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## Fourth day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session held Bill amending Political Parties Registration Law approved by both Hluttaws put on record by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



*Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends fourth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—The fourth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 584 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, one bill was approved; Hluttaw representatives were informed to register for discussion; joint-committee members were co-opted; and one bill was recorded.

First, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained measures of

Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw with regard to decision of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that bills approved by the

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or deemed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if suspected to be not in line with the constitution, are

to be sent to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to undergo a scrutiny before sending to the President for his

approval.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker continued that the Pyithu Hluttaw proposed to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 2 November to let Pyithu Hluttaw reject the decision made at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 28 October that “bills approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or deemed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if suspected to be not in line with the constitution, are to be sent to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to undergo a scrutiny before sending to the President for his approval” is neither in

accordance with the constitution nor Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules and By-laws and asked to cancel the decision.

It is enacted in laws that bills approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are to be sent to the President for his approval and promulgation of the laws. That bills suspected of violation of the constitution are to be sent to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union before sending to the President is not a case which is not allowed by law. As only the constitutional tribunal can define and make comment

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### True patriotism

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

*Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives seen at fourth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.*

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### Agricultural Production Development Committee holds central level meeting



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### Uppatasanti Pagoda packed with pilgrims who pay homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

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### MLF provides cash and books to village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated cash for construction of village libraries and books at the hall of Pakokku District Information and Public Relations Department in Pakokku this morning.

Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations Department of Magway Region U Win Khin presented K 1 million donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation for construction of

Shweohnmin Library in Ohnmin Village of Seikpyu Township to Head of Township IPRD U Myo Myint Aung.

District Staff officer U Tin Win handed over books worth K 100,000 to officials of Appamada Library of Aingshay Village in Pakokku Township, Nyeinchanthu Library of Monhnyin Village of Yesagyo Township and Alinthis Library of Gwaybin Village of Seikpyu Township.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Promote national strength

Myanmar is home to national brethren who have been living in the Union and partaking water from the same source since time immemorial.

Myanmar has been standing tall as an independent and sovereign nation with its own literature, arts and culture in the course of history. And it is the duty of all the people to safeguard national prestige and integrity. Only when they safeguard national prestige and integrity, will they stand tall among the global people as highly civilized ones.

Each and every citizen is to be equipped themselves with Union Spirit in order that they can uplift national prestige and integrity. In Myanmar history, a large number of victories were achieved in nationalistic movements based on patriotism and Union Spirit.

In the rapid advancement of information technology throughout the world, big countries with financial power are making attempts to influence the small countries injecting their concepts and culture. Being geographically strategic, Myanmar must have nationalistic awareness of safeguarding own national characters.

All the people are to defend penetration of alien culture and life styles by building social and economic walls. They must have clear nationalistic outlook with the sense of nationalistic fervour. Correct decisions can only be made through good reasoning power.

National strength of Myanmar depends on patriotism. Myanmar has been able to build its society through Union Spirit. Thus, all the citizens are to build a new nation by uplifting their national prestige and integrity.

### Traditional medicines, important health care for people

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Traditional medicine plays an important role in providing health care services to the people in successive eras, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the leading committee for organizing the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at the hall of the National Health Committee of the ministry, here, this morning.

He continued to say that meetings and discussions of traditional medicine practitioners from various regions of the nation will have the opportunities to promote health care for the people with the use of traditional medicines; and he called for active participation in holding the conference on a grand scale.

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## General Min Aung Hlaing and party arrive back from Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—The goodwill delegation of the Myanmar Tatmadaw led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla arrived back here this evening after paying a goodwill visit to Vietnam at the invitation of Vietnamese Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh.

They were welcomed back by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and the



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and officials.—MNA

commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command.

Lt-Gen Thauung Aye and Lt-Gen Sein Win of the Commander-in-Chief

(Army)'s Office, Commander of Central-East Command Brig-Gen Mya Tun Oo, Commander of Central Command Maj-

Gen Ye Aung and senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office also arrived back on the flight.—MNA

## Agricultural Production Development Committee holds central level meeting



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing makes clarification at second central level meeting of Agricultural Production Development Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—All are to strive for improvement in quality and quantity of agricultural produce to be able to penetrate the international market so that farmers can enjoy better incomes, said Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing at the second central level meeting of Agricultural Production Development Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here this morning.

Next, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint discussed current production of agricultural produce and measures for boosting of export. Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe explained

measures for agricultural development in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and preparations for establishment of advanced rice mills and packing machines. Region and State ministers for agriculture and livestock respectively explained ongoing and future plans for agricultural development.

It was attended by the Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, crops dealers, Agriculture Service managers from regions and sates and officials of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry.—MNA

## White House shooting suspect to be charged with attempted assassination

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—A man who was allegedly involved in a shooting incident near the White House last week will be charged with attempting to assassinate President Barack Obama or a member of his staff, media reported Thursday.

Assistant US Attorney Jimmy Kitchen announced the would-be charge against Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez at the suspect's first federal court hearing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

CNN reported. Ortega-Hernandez will be transferred to Washington, DC where he will be formally indicted. If convicted, he faces a possible maximum penalty of life in prison and 250,000 dollars of fine, according to the report.

The Idaho man was arrested Wednesday near Indiana, Pennsylvania, for alleged connection with a shooting incident near the White House last Friday, which authorities said may be responsible for two

bullets found at the White House Tuesday. One bullet struck an exterior window of the White House and was stopped by ballistic glass, the other was found on the exterior of the White House.

Gunshots were heard Friday night near the White House. Witnesses said they saw two speeding cars racing on the Constitution Avenue, not far from the White House, with bullets shot from the cars at each other.

US Park Police and the Secret Service launched investigation into the incident and recovered an abandoned vehicle and an assault rifle, which led them to lock Ortega-Hernandez as the suspect.

Xinhua



**Afghan boys look at the site where a rocket landed in Kabul, on 17 Nov, 2011. Two rockets landed in an area of Kabul, several kilometers away from a top meeting of Afghan and community leaders on Thursday, injuring one civilian.**  
REUTERS

## Afghan, NATO forces capture several militants

KABUL, 18 Nov—Afghan and the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) captured several anti-government militants in Helmand Province 555 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul on Thursday, a Press release of the alliance said Friday.

“A combined Afghan and coalition security force detained multiple suspected militants during an operation in Nawah-ye Barakzai District, Helmand Province, yesterday,” the Press release said.

“The force conducted the operation after receiving a tip that militant leaders were meeting at a compound in the area. After calling for the men inside to come out peacefully, the militant leaders, with several subordinates, emerged and were detained without incident,” the Press release said but did not give details.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led forces have yet to make comment.—Xinhua



**An Afghan police officer checks a car at a temporary police checkpoint in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Nov, 2011. Militants fired two rockets Thursday toward a site where more than 2,000 Afghan elders are attending a national assembly to discuss the future of US military presence in Afghanistan, officials said.**

INTERNET

## Bomb kills four Afghan children

KABUL, 18 Nov—Four Afghan children were killed on Friday when a bomb exploded as they played near their home in the warring country's troubled east, which borders Pakistan, officials said.

The blast in Nangarhar Province is the latest reminder of the high death toll suffered by civilians in the current war since the 2001 US-led invasion ousted the Taliban from power.

“Four children were killed and six others were slightly injured as a result of roadside bomb explosion,” said Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, a spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar. “The incident took place around 9:30 am (0500 GMT).” But the interior ministry said the

explosion was caused by a mortar apparently left over from Afghanistan's decades of war.

Afghanistan faced years of conflict before 2001 and explosive devices dating from this period regularly cause deaths and injuries, often to curious children.

However, most bombings are linked to an insurgency being waged by the extremist Taliban.

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## Three killed in attacks in Iraq's Mosul

MOSUL, 18 Nov— Three people were killed Thursday in bomb attacks targeting Iraqi security forces in Mosul, the capital City of Iraq's northern Province of Nineveh, a provincial police source said.

Two roadside bombs went off simultaneously near a police convoy in southern Mosul, killing Major Jabar Rasheed Mwlood, chief of a city police station, the source from Nineveh's operations commands told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A passer-by was also killed by the blasts, which destroyed a police vehicle, the source said.

In a separate incident, a booby-trapped car detonated near an Iraqi army patrol in the al-Zuhour neighbourhood in eastern Mosul, killing a civilian, the source added.

Nineveh Province has long been a stronghold for militant groups, including al-Qaeda militants. Its Capital Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, is one of the country's most restive cities.—Xinhua

**Men accused by the Iraqi authorities of being members of al-Qaeda in Iraq are seen blindfolded and handcuffed in Jurf al-Sakhar, 43 miles (70 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 16 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA**



**A Soldier stands inside a drug tunnel discovered in Tijuana, Mexico, on 16 Nov, 2011. Police discovered a "major cross-border drug tunnel" running to California, the United States, from Mexico and seized 14 tons of marijuana, authorities said on Wednesday.**  
XINHUA

## German neo-Nazi terrorists had 'hit list' of 88 targets including politicians

BERLIN, 18 Nov—A neo-Nazi terrorist group that was responsible for several murders and bombings across Germany, had a hit list of 88 possible targets, which included prominent politicians, it has emerged.

Investigators discovered the list during inquiries into the activities of the so-called National Socialist Underground (NSU), a gang believed to have shot dead nine men of immigrant background and a policewoman.

According to the *Telegraph*, along with politicians the names of leaders from Germany's large Turkish and Islamic communities were also found on the list.

The number 88 is apparently code for Adolf Hitler in neo-Nazi circles because the letter H is the eighth letter of the alphabet, and is code for 'Heil Hitler,' the paper said.

Two of those apparently targeted are senior politicians from Munich, the Green MP Jerzy Montag and the Christian Social Union MP Hans-Peter Uhl Both said they were deeply shocked by the revelation.

According to the paper, the gang's members first became known to the authorities in the 1990s when they entered the neo-Nazi scene.—Internet

## Japan Inc steps up shift overseas as yen stays high

Business

TOKYO, 18 Nov—Japan's big manufacturers are speeding up their shift overseas, in a sign they see the strong yen as a long-term handicap rather than a temporary blip, as they struggle to compete with nimble Asian rivals.

