training

JOHANNESBURG, 22 Oct—South African mini-bus taxi drivers who are notorious for reckless driving will be sent for driving lessons in an initiative aimed to reduce road fatalities, a national taxi council said on Friday.

According to the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO), the first ever taxi training academy will equip the drivers with customer care skills and road safety. "Through the Hlokomela campaign SANTACO seeks to improve customer care and promote responsible driving which require behavioural change in order to achieve reduction of road accidents," SANTACO said in a statement.

The campaign would also train and recruit women drivers, who make up a small percentage of the industry. Santaco represents the nation's taxi operators, who collectively transport millions of South Africans every day in often battered 15-seat mini-buses that stop wherever they please.—Internet

Internet

Thai PM says floods may last for six more weeks

BANGKOK, 22 Oct—Thailand's catastrophic floods may take up to six weeks to recede, the prime minister said Saturday, as the human toll from the crisis rose to 356 dead and more than 110,000 displaced.

Excessive monsoon rains have drowned a third of the Southeast Asian nation since late July, causing billions of dollars in damage and putting nearly 700,000 people temporarily out of work.

Colossal pools of runoff from the north have

been bearing down on the capital for the last two weeks. In recent days, water has overwhelmed Districts just outside Bangkok's northern boundaries, while on Friday, floodwaters began spilling over canals in some of the city's outermost districts, causing minor damage to homes.

Some flooding on Bangkok's outskirts was expected after Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra ordered floodgates opened in a risky move to drain the dangerous runoff through urban canals and into the sea. So far, most of the vast metropolis of 9 million people has escaped unharmed, and its two airports are operating normally.

In a weekly radio address Saturday, Yingluck said that "during the next four to six weeks, the water will recede."

In the meantime, the government will step up aid to those whose lives have been disrupted, including 113,000 people Yingluck said were living in temporary shelters forced to abandon submerged homes.

The government said at least 356 people had died in the floods since July.

The floods are the worst to hit the country since 1942, and the crisis is proving a major test for Yingluck's nascent government, which took power in July after heated elections.



A general view of flooded streets in Pathum Thani, on the outskirts of Bangkok, on 21 October. Millions of nervous Bangkok residents were warned to move their belongings to safety as the kingdom's worst floods in decades began pouring into the outskirts of the sprawling city.—INTERNET

Europe's oldest nuclear reactor to close early

LONDON, 22 Oct—Europe's oldest nuclear reactor at Britain's Oldbury power station will close down 10 months earlier than expected in February next year after operator Magnox decided that running the 44-year-old reactor was no longer economically viable.

"After looking at different scenarios, we made the economic decision to end generation in February 2012," said a spokeswoman for Magnox, which is owned by US

nuclear services company Energy Solutions. The 225 megawatt (MW) reactor located in Gloucestershire was granted permission to run until the end of next year, while a twin reactor on the same site shut down for good at the end of June. Both units were initially scheduled to shut down three years ago, but high safety standards on the site earned them a few more years of operation, Site Director Phil Sprague said.

Reuters

File photo shows a tanker plane drops retardant in the path of the advancing B&B Complex wildfire near Hoodoo Butte ski area in Willamette National Forest west of Sisters, Ore.

INTERNET



Forest Service wants to keep using fire retardant

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—The US Forest Service has backed off claims about the effectiveness of the huge red plumes of fire retardant that big airplanes drop on wildfires, but the agency does not expect to cut back on using it.

Acting under a court order, the agency Friday posted on its website the final environmental impact statement laying out how it plans to use fire retardant without harming

threatened and endangered fish, wildlife and plants on national forests and grasslands covering 193 million acres in 44 states.

The Forest Service chief must sign the statement before it goes into effect, and the court timetable gives him until the end of December.

Forest Service analyst Glen Stein said that after it was pointed out the agency has no hard data showing fire retardant is effective, his team "softened" earlier claims about its effectiveness. But officials know from experience that it works and plan to keep using it, while taking steps not to harm endangered species.

Internet



Should you opt for glass or plastic baby bottles? Your baby may give clues to which he likes best. Some things to consider: Plastic bottles are lighter than glass and are shatterproof. But some parents may want to avoid a chemical called bisphenol A (BPA) that is used in some plastic bottles. If so, look for plastic bottles that say "BPA-free."—INTERNET

Health Tip: Take care to prevent stress fractures

Stress fractures are common overuse injuries, and may take lots of time to fully heal.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons suggests how to help reduce your risk of stress fractures:

- * Set incremental exercise goals, with gradual increases in intensity and duration.
- * Cross-train, to avoid too much strain on one particular area of the body.
- * Eat a balanced, nutritious diet that's rich in vitamin D and calcium.
- * Use running shoes with sufficient support. Make sure sporting gear isn't worn out.
- * Immediately stop exercising and rest for a few days if you notice swelling or pain.—Internet

Groupon could find IPO a tough sale

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—Groupon Inc faces its toughest sales pitch next week when the daily deals website launches a roadshow to persuade investors to buy shares in its initial public offering.

Even after scaling back the issue and cutting the company's valuation in half, the IPO may struggle. Aside from recent regulatory and operational bumps, investors and analysts are troubled by Groupon's business model.

The concept is simple and potentially lucrative: sell a coupon for a local business and take a cut of the proceeds for facilitating the deal. But the market has attracted hundreds of rivals, including well-funded giants such as Google Inc and Amazon.com Inc. Even Facebook was a Groupon rival for a short while before it shut down its effort.

"My views have not changed, despite the reduced valuation. We still

have significant long-term questions about their business model," said Michael Cuggino, who helps manage about \$15 billion at Permanent Portfolio Funds in San Francisco.

Other investors said they were intrigued enough to attend the roadshow, but saw the IPO price as still on the high side.

Groupon plans to sell 30 million shares, or less than a 5 percent stake, at between \$16 and \$18 each, raising up to \$540 million, according to a regulatory filing on Friday.

"Groupon is an impressive business, but it's coming with a pretty rich price tag," said Ryan Jacob, manager of the Jacob Internet Fund, who watched Groupon's roadshow presentation online this morning.

Reuters



This 17 Oct, 2011 photo, shows the McDonald's logo on a McDonald's drive through window, in Springfield, Ill.

INTERNET

McDonald's keeps gaining, talks price hikes

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—McDonald's Corp's third-quarter net income rose by 9 percent as it kept defying a tough economy and attracting more customers.

But those diners might want to get ready to pay more.

The world's largest hamburger chain, which has performed well throughout the recession and its aftermath, noted potential challenges like the rising cost of beef and higher labour costs.

McDonald's, a bellwether for the rest of the fast-food industry,

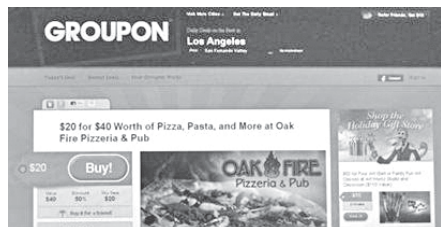
hinted that it could raise menu prices for the third time this year. Companies of all stripes, from restaurants to clothing makers, raised prices this year as the cost for many raw materials spiked, and it appears that more increases are coming. For McDonald's that means the beef in its burgers, the grain in its buns and the coffee in its lattes.

The 9 percent rise in net income, to \$1.51 billion, represents McDonald's ninth straight quarter of

earnings gains. Earnings per share of \$1.45 beat analysts' expectations of \$1.43. A 14 percent increase in revenue, to \$7.17 billion, also beat the \$7.02 billion predicted by analysts from FactSet.

The company's US commodity costs spiked 8 percent this quarter compared to a year ago. That's higher than the 6 percent in the second quarter and the 1 percent increase in the first quarter.

Internet



An online coupon sent via email from Groupon is pictured on a laptop screen on 29 November, 2010 in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

Business

Health Extra calcium not likely to help teens lose weight

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—Despite previous studies hinting that calcium may help people lose weight, it doesn't seem to help teenagers shed pounds, a new trial suggests. "The last 10 years of research hinted that calcium would bind to fat and take some of the fat out so you wouldn't absorb it," said co-author Connie Weaver, a nutrition professor at Purdue University. "We showed that didn't happen."

In the study, published in *the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, more than 40 overweight teenagers were split into two groups and then randomly assigned to consume 1,300 or 650 milligrams of calcium a day. It either came from calcium supplements or was hidden in foods like frozen chocolate desserts containing milk proteins, fats and minerals (as opposed to whole milk).

For three weeks, both groups were placed on the same restricted diet of three meals and two snacks a day. Both groups got normal foods with enough protein, carbohydrates, fat and calories to maintain their weight. After a break, the groups

resumed the experiment for another three weeks, with teens assigned to a different calcium intake level for the second stage. In the end, researchers found no differences in body fat and weight between the two groups, suggesting calcium had little to no effect on weight loss among the teens. They also tested the amount of calcium and fats the teens excreted and found no indication that calcium might help with weight loss by binding to fat in the intestines and preventing it from being absorbed.

