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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 50th day Amendments to Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill discussed

Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives attending the 50th day second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the 50th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 1.05 pm today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 374 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

The Hluttaw representatives discussed and approved the paragraphs and subparagraphs of the amendments concerning the **Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill** sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw with the approval.

U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency submitted that **paragraph 2 (a)** should be kept in accord with the proposal of the ministry. As there was no objection, the proposal of U Win Oo was approved.

With regard to proposal to amend **paragraph 2 (g)** by- U Win Oo, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the proposal can be accepted. As there was no objection, the proposal was approved.

Regarding **paragraph 2 (h)**, U Win Oo of Yebyu

Constituency submitted that he deemed the original provision is complete and it should be left unchanged whereas U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment.

Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw said that he assumed that the amendment made by U Thaug Han is more comprehensive than the original provision, it can be accepted. U Win Oo agreed the acceptance of the ministry.

As there was no objection, the proposal on amendment was approved.

With regard to **paragraph 2 (j)**, U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment, and Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw accepted it due to its betterment without changing main theme.

Concerning **paragraph (k)**, U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment, and Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw accepted it due to its betterment without changing main theme.

As there was no objection, the paragraph 2 (j) and

(k) were approved.

Regarding **paragraph 3**, Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency and U Pyae Maung of Madaya Constituency submitted the proposals on amendments. U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency, U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency and U Kyaw Khaing Win of Meisei Constituency discussed the amendments. Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing submitted that the proposal on amendment of Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn was appropriate.

As there was no objection, the proposal of Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn was approved.

With regard to **paragraph 3 (b)** amended by the Amyotha Hluttaw, U Pyae Maung of Madaya Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing accepted it.

As there was no objection, the proposal was approved.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar working towards MDGs

In Myanmar, 70 per cent of the population resides in rural areas and most of them are farmers living on low incomes. Rural folks were poorer than present over twenty years ago due to a lack of agricultural infrastructure like dams and reservoirs and underdevelopment in all aspects.

Today, the socio-economic life of rural people has improved, benefitting from a large number of dams across the nation.

The fundamental need for agriculture is irrigation water. Now, with the emergence of dams supplying irrigation water, farmers can run farms all the year round.

Given the chance to specialize in agriculture, farmers nowadays can even practise triple-cropping pattern from previously single-cropping one. More businesses generate more incomes, resulting in betterment in education, health and social sectors.

The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar through these sound foundations has formed Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee and is stepping up measures for rural development and poverty alleviation based on eight-point work programme. Especially, it has laid down effective plans for such areas as education, health, human resources development, transportation, communication, and supply of potable water.

Now, 193 UN member nations and at least 23 international institutions have adopted Millennium Development Goals and agreed to strive for attainment of these goals in 2015. Poverty reduction, decline in infant mortality rate, fight against communicable diseases like AIDS, acceleration of development undertakings are some of the Millennium Development Goals.

Myanmar's implementation of eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme in other words is working towards those Millennium Development Goals.

Rural development and poverty alleviation scheme is believed to help rural residents walk away from poverty.

Universities, degree colleges to be opened 1 Dec

YANGON, 23 Nov—The first year courses for all majoring subjects will be opened at universities and degree colleges under the Ministry of Education on 7 December.

Entrance list on 2011-2012 academic year of first year courses for those who passed the matriculation examination for 2011 are announced at respective universities and degree colleges.

The second year course and above courses will be opened at respective universities and degree colleges on 1 December.

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Union Minister receives French Ambassador, Human Rights Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thierry MATHOU and French Ambassador for Human Rights Mr Francois ZIMERAY at his office here

this afternoon.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on political progress and human rights issues in Myanmar and discussed plans for cooperation for improvement of human rights.

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Union FM accepts Letter of Commission from Consul-General of China

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Mr Yu Boren, newly-appointed Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, with residence in Mandalay, presented his Letter of Commission to U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 8 am today.

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Attorney-General of the Union meets French Ambassador for Human Rights, French Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received French Ambassador for Human Rights Mr Francois ZIMERAY and French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Thierry MATHOU at the hall of Attorney-General Office, here, this afternoon.

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Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu addressed the opening of Workshop on Capacity Enhancement of Myanmar Civil Service-2011 on 21 November. (News reported)— MNA



Director of Chanmya Trading Cooperative Association U Ba Kyi awards a staff at the ceremony to honour honest and industrious staff of the association at Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, on 31 October.

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Using light, researchers convert 2-D patterns into 3-D objects

Science

CHARLOTTE, (North Carolina State) 13 Nov— Researchers from North Carolina State University have developed a simple way to convert two-dimensional patterns into three-dimensional (3-D) objects using only light.

"This is a novel application of existing materials, and has potential for rapid, high-volume manufacturing processes or packaging applications," says Dr Michael Dickey, an assistant professor of

chemical and biomolecular engineering at NC State and co-author of a paper describing the research.

The process is remarkably simple. Researchers take a pre-stressed plastic sheet and run it through a conventional inkjet printer to print bold black lines on the material. The material is then cut into a desired pattern and placed under an infrared light, such as a heat lamp.

The bold black lines absorb more energy than the rest of the material, causing the plastic to contract — creating a hinge that folds the sheets into 3-D shapes. This technique can be used to create a variety of objects, such as cubes or pyramids, without ever having to physically touch the material. The technique is compatible with commercial printing techniques, such as screen printing, roll-to-roll printing, and inkjet

printing, that are inexpensive and high-throughput but inherently 2-D.

By varying the width of the black lines, or hinges, researchers are able to change how far each hinge folds. For example, they can create a hinge that folds 90 degrees for a cube, or a hinge that folds 120 degrees for a pyramid. The wider the hinge, the further it folds. Wider hinges also fold faster, because there is more surface area to absorb energy.