A sluggish home market and energy shortages following the widespread nuclear power shutdown sparked by the 11 March earthquake and ensuing atomic crisis are also tipping the balance toward investment abroad.

Panasonic Corp is planning its first solar factory outside Japan, sources said on Friday, while Suzuki Motor Corp said it was seeking to double auto production at its joint venture in China by 2015.

Rival automakers Toyota Motor Corp and Nissan Motor Co also said on Thursday that exchange rates were forcing them to consider changes in their own production plans.

The Japanese currency was trading at about 77 yen to the dollar on Friday, compared with levels around 90 yen two years ago.



Nissan Motor's Iwaki factory is seen in Iwaki, about 50km (31 miles) from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, Fukushima prefecture on 17 May, 2011. —REUTERS

The euro has tumbled to about 104 yen, compared with about 134 yen in November 2009, slashing the value of overseas revenues brought home to Japan by export-reliant firms. Manufacturers say there is little prospect of increasing procurement in euros to offset the pain.—Reuters

## Health Tip: Getting ready for childbirth

Creating a birth plan means making a list of your preferences for labour and delivery.

The American Academy of Pediatricians says birth-planning should include your preferences about:

- \* Whether someone calls the doctor's office when you go into labour, or do you simply head for the hospital?
- \* Transportation to the hospital.
- \* Where you'll deliver, who will be present and who you would like to deliver your baby.
- \* Your preferences for position during labour, and pain management options.
- \* Your preferences if unexpected circumstances arise, including the possibility of cesarean section.
- \* In the event that you deliver early, does the facility have the resources to care for a premature baby?—Internet

## Vaccines group to buy cervical cancer shot

LONDON, 18 Nov—A global vaccines group says it is working to buy shots to protect up to 2 million women and young girls in poor countries from cervical cancer.

After a meeting in Bangladesh this week, the GAVI alliance said women and young girls in nine developing countries might be immunized against the human papillomavirus,

or HPV, which causes cervical cancer, by 2015.

But the group says buying the vaccines depends on whether it can negotiate a reasonable price from manufacturers and whether countries can prove they can actually deliver the shots.

The GAVI alliance includes the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the vaccine industry and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among others. HPV causes about 275,000 cervical cancer deaths every year, of which 88 percent occur in poor countries.

Internet



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Health



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## Nestle finishes acquisition of 60% stake in Yinlu

Business

XIAMEN, 18 Nov—Swiss food giant Nestle SA Thursday officially finished the acquisition of a 60 percent stake in China's Yinlu Foods Group.

At a ceremony in the southeastern City of Xiamen, home to the headquarters of Yinlu, the two also announced they will jointly invest 2.5 billion yuan (394 million US dollars) in Yinlu to expand current and build new production facilities nationwide.

Chen Qingyuan, chairman of Yinlu, said the company will seek the help of Nestle to make Yinlu an international brand and

to expand into the international market.

Roland Decorvet, chairman and CEO of Nestle China, said Yinlu has a very good understanding of the tastes of Chinese consumers and the Chinese market and also has very extensive distribution and sales network, while Nestle has rich experience

in fields like research and development and management.

The two declined to disclose the price of the acquisition. Yinlu, known for its peanut milk and instant porridge products, reported a revenue of 5.4 billion yuan in 2010, up 52.5 percent from a year ago.

Xinhua

## CooperVision contact lens recall expanded

Health

OTTAWA, 18 Nov—CooperVision is expanding its recall of contact lenses after complaints of vision problems, discomfort and eye injuries related to the products.

Health Canada says in an advisory Wednesday that it is working with the company to identify which lenses on the Canadian market are affected by the worldwide recall.

CooperVision is pulling certain lots of its Encore100 Toric and Encore100 sphere contact lenses due to the presence of silicone oil

on the products, which may cause hazy vision or discomfort, severe eye pain or eye injuries requiring medical treatment.

The residue was reportedly caused by a manufacturing problem experienced by CooperVision, one of the largest eye-care companies in the US.

The company advises consumers to stop wearing affected lenses immediately and contact their eye-care practitioner for advice.

Wednesday's recall notice is the company's third in recent months. In October, CooperVision recalled about 600,000 Avaira Toric

contact lenses linked to pain, red eye and blurred vision in wearers after coming under pressure from US health regulators. The company announced its first recall 19 August.

In Canada, Avaira Toric lenses are sold as Encore Toric.—Internet

CooperVision information on how to locate the lot number of the recalled contact lenses



## Hand-foot-mouth disease tends to reduce in Vietnam

Health

HANOI, 18 Nov—The hand-foot-mouth disease (HFMD) appeared to stop spread in Vietnam. However, there have been a total of 84,000 people infected by the disease so far this year, of which southern cities and provinces account for 65 percent.

Dr Tran Ngoc Huu, director of the Ho Chi Minh City Pasteur Institute, made the announcement on Thursday at a seminar on the institute's 120-year research and prevention of the infectious diseases. Addressing the conference with participants from the famous Pasteur Institutes throughout the world, including those from France, Australia, the United States, Japan and Singapore, Dr Huu spoke of the HFMD outbreak in Vietnam and other Asia-Pacific countries. Children are more vulnerable to the disease due to their less resistance to the EV71 virus, so efforts should be made to apply hygienic measures, especially at kindergartens and schools, Huu said.—Xinhua

## Objectives of the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary National Day

- \* To uplift national prestige and integrity and to strengthen Union Spirit
- \* To promote national education
- \* To ensure perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
- \* To build a modern and developed new nation

## 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary National Day

10<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tazaungmon, 1373 ME

(20-11-2011)

## Nationalism-The Soul of a People

By Maung Hlaing

Significantly, the month of November this year brings one Myanmar traditional festival known as Tazaungdaing Festival and two significant days—National Day and Sarsodaw, or Literati Day.

Socially, we happily took part in the Tazaungdaing Festival. We are going to celebrate the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary National Day and are going to observe the Sarsodaw, or Myanmar Literati Day.

As we talk the National Day, it reminds me of my childhood days. It was during the days when I was in the primary standards of Tavatimsa Monastic School in Wakema Township. Traditionally, when the National Day came round, we students went round the town in procession, chanting the slogans—"Myanmar literature is ours; Myanmar language is ours; Love our land" and so on. At that time, as I was a typical child, I just had a nice time in the procession.

*Amyotha Aungbwe Nay*, or *Amyotha Nay*, the National Day indeed is a significant day. Unlike other days of political significance, it is marked by the Myanmar calendar.

It dates back to the Tenth Waning of Tazaungmon 91 years ago, in the year 1282 Myanmar Era.

It took place in those days when Myanmar was under the colonial yoke. Myanmar people were being subjugated politically, economically, and socially.

According to the historical records, on 28 August 1920, the British Government moved to bring the University Act into force. The Act was one that would make it more difficult for Myanmar nationals to pursue higher education and permit only a wealthy few to get University education. It was, therefore, rejected by all patriotic-minded people.

However, the Act was passed in December 1920. As a result, students of Yangon College and Judson College got together and decided to boycott it. Accordingly, the boycott of the colonial education system was launched on the tenth day of the Waning of the Myanmar month of Tazaungmon (5 December 1920).

This is the day that was marked as *Amyotha Aungbwe Nay*, as it was so decided by the ninth conference of the GCBA held in 1921 in Mandalay, in due recognition of the fact that the 1920 movement against subjugative education system triggered off the entire people's great rising, politically and economically, against the imperialist rulers.

It was just cause of the Myanmar people to overthrow the forces of colonialism. What the colonialist failed to notice was that though Myanmar

lost her independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity to the imperialist powers, the national spirit lived on in the hearts of most Myanmar people. With the lapse of time, it became like glowing embers. What fanned them into flames was the movement against subjugative education system. This course of action taken by the students served as a clarion call for the national struggle for independence of the nation. And what is most valued is the national spirit, the desire to unite and act on the basis of national interests.

As a matter of fact, Myanmar people have been famous for their nationalism. Even after the annexation of Upper Myanmar, the flame of nationalism continued to burn in the hearts and minds of Myanmar people. The patriots kept the flame of nationalism bright even in the darkest days of the country's history. In this way, the nationalism continued to rise in waves and to stir the minds of all patriotic national people.

The first tide of nationalism came over the whole country when Venerable Sayadaw U Ottama organized the people.

The movement against the 1920 Yangon University Act was designated as the second wave of nationalism which gave birth to struggle of independence. This spirit of nationalism continued to be in the hearts and minds of the people until Myanmar finally regained her independence.

National spirit, which played a determining role in those days of the past, is therefore being cherished also today. Thus, national character retained can easily be seen in our national development programmes.

Times have changed. Our patriotic forefathers have done their best and earned the rest. However, the spirit of nationalism and sacrifice in the interest of the nation and the people is etched in the minds of younger generation. The torch of nationalism has been relayed to the posterity of successive periods.

Our duty is to make youths know that nationalism is the soul of the nation and serves as the guiding light in the endeavours for perpetuating peace and progress. They will strive in national spirit to safeguard the perpetuity, stability, and integrity of our new nation—Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Just as national spirit had triumphed even in the darkest hours of the past, so shall it today, tomorrow and day after tomorrow.

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## Poem

### The Day of the National Spirit Triumphed

- \* In the year 1282 Myanmar Era,  
Tenth Waning of Tazaungmon on calendar;  
Coincided with fifth December in 1920 A.D.,  
Yangon University Act was protested in unity.
- \* The imperialists divided and ruled the country;  
Subjugated the people politically and economically.  
Though Myanmar lost her independence and sovereignty,  
National spirit lived on in Myanmar community.
- \* The 1920 movement against colonial education  
Triggered off the entire people's intensification.  
The 1920 Boycott served as a clarion call;  
Paved the way to independence for all.
- \* The education system in force was subjugative  
And served to prop up the rule of colonialists.  
To oppose those endeavours of the imperialists,  
There emerged moves to organize nationalists.
- \* Unlike other days of political significance,  
Is marked by Myanmar calendar in essence.  
What is most valued is the national spirit,  
The desire to act on national interest basis.
- \* National Spirit played a determining role;  
Is therefore being cherished today also.  
On the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary National Day,  
Let's further strengthen it in deepest way.
- \* Myanmar people are strongly patriotic by nature;  
And equipped with nationalistic spirit for ever.  
Myanmar now stands tall with national prestige;  
May National Spirit be dynamic and effective!