The study's small number of participants and short duration are weaknesses, said Michael Zemel, who studies nutrition and obesity at the University of Tennessee. "There have been recent comprehensive reviews that show calcium has a significant effect on body weight and body fat," said Zemel, who was not involved in the current study. "But those tend to be in adults." Zemel suggested the findings this time may have been different because teenagers have different dietary needs than adults.—Reuters



Want more ways to curb heartburn? Don't lie down right after a meal — allow three hours between dinner and bedtime. Since smoking and being overweight may also make heartburn more likely, take steps toward a healthier lifestyle, if warranted. And although occasional heartburn is common, you may want to ask your doctor about frequent heartburn, which could be a symptom of GERD.—INTERNET

Business



Computer gamers check out the Wii in August 2011 during the gamescom fair in Cologne, western Germany. Nintendo said Friday that online video service Hulu Plus will stream movies and television shows to Wii and 3DS videogame systems by the end of the year.—INTERNET

Tech

Hulu shows heading for Nintendo Wii and 3DS

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—Nintendo said Friday that online video service Hulu Plus will stream movies and television shows to Wii and 3DS videogame systems by the end of the year.

The Japanese videogame giant also planned to release in November a software update that will let people record 3D video using the latest version of its handheld gaming device. “Nintendo 3DS continues to evolve with great new features and functions designed to reinforce its position as a

premiere entertainment device,” said Nintendo of America president Reggie Fils-Aime.

Hulu Plus will be available with a separate subscription costing \$7.99 per month. Subscribers will be able to access Hulu’s extensive library of television episodes and films.

Nintendo touted new games and other content for its glasses-free 3D handheld game consoles, which have not been the hit the company had expected when the innovative gadgets were released early this year.

The company hoped to heighten the appeal of its offerings during the precious year-end holiday shopping season. Nintendo slashed the console’s price by up to 40 percent six months after launch.

Last month, Nintendo unveiled a host of new titles to be released for the 3DS, which offers 3D game play without the need for special glasses. In the coming weeks, Nintendo will release Super Mario 3D, Mario Kart 7 and Pokemon games, according to Fils-Aime.—Internet

Amazon Announces New Kindle Format

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct—Amazon is releasing a new file format for Kindle e-books. Called Kindle Format 8, or KF8, the new format is based on HTML5 open standards, and is intended to help create the next phase of electronic publishing.

Replaces Mobi 7

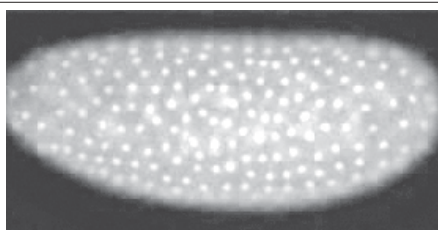
Several existing e-book formats, such as EPUB, Mobipocket, and Mobi 7 are all derived from HTML, but they are limited in the control they

offer publishers in such areas as screen and text design. The new format replaces the previous Mobi 7 format and adds more than 150 new formatting capabilities. These include fixed layouts, nested tables, call-outs, sidebars, support for scalable vector graphics, and such CSS selectors as line spacing, alignment, justification, margin, colour, style and border. For children’s books, the format enables fixed

layouts and Kindle Text Pop Up. Comics and graphic novels can be shown in high-resolution colour with Panel Views, and the company said that engineering and technical books can be created more efficiently. Cookbooks or other titles that need rich design can use embedded fonts, call-outs, sidebars, drop caps, and text on background images.

The new format will be available soon in updates to KindleGen2 and Kindle Previewer 2 publishing tools. The initial Fire model is a 7-inch tablet, has Wi-Fi but not 3G, no camera or microphone, and only 8 GB of memory. It comes with a 30-day free trial of Amazon Prime, the membership service that includes streaming video and free two-day shipping. The company has developed a custom interface for Android, which some observers have described as relatively easy to use.

Internet



NYU and University of Iowa biologists have identified a key mechanism controlling early embryonic development that is critical in determining how structures such as appendages—arms and legs in humans—grow in the right place and at the right time. The researchers used Drosophila, or fruit flies, to investigate these regulatory networks. Pictured above is a fruit fly embryo.—INTERNET



Illustration of a system called SideBySide that enables animated images from two separate handheld projectors to interact with each other on the same surface. INTERNET

Skywatcher photos show last days of falling German satellite

Science

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—Skywatchers in Europe have snapped some of the final photos of a doomed German satellite slated to plunge to Earth this weekend in an uncontrolled death dive.

The photos show the defunct 21-year-old Roentgen Satellite, or ROSAT, as the spacecraft spent its final days in orbit.

The 2.7-ton ROSAT is expected to fall to Earth sometime between Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning (22 or 23 Oct), but scientists cannot predict exactly when or where the satellite will be when it begins its fiery plunge through Earth’s atmosphere.

Veteran satellite spotter Ralf Vandebergh in the Netherlands has been keeping a close tabs on ROSAT

using a camera-equipped telescope, and even snapped a photo for SPACE.com this week that showed the satellite’s body and solar panels.

“Since ROSAT fell to a lower height in recent times, it [has] become increasingly difficult to spot him,” Vandebergh told SPACE.com in an email. “Luckily we had, in the past week, several passes in the early dusk so the satellite was still well-lit.”

ROSAT, Vandebergh said, has been a bit harder to observe than NASA’s school bus-size Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS), which also fell to Earth last month. NASA’s UARS satellite was a huge object weighing nearly 6.5 tons. ROSAT is smaller, weighing about 2.7 tons.

“ROSAT is a rather difficult object in the telescope, due its relatively small size,” Vandebergh said. “Details are therefore much harder to photograph than, for example UARS.”

Another skywatcher who spotted ROSAT is Marco Langbroek, who snapped a striking long-exposure photo of the spacecraft as it passed over Leiden in the Netherlands.

“It is moving very fast, quite a spectacular view,” Langbroek told SPACE.com. “It takes less than a minute for it to travel over a significant part of the sky.”

German Aerospace Centre officials have said they cannot predict exactly where and when ROSAT will fall to Earth, but they do expect at least 30 large pieces of the satellite to survive the fiery re-entry through the atmosphere and hit the planet.

Internet

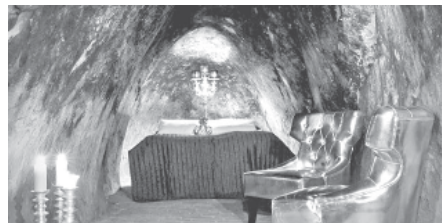
Sala Silvermine in Sweden houses a hotel suite 509 ft underground

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—In the next few years, extreme travellers could spend the night floating around in a space hotel. For now, what the Earth can offer will have to suffice. Thankfully, some options have the potential to satiate even the most adventurous — take for example the deepest underground hotel suite in the world. Located in the old, 15th century Sala Silvermine in Sweden, the suite lies 509 ft. deep under the earth’s surface.

The tunnels of Sala’s mine were used to excavate for silver until 1908. Now, it houses a museum, a theater, two ornate dining rooms, and a hotel suite where two people can spend the night. Guests are first toured around the underground facilities so they know their way around, but ultimately left alone

overnight — attendants stay on ground level. If you’re hit by the call of nature in the middle of the night, you’d have to go up to 165 ft. to access the nearest toilet; no bathroom exists within the mine. Phones, of course, do not work that deep underground.

Internet



China, Bahamas pledge to strengthen ties



Bahamian Governor-General Arthur Foulkes (R) meets with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi in Nassau, capital of Bahamas, on 21 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

NASSAU, 22 Oct—Bahamian Governor-General Arthur Foulkes and Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham met with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi here Friday, vowing joint efforts to further boost bilateral ties.

Yang said he appreciated the Bahamas’

social and economic achievements and spoke highly of the development of the bilateral friendly cooperative relations.

He said Beijing is committed to a policy of peaceful development, mutual benefits and win-win cooperation, believing that all countries are equal

regardless of size, strength and wealth.

China attaches great importance to its relations with the Bahamas and is willing to maintain high-level exchanges, enhance understanding and deepen mutual trust between the two countries, Yang said.

The Chinese diplomat hoped that China and the Bahamas could deepen pragmatic cooperation in finance, shipping, tourism, among others. He also said China would encourage strong and reputable Chinese enterprises to invest in the Bahamas.

Xinhua



Opera artists pass through the Dandong frontier inspection station in Dandong, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 21 Oct, 2011. About 180 artists of the Phibada Opera Troupe from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) arrived in China Friday. The troupe will stage opera "The Butterfly Lovers" in various cities of China in the next 3 months.

XINHUA

7.6-magnitude quake hits Kermadec Islands region — USGS

NEW YORK, 22 Oct—An earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale jolted Kermadec Islands region in New Zealand at 17:57:17 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 39.80 km, was initially determined to be at 28.9410 degrees south latitude and 176.0459 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

Botswana tries to allay fears after fatal aircraft accident



The wreckage of the Cessna 208, which belonged to the Moremi Moremi Air Charters, is seen on 15 October, one day after it crashed in Botswana's Okavango Delta.—INTERNET

GABORONE, 22 Oct—Botswana’s transport minister has sought to quell fears about safety on aircraft serving the tourist attraction of the Okavango Delta wetlands following an accident that claimed eight lives.

“I would like to assure all that they are safe to travel within Botswana and should not hesitate to

so. Botswana skies are safe,” Frank Ramsden said.

“Botswana has one of the best civil aviation safety records regionally. In the last 10 years, we have only had one fatal accident. Statistically, over 90 million kilometres have been flown by local operators in the Okavango Delta,” he added. Ramsden said that including last week’s crash Botswana’s safety record was the equivalent of 0.022 fatal accidents per million kilometres flown.