Maung Swe Ngae

## Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and party arrive in Hanoi of Vietnam



*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla being welcomed at Noi Boi International Airport in Hanoi by Head of Vietnamese National Defence Ministry and officials.*  
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NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by members of the delegation, left here by special aircraft of Myanmar Tatmadaw at 8 am on 14 November at the invitation of the Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh of Vietnam and arrived at Noi Boi International Airport of Vietnam at 11 am local time.

General Min Aung Hlaing and wife were welcomed at the airport by Head of the Vietnamese Ministry of National Defence Maj-General Vu Van Hien, Vietnamese Military Attaché Snr Col Nguyen Van Vui and officials, Charge d' Affaires ai of Myanmar Embassy Daw Hmway Hmway Khaing, Myanmar Military Attaché to Vietnam Col Win Hlaing and wife Daw Mya Mya Win and officials.

At the lounge of Hanoi Airport, two Myanmar children presented the bouquet to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife. They were welcomed by staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party went to Melia Hanoi Hotel in a motorcade.  
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## General Min Aung Hlaing and party attend dinner hosted by Vietnamese Minister of National Defence and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov— The goodwill delegation of the Myanmar Tatmadaw led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla was hosted a dinner by Minister of National Defence of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh and wife Mrs. Tran Thi Loc at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi on 14 November evening.

At the dinner, General Phung Quang Thanh and General Min Aung Hlaing delivered addresses. During the dinner, military music band of Vietnam presented dances and songs.

After the dinner, leaders of the two armed forces exchanged gifts and presented the bouquet to the artists and posed for documentary photo.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife met staff and families of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office and Myanmar scholarship students.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented gifts and foodstuff to them.  
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*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Vietnamese Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh pose for documentary photo with Vietnamese artists at the dinner.—MNA*

## Myanmar bags four more bronzes in wrestling



*Silver medalist Heint Latt Zaw in 60-kilo men's Judo event.*  
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*Silver medalist Thinzar Soe in women's 52-kilo Judo event.*  
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*Kyaw Moe Win wins bronze medal in men's 69-kilo weightlifting event.—MNA*



*Gold medalists Ye Min Swe and Aung Hngein in mixed team compound event.—MNA*

ceased to semifinal by beating Singaporean boxer. On 18 November, Myanmar boxers will compete in four semifinal matches. In the women's 57-kilo event, Kyu Kyu Hlaing will meet with Vietnamese boxer whereas Myanmar boxer Thet Htar San will compete with Malaysian boxer in the 48-kilo event. Myanmar boxer Wai Phyo Tun will meet with Vietnamese boxer in the women's 49-kilo event and Myanmar boxer Kyaw Kyaw Latt will fight against Thai boxer in the men's 56-kilo event.  
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wrestling athlete Win Hlaing Htwe secured two joint bronze medals in 66-kilo event, Zaw Moe Aung one bronze in the 84-kilo event and Zaw Min Aung one bronze in the 60-kilo event.

Yesterday afternoon, Myanmar boxer Nay Lin Aung cruised into the final in the 69-kilo event by beating the boxer of Timor Leste with 25-14

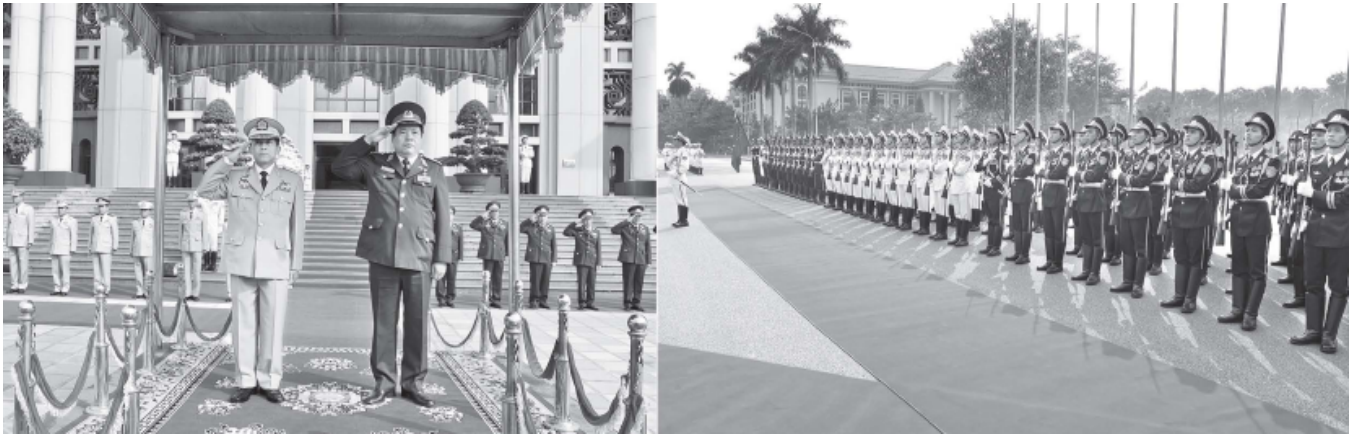
result. Myanmar will meet with Thai boxer in the final on 21 November.

Likewise, Myanmar boxer Aung Ko Ko stepped up to the final by winning over Malaysian boxer in the 81-kilo event of Lighthheavy Weight. Aung Ko Ko is to compete with Vietnamese boxer on 21 November.

In the 62-kilo event, Myanmar boxer Htet Aung

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—The XXVI SEA Games is in progress in Indonesia. Yesterday, Myanmar

## General Min Aung Hlaing welcomed by Vietnamese Minister of National Defence



*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Vietnamese National Defence Minister General Phung Quang Thanh taking the salute of Guard of Honour.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing was welcomed by Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the ceremony at the Vietnamese Ministry of National Defence Headquarters (K 2000) in Hanoi at 2.15 pm on 14 November.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing arrived at K 2000 Headquarters of the Ministry of National Defence to attend the welcoming ceremony where he was cordially welcomed by Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh. Next, a Vietnamese girl presented a bouquet to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The Vietnamese Minister of National Defence introduced Deputy Chief of Staff Lt General Tran Quang Khue and party to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented his entourage to the Vietnamese Minister.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Vietnamese Minister of National Defence took the salute of the Guard of Honour on the dais.

They inspected the Guard of Honour. Next, they took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

At the International Talking Room of Headquarters (K 2000) of the Vietnamese Ministry of National Defence in Hanoi, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Vietnamese Minister of National Defence held a discussion.



*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh of Vietnam sign MoU on defence cooperation.—MNA*

They focused on further strengthening of friendly ties between two armed forces and exchanged views on threats to regional security.

After the discussion, they signed the MoU on cooperation in defence. They exchanged souvenirs of medals of two armed forces and posed for documentary photos.

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## Kunchaung Hydropower Project completed by 95 per cent

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov— Kunchaung Hydropower Project with 60 megawatts generating capacity on Kun Creek, nine miles southwest of Pyu, Bago Region, can generate 190 million kilowatt hours yearly, and now

it has completed by 95 per cent.

This morning, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min heard reports on progress in implementing the project and works being done presented by Director-

General U Maw Tha Htwe.

The Union Minister viewed control of inflow water at the dam, maintenance of dam, installation of irrigation outlet at the steel pipeline, finishing of power intake tunnel,

installation of machines at the power station and control room.

As generators will be operated on test in near future one by one, systematic measures are to be taken for linkage of power plant, national grid and sub-power station, maintenance of dams and related structures, power plant and related buildings.

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## Union Construction Minister looks into damaged bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint together with Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin inspected preparation for construction of a new bridge in the place of No. 1 Pauk Bridge (Yepyar) already destroyed in natural disaster between mile post No. 380/4 and 380/7 on Pathein-Monywa Road on 16 November.

The Union Minister and Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe inspected erosion at No. 2 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw), maintenance of Pauk-Kyauktu-Mindat Road and damages at Tapyin Bridge.

Tapyin Bridge is important for transportation between Magway Region and Chin State.

They also looked into erosion at South Yama Creek Bridge on mile post No. 425/4 and 425/5 on Pathein-Monywa Road.—MNA

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to the bill, it does so with genuine goodwill to ensure there is no mistake. If the constitutional tribunal remarks that a particular fact is not in conformity with the constitution, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw can reconsider the fact and make the final decision.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker in his explanation of the legal outlook on the constitutional tribunal can scrutinize the enacted laws only said that responsibilities of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union is stated in Article 322 (a) of the constitution as interpreting the provisions under the Constitution; Articles 325 and 326 of the constitution state describe persons who have the right to submit matters directly to obtain the interpretation, resolution and opinion of the Constitutional Tribunal and they can ask the remark from the Constitutional Tribunal with regard to the proposed bill; like the president who can ask the remark of the Constitutional Tribunal concerning particular bill before he signs, the Hluttaw speaker can also do so for suspicious facts. So, the responsibility of the tribunal is not only scrutinizing the existing laws but defining the bill and making remarks upon requests.

According to Article 326 of the constitution, representatives that represent at least 10 per cent of all Pyithu Hluttaw representatives or Amyotha Hluttaw representatives can ask the Constitutional Tribunal to define a particular bill. As the main responsibility of the representatives is to legislate, they can ask the opinion of the constitutional tribunal in analyzing the bills whether or not they are in line with the constitution.

The provision concerning the Constitutional Tribunal is included under the Chapter VI Legislation of the constitution, but the constitutional tribunal is not the court. In addition, it is only to seek the remarks of the constitutional tribunal in case the bills are suspected of violating the constitution and not to send every bill to the constitutional tribunal, thus it cannot be translated that the decision of the constitutional tribunal is a must-to-do step in legislative process, but it is just to control the reckless actions.

With regard to the reason that Hluttaw representatives lose right to discuss for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker only asks Hluttaw representatives three times if they agree in seeking approval of the Hluttaw and fails to ask them if they disagreed, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that the representatives need to understand why the question is asked three times; it is clear that its meaning is giving time to show disapproval if any, for example when representatives submit proposals at Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Hluttaw representatives are asked if they agreed the proposal for three times as it is stated in Paragraph 30 (b) of rules of the Hluttaws to ask the opinion of the Hluttaw without discussion. In Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, according to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules paragraph 21 (b), Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker is authorized to make the approval if he thinks it is appropriate and thus can say that he approves without asking the opinions of representatives. In that case, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker despite his right as the speaker let the Hluttaw decide without making discussion in respect of the Hluttaw and if someone does not support the same view, then decision is to be made with voting.