“Most countries in the world would aspire to a safety record such as this. Our record is quite phenomenal compared to first world countries,” he said. Ramsden said a preliminary government report on the accident on October 14 would be ready in two to three weeks. Three French, three Swiss and two Britons, including the British pilot, were killed when a Cessna 208 of local carriers Moremi Air crashed shortly after take-off from the island of Pom Pom, a luxurious safari destination in the north. Two Botswana nationals escaped with light injuries and pulled to safety two French passengers, who were later airlifted out to South Africa for treatment. The Hospitality and Tourism Association of Botswana (HATAB) said the accident had not affected visitor reservations for the Delta, a UNESCO world heritage site which has numerous airstrips serving the various tourist camps and lodges.

The airport at Maun, the main town in the Delta, is one of the busiest in Africa.—Internet

Indonesia extinguishes forest fire to support SEA Games

JAKARTA, 22 Oct—Indonesia extinguished forest fire in Sumatra Island to support the 26th Southeast Asia Games in South Sumatra provincial capital city of Palembang, one of the venues aside of Jakarta, an official said here on Saturday. Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, head of Information and Public Relation at the National Agency of Disaster Management (BNPB), said in a statement that his office has conducted a fire extinguishing and rain making operation.

The aerial operation was conducted with artificial rain and water bombing. “Two rain making version-CASA 212-200 planes were operated across Palembang to drop rain in regions that still have hot sports. For water bombing, BNPB deployed two BO 105 helicopters. The operation was centered at Sultan Mahmud Badaruddin Airport in Palembang,” he said. Nugroho added that the artificial rain and water bombing are needed to extinguish underground hotspots.

He also said that for land operation, his office has deployed fire fighter and made fire separating lines, among others. He said that the government of South Sumatra province was urged to keep socializing people and businessmen about the importance of not clearing land for agriculture and plantation by burning forest.—Internet



Cuba welcomes 1st Chinese navy hospital ship

HAVANA, 22 Oct—A Chinese navy hospital ship arrived in Havana Friday, the first stop of its four-nation goodwill visit to the Caribbean and Central America.

The vessel, named “Peace Ark”, was warmly greeted by Admiral Luis Gonzalez, head of the Cuban Military Academy “Granma” at a ceremony,

PLA Navy soldiers on China's "Peace Ark" hospital ship salute when arriving at the port of Havana, capital of Cuba, on 21 Oct, 2011.

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which was also attended by Su Shiliang, deputy commander of the Chinese navy and Chinese Ambassador to Cuba Liu Yuqin attended the ceremony.

During their five-day stay in Cuba, the Chinese visitors and their hosts will hold talks and exchange views on a range of medical topics, especially those regarding traditional medicine. The ship will leave Cuba on 26 Oct to continue its visit to the other three countries — Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Costa Rica.—Xinhua

Shark kills American diver off western Australia

CANBERRA, 22 Oct—A great white shark has killed an American diver in the second fatal shark attack off Western Australia in 12 days.

Police Sgt Gerry Cassidy says the man was below water Saturday when a witness on the dive boat “saw a large amount of bubbles.” The body soon surfaced with fatal injuries. The shark was described as a 10-foot (3-metre) great white.

Cassidy said it happened off the tourist spot of Rottneest Island in overcast conditions. Sharks attack more often in cloudy weather.

Police said the 32-year-old American was living in Australia on a work visa. His identity and hometown weren’t available. Rottneest Island is 11 miles (18 kilometers) from a popular Perth City beach where a man was believed taken by a great white 10 Oct.—Xinhua

Yangon Region Tawwin Marionette Troupe participates in “Naymi” Jataka marionette contest



Union Information and Culture Minister U Kyaw Hsan, wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Union Hotels and Tourism Minister U Tint Hsan and Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin enjoy final contest of “Naymi” Jataka marionette contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—“Naymi” Jataka marionette contest of the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today. Tawwin Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Region

partook in the final contest of the marionette contest. Among the enthusiasts were Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U

Tint Hsan, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Judge of Union Supreme Court U Myint Han, Member of Union Election Commission U Myint Naing, Secretary of the leading committee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, members, and members of the panel of judges at central level. **MNA**

Performing Arts Competitions continue for seventh day



(men’s) orchestra (troupe) contest. Six contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) (men’s) donmin contest, two in the basic education level 10-15 aged (boys’) donmin contest and two in the basic education level 15-20 aged (men’s) donmin contest.—MNA

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint enjoys performance of U Yu Maung of Yangon Region in the amateur level (first class) (men’s) violin contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the eight day at the

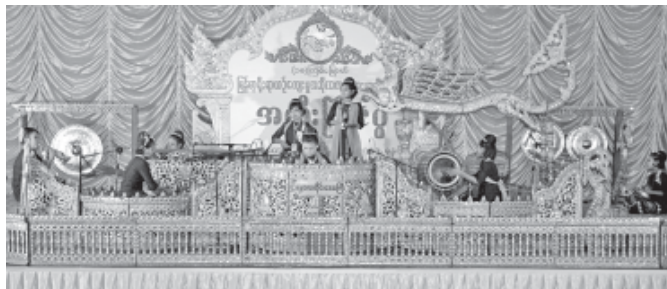
Revenue Minister Daw San San Nwe, Joint Secretary of Work Committee for Organizing the competitions Director-General of Fine

teachers and students of basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. A total of three contestants took part in

competed in the basic education level 10-15 aged (boys’) violin contest, three in the basic education level 10-15 aged (girls’) violin



Maung Hiet Ko Ko Lin of Yangon Region participating in the basic education level 15-20 aged (men’s) donmin contest.—MNA



Ma Shine Kit Kit and her troupe of Mandalay Region taking part in the basic education level 15-20 aged (women’s) orchestra (troupe) contest. MNA



Ma Aye Chan Myintmo participating in the basic education level 10-15 aged (girls’) violin contest. MNA

designated places in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

Among the enthusiasts were Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Member of Union Election Commission U Nyunt Tin, Yangon Region Finance and

Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo, members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges at central level and region and state levels, team managers and contestants, departmental personnel and members of the excursion group of national races from Regions and States,

the basic education level 10-15 aged (boys’) mandolin contest, four in the basic education level 10-15 aged (girls’) mandolin contest, 11 in the amateur level (second class) (men’s) mandolin contest and five in the amateur level (second class) (women’s) mandolin contest. Three contestants

contested, four in the amateur level (first class) (men’s) violin contest, one in the amateur level (first class) (women’s) violin contest.

Three troupes participated in the basic education level 15-20 aged (women’s) orchestra (troupe) contest and six in the amateur level (first class)

9,000-year-old tools found in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 22 Oct—A team of Mexican archaeologists has discovered hundreds of rudimentary man-made tools and artefacts that date back between 8,000-11,000 years in the northwestern state of Baja California Sur. The objects were found at an archaeological site known as El Coyote, located in the Los Cabos region, the National Anthropology and History Institute, or INAH, said. It added that they “bolster the hypothesis” that the first colonists of the hemisphere populated the region via watercraft migration, following coastlines from northeast Asia southward into the Americas.—Internet

First hydropower plant...

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been implementing hydropower projects with investment from home and abroad so as to generate more amount of electricity for the State in accord with the guidance of the government. A total of 65 electricity projects—13 of the ministry, eight of entrepreneurs and 44 of JV/BOT—are under implementation. Some of them are under feasibility studies and some under implementation. As such, electricity projects will be completed one after another to generate larger amount of electricity year by year. Among Kunchaung, Pyuchaung and Thaukyaykhat Hydropower Projects, Kunchaung Hydropower Project will be inaugurated soon. Thanks to Shwegyin Project, electricity can be generated for the State and it can contribute to socio-economic development of the local people. Moreover, the local people of Shwegyin/Madauk region can enjoy the opportunity to establishment of small- and medium-scale industries to produce value-added products with the use of domestic raw materials.

In his speech, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win said that hydropower projects are being implemented at Zaungtu, Yenwe, Khaabaung, Pathi, Kunchaung, Pyuchaung, Thaukyaykhat (2), Shwegyin and Bawgahta in Sitoung Basin of Bago Region with the effective use of plenty of water resources. Zaungtu Hydropower Plant (20) megawatts was opened in 2000 and Yenwe Hydropower Plant (25) megawatts in 2007.



UEC Chairman U Tin Aye unveils stone inscription of Shwegyin

Hydropower Plant.—MNA

Khapaung Dam and 30-MW hydropower plant and 2-MW Pathi hydropower plant were inaugurated in 2008. Shwegyin Hydropower Plant which can generate 75 MW would benefit factories and industries in Bago Region and in the country as the capacity of the plant is the biggest one in Sitoung basin.

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye and the Union Minister greeted those present at the inauguration ceremony.

Next, the dam-cum-power plant was inaugurated by the union ministers, the chief minister and Bago Region Minister for Electric and Industries.

Afterwards, Chief Minister U Nyan Win unveiled

the signboard of the ceremony and Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye unveiled the stone inscription of the power plant.

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye visited the main dam and Union Minister U Zaw Min formally opened the stone inscription of the dam.

The dam of Shwegyin Hydropower Plant is a zone type and it is 1568 ft long and 135 ft wide and 2.5 ft thick with a water storage capacity of 1685000 acre feet.

The three concrete conduit pipes constructed at the dam is 1765 ft in length, 16 ft in width and 20 ft in height each. The intake infrastructure of the dam is 121 ft long, 127 ft wide and 137 ft high and the spillway is 2542 ft long, 135 ft wide and 58 ft high.