If someone does not agree with the decision made at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 28-10-2011, he shall write to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker in stead of submitting a proposal of disapproval so that it can be reconsidered according to the laws. If it is done so, appropriate means can be adopted to make decision and the Hluttaw Speaker would not be hesitant mend if he was wrong.

The Speaker then quoted the Article 48 of the constitution as saying, "The basic principles of the



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Union shall be the guidance in enacting laws by legislature and in interpreting the provisions of this constitution and other laws" and said that enacting laws by legislature here means Hluttaws to pass a law.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker continued that he has no parliamentary experiences, but has read books at home and abroad since election to be able to perform duty well. He has read from the records of Constituent Assembly held on 16-6-1947 to parliamentary Hluttaw records till 25-9-1961 without leaving even a single paragraph. He did so because Hluttaws have laws, rules as well as customs and traditions. He said he did not see the similar case like current one in all he has read and this is maybe because of tradition of giving and showing respect and not because of restrictions of laws and rules.

In practicing democracy, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw can hold the different views, evidenced by the current situation in which one Hluttaw is rejecting or amending the approval of the other. No law prohibits Pyithu Hluttaw submitting proposal of disapproval and making decision about the case that already reached an agreement at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, but it is inappropriate though it can still be said democratic practice. The case of Pyidaungsu is to be discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. As the Pyithu Hluttaw submitted proposal of disapproval to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has seriously considered whether his actions are in line with the constitution, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Laws and Rules and whether he himself should make the decide as the most responsible person and sought other ways. With regard to that case, according to Paragraph 76 (a) of Pyithu Hluttaw Rules and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules, he had thought of seeking a solution by forming a joint-committee constituted with the equal number of the representatives of two Hluttaws through coordination of the two Hluttaw Speakers. But that case is not because of different legal views between the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw but the matter of argument between two Hluttaws and thus there is no provision to do so. Furthermore, allowing discussing those proposals at Hluttaw is not in conformity with the Pyidaungsu Rules Paragraph 62 (c) and thus it cannot be allowed. In Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules paragraph 62 (c), it is sated that "the proposal cannot include the facts that has the same meaning with what is discussed at Hluttaw session."

Again at its 44<sup>th</sup> day second regular session on 22 November, the Pyithu Hluttaw approved the decision of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw about agenda-13 made on 28 October at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session and objected the proposal of cancelling that agenda.

As Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw share equal status, Amyotha Hluttaw has the right to oppose any case discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw but discussing the case of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at Amyotha Hluttaw which does not comprise all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives is not respecting the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it is totally

inappropriate that Amyotha Hluttaw is urged not to do the same again in future. Moreover, the proposal can not be table at the Hluttaw according to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules Paragraph 62 (c).

Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw need to show respects to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and also the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker. To say custom about paying respects to the speaker, a person who have experience of parliamentary period in the wake of independence said that there were accusations that the Hluttaw speaker had bias with party attachment. In that regard, Thaton Hla Pe (Pa-O) insisted that it is not proper to say like that about the speaker who shoulders heavy duty, and all are needed to pay sincere respects to the speaker. Due to his sayings, the problems were over, and Thaton Hla Pe got high regard. But, it is assumed that as such accusations against the speaker were not found in the parliamentary record, they might happen outside the parliament. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker explained the role of a speaker in Hluttaw that as the duty of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker is an alternate one, matter related to role of a Hluttaw speaker was explained. Hluttaw speaker is a person who was elected by Hluttaw representatives so as to manage and monitor Hluttaw, and can make far-sighted decision shouldering heavy duty in dealing with serving national interest, matters to manage Hluttaw by the State through check and balance system, future affects. In fourth-day session of the First Constituent Assembly held on 16-6-1947, MP U Aung San of Yangon Myoma (Lanmadaw) Constituency in submitting guideline for the constitution of free and sovereign Myanmar said, "Our speaker is the most authoritative person in the Hluttaw. He will monitor and make decision in discussing sessions. We must listen to what he decides". It was the speech of Bogoyoke Aung San, and pinpointed the custom of Hluttaw for appointment of the most authoritative person to balance democratic system. If a representative of any Hluttaws becomes speaker, it is needed to pay respects to him or her.

In addition, Hluttaw speaker was vested with the highest authority. Sub-paragraph (a) of Paragraph (8) prescribed in the rules of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw states the duty of speaker "right to fully employ necessary power to form disciplined Hluttaw and in doing so, to bring orders made by him into force". It shows all comprehensive powers vested in the speaker. India Parliament prescribes that "Rules 389 Residuary Powers-All matters not specifically provided for in these rules and all questions relating to the detailed working of these rules shall be regulated in such a manner as the Speaker may, from time to time, direct". The speaker of India Parliament is vested with all residuary powers. The speaker has right to issue orders and directives at proper moment for matters which are not prescribed in laws and rules.

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The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker said that Chief Editor U Pe Myint of The People's Age Journal on 15-11-2011 interviewed him about the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and relations among Hluttaws. He replied the interviewer that it was not suitable to give answer to the question because of dissimilar ideology relating to laws. As answering the disputable issue was the use of media cover for his ideology, it is needed to pay serious attention to giving answers. At the time while taking duty of a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker, as the duty of the speaker is important, it is needed to be more careful for answering. The speaker offered an apology for not answering the question. The speaker was nervous that such question would be shot since 1 November U Pe Myint requested for appointment. So, the interviewing date delayed. The speaker said he replied the interviewer for the question whether there is an equal right in casing votes for seeking approval at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Although Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw have equal right, members of Pyithu Hluttaw outnumber Amyotha Hluttaw. The speaker had replied that representatives from two Hluttaws would become representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. So, majority are to listen to wish of minority and vice versa without Hluttaw attachment.

In that account, it is ready to accept decision of majority if it is in conformity with rules of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

At the 48<sup>th</sup> day session of Pyithu Hluttaw on 16-11-2011, it was found that it is suitable to observe and scrutinize legal and special cases.

It has planned to organize an adviser group comprising legal experts. However, the plan has delayed to take shape as it has to consider whether enacting an act for the salary and facilities for the experts would be constitutional or not. However, as legal advices could be sought from the committees, the Hluttaw might not need to seek advices from the Constitutional Tribunal in the future.

The above clarification is his personal assumption and he does not consider it must be correct. Today decision made the Speaker at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is aimed at leaving a good legacy and showing that the Hluttaw also takes Pyithu Hluttaw into consideration.

Regarding the decision made at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 28, October, 2011, he said that he assumes that according to the Sections 325 and 326 of the constitution, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw or the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw or at least 10 per cent of representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw or Amyotha Hluttaw should participate in every process of legislation. As he unnecessarily sought the approval from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the above decision, he decided to revoke the October-28 decision at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

During the session for approving bills, as there was no representatives who would discuss the private school registration bill, an approval from the Hluttaw was sought to approve amendments of the joint bill committee.

The amendments of the joint bill committee to the paragraph 4 of the original bill is that "The Ministry of Education, before giving permission for establishment of private school, shall seek remarks from region or state governments concerned." and to the sub-paragraph (a) of the paragraph 8 is that "arrangement for establishing basic education primary schools or middle schools or high schools". The joint bill committee also amended to add the sub-paragraph (v) "arrangement for mess in hygienic conditions" to the sub-paragraph (h) of the Paragraph 8 of the original bill and to amend the sub-paragraph (a) of the paragraph 10 of the bill as "an education officer shall scrutinize the application which is applied in accordance with the paragraph 9

and shall make remarks and report to the director-general.", to amend the sub-paragraph (l) of the paragraph 15 of the original bill as "designating suitable school uniforms (The colour of the uniforms shall be designated to be able to different from uniforms of the other private schools.)" and to add the paragraph 35 "To establish private schools, regarding the requirements of the sub-paragraph (a) of the paragraph 8, the Ministry of Education of the Union Government can give permission to separately establish a basic education primary school or a middle school or a high school." in the chapter "General" of the bill.

As there was no objections to the above six amendments, the Hluttaw made decision to approve the amendments as parts of the bill. As there was no objection to change the order of paragraphs and sub-paragraphs added to the bill amendment with approval of Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw made decision to approve the order of the added paragraphs and sub-paragraphs.

Afterwards, regarding the gathering, procession bill, Chairman of the Joint-Bill Committee U Mya Nyein clarified that the contradiction between the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw and the amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw is that (A) in the paragraph 2 (h) of Chapter-1 of the original bill, Pyithu Hluttaw approved the fact that "Flag means the State Flag, flag of officially registered party and flag of officially registered organization" leaving the State Flag in the paragraph. (B) In the paragraph 20 of the Chapter 8 of the original bill, Pyithu Hluttaw approved the fact that "Offences taken action under this law are defined as cognizable offences." and Amyotha Hluttaw amended to the fact stating "Offences in chapter (7) are defined as cognizable offences." in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Regarding the first contradiction of including the State Flag in the bill, majority members of the joint-bill committee supported the fact. According to the Rule 82 (c) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the joint bill committee agreed to bring the case of deciding whether the State Flag should be included in the paragraph or not at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for resolution.

In discussing the second point of differences of two Hluttaws whether the Pyithu Hluttaw's "Offences taken action under this law" or the Amyotha Hluttaw's "Offences in Chapter (7)" leads the phrase "are defined as cognizable offences" in Joint Bill Committee Meeting, most of committee members agreed to seek approval in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after ensuring to be the letter of the law.

The committee suggested to seek approval whether the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw "Flag means the State flag, flag of officially registered party and flag of officially registered organization" and the amendment of the Amyotha Hluttaw with no mention for the State flag "Flag means officially registered party and flag of officially registered organization" in Section (2) Sub-section (h) of Chapter (1) would be approved at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and to seek approval whether the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw "Offences taken action under this law are defined as cognizable offences" and the amendment of the Amyotha Hluttaw "Offences in Chapter (7) are defined as cognizable offences" in Section (20) of Chapter (8) would be approved at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Member of Joint Bill Committee Daw Nan Wah Nu submitted abovementioned report of the joint committee. Hluttaw representatives who are willing to participate in discussion over the differences were to submit their name list after the session with signed brief account on matter to discuss.

Chairman of Joint Public Accounts Committee U Mya Nyein reported the findings of the committee on 2011-2012 Budget.

He said undertakings already-implemented by the Union government include pension rate increase and trade tax reduction. Although 2011-2012 budget drawn up by State Peace and Development Council, the new

government applied it as of 1 October following changes in budget by emergence of Region/State governments and changes in foreign exchange. Despite the budget's estimate, pension rate increase, recovery from natural disaster and cancellation of some special projects were found in practice.

It was learnt from Director-General U Saw Maung Hla of Budget Department who was invited to the joint committee meeting on 31 October that the Union government handled budget of the whole Union from 1 April, 2011 to 30 September, 2011 and Region and State governments started to share responsibility for budget on 1 October, 2011.

The budget of the whole country including the Union, Regions and States for 2011-2012 fiscal year is K 5781.738 billion and total expenditure is K 7983.188 billion which means that average deficit is K 2201.450 billion. In implementing 2011-2012 budget, central institutions and Union ministries coordinated to finish projects important to the State and reduce currently unnecessary expenditures. Thus, total budget becomes K 5591.413 billion and total expenditure is K 7239.661 billion, making deficit of K 1648.248 billion. The amount of deficit is reduced by K 553.202 billion. Reduced expenditures from original estimate have been returned.

With the permission of the Union government, K 226.393 billion for pension rate increase and other indispensable expenditures were allowed.

Despite trade tax cut, the government is managing to collect the tax not less than original estimate. Region and State governments started operating with their own budgets since 1 October, 2011.

Section 3 (a) of 2011 State Budget Law states that personnel assigned for income and expenditure of central institutions, Union ministries and Union-level organizations are to manage income or expenditure shown against in Table Nos. (1), (2), (3) and (4). Section (4) suggests that changes in these tables if necessary are to be stated in 2011-2012 amended budget reported to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Changes in 2011-2012 budget in accord with financial regulations will be reported in 2011-2012 amended budget to be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

In reviewing the explanation of the Budget Department, the original budget is K 5781.738 billion and total expenditure is K 7983.188 billion which means that average deficit was K 2201.450 billion. Thanks to coordination to finish projects important to the State and reduce currently unnecessary expenditures, total budget becomes K 5591.413 billion and total expenditure is K 7239.661 billion, making deficit of K 1648.248 billion. The amount of deficit is reduced by K 553 billion. The budget of K 226.393 is used in increasing pension rate.

Original income is K 5781.738 billion and income after returning the reduced expenditure was K 5591.413 billion. Original expenditure is K 7983.188 billion and reduced expenditure is K 7792.863 billion. The average deficit is K 2201.450 billion. There is no change as deficit and GDP ratio is 4.79 per cent and GDP is 45928 billion.

As 2011 State Budget Law was drawn up by the State Peace and Development Council on 27 January, 2011, the law is in interim before submitting to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under Section 103 of the Constitution (Budget Bill of the Union submission). The budget law is valid before cancelling and amending it. The Union government is implementing State budget law prescribed on 27 January, 2011. In accord with Section (4) of the law, 2011-2012 amended budget will be sought approval at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Due to provisions in supplemental budget law, the duty of Joint Public Accounts Committee becomes significant with the role of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The government should inform the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Section 55 Sub-section (d) of the Union

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## Uppatasanti Pagoda packed with pilgrims who pay homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic



*Pilgrims pay obeisance to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Today is the 13<sup>th</sup> day on which the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic had conveyed for the fourth time from the People's Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for public obeisance. Pilgrims thronged the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic which is temporarily being kept in front of Maha Manimaya Gotama Buddha Panima Yadana Jade Buddha Image from dawn till dusk.

The compound of the Pagoda and surrounding area of the hill were packed with pilgrims who took a walk from the southern archway on Yazahtani Road to the foot of Uppatasanti Hill.

Among the crowds, Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Taungtha Township U Aung Thauang-Daw Khin Khin Yi donated US\$ 1000; U Aung Moe Kyi of Nay Pyi Taw Internal Revenue Department and Daw Tin Pa Pa Myint family, K 500,000; Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun of Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s office and Daw Tin Tin Aye, K 300,000. Palm pilgrims of Taunggyi, K 150,000; BK-BKK Co family of Moehiti Moemi Wahphyutaung of Yemathin Township and U Sein Win-Daw Thin Thin Aye, K 500,000 each; U Pu-Daw Sein of Zeyawady, two gold clips, one gold hairpin and one gold ring worth K 808,000; U Thein Shwe-Daw Hla Kyi of Shwekyapin Ward of Nay Pyi Taw, one gold ring and

one gold chain worth K 668,000; U Aye Min-Daw Tin Tin Aung of Yazahtani Road in Nay Pyi Taw, one gold bracelet worth K 186,000; U Tun-Daw San Kyi and Daw Aye Aye and family of Kyidaw village of Htanhnpin Township in memory of mother Daw Khalayma, five gold buttons worth K 185,000; three daughters and family in memory of late U Wunna and Daw Sanda Htwe, one gold ring decorated with one black pearl and 16 diamonds worth K 150,000; U San Thein-Daw Amar of Pyu in memory of parents, one gold chain worth K 680,000; and 51 wellwishers, K 100,000 and above and 54 wellwishers, various kinds of jewelries to the chairman and officials of financial subcommittee.

Yesterday evening and night, Khine Zabe pilgrim team of Pinlaung of Shan State (South) donated K 400,000; Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min-Daw Khin Mi Mi and family under the patronage of parents from both sides, K 300,000; trainee officers of Course No. 10 of Defense Services Academy, K 320,000; Maj-Gen Hla Myint Shwe-Daw Cho Cho Than and family, K 300,000; Col Aung Zaw Aye-Daw Hnin Wai and family, US\$ 100 and RMB 405 yuans, Col Khin Soe (Retd)-Daw Nan Thein Phyu family and U Pyone Cho-Daw Nay Myo Myat family, K 200,000 each; U Thein Zaw-Daw Mu Mu Win, K 1,150,000 on 11 November and K 100,000 for the second time; U Thet Wai-Daw May Thet Htar Aung family, one gold ring decorated with 16 diamonds worth K one million; and 24 wellwishers in cash and 27 wellwishers, various kinds of jewelries.

Donations—K 30,717,060, eight units of FEC, US\$ 1241, RMB 833 yuans, 43 bahts, one Malaysian ringgit, 300 Indian rupees, 10 Singaporean dollars, 10,000 Korean won, 15 Nepalese rupees, six Bhutanese ngultrums and 109 kinds of jewelries worth K 8,102,000 were accepted from yesterday evening to this evening.

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government law when financial expenditures, if required, are changed. Budget Bill will have to be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with procedures of Budget Bill of the Union submission under the Constitution.

The 2011-2012 Budget was necessarily drawn up by the State Peace and Development Council. It is being implemented by the new government and an existing law. Since 1 October, 2011, the budget was separated

with the Region and State government budgets. The demand for submission of 2011-2012 amended budget is in accord with the law and members of the joint committee agreed it.

When the Union government submitted 2011-2012 amended budget, the joint committee will submit report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after reviewing statistics and reports of officials concerned.

Hluttaw representatives willing to discuss the report of the joint committee were to submit their name list with signed brief account on subject to discuss.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ba Shein of Kyauppyu Constituency, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee, was replaced in the place of Pyithu Hluttaw

Representative Daw Dwe Bu of N'Jiangyang Constituency as Member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed the reshuffle.

Member of Joint Bill Committee Daw Dwe Bu was assigned to Secretary of National Races Affairs and Internal Peace Making Committee formed by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Bill amending Political Parties Registration Law approved by both Hluttaws was put on record by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Today's session concluded at 11.40 am and the fifth day session takes place at 10 am on 22 November.

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## Green tea could lower bad cholesterol

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—Green tea may be effective in reducing 'bad cholesterol', a study has found. Green tea contains antioxidant compounds called catechins, which many studies have tested for their effect on cholesterol even though the studies have been small and had conflicting results.

For the new study researchers at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California, pooled the results of these clinical trials, involving a total of 1,415 adults. Participants

in the trials consumed green tea beverages, capsules, or placebos daily. Benefits were found among people who had high cholesterol levels at the beginning of the study.

However, the researchers still sound a word of warning. "If someone is already taking medication for their cholesterol, they should stick with it and not try to trade it for green tea, either capsules or the beverage," CBS news quoted study author Dr Olivia Phung as saying.

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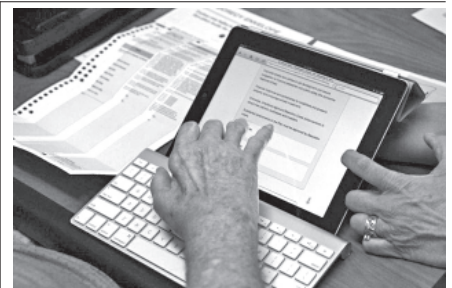
## Number of priests in Russian armed forces to triple

MOSCOW, 18 Nov—The number of priests in Russia's armed forces will soon triple to more than 60, a top defence ministry official has said. The armed forces currently have 19 chaplains, and at least 45 priests are ready for appointment.

"Work to expand the corps of priests in the armed forces will be continued. First of all chaplains will be appointed to the posts of aides to commanders in closed, foreign-based and top combat readiness units," said Maj Gen Sergei

Chvarkov, head of the defence ministry's department for per-sonnel development.

Two-thirds of Russian servicemen consider themselves religious, with more than 80 percent of them Orthodox Christians and some eight percent Muslims. In July 2009, after a meeting with the heads of Russia's main faiths, President Dmitry Medvedev supported a project to restore full-scale military priest-hood, which existed from the 18th century to the start of the Soviet era.—Interent



In this 4 Nov, 2011, photo, Lewis Crew, 75, receives help from a member of a voter assistance team while voting on a iPad, in Beaverton, Ore. Voters in five Oregonian counties are filling out and returning their mail-in ballots for a 8 Nov, 2011, special primary election to replace former Congressman David Wu, who resigned following a sex scandal. Using an iPad, disabled voters will be able to call up the right ballot and tap the screen to pick a candidate. The voters then can print the completed ballot and stuff it in an envelope to sign and drop in the mail.—INTERENT

### Russia backs India for SCO member

MOSCOW/NEW DELHI, 18 Nov—Ahead of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Moscow next month, Russia Thursday backed India's bid to become a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) after the foreign ministers of the two countries held wide-ranging talks.