Two compressed steel pipe lines equipped at the dam are 25 ft in diameter and 1100 ft in length each. The power plant is 295 ft long, 94 ft wide and 70 ft high and a switch-yard has also been completed. The construction works were carried out step by step. A total of 57 bore piles were driven to construct the intake infrastructure. The plant is equipped with four 18.75-MW Francis-Vertical Shaft turbines and it can generate 262 million KW hours per year.

The work on construction of the dam was launched in 2003, and the first power station was opened on 29 December, 2009, the second power station on 25 March, 2011, the third power station on 2 June, 2011, and the fourth power station on 21 July, 2011. After finishing touches on the project was completed, the dam-cum-power plant was inaugurated today.

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Inauguration of Shwegyin hydropower project, dam and hydropower plant

in progress.—MNA

Kyarhtoo Bridge on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road...

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It is reported that it is RC type one with 480 feet in length and 24 feet in width, and it can withstand 60 tons per vehicle.

The newly-opened bridge is the seventh facility of its kind among the bridges above 180 feet in length, built across the states and regions in the time of Tatmadaw Government.—MNA



Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe stroll along Kyarhtoo Creek Bridge.—MNA



Photo shows Kyarhtoo Creek Bridge on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road in Natmauk Township.—MNA

Artistes urged to...

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transport services for convenience of contestants. The Union Minister urged those present to participate in discussions on management tasks if necessary and give suggestions to the scrutiny committee for betterment of form and essence of the competitions if there may be necessary in weak points of accommodation, sound effects, lightings and contests in the competitions.

With regard to the second aim for flourishing of Myanmar performing arts with full essence, emphasis is being placed on three portions to make preparations for promotion of form and essence before the 18th competitions, to strive for promotion of form and essence during the competitions and to set aim for betterment in next competitions with full essence. In the preparatory period for the first portion, the respective bodies

undertook the tasks in organizing the regions and states to increase the number of contestants, sent instructors and maestros for respective contests to regions and states, released information for the competitions through TV, radio and newspapers, and raised amount of cash awards for honorary prizes and special prizes in addition to first, second, third and consolation prizes for the winners and championship award. In the second portion, priority is given to broadcasting the performance of contestants during the competitions to the people, telecasting live on performance of contestants in religious Jataka and drama contests and making arrangements for enabling the people around the areas of competitions to freely enjoy the performance of the contestants. He stressed the need for team managers of regions and states to strive for improving quality of contestants with the assistance of the maestros and members of the central panel of judges to

choose deserved winners with genuine qualification and outstanding performances. Arrangements have been made to distribute papers of suggestions to members of the panel of judges for next year's respective contests.

For the third aim, he invited suggestions from those present to organize the next year's competitions whether Anyient and consecration contests should be added and time allowed for the drama contest should be extended. The Union Minister urged the artistes to present performance of the Jataka not only with cultural arts but also with IT special effects for long-term existence of performance in Myanmar traditional cultural Jataka drama and for attracting the youths and new generations with impressive entertainments. Only then, will the characteristics and essence of the Myanmar traditional cultural arts be promoted and remains in the hearts of

Myanmar youths till the world and Myanmar exist. Similarly, artistes are to seek ways for encouraging creativity without damaging the culture.

In conclusion, the Union Minister urged the artistes to participate in performing arts competitions in next years and to work their best while the State has made efforts for achieving the facts he discussed to perpetuate the Myanmar traditional performing arts for the youths and to uplift the characteristics and essence of the Myanmar traditional performing arts to be able to penetrate the world. He also asked the artistes for advice on how to mix the Myanmar traditional performing arts with information technology without damaging the traditional culture.

Afterwards, the Union Minister cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

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Stimulant tablets, chemicals...

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ward-2, and surrounding at the tea farm. At 7 am on 9 October, they seized again 513,000 WY brand pink stimulant tablets and 6000 pink stimulant tablets with no brand totaling 519,000, one stimulant tablet-producing machine and related

accessories, 16.5 kilos of ephedrine, 140 liters of sulphuric acid, 18 kilos of bone charcoal, 160 kilos of caustic soda, 44 bars of syringe-shape mould, four digital scales, five seals, 10 grams of colouring powder, five blocks of brown gunpowder, one computer set, a pack of paper sheets of resumes of KIA (Kachin) group, one M-21 and two 60 mm mortars.

According to confession of culprits, it was revealed that narcotic drugs and related items belong to Ma Lugya and her husband Lauk Woo, a Chinese, who is a professional in producing tablets; a man called Ah Khway engaged in manufacturing of tablets and Gam Maw, a KIA member who is dealing with drug trafficking brought the ammunition.—MNA



Heavy and small arms seized from Takkanaï Village of Kutkai Township.—MNA



Chemical precursors, machine used in making stimulant tablets and related equipment seized from Takkanaï Village of Kutkai Township.—MNA

Heavy rains destroy some roads, bridges and buildings in some townships of Sagaing, Magway Regions

Flood victims evacuated to safety, provided with necessary assistance

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Such was the force of torrential rains that roads and bridges and some buildings were damaged in some townships of Sagaing and Magway Regions on 19 and 20 October.

Heavy rains pummeled in Hsalingyi Township of Sagaing Region, knocking down Taungyamar creek bridge (Wakkhok bridge) and Thamaryoe bridge, destroying toe wall at the southern section of Yamar bridge, forcing people from 315 houses in Donetaw village, 180 of Gontaw village and 140 of Ywatha village to be evacuated to monasteries on hillocks and damaging two houses in Wadawgyi village and leaving 25 people homeless. It toppled six rooms of the wall of Pale Township People's Hospital and a wooden bridge near Padaukkon village and brought the temporary delay in running of vehicles on Monywa-Shwebo motorway near Sayit village in Ayadaw Township as it flooded the road and destroyed a box culvert. Road transportation was stopped as torrential rains filled Alethein creek (sandy creek) between

Thazi and Koebin village in Monywa Township with water and water level had reached two feet above the two bridges in Kaunghsint village in Yinmabin Township. The high rains had flooded urban ward (b) and extended ward (b), forcing some 10 households to be evacuated to safety. flee their homes.

Moreover, 40 sections of the wall of Hmankin monastery in Myaynigon village in Pale Township and 25 sections of the wall of Dakkhinaya monastery in Hneypyawtaw village collapsed under strong inflow of rainwater into the monasteries. As high rains had collapsed Hsinka bridge across the creek on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road in Kani Township, no road transportation was put into service. Some roads in KhinU, Kalay, Shwebo, Myinmu and Kanbalu Townships were submerged. Water entered homes and walls of some monasteries collapsed under floodwaters.

So devastating was the flood in Shwechaung creek in Pakokku of Magway Region that 120 houses

and one monastery on the bank of the creek were destroyed. Floodwater wiped out the Kyarpiké creek bridge and wooden floors of Hsinsar bridge in Pauk. Water entered homes in Salin, Gangaw, Seikpyu and Myaing Townships. Some sections of railroad and motor road were submerged. There was no running of vehicles as two bridges on Gangaw-Kalay road were under six-foot high water. Hinkhwatkon suspension bridge, Thantay creek bridge and some bridges in Htilin Township and Kam creek bridge on Kyaukhtu-Saw road, Katin creek bridge and one house in Tappin village of Saw Township and 11 houses in Knone village of Myaing Township had collapsed. Floodwaters eroded earthen banks of some rail tracks at Watsu quarter of Ward-1 in Myaing Township. Floodwater entered homes in Watsu ward, forcing 50 households to be evacuated to safe places.

Distribution of drinking water, chlorinating lakes and wells to avoid outbreak of cholera and providing cash and kind to flood victims are being carried out by township health care groups at flooded wards and villages. Officials of township departments and Public Works are engaged in repair works for collapsed bridges and damaged roads. Running of vehicles returned to normal as floods subsided on road sections.—MNA



People look at a 109-ton bell at a dock in Liuzhou, south China's Guagnxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 19 Oct, 2011. The bell, with 92,306 characters of a Buddhist Scripture on its surface, was casted in Wuhan Heavy Industry Casting & Forging Co Ltd and boasts a height of 9 metres, a weight of 9 tons and a bottom diameter of 6.06 metres.—XINHUA

Get married, drink wine to live longer

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct—If you want to live longer, keep your stress to a minimum, get married and have a glass of wine every night, new research says.

Researchers found that people who self-reported that they had good health tended to live longer. Moderate drinkers also lived longer than non-drinkers.

“Being a teetotaler and a smoker were risk factors for mortality,” said Carolyn Aldwin, professor of human development and family sciences at

Oregon State University, who led the study.

Men who experience moderate or high levels of stress over a number of years have a 50 percent higher mortality rate, the *Journal of Aging Research* reports. “So perhaps trying to keep your major stress events to a minimum, being married and having a glass of wine every night is the secret to a long life,” Aldwin stated.

Unlike previous studies conducted over a relatively short term with smaller

sample sizes, this study was modified to document major stressors—such as death of a spouse or putting a parent into a retirement home—that specifically affect middle-aged and older people.

“I modified the stress measure to reflect the kinds of stress that we know impacts us more as we age, and even we were surprised at how strong the correlation between stress trajectories and mortality was,” Aldwin said, according to an Oregon statement.

Internet

Five killed, 11 injured in Istanbul traffic accident

ISTANBUL, 22 Oct—Five people were killed and 11 others injured Friday in a traffic accident on a major motorway of Turkey's largest city Istanbul.