"Russia supports the resolution of the issue of India's transfer from observer status to full membership in the SCO as soon as possible," Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said after talks with his Indian

counterpart SM Krishna in Moscow.

"We have expounded on this position repeatedly and expect to achieve progress in the issue soon," said Lavrov.

The six-nation SCO comprises China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Iran, India, Mongolia and Pakistan enjoy observer status at the SCO.

India is keen to become a member of the SCO, but the move is being opposed by China as it sees the region as its extended sphere of influence.

Krishna arrived in Moscow in Thursday on a three-day visit to co-chair the 17th session of the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission (IRIGC) on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov.

The talks between the two foreign ministers will also help the firm up the agenda for Manmohan Singh's visit to Moscow, expected on 16 Dec, for annual summit meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

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Photo taken on 16 Nov, 2011 shows the Bell Tower under maintenance, in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The Bell Tower, built over 600 years ago in Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), closed temporarily to tourists for routine maintenance.—XINHUA



An aerobatic team from France perform during the Dubai International Airshow in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 16 Nov, 2011. As the leading aviation event in the Middle East, the biannual Dubai airshow runs until Thursday.—XINHUA

### US Army's hypersonic weapon can hit targets anywhere in world in an hour

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—A hypersonic weapon prototype belonging to the US Army which travels at several times the speed of sound, has the capability to strike targets anywhere on Earth within an hour. The weapon streaked across the Pacific Ocean successfully during its flawless maiden test flight on 17 Nov.

The hypersonic weapon concept flew at a relatively flat trajectory within the atmosphere, rather than soaring up toward space like a

ballistic missile and eventually came back down. Hypersonic speed is defined as being at least five times the speed of sound (3,805 mph, or 6,124 kph, at sea level).

Pentagon's research arm, called DARPA, had carried out two hypersonic test flights in April 2010 and August 2011, Fox News reported.

The Army's Advanced Hypersonic Weapon launched aboard a three-stage booster system from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the island of Kauai in Hawaii, and

deployed for its hypersonic glide, which eventually splashed down in the Reagan Test Site located near the Kwajalein Atoll.

Pentagon officials kept a careful watch on the flight test from space, air, sea and ground, which allowed them to collect data about aerodynamics, navigation, guidance, and control performance, as well as thermal protection technologies meant to shrug off intense heat during hypersonic flight.

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### Fog strands 1,200 ships in China

BEIJING, 18 Nov—More than 1,200 ships were stranded in eastern China Friday due to heavy fog, an official said.

Parts of Jiangsu Province were engulfed by heavy fog Friday morning, disrupting movement of ships on the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal.

The waterway, which is more than 1,790 km long, is the oldest and longest canal in the world, Xinhua reported.

Visibility in the fog-hit parts of the canal was

reduced to less than 50 meters and traffic had hence been halted, maritime official Wang Xuehong said. He added that over 1,200 ships were stranded in the canal Friday morning.

The meteorological centre in Yangzhou City issued an orange warning Thursday night, the second highest alert on a three-level scale, forecasting that fog would reduce visibility to less than 200 metres and would persist for the next few days.—Internet

### deadliest island on earth



Farallon Island, situated off the coast of San Francisco, is absolutely beautiful.

It is a Natural Wildlife Refuge with whales, seals and sharks, and a home to many seabirds.

Divers visit to explore the area – but there is a major safety concern.

For many years, from 1946 to 1970, the sea in the area was used as a nuclear waste dump. The exact risk to the environment is unknown, but the belief is that trying to raise the containers from the area surrounding Farallon Island will cause more danger than leaving them where they are.

In all there are 47,500 55-gallon drums. That's a whole lot of hazardous waste.

*Internet*

### 5.7-magnitude quake hits off east coast of North Island of New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 18 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted off the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand at 04:34:07 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 20.10 km, was initially determined to be at 37.5856 degrees south latitude and 179.2921 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

### Thai Flood death toll reaches 594, two missing

BANGKOK, 18 Nov—A total of 594 people were confirmed dead and two people were missing in the floods that have inundated the upper part of the country

for about four months, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Friday.

Twenty-seven more people were confirmed

dead on Thursday in the central Province of Ayutthaya (20), Nakhon Pathom (4) and Ubon Ratchathani (3). Floods were caused by the heavy monsoon "Nock-Ten" and overflow from several dams in the upper part of the country since mid July.

On Friday, floods still prevail in 19 of 77 provinces and are affecting about 5.1 million people from 1.9 million households. The floods have affected about 4.0 million households and about 13.4 million people in 64 of 77 provinces since 25 July.—Xinhua



Workers from Bangkok Metropolitan Administration construct a temporary walkway over floodwaters at a neighbourhood in Bangkok, Thailand.—INTERNET

### Hong Kong stocks open 1.36 pct lower

HONG KONG, 18 Nov—Hong Kong stocks went down 256.43 points, or 1.36 percent, to open at 18,561.04 on Friday.—Xinhua

**INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER**

Local Sale of (340.15) Metric Tons of Cathode Copper in United States Dollar.

RESERVE PRICE : One Metric Ton Cathode Copper Price not less than London Metal Exchange Seller price on the date of Tender Opening.

CLOSING DATE & TIME : 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 at 18:00 hrs

Tender documents are available at the following address. Any queries can be done between (9:30) AM and (4:30) PM before tender closing date.

No.(1) Mining Enterprise  
Ministry of Mines, Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw.  
Ph: 067-409380, 409383 Fax 067-409379

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0029)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0029) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.11.2011 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.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES**  
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA TAMPAN VOYNO(417)**

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**  
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**US FDA approves first drug to treat rare bone marrow disease**

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday approved Jakafi, the first drug approved to specifically treat patients with the bone marrow disease myelofibrosis.

Myelofibrosis is a disease in which the bone marrow is replaced by scar tissue resulting in blood cells being made in organs such as the liver and the spleen. This disease is marked by an enlarged spleen, anemia, decreased white blood cells and platelets, and myelofibrosis-related symptoms. Myelofibrosis is associated with the deregulation of enzymes called JAK 1 and 2 (Janus Associated Kinase).

Xinhua

**China's police forces take group action in combating fake medicines**

BEIJING, 18 Nov—Police forces in China's different regions on Thursday morning launched a group action as part of a campaign to combat the production and sale of fake medicines, the Ministry of Public Security said.

Police in 29 province-level regions will work under the command of the ministry and cooperate with the food and drug administrative authorities in raiding sites linked to criminal activity by investigations, the ministry said in a statement on Thursday.

According to the statement, as of Wednesday, the campaign has investigated 790 cases of medicines counterfeiting nationwide and targeted over 1,000 suspects involved. —Xinhua



*The Tokyo Sky Tree company president Michiaki Suzuki (L) and Guinness World Records president Alistair Richards pose for a picture in front of the Tokyo Sky Tree in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 17 Nov, 2011. The 634-meter-tall tower, which is located in Sumida, Tokyo, is recognized as the world's highest tower by Guinness World Records on Thursday and will be open to the public on 22 May, 2012.—XINHUA*

**Gamburtsev 'ghost mountains mystery solved'**

LONDON, 18 Nov—Scientists say they can now explain the existence of what are perhaps Earth's most extraordinary mountains. The Gamburtsevs are the size of the European Alps and yet they are totally buried beneath the Antarctic ice. Their discovery in the 1950s was a major surprise. Most people had assumed the rock bed deep within the continent would be flat and featureless. Survey data now suggests the range first formed over a billion years ago, researchers tell the journal *Nature*.

The Gamburtsevs are important because they are thought to be the location where the ice

sheet we know today initiated its march across Antarctica.

Unravelling the mountains' history will therefore inform climate studies, helping scientists to understand not just past changes on Earth but possible future scenarios as well. "Surveying these mountains was an incredible challenge, but we succeeded and it's produced a fascinating story," Dr Fausto Ferraccioli from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) told BBC News.

Dr Ferraccioli was a principal investigator on the AGAP (Antarctica's Gamburtsev Province) project.—Internet

*The survey required the scientific and logistical support of seven nations.*  
INTERNET



**China, DPRK vow to strengthen military cooperation**

BEIJING, 18 Nov—China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) have said they would strengthen military exchanges and cooperation.

The two sides vowed to do so during an official goodwill visit from Nov. 15 to 18 to the DPRK by a senior Chinese military delegation led by Director of the General Political Department of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Li Jinai. During a meeting with

Li, top DPRK leader Kim Jong Il said the military relationship is an important part of the ties between the two countries. He said he hoped the two militaries would continue to improve their ties so as to help consolidate and develop the China-DPRK friendship. Li said the Chinese military, in accordance with the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, is willing to work with the DPRK in the new historic era to enhance understanding and mutual trust and strengthen practical exchanges. This would promote the all-round development of China-DPRK relations, which are neighbourly and friendly, he said.

Internet

**Girl, 10, takes last breath in her mother's arms after hanging herself 'to escape the school bullies'**



*Tragic waste: Jasmine McClain, ten, hanged herself in her bedroom after being a victim of suspected bullying.*

INTERNET

CHADBURN, 18 Nov—A ten-year-old took her own life in her bedroom after allegedly being bullied at school. Jasmine McClain was found hanged by her mother Samantha West at their home in Chadburn, North Carolina on Monday evening. Ms West said: 'She was just such a loving child. I just lost it

because she took her last breath in my arms.'

Ms West described her young daughter as 'sweet and fun-loving' and said she was unaware that Jasmine was so tormented by bullying at her local elementary school. Ms West told local TV station WRAL-TV: 'It's a shame that kids are that cruel.'