A truck driver lost control of his vehicle on Istanbul's Trans European Motorway and slammed it into the metal dividers. The truck then crashed into multiple vehicles, including a minibus travelling in the opposite direction, the *Turkish Dogan* news agency reported.

The accident occurred in the vicinity of Istanbul's Sultanbeyli District.—Xinhua



An Airbus A300-600ST Super Transporter takes off at the airport in Toulouse of France, on 14 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA



The garage door sits on a car in Sunrise, Fla on 19 Oct, 2011 after a possible tornado damaged more than two dozen homes in the area. Officials say a possible tornado left a 2 mile-long trail of damage in a suburban South Florida neighbourhood. Plantation Fire Battalion Chief Joel Gordon said Wednesday that the quarter-mile-wide debris trail has “all the classic signs” a tornado.—INTERNET

Comet storm detected in nearby solar system

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct —Icy comets could be bombarding an alien solar system in a storm resembling the one that is thought to have brought water and other life-forming ingredients to Earth several billion years ago, a new study has revealed.

NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has spotted a band of dust around a nearby bright star in the northern sky called Eta Corvi that strongly matches the contents of an obliterated giant comet.

This dust is located close enough to Eta Corvi that Earth-like worlds could exist, suggesting a collision took place between a planet and one or more comets.

“We believe we have direct evidence for an ongoing Late Heavy Bombardment in the nearby star system Eta Corvi, occurring about the same time as in our solar system,” said Carey Lisse, senior research scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md, and lead

author of a paper detailing the findings.

Astronomers used Spitzer's infrared detectors to analyze the light coming from the dust around Eta Corvi. Certain chemical fingerprints were observed, including water ice, organics, and rock, which indicate a giant comet source.

The light signature emitted by the dust around Eta Corvi also resembles the Almahata Sitta meteorite, which fell to Earth in fragments across Sudan in 2008. The similarities between the meteorite and the object obliterated in Eta Corvi imply a common birthplace in their respective solar systems.

A second, more massive ring of colder dust located at the far edge of the Eta Corvi system seems like the proper environment for a reservoir of cometary bodies. This bright ring, discovered in 2005, looms at about 150 times the distance from Eta Corvi as the Earth is from the Sun. The study will be published in the *Astrophysical Journal*.—Internet

UK charges man for possessing al-Qaeda magazine

LONDON, 22 Oct—A British man who was arrested earlier this year was charged on Wednesday for possessing al-Qaeda's English-language online magazine, Scotland Yard said.

The 21-year-old man, who has been identified as Hakan Ertarkan, was arrested at an address in north London on 12 April by officers from the Metropolitan Police Service's Counter Terrorism Command. He was subsequently released on bail as an investigation continued.

Ertarkan was charged on Wednesday for

allegedly possessing ‘a record of information of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism.’ Police identified the record of information as a CD containing the first issue of Inspire, al-Qaeda's English-language online magazine. Inspire was launched by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in July 2010 to serve as a guide to potential and future jihadis. Articles so far have included “[How to] Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom” and “What to Expect in Jihad.”—Internet

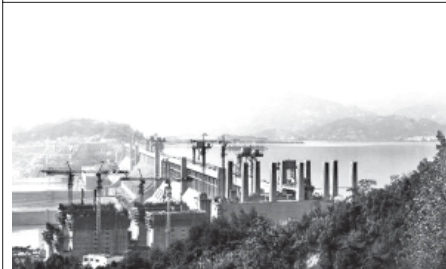


Photo taken on 18 Oct, 2011 shows the Three Gorges Dam in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province. The water level of the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest water conservancy project, reached 174.18 metres above the sea level on Tuesday, during an experimental pooling aimed at reaching the maximum water level of 175 metres above the sea level by early November. XINHUA

US Army unveils tiny kamikaze ‘Switchblade’ drones to kill militants

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct —The US Army has unveiled its new ‘kamikaze’ drones named ‘Switchblade’, which are small enough to fit inside a soldier's backpack, and help transmit live video from overhead to identify and destroy the enemy

target. The impressive robotic craft weighs less than 2kg and launches from a tube before its wings fold out as it flies into the air.

The operators can then send a message to the drone ‘to arm it and lock its trajectory onto

the target’, the company said in a Press release.

Reports suggest that the drone flies into a target and detonates a small explosive, but can still be disarmed at the last moment even if it is heading for a kill.

The US Army is paying manufacturer

AeroVironment 4.9 million dollars for the drones to help it develop a new way of killing suspected militants.

The California company said it is this feature that makes its drones unique and gives ‘a level of control not available in other weapon systems’, the *Daily Mail* reports.

Internet

Soy protein better than milk counterpart for improving cholesterol health

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct—A new study has revealed that supplements of soy protein are much better than milk protein in terms of improving blood levels of HDL (good) cholesterol and thus the overall lipid profile in healthy individuals.

The study, which has been published in the *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, investigated the effect of soy and milk protein supplementation on lipids compared with carbohydrate among healthy adults.

Numerous research studies have demonstrated that soy protein reduces LDL ('the bad') cholesterol and increases HDL ('the good') cholesterol, supporting the soy protein heart health and cholesterol-lowering claim that is approved in 12 countries around the globe.

"Coronary heart disease (CHD) is a major

health epidemic, as the No 1 killer of women and men globally," said Elaine Krul, PhD, nutrition discovery lead at Solae.

"Research has shown that lowering blood lipids reduces the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke." "The results of this study reveal that soy protein supplementation intake can help lower blood lipids, thus helping to reduce the risk of CHD in healthy individuals."

In this study, total cholesterol reduction as well as the total/HDL cholesterol ratio reduction was statistically significant with soy protein supplementation compared with carbohydrate.

Compared with milk protein, soy protein supplementation significantly increased HDL and significantly reduced total/HDL cholesterol ratio as well as lowered LDL cholesterol.—*Internet*



A woman watches Ultra-orthodox Jewish dancing and singing while holding Torah scrolls to celebrate Simchat Torah in front of the Western Wall of Jerusalem's Old City on 20 Oct, 2011. Simchat Torah is a celebration marking the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle.

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A woman makes her way through a downtown shopping area in Toronto, Ontario, in March 2011. Canadian consumer prices rose 3.2 percent in the 12 months to September, due mainly to higher gasoline and food prices, a government agency said Friday.—*INTERNET*

Canada inflation rises to 3.2% in September

TORONTO, 22 Oct—Canadian consumer prices rose 3.2 percent in the 12 months to September, due mainly to higher gasoline and food prices, a government agency said Friday.

This followed a 3.1 percent pace in August.

On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose 0.3 percent from August to September, matching the increase recorded the month before, Statistics Canada said. Year over year, gasoline prices surged 22.7 percent, fuel oil jumped 27.4 percent

and food prices increased 4.3 percent.

Consumers paid more in passenger vehicle insurance premiums, for airline tickets, vehicles, meat, bakery products, fresh vegetables, home and mortgage insurance, tuition fees, cablevision and satellite services.

Clothing and footwear prices were also up for a fifth consecutive month. Prices for video equipment, natural gas and mortgage interest cost, which measures the change in the interest portion of payments on

outstanding mortgage debt, however, decreased.

The Bank of Canada's core index, meanwhile, advanced 2.2 percent in the 12 months to September, the largest year-over-year gain since December 2008 and above the central bank's target of 2.0 percent.—*Internet*

Ohio governor takes steps on exotic animals

COLUMBUS, 22 Oct—Ohio Governor John Kasich on Friday called for a temporary moratorium on the sale of dangerous wild animals after a collector caused a

panic by releasing dozens of lions, tigers, bears and other animals.

But a leading critic said Kasich's steps were inadequate, and he should

have announced an emergency ban on the sale of exotic animals. The Republican governor acted to calm public alarm over dangerous predatory animals roaming rural Ohio until they were shot dead by police.

Kasich earlier this year let lapse a rule issued by his Democratic predecessor that restricted private breeding and purchase of exotic animals and banned those convicted of animal cruelty from owning such beats. Kasich said the rule was not enforceable.

Ohio is one of seven states that does not restrict ownership of such exotic animals. The others are North and South Carolina, Alabama, West Virginia, Nevada and Wisconsin. The order Kasich signed on Friday directs the inspection of licensed holders of dangerous wild species native to Ohio, and for state officials to identify facilities that could house captured or seized animals.

Reuters



Dead animals are seen on Terry Thompson's property where exotic animals were kept in Zanesville, Ohio on 19 October, 2011.—*REUTERS*

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Japan says to act decisively on excessive forex moves

TOKYO, 21 Oct—Japan's finance minister said on Saturday he would take decisive action against excessive and speculative yen moves, *Kyodo* news agency reported, threatening to conduct currency intervention after the yen rose to a record high against the dollar.

Jun Azumi was also quoted by *Kyodo* as saying that the yen's appreciation was not so much a reflection of Japan's economic fundamentals, but reflected the relative economic conditions in Japan, Europe and the United States.

"I would like to take decisive action on excessive and speculative movements," Azumi was quoted by *Kyodo* as telling reporters.

"We're in a situation where the foreign exchange rates would wipe out earnings by hard working companies." His comments came after the US dollar tumbled on Friday and hit a record low against the yen on speculation Europe was closer to solving its debt crisis. The dollar fell as low as 75.78 yen on trading platform EBS, surpassing its previous record low of 75.94 set in August.