'Chadburn Police Chief Steven Shaw ruled the death a suicide but his investigation lead him to Facebook where comments had been posted by Jasmine's classmates that she had been targeted. Chief Shaw said: 'Children started coming forward and making accusations that she was bullied — and bullied bad — in school.' —Internet



*Zhang Yu (2nd L), the 6th generation of clay sculptor Zhang, presents artworks to students from Xinghua Primary School, in north China's Tianjin, on 16 Nov, 2011. The first exhibition room of "Clay figurine Zhang", the nation's non-material cultural heritage, opened in Xinghua Primary School.—XINHUA*

## Turkeys groomed for presidential pardon

Four Minnesota high school students are helping a poultry company care for the 30 turkeys in the running to receive a pardon from the president.

The Willmar Poultry Company said the students, members of the Future Farmers of America at Willmar Senior High School, have been spending at least 1

hour every weekday caring for the turkeys, which are finalists for the honour of receiving a Thanksgiving pardon from President Barack Obama, the *West Central Tribune, Wilmar*, reported Monday.

"It's really been fun watching them tame down," said Preston Ashe, a junior at the school. "You don't necessarily see a bird like

this fall asleep next to you like they do with us. A lot of times we'll just sit in the pen with them and they'll just fall asleep."

Officials with the poultry company said the students will accompany Rick Huisinga, chairman of the National Turkey Federation and executive vice president of the Willmar Poultry Company, to present two of the



Four Minnesota high school students are helping a poultry company care for the 30 turkeys in the running to receive a pardon from the president.

turkeys to President Obama in Washington 23 Nov. The remaining turkeys will be processed into meat and donated to Minnesota food banks.

## Dog eats \$1,000 cash

A Florida couple said they had to force their dog to vomit when the canine ate an envelope containing \$1,000 cash.

Christy Lawrenson said they left the envelope of money, which was put aside to help pay off her car, on the counter of her St Augustine home about two weeks ago and her husband returned home on his lunch break to find pieces of \$100 bills scattered across the floor, WKMG-TV, Orlando, reported Monday.

Lawrenson said her husband poured a peroxide mixture down the throat of Tuity, their Labrador retriever-chow-bulldog mix, and the canine soon threw up the rest of the money pieces.

"My mother-in-law and our best friend were here and we were speechless. But they just laughed the whole evening and they helped us retrieve \$900," she said.

Lawrenson said the final \$100 bill was missing too many serial numbers to replace, so they mailed it to the US Department of Treasury with a letter of explanation and are hoping it will eventually be replaced.

"I didn't really see that one coming and I guarantee we'll keep money away from now on," Lawrenson said.

## News Album

## Couple sue airline over cockroaches

A Charlotte, NC, couple are suing Air Tran Airlines, claiming there were cockroaches on their flight and flight attendants ignored their concerns.

Attorney Harry Marsh and his fiancée, Kaitlin Rush, allege negligence and recklessness, intentional infliction of emotional distress, nuisance, fraud, false imprisonment, and unfair and deceptive trade practices in connection with their 15 Sept flight from Charlotte to Houston, WCNC-TV, Charlotte, reported Friday.

Marsh and Rush say cockroaches were climbing out of air vents and overhead storage compartments shortly after takeoff. In the lawsuit, the couple claim other passengers also became aware of the roaches and it caused distress to a number of passengers.

## Justin Bieber's acoustic guitar up for auction for Canadian food bank



Justin Bieber

MELBOURNE, 18 Nov—One of Justin Bieber's acoustic guitars went up for auction on Wednesday to benefit a food bank in the Canadian City of Winnipeg.

The Taylor guitar features the teen popstar's autograph on the lower

body of the instrument, which he personally signed while in Winnipeg, and comes with a certificate of authenticity. Bidding started this morning and interested buyers have 10 days before the sale is closed.

The 17-year-old singer had gifted the instrument to local resident Kenny Boyce during Bieber's October visit to his homeland.

Boyce decided to organize the charity auction. The 'Baby' hitmaker launched a massive fundraising effort

called 'The Believe Charity Drive,' in conjunction with the release of his new album 'Under The Mistletoe', with a portion of the album's profits going to charity.

Internet



Singer Justin Timberlake

## Justin Timberlake enjoys comedy, terms it wicked

LONDON, 18 Nov—Singer Justin Timberlake says he loves working in comedies because he finds it a "wicked cool job".

The 30-year-old, who has appeared several times on American late-night television comedy show "Saturday Night Live", says comedy is a good way of getting over bitterness and rejection.

"I'm not a comedian, so I'll probably get crucified for saying this, but I think with a lot of comedy the impetus behind it is; I've been rejected so many times and I'm bitter and now I'm going to talk about it," contactmusic.com quoted Timberlake as saying.

"There are just so many things in the world that are a drag. For me, it's like, 'This is a f\*\*\*ing wicked cool job!'" he added.—Internet

## Westlife enjoying their last moments together as group



Sligo pop band Westlife

LONDON, 18 Nov—Westlife has released their greatest hits album ahead of their last tour and have revealed that now that their 2012 split has been announced, they are back to enjoying their life in the group. The band, who appeared on shopping channel QVC to promote the album, feel a weight has been lifted now they're calling time after 14 years.

The band mates Nicky Byrne, Kian Egan, Mark Feehily, and Shane Filan, said that they were looking forward to showing the world that there was more to them than bar stools and ballads.

"We were all so worried and passionate about making the right choices it created a big ball of stress and that's gone now. We're back to enjoying life in Westlife instead of having this big cloud of pressure over us," the *Daily Express* quoted Mark as saying.

"I don't think we'll deal with the enormity of what we've done until it actually happens. We're loving riding the wave at the moment but it's because it's the end and we know that," Byrne was quoted as saying.

Internet

## Locklear and Wagner end engagement

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov—Heather Locklear's publicist says the Hollywood actress has ended her three-month engagement to actor Jack Wagner.

The former "Melrose Place" co-stars started dating in 2007 and in August announced their plans to wed.

"Jack and Heather are no longer engaged," Locklear's representative told Us Weekly Tuesday. No reason was given for the decision and the magazine did not say if the couple had broken up or simply decided not to get married.

Locklear, 50, was previously married to



Actress Heather Locklear has called off her three-month engagement to actor Jack Wagner.

INTERNET

rockers Richie Sambora and Tommy Lee.

Wagner, 52, divorced Kristina Wagner, his one-time "General Hospital" wife, in 2006.—Internet

## Kristen Stewart says wedding was natural

LONDON, 18 Nov—Actress Kristen Stewart says her wedding with co-star and boyfriend Robert Pattinson in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" felt like a real ceremony.

The 21-year-old actress attended the black carpet premiere of the penultimate film in the series in Los Angeles Monday with Pattinson.

"I cleared my mind, I did a pretty good job at forgetting. I didn't want to remember it for any weird, neurotic, actor-y thoughts," contactmusic.com quoted Stewart as saying. "I really



Actress Kristen Stewart

wanted to remember an experience that felt right for the moment. I don't know, it felt very natural. It felt like, kind of a real ceremony to me," she added.—Internet

## Rodwell will play anywhere for England

LONDON, 18 Nov — Everton midfielder Jack Rodwell is happy to play anywhere to stay part of England coach Fabio Capello's plans.

The youngster, who has come through the Premier Academy League ranks, is hungry for more



after making his first start in Tuesday's friendly international with Sweden at Wembley.

The Everton prospect has played as an attacking and defensive midfielder and even at centre-half in his short career.

He managed to get forward to good effect against the Swedes and admits he should have scored with a first half header.

*Internet*

**Jack Rodwell is happy to play any role asked of him**

## Kyle Thompson leads Pebble Beach Invitational

PEBBLE BEACH, 18 Nov — Kyle Thompson, set to rejoin the PGA Tour after finishing 21st on the Nationwide Tour money list this year, had a hole-in-one and shot an 8-under 64 at Pebble Beach Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Callaway Golf Pebble Beach Invitational. Thompson aced the 109-yard seventh, his 16th hole of the round. He also had seven birdies and a bogey.

"It was a surreal day," said Thompson, who didn't have a practice round because of late travel. "It was so foggy this morning, I didn't know if we were going to have a delay.— *Internet*

## Dutchman Luiten leads after first round in Malaysia

JOHOR BAHRU, 18 Nov — Dutchman Joost Luiten was confirmed as the first round leader of the Iskandar Johor Open when play was completed early on Friday at the rain-hit \$2 million co-sanctioned event. A late afternoon thunderstorm halted play on Thursday and left 78 players to complete their first round at Horizon Hills early on Friday. Luiten shot an eight-under par 63 prior to the stoppage and was still on top when the rest of the field finished.

Sweden's Daniel Chopra joined defending champion Pdraig Harrington, Marcus Fraser and Gregory Bourdy in second place a shot behind Luiten. Chopra, who won the event in 1993, resumed his round in a greenside bunker on the sixth hole, which he birdied, and went on to card a 64.— *Internet*

## Hallberg, Freeman lead Champions Tour Q-School

SCOTTSDALE, 18 Nov — Gary Hallberg and Jeff Freeman shot 5-under 66s on Thursday to share the third-round lead in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament at TPC Scottsdale's Champions Course. Hallberg and Freeman had 15-under 198 totals with one round remaining. Canada's Jim Rutledge, the 36-hole leader, was two strokes back after a 70.

Bill Glasson (63), Mark Mouland (64), Ben Bates (66) and Kirk Hanefeld (67) were 12 under. The final top five will earn exempt status for the 2012 season until the reorder, while the next seven players will be conditionally exempt. In addition, the top 30 finishers and ties will be eligible to compete for spots in open qualifiers at all co-sponsored events.— *Internet*

## Sammy Ameobi pens new contract



**Sammy Ameobi has signed a new long-term contract at Newcastle**

LONDON, 18 Nov — Newcastle United have handed a new long-term contract to starlet Sammy Ameobi.

The 19-year-old forward, brother of first-teamer Shola, has made the breakthrough into the first-team this season and has made seven appearances for Alan Pardew's men. Now the England

Under-21 star, who has also played for Nigeria at youth level, has agreed a three-and-a-half-year deal at the Sports Direct Arena.

Ameobi told the official club website: "It is brilliant to get this new contract signed. Since I have been young it has always been my dream to play for Newcastle, and it has been an amazing last year for me, making my first team debut and being involved in the squad.