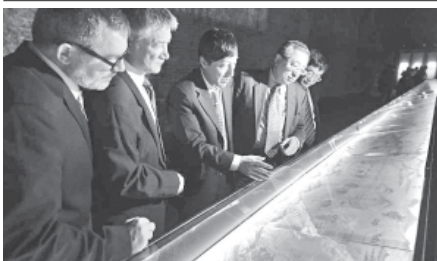
Since September last year, Tokyo has intervened in the currency market twice on its own and once



Japanese Finance Minister Jun Azumi (R) waits for the start of the G20 meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors at the French Finance Ministry in Paris on 15 Oct, 2011.—*INTERNET*

jointly with other Group of Seven rich nations to cool the yen's gains. But the effects of intervention have proved short-lived due to Europe's sovereign debt crisis, which is sending investors into perceived safe-haven assets such as the Japanese currency.

Reuters



Professor Lin Meicun (3rd R) from School of Archaeology and Museology of Peking University, introduces a 30-metre-long ancient Chinese map, depicting cities along the Silk Road, during the preview of "To the East: Cities, Men and Gods Along the Silk Road", the opening exhibition of the first Silk Road International Cultural Biennale, at the Baths of Diocletian in Rome, Italy, on 20 Oct, 2011.

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INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER
TENDER NO(1) (Utl) AMD (2011-2012)

1. Open Tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores (in Myanmar Kyats.)

Sr. No	Description	Quantity
1.	Lubricants	6 Items
2. Tender Closing date: 9-11-2011, 12:00 hrs		
3. Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD office No. 50, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (24-10-2011). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.		
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11021) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Blind man in aerobatic world record



Mike Newman set a new world record for the most consecutive formation loops.—INTERNET

LONDON, 22 Oct— Britain's fastest blind driver has succeeded in a new challenge after the aerobatics team he was leading set a world record for the most consecutive number of formation loops. Mike Newman took the controls of one of *The Blades* aircraft for the first of the record-setting 26 loops before his co-pilot Myles Garland took over. They were joined by three other *Blades* at Sywell Aerodrome in Northamptonshire.

The record is the latest for thrill-seeking Mr Newman and puts him on the way to holding an air, land and water record. Mr Newman had held the mul-

tiple World Blind Land Speed Record for a blind rider/driver, but he lost the crown last year when Turkish driver Metin Senturk broke his record by driving a Ferrari F430 unaccompanied at 182mph.

Mr Newman is already planning to regain the crown by driving a supercar at more than 200mph. He is also planning to try to beat the current Blind Water Speed Record of 99.19mph using a Silverline F1 Powerboat.

The *Blades* Aerobatic Team are a civilian aerobatic team made up of former Red Arrows pilots. —*Internet*

Renowned South Korean climber missing on Nepal trek

KATHMANDU, 22 Oct —Officials in Nepal say a renowned South Korean climber and two of his partners have disappeared while trying to summit Mount Annapurna. Dipendra Poudel of Nepal's mountaineering department said rescuers have not been able to find any trace of the three climbers missing since on Tuesday.

Park Young-seok has climbed the world's 14 tallest mountains and reached both the north and south poles. He first climbed Annapurna in 1996. It is the 10th tallest and considered a technically difficult climb.—*Internet*

As the world's population nears seven billion meet the man who hasn't helped! He has 39 wives, 94 children and lives in a 100-room house

Family compound has its own school, playground, carpentry workshops, piggery and poultry farms and a veg garden

Dinner for 'The World's Biggest Family' is usually 30 chickens, 132lb of potatoes and 220lb of rice

LONDON, 22 Oct — Meet the world's largest family. If you've ever worried about having enough room for a growing brood, spare a thought for Ziona Chana. He has 39 wives, 94 children, 14 daughters-in-law and 33 grandchildren living under the same roof. Home is a 100-room, four-storey house set in the hills of the village of Baktawng in the Indian state of Mizoram. Even then, some of his wives sleep top-to-tail in communal dormitories. But Ziona doesn't appear fazed by the size of his apparently happy family — and doesn't claim any benefits for their upkeep.

'I feel like God's special child. He's given me so many people to look after,' he said. 'I consider myself



You treat this place like a hotel: With 100 rooms, the Ziona mansion is the biggest concrete structure in the hilly village of Baktawng in Mizoram, India.— INTERNET



Big brood: Ziona Chana has 94 children by 39 wives, 14-daughters-in-law and 33 grandchildren.— INTERNET
 a lucky man to be the husband of 39 women and head of the world's largest family.' The family is organized with almost military discipline, with the oldest wife Zathiangi, 69, drawing up schedules for her fellow partners to take turns performing household chores such as cleaning, washing and preparing meals. One evening meal can see them pluck 30 chickens, peel 132lb of potatoes and boil up to 220lb of rice. The compound has its own school, a playground, carpentry workshops, piggery and poultry farms and a vegetable garden big enough to supply the whole family.

Internet

China-Germany trade to hit new highs despite global economic downturn

BERLIN, 22 Oct— Trade between China and Germany is expected to reach new highs, as mutual trade and investment will continue expanding, Chinese Ambassador Wu Hongbo said Friday.

Bilateral trade between China and Germany, both economic powers in the world, totalled 142.4 billion US dollars in 2010, Wu told a press briefing.

The prospect of bilateral trade remains promising for the rest of this year, as it already hit 127 billion dollars in the first nine months, despite the sweeping global economic and financial crisis, he said.

While mutual direct investment has gained momentum in recent years, a huge imbalance still exists.

Xinhua

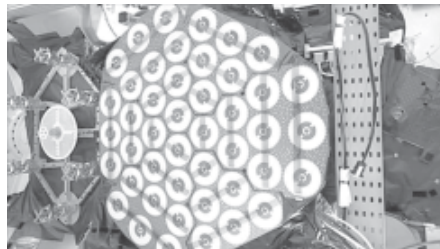
Galileo sat-nav set for new launch attempt

FRENCH GUIANA, 22 Oct —Another attempt will be made on Friday to launch the first satellites for Galileo — Europe's version of GPS. The two spacecraft are set to ride into orbit atop a Russian Soyuz rocket from Sinnamary in French Guiana. They should have left Earth on Thursday but the launch countdown was halted when a valve on pipes feeding propellant to the Soyuz' third stage was found to be leaking.

Engineers replaced the valve, keeping the delay to just 24 hours. The new launch time has been scheduled for 07:30

local time (10:30 GMT; 11:30 BST). The mission will be the first for Soyuz in French Guiana. The rocket normally flies from northern Russia, and from Kazakhstan — the famous Baikonur Cosmodrome.

A new, half-a-billion-euro launch complex has been constructed for the rocket in the South American jungle, about 10km up the coast from the launch pad of Europe's Ariane vehicles.—*Internet*



Astrium's James Hinds shows Pallab Ghosh inside a Galileo satellite.— INTERNET

New Zealand yarn store helps outfit penguins with sweaters

WELLINGTON, 22 Oct— Penguins in New Zealand need a little more than their feathers to stay warm. Skeinz, a yarn store located in the country, is asking for people to sew sweaters to keep the penguins warm as they recover from a recent oil spill, ABC News reports. "Basically, when you get even a drop of oil on these

birds, it opens up a channel so water can penetrate," Kevin McGowan of the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology told ABC News, adding that the effect is like a hole in their wetsuit.

The sweaters will block the birds from consuming oil when they preen their feathers and keep them healthy

enough until they are ready to be scrubbed down, ABC News reports. The store has already received piles of sweaters after it posted a request on its website with instructions and knitting patterns. A cargo ship ran ashore on 5 October in New Zealand, dumping 350 tons of oil into the ocean, ABC News reports.—*Internet*

Chicago's Field Museum has best restrooms



Chicago's Field Museum won Cintas Corp's 10th annual "America's Best Restroom Award" Thursday.

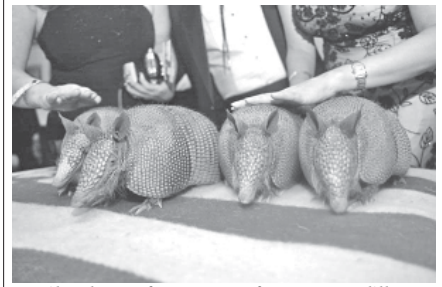
"The Field Museum is honoured to receive this award," said Field Museum Vice President of Finance Jim Croft, who oversaw the redesign of the restrooms. "Host to over 1.3 million visitors each year, the museum strives to give visitors the best service and exhibitions; we also feel this about the amenities and we are

pleased to offer our guests these unique restrooms."

"The ceilings of the Field Museum's two large family-friendly restrooms feature artwork of a beautiful night sky, a calming image that also absorbs sound," Cintas said in a release. "The museum's two ground-floor facilities offer sufficient stalls and sinks, as well as eco-friendly automated water faucets

and hand dryers. The women's restroom has a special nursing room with a door, sink and small sofa for mothers. The restrooms also feature a family-friendly 'tot area' with smaller toilets for its littlest guests." "This contest is undoubtedly fun, but it also conveys a critical message that restroom hygiene matters — for good health and good business," said John

Engel, senior marketing manager for Cincinnati restroom hygiene products and services provider Cintas. Second place went to the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Virginia, and third place went to the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts in Arizona. Photos of the Field Museum's restrooms are posted at www.bestrestroom.com.



File photo of some non-frozen armadillos.

Police: Frozen armadillo used in attack

Dallas police said they are searching for a man accused of striking a woman twice with a frozen armadillo while negotiating about the price of the carcass.