"I love this club and would love to stay here for years to come." United manager Alan Pardew added: "We are delighted that Sammy has signed a new contract.

*Internet*

## Gerrard dreams of title glory

LIVERPOOL, 18 Nov — Liverpool skipper Steven Gerrard is haunted by the fact he has never been able to win the Premier League.

The 31-year-old has tasted just about every success you can as a player with the Merseysiders winning the Champions League, UEFA Cup, FA Cup and Carling Cup. But the title medal remains nothing more than a dream

at this point, and Gerrard admits that troubles him.

*Internet*



**Steven Gerrard is determined to reclaim the title record from United**

## Bastian Schweinsteiger confident Bayern Munich can beat Borussia Dortmund in his absence



**German midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger**

MUNICH, 18 Nov — Injured midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger has said his Bayern Munich teammates can look to him for support as the scramble for points at the top of the table restarts against Borussia Dortmund on Saturday in the Bundesliga.

Despite being out of action until 2012 after

surgery to an injured collarbone, the 27-year-old Germany international is playing an inspiring role for the top of the table giants.

"We didn't have our best day back then, but neither did we have any real preparation time because we'd played in Milan during the week," Schweinsteiger told Bundesliga.de referring to the defeat.

"But a lot has changed since then. We've got a lot more quality, we're far more compact than we were last season and our attackers are working hard to defend."

*Internet*

## Top scorers in Premier League

Player	Team	Top Scorers
1 Robin van Persie	Arsenal	11
2 Edin Dzeko	Manchester City	10
3 Sergio Aguero	Manchester City	9
4 Wayne Rooney	Man Utd	9
5 Demba Ba	Newcastle	8
6 Frank Lampard	Chelsea	6
7 Rafael Van der Vaart	Tottenham	6
8 Gabriel Agbonlahor	Aston Villa	5
9 Mario Balotelli	Manchester City	5
10 Darren Bent	Aston Villa	5
11 Ivan Klasnic	Bolton	5
12 Gareth Bale	Tottenham	4
13 Jermain Defoe	Tottenham	4
14 Danny Graham	Swansea City	4
15 Javier Hernandez	Man Utd	4
16 Anthony Pilkington	Norwich City	4
17 David Silva	Manchester City	4
18 Daniel Sturridge	Chelsea	4
19 Luis Suarez	Liverpool	4
20 Emmanuel Adebayor	Tottenham	3

## Botafogo fires head coach Caio Junior

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 Nov — One day after the team's 2-1 loss against America-MG, the Botafogo administration decided to fire head coach Caio Junior on Thursday.

Losing five of its last six games, the vice-president of soccer at Botafogo Andre Silva and team manager Anderson Barros made the decision to Caio. Both Renato Gaucho and the current head coach of Figueirense, Jorginho, are

prospects to take control of the team.

The club does not intend on hiring a new head coach any time soon.

With three rounds remaining in this year's Brazilian Championship, Botafogo's goalie coach Flavio Tenius will fill in as the interim head coach for the remainder of the season. Botafogo currently stands in fifth place with 55 points and has lost all hopes of winning this year's tournament, trailing first place Corinthians by 9 points. The team now has the duty of remaining in fifth place or better in order to guarantee the participation in the 2012 Libertadores Cup.



**Botafogo head coach Caio Junior**

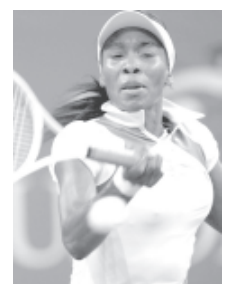
*Xinhua*

## Venus to make comeback against Serena in Colombia

MILAN, 18 Nov — Venus Williams will make her comeback in an exhibition match against her sister Serena in Colombia on Wednesday, two months after pulling out of the US Open because of an immune system disease. Venus told Thursday's Gazzetta dello Sport that she has changed her diet to increase vegetables after being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, which can cause fatigue and joint pain.

After playing Serena in Medellin next week, Venus will join her sister against Italians Francesca

Schiavone and Flavia Pennetta in another exhibition match on 3 December in Milan. Serena also hasn't played since losing to Samantha Stosur in the US Open final in September.— *Internet*



**Venus Williams**

**SPORTS**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-11-2011) (Saturday)**

<b>Transmissions</b>	<b>Times</b>
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	- (19-11-11 09:30 am ~ 20-11-11 09:30 am) MST

**Local Transmission**

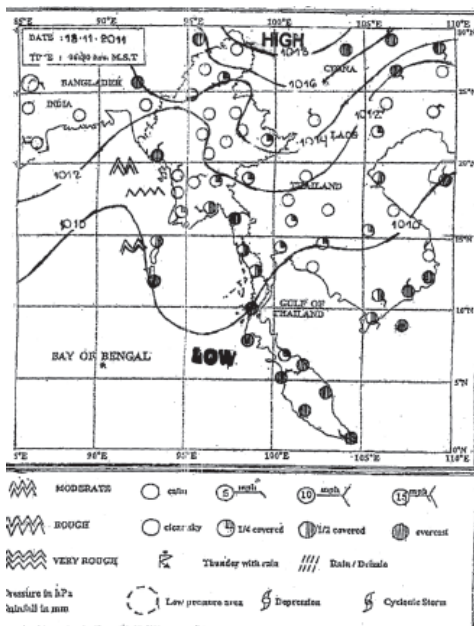
- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Adorable Three Seasons Fashion Show of May Myanmar Winter Fashion
- \* News
- \* Agarwood Myanmar Valued Fragrance
- \* News
- \* Stars Stories & Tracks ( Jet San Htun )
- \* Book Launching
- \* News

**Overseas Transmission**

- \* Discovering Potential Business in Myanmar
- Overseas Transmission**
- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Adorable Three Seasons Fashion Show of May Myanmar Winter Fashion
- \* News
- \* Agarwood Myanmar Valued Fragrance
- \* News
- \* Stars Stories & Tracks ( Jet San Htun )
- \* Book Launching

- \* News
- \* Youth of the Future "Golfer"
- \* News
- \* Shwe Kyin: A Picture of Peace and Progress
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Secret Places for Yummy Food "Monhinkhar"
- \* Culture Stage
- \* News
- \* Mahar Thatkya Atula Man Aung (Nga Htat Kyee)
- \* Myanmar Movie "The True Love"

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Saturday, 19 November View on today**

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
- 7. Documentary
- 8:05 am
- 8. Poem Garden
- 8:20 am
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am
- 10. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:40 am
- 11. International News
- 8:45 am
- 12. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:15 am
- 3. Game For Children
- 11:35 am
- 4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

- 1:15 pm
- 5. Delicious Dishes
- 1:30 pm
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 2:20 pm
- 7. Teleplay (Policy)
- 2:50 pm
- 8. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm
- 3. Cultural Dances
- 4:20 pm
- 4. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:40 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Myanmar)
- 4:55 pm
- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

- 5:00 pm
- 7. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:05 pm
- 8. Singing In Different Versions
- 5:20 pm
- 9. Game For Children
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Pagoda Programme
- 19. Cartoon Series
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

**Weather forecast for 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	13/55	Partly cloudy	
2	Kayah	28/82	13/55	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	19/66	04/39	Generally fair	
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	16/61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	19/66	Generally fair	
7	Taninthayi	34/93	20/68	Likelihood isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	31/88	19/66	Generally fair	
9	Magway	32/90	20/68	Generally fair	
10	Mandalay	31/88	18/64	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	34/93	22/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	31/88	16/61	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	24/75	09/48	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	27/81	08/46	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	10/50	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	22/72	Generally fair	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	17/63	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	31/88	18/64	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Hakha (4°C) and Pinlaung (5°C).

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

**"Shenzhou-8" returns after docking mission**



The graphics shows the procedure of Shenzhou-8 spacecraft's return to Earth on 17 Nov, 2011. XINHUA

BEIJING, 18 Nov— China's unmanned spacecraft *Shenzhou-8* landed in north China on Thursday evening, after completing the country's first-ever space docking mission. The re-entry module of the spacecraft parachuted down at a landing site in Siziwang Banner (county) in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region around 7:30pm, marking the end of the 49-day space docking mission. Launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on 1 Nov, the *Shenzhou-8* first rendezvoused and docked with the space lab module *Tiangong-1* two days later. The two joint vessels orbited Earth for 12 days and conducted another docking after a brief disengagement on 14 Nov. The *Tiangong-1*, which blasted off from the Jiuquan launch centre on 29 Sept, will remain in orbit to await future docking attempts with the *Shenzhou-9* and *Shenzhou-10* spacecraft in 2012.

MNA/Xinhua

# US President Barack Obama reveals recognition for democratic reforms of new government and Hluttaws of Myanmar and confirms the trip of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Myanmar to enhance cooperation in Myanmar's positive developments at 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-US leaders meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—US and ASEAN leaders addressed 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-US leaders meeting in Nusa Dua 3 Hall of Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre (BNDCC) this evening. The meeting was held under the programme of 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and related meetings being held in Bali of Indonesia.

In his speech, US President Barack Obama revealed his recognition for democratic reforms of new government and Hluttaws of Myanmar and confirmed the trip of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Myanmar in the near future to enhance cooperation in

Myanmar's positive developments and to open a new chapter of mutual relation.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein also welcomed the US President's positive remarks.—MNA

# General Min Aung Hlaing calls on Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung

NAY PYI TAW, 18 NOV—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing called on Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the Prime Minister Office in Hanoi at 5 pm on 14 November.

Also present at the call were Lt-Gen Thaug Aye and Lt-Gen Sein Win of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, Charge d' Affaires ai of the Myanmar Embassy Daw Hmway Hmway Khaing, Myanmar Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing and officials.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Staff Lt-Gen Tran Quang Khu, Vietnamese Military Attaché to Myanmar Snr Col Nguyen Van Vui and officials. They exchanged views on pro-



motion of friendly ties between the two countries, cooperation in economic matter and cooperation between armed forces of the two countries.—MNA

*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing calls on Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—MNA*

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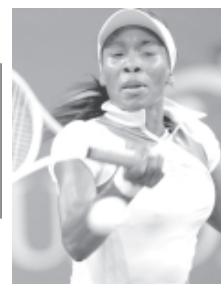
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