Police said the man was attempting to sell the frozen armadillo to a 57-year-old woman in an apartment complex parking lot 29 Sept, but the pair argued about the price of the animal, which the woman planned to cook and eat, KDFW-TV, Dallas/Fort Worth, reported Wednesday.

The man threw the armadillo at the woman twice, causing bruises to her leg and chest, police said. Investigators said the man could face assault charges if he is identified.

Man used officer's identity for decade

Authorities in Florida said a Mexican man living in the state has been using the identity of a Texas police officer for more than 10 years.

Pasco County sheriff's deputies said Sergio Morales Esquivel, 51, who does not have US citizenship, broke into the car of Edinburg, Texas, police officer Jorge Luis Moreno in the late 1990s and stole a wallet, *The St Petersburg Times* reported Wednesday.

The wallet was later recovered without Moreno's ID or Social Security card.

Deputies said Moreno recently learned a loan had been taken out in his name in New Port Richey, Fla. Investigators said Esquivel took out the loan to buy his wife a 2008 Toyota RAV4 from Sun Toyota in New Port Richey.

"As far as we can tell, this is the first thing he's done in Florida with that information," Pasco sheriff's spokesman Kevin Doll said. The sheriff's department said Esquivel turned himself in Monday and is being held without bail on a charge of criminal use of personal identification information.

News Album

Marilyn Monroe pic on sale for 5k pounds

LONDON, 22 Oct—A nude photograph of Marilyn Monroe is on sale for £5,000.

Christie's will hold a specialist sale in November to sell the 1962 photograph of Monroe, taken shortly before she died.

The provocative shot is part of a series called *The Last Sitting*, which catapulted American photographer Bert Stern to fame, *the Sun* reported.

Bert Stern clicked 2,500 photographs of Marilyn Monroe in 1962 for *Vogue* magazine, six weeks before the iconic beauty died of a drug



Marilyn Monroe

overdose. The celebrity photographer published a book about the sexy shoot, 'Marilyn Monroe: The Complete Last Sitting', in 1992 and recreated those iconic poses with actress Lindsay Lohan in 2008.

Internet

Zoe Saldana's fashion choices



Actress Zoe Saldana

LONDON, 22 Oct —Actress Zoe Saldana only wears clothes that complement her personality. The "Star Trek" actress is a big fan of many designers but insists she won't be swayed by names when she's picking her outfits, reports contactmusic.com.

"I love so many designers... but I look to find myself in them and not to get lost in them.

"So if I see an outfit from a designer that I really feel will complement my personality and I know that I would wear it well, I will definitely fight for it," she added.

Internet

Ludacris denies being approached by Justin Beiber to pen down lyrics

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct—Ludacris has denied rumours that Justin Beiber approached him to pen down lyrics for 'Cypher flow', to enable him to get a spot in a group freestyle performance at the Bet Hip-Hop Awards.

The famous section of the awards ceremony known as 'Cypher'—is a

pre-recorded musical segment. This year it was presented by DJ Premier and featured rappers Eminem, Busta Rhymes, Ludacris and BoB, along with Chris Brown. Earlier this week DJ Premier had revealed that he was forced to reject Justin Beiber's entry in the cypher as he got to know



'Ludacris

that Beiber did not pen down his own lyrics and that he had asked Ludacris to pen down the lyrics for him, Contactmusic.com reports. Ludacris has however denied the rumour insisting that the baby hitmaker never approached him for writing cypher.

Internet

Jennifer Grey to be guest judge on 'Strictly Come Dancing'

LONDON, 22 Oct—'Dirty Dancing' actress Jennifer Grey is reportedly joining 'Strictly Come Dancing' as a guest judge next month.

The 51-year-old

glamorous American beauty is stepping in place of head judge Len Goodman, who will be absent from the BBC1 show for a week to focus on 'Dancing With the Stars', the US version of the series.

Grey won the US show in 2009, achieving consistently high scores

with professional dance partner Derek Hough.

"I am delighted to be involved. I so look forward to making the pilgrimage to the birthplace of the greatest TV dance show, the mecca of spray tans and tangos, and to sit in for the great and pernickety



Jennifer Grey

Len Goodman," *The Daily Express* quoted her as saying.—Internet

Britney Spears is honing her stitching skills backstage

LONDON, 22 Oct—Britney Spears has reportedly been taking sewing lessons while on tour.

The 29-year-old singing sensation is currently on the European leg of her 'Femme Fatale' tour, reported *The Daily Star*.

The singer posted a snap of herself on Twitter saying, "Sewing lesson in Sweden from the wardrobe team."—Internet



Jason Trawick and Britney Spears

Schalke signs goalkeeper Timo Hildebrand



**German goalkeeper
Timo Hildebrand**

BERLIN, 22 Oct — German Bundesliga club Schalke has signed goalkeeper Timo Hildebrand until the end of the season, the club announced on Friday. The 32-year-old former German international goalkeeper was out of contract and joined Schalke to step in for starting goalkeeper Ralf Faehrmann who heavily

injured his left knee at the last Bundesliga match day.

"He has a lot of experience, the best goalkeeper age and he has an advantage, he kept himself fit at another club," Schalke sports director Horst Heldt said. After 18 months Hildebrand returned into Bundesliga after he already played for Stuttgart (1999-2007) and Hoffenheim (2009-2010). Since he left Germany his career went downhill until he trained out of contract at Frankfurt. "I'm full of energy and am looking forward to this great task," Hildebrand said. *Xinhua*

Ivanovic had faith in Torres

LONDON, 22 Oct — Defender Branislav Ivanovic says Chelsea's players never doubted Fernando Torres would come good. The £50m man took the biggest step yet towards ending his nightmare start to life at Stamford Bridge when he netted his first double for the Blues since his record-breaking January move from Liverpool in Wednesday night's Champions League thrashing of Genk, taking his tally to four goals from his last



Fernando Torres is starting to find his goalscoring form

four club appearances.

His previous two strikes this season against Manchester United and Swansea City had been marred, respectively, by one of the worst misses in Barclays Premier League history and the Spaniard's first red card in English football. And although he might easily have had a hat-trick against an injury-ravaged opposition, the 5-0 win was easily Torres' most trouble-free outing in a Chelsea jersey.— *Internet*



Branislav Ivanovic always believed in the quality of Torres

Dortmund hammer Cologne to close in on Bayern



Borussia Dortmund's Robert Lewandowski (L) tries to score against Cologne during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Dortmund 22 October, 2011.—INTERNET

DORTMUND, 22 OCT—Defending champions Borussia Dortmund hammered Cologne 5-0 on Saturday to move up to second in the German league and close the gap on leaders Bayern Munich. Bayern are at Hanover on Sunday, but their lead at the top has been cut to three points after Jurgen Klopp's side dismantled Cologne with Poland striker Robert Lewandowski scoring twice.

Having suffered their second straight Champions League defeat at Olympiakos in mid-week, Dortmund bounced back in style. Dortmund won the title last season with Lucas Barrios their top scorer, but with the Paraguay striker injured, Lewandowski is filling the role as Borussia's lone center-forward with seven goals in 10 games.

The hosts began the rout when Japan winger Shinji Kagawa netted after just seven minutes, Germany defender Marcel Schmelzer then curled in a long-range shot and Lewandowski finished off a great move to make it 3-0 at the break. The Poland forward then netted again five minutes into the second half as the hosts attacked in waves and captain Sebastian Kehl scored the fifth from a header on 66 minutes.— *Internet*

Other Premier League result

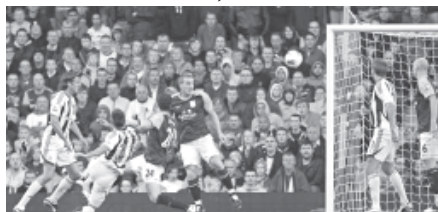
Liverpool 1, Norwich 1

Sunderland 2, Bolton Wanderers 0

BOLTON, 22 Oct—Sunderland handed Bolton its fifth straight home loss in the Premier League, winning 2-0 on Saturday with late goals from Stephane Sessegnon and Nicklas Bendtner. After dominating the second half at the Reebok Stadium, Steve Bruce's Black Cats went ahead in the 82nd minute when Sessegnon turned neatly and shot past Sunderland goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen.

Bendtner slid a stoppage-time shot under Jaaskelainen to give Sunderland its first away win of the season. Bolton ended a run of six straight losses with a 3-1 win at Wigan last weekend but has yet to avoid defeat in its five home league games.— *Internet*

SPORTS West Brom 2, Aston Villa 1



West Bromwich Albion's Austrian midfielder Paul Scharner (2nd L) scores a goal during the English Premier League football match against Aston Villa at Villa Park in Birmingham.—INTERNET

BIRMINGHAM, 22 OCT—West Bromwich Albion rallied to beat 10-man Aston Villa 2-1 in a Premier League derby in Birmingham on Saturday. West Brom goalkeeper Ben Foster fouled Gabriel Agbonlahor inside the area to set up Darren Bent's 23rd-minute successful penalty kick for Villa.

The hosts were reduced to 10 men in the 35th after Chris Herd collided with Jonas Olsson. But Chris Brunt shot the ensuing penalty wide for West Brom, which by then had lost striker Shane Long to injury.

Olsson headed in the equalizer in the 45th before Paul Scharner connected with Brunt's outswinging corner to volley in the 57th-minute winner. Villa's second straight league loss was its first to Birmingham rival West Brom at Villa Park since 1979.— *Internet*

Zvonareva upset, Bartoli withdraws at Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW, 22 Oct — Dominika Cibulkova advanced to her second straight semifinal on Friday, rallying to beat top seed Vera Zvonareva of Russia 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Kremlin Cup. In the quarterfinals, Kaia Kanepi upset sixth-seeded Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-2 to set up a semi-final clash with Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic, who ousted an-



Dominika Cibulkova of the Slovak Republic

other Russian, Vera Dushevina, 6-4, 6-4. Earlier, Marion Bartoli of France withdrew from the quarterfinals with an illness, handing Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska a spot in the season-ending WTA Championships in Istanbul.— *Internet*



Marion Bartoli of France

Cabaye off the mark as Newcastle down Latics

NEWCASTLE, 22 Oct—Newcastle maintained their dream start to the season as Frenchman Yohan Cabaye's first goal for the club handed them a 1-0 victory over Wigan at St James Park. Cabaye — who had surprised many in his homeland by leaving Champions League-qualified Lille this summer — curled in an 81st minute winner after good work by compatriot Sylvain Marveaux.

The goal cemented Newcastle's place in the top four, leaving them level on points but trailing on goal difference from third-placed Chelsea who play QPR in the west London derby on Sunday. Cabaye's late winner added to Wigan's woes however, and sent the Latics tumbling to the foot of the table after a poor start to the season. None of that will concern Newcastle and manager Alan Pardew, however, who have now confounded expectations by stretching their unbeaten start to the season to nine matches. Defeat was tough on Wigan, though, who kept Newcastle at bay for much of the afternoon and caused problems for the home side in attack with the return from injury of Hugo Rodallega.

Rodallega had a shot on goal blocked in the first minute, and teed up a glorious opportunity for Victor Moses four minutes later, heading down only for his team-mate to volley wide. Rodallega then missed a golden chance on 15 minutes when a through ball from David Jones sent him clear of the Newcastle defence. *Internet*



Newcastle United's French midfielder Yohan Cabaye (L) celebrates scoring the opening goal with teammate Steven Taylor (R) during the English Premier League football match against Wigan Athletic at St James' Park in Newcastle. Newcastle won 1-0.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-10-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions		Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(23-10-11 09:30 am ~ 24-10-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

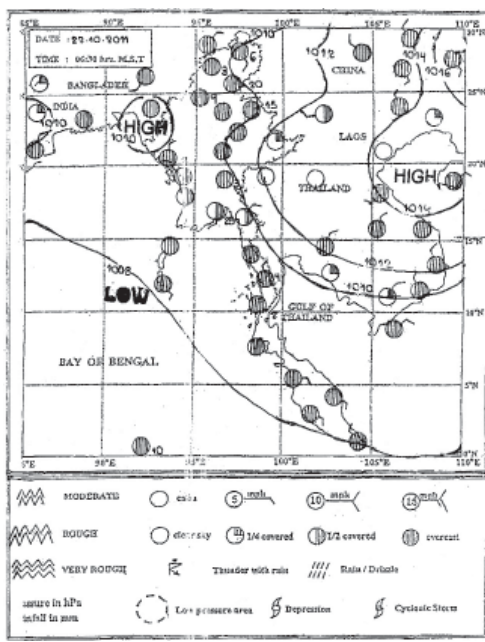
- * Opening
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- * News
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- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (Global Warming)
- * Trio Dance with open ended and short drums
- * News
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- * Helps others to help themselves
- * News
- * "Secret Places for Yummy Food" (Episode-13) Suzuki Restaurant
- * News
- * Honouring Those Who Deserve
- * News
- * "Beautiful Dance Patterns in Three Different Times" (Part-3) Football Match
- * Tar Tet Pwe...from Shan Midlands Region
- * 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Sunday, 23 October View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 6. Health Programme

- 8:10 am
- 7. (38) Kinds of Auspiciousness
- 8:25 am
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am
- 9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Teleplay (Health)
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am
- 3. Round up of the Week's International News
- 11:30 am
- 4. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm
- 5. Myanmar Movies
- 2:00 pm
- 6. Documentary
- 2:15 pm
- 7. Teleplay (Htar Na Sai Yar)

- 2:35 pm
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:50 pm
- 9. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm
- 4. Song of National Races
- 4:40 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (English)
- 4:55 pm
- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 7. Song Varieties
- 5:15 pm
- 8. Documentary

- 5:25 pm
- 9. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
- 13. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) "Power of Youth" (Yangon Region Art troupe)
- 19. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011)

Weather forecast for 23rd October, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/Stater	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	17/63	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	35/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	20/68	09/48	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	32/90	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	34/93	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	34/93	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	33/91	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	31/88	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	25/77	16/61	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	29/84	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Region and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Chin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfall in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinman) (2.32) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (2.05) inches and Falan (1.42) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Wolves' fightback denies Swansea

WOLVERHAMPTON, 22 Oct—Wolves staged a dramatic late fightback to deny Swansea their first away win of the season on Saturday, scoring twice in the final six minutes to snatch a 2-2 draw at Molineux.



Swansea City's English midfielder Nathan Dyer (right) vies with Wolverhampton Wanderers' Christophe Berra during the English Premier League football match at Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton.—INTERNET

Swansea appeared to be cruising to victory after outplaying Wolves for much of an entertaining contest and taking a 2-0 lead through first-half goals from Danny Graham and Joe Allen.

But with Wolves' sixth straight defeat looming, Mick McCarthy's men somehow dragged themselves back into the contest with a goal from Kevin Doyle on 84 minutes before Jamie O'Hara grabbed an 86th-minute leveller.

The result came as a relief to beleaguered Wolves boss McCarthy, who had seen his players booed after Swansea's second goal and was subjected to angry taunts from home fans during the second half. The defeat saw Wolves move two places up the table to 14th spot while Swansea moved up to 11th.

McCarthy later declined to comment on the home fans booing of his team.

"It's not for me to discuss," he told Sky Sports. "Let's just emphasise all the positives. All the nonsense that goes on, we'll deal with that another time."

"The half-time team talk I'd like to think helped. The lads who came on helped the game in the second half." Swansea boss Brendan Rogers was left frustrated after watching victory slip away from his team in the final 10 minutes.

"For 80 minutes were were outstanding," he said.—Internet

Artistes urged to present performance of Jataka not only with cultural arts but also with IT special effects for long-term existence of performance in cultural Jataka event and attracting youths with impressive entertainments

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of the Work Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan met the secretary and members of the Leading Committee and the Work Committee, members of the panel of judges at central level and at region and state level, team managers and staff at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science in Yezin Universities' Campus in Zeyathiri Township here yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that the meeting was aimed at fulfilling the requirements of the procedure of the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and coordinating the task of the competitions for better essence.

The Performing Arts Competitions have been held successfully as members of the panel of



Chairman of Leading Committee and Work Committee for Organizing Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan meets secretary and members of Leading Committee and Work Committee, members of central and region and state panel of judges, team managers and staff.—MNA

judges contributed to the competitions with the spirit of adoring the singing, dancing, song composing and music sectors of the Myanmar traditional culture and goodwill for perpetually flourishing of the performing arts among the youths. Many members of panel of

judges have been discharging duties in the competitions from its first time to date. Moreover, each region and state cooperates with the central level body in organizing the competitions as national duty with the concept on flourishing of national culture. With a

view to successfully holding the competitions, ministries concerned including the Tatmadaw participated in providing foods, health care services, clean drinking water and security, accommodation and
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NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The inauguration of Kyarhtoo Bridge situated at mile post No (47/0) on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road in Natmauk Township in Magway District of Magway Region, was held at the pavilion near the bridge this morning with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint.

On the occasion, on behalf of the residents in Magway Region, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe expressed words of thanks for putting the facility into service.

Kyarhtoo Bridge on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road put into service

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Region Minister for Transport U Win Pe and Region Minister for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min formally opened the bridge, and then Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint pressed

a button to unveil the stone plaque of the bridge.

As a result of opening the bridge, the region gets easy access to its network places becoming smooth in trading, and contributing to regional development.

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Stimulant tablets, chemicals used in manufacturing stimulant tablets, tablet-producing machines and related items, heavy and small arms and grenades seized in Kutkai Township



NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Members of the military column seized more than 510,000 WY

Photo shows stimulant tablets, chemicals and related items used in producing stimulant tablets seized at Takkanine village in Kutkai Township.

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brand stimulant tablets, chemicals and a machine and related items used in production of stimulant tablets, two 60 mm mortars, two small arms, five grenades and rounds of ammunition of small arms and arrested a culprit in connection with narcotic drugs and small arms in Kutkai Township on 8 and 9 October.

While combing the area at 4.45 pm on 8 October, members of the military column seized 3360 WY brand pink stimulant tablets, nine kilos of stimulant powder, 140 liters of spirit, three liters hydrochloric acid, one stimulant powder blender, three masks, one old dynamo, one glass cylinder, one glass bottle installed with a pipe, two

glass tubes, two small metal containers, one big metal container, one ceramic funnel, four gas cylinders, 10 kilos of bone charcoal, one scale, one AK-47 with 60 rounds, two magazines, five grenades, one base plate of 88 mm mortar and a corporal-ranking uniform of KIA (Kachin) group at a 60x60 RC type one-storey building in the tea farm of Ma Lugya, one-mile and two-furlong north-east of Takkanine village in Kutkai Township, and arrested Sai Aung, a guard.

While carrying out a search of the house of tea farm proprietor Lauk Woo and wife Ma Lugya, No (K h a / I 6) in Takkanine village
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