Internet

France, Germany to make proposals to modify EU treaties

PARIS, 23 Nov— France and Germany will soon put forward proposals to modify European Union (EU) treaties for greater convergence of financial, economic and tax policies to cope with the eurozone debt crisis, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said here on Tuesday.

Speaking at a reception at the Elysee Palace, the French president told participants attending the two-day International Capital Conference 2011 that the eurozone countries need integrating financial policies.

“With (German Chancellor) Angela Merkel, we will soon make proposals with regard to the treaty amendment to prevent that (eurozone) countries can differ in fiscal, economic and tax

polices,” said Sarkozy.

“We need a convergence of economic policies (in the eurozone), which is to say a convergence of fiscal policies,” he said.

Sarkozy appreciated the development of emerging countries in Asia. “With this unprecedented development, millions of workers from China and India joined the global economy and millions of people walk out of poverty.”

“For developed countries, globalization is a challenge ... No advanced country is immune from the consequences of excessive debt accumulated over the years,” he added.

Organized by the Boao Forum for Asia and hosted by the French Ministry of Economy, Finance



French President Nicolas Sarkozy

and Industry, the International Capital Conference 2011 on 23 to 24 Nov will bring together some 400 European and Asian leaders, economists and entrepreneurs.—Xinhua



Firefighters work at the scene of a helicopter accident in Auckland, New Zealand, on 23 Nov, 2011. A helicopter crashed on Auckland's waterfront on Wednesday while installing Christmas trees. The pilot escaped the accident with only minor injury on his head.—XINHUA

British police says no to FBI in 2012 Olympics

LONDON, 23 Nov— A senior British police said no to any foreign armed guards including FBI in London during the 2012 Olympics on Tuesday.

Assistant Commissioner Chris Allison insisted that armed agents from other countries besides Britain will not be permitted at the Olympic Games,

moreover, the National Olympic Security Coordinator maintained that preparations of safety and security are “in a good place.”

The police used the word of “rubbish” when he talked about a report that the United States was dissatisfied with security arrangements and would send up to 500 armed

FBI agents to protect US interests.

Allison confirmed that most countries are likely to send “security liaison officers” who will work with British police. “Some teams, they bring liaison officers with them, they're not protection officers,” he added.

Xinhua

US investigators probe drug plane abandoned at Houston-area airport

HOUSTON, 23 Nov— The US authorities are hunting for the pilot of a small airplane packed with marijuana that was abandoned at a private corporate airport in the Houston-area, local media reported on Tuesday.

The twin-engine, six-seat aircraft skidded off a runway Monday night at the Houston Executive Airport in west Houston. A large amount of marijuana was found aboard, according to local TV channel KTRK.

Federal investigators were searching the plane Tuesday morning for fingerprints and other evidence. A cell phone and an iPad were found in the plane, which attempted to land at

the airport when it experienced front landing gear malfunction and skidded down the runway on its nose on Monday. Authorities said that there was at least one person, possible two, aboard the plane. It is not known where the drugs were heading.

The US Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Homeland Security are investigating the case. Houston is sometimes used by drug dealers to transport marijuana and cocaine from Mexico to major cities like Atlanta, Chicago and New York, according to a study published by the US Justice Department in 2009.—Xinhua



Mexican soldiers guard 15.35 million US dollars during the presentation of a seizure at the Assistant Attorney General's Office for Special Investigations on the Organized Crime headquarters in Mexico City, Mexico, on 22 Nov, 2011. The seizure also includes 3 kg of cocaine, handguns and rifles, as well as various pieces of jewelry. The local authorities said that the seizure belonged to the criminal organization of Joaquin Guzman Loera also known as “El Chapo Guzman”.—XINHUA

US blacklists Lebanon explosives expert

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov —The US state department has black-listed an explosives expert of a Lebanon-based militant group.

Ibrahim Suleiman Hamad Al-Hablain, who works for the Abdullah Azzam Brigades, is a Saudi citizen currently wanted for extradition by the Saudi government for participating in extremist activities abroad, Xinhua reported citing a statement.

The man — also known as Abu Jabal — is also the subject of an Interpol notice issued in February 2009 for activities related to terrorism, the statement said. According to media reports, the outfit claimed responsibility for the July 2010 bombing of a Japanese oil tanker as well as for firing rockets into Israel from Lebanon.

Internet

Three policemen killed in police station attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 Nov— At least three policemen were killed and four others injured early Wednesday morning when a group of militants attacked a police station in Dera Ismail Khan, a town in Pakistan's northwest Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, reported local media Duniya.

According to the report, an estimated 14 militants were involved in the attack. Details about the attack are not immediately available.

The report about the attack by militants on a police station in Dera Ismail Khan came just one day after a widely reported ceasefire announced by Pakistani Taleban in the country. Late on Tuesday, local media quoted a foreign media report as saying that Pakistani Taleban (TTP) had declared a nationwide ceasefire in support of the peace talks with the Pakistani government and the ceasefire had actually been in effect since October.—Xinhua



Rescuers work at the site of express train which caught fire in Giridih District of Jharkhand, about 300 kms north from Ranchi, India, on 22 Nov, 2011. Seven people, including one Australian woman, died and 12 others were injured when a fire swept through an overnight train in eastern India early on Tuesday, officials said.—XINHUA

Business

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Indian stocks open lower

MUMBAI, 23 Nov—Indian main stock index Sensex opened at 15,969.60 points Wednesday 95.82 points or 0.59 percent lower from previous close of 16,065.42 on losses of Asian stock markets. Technological, IT, banking and metal sector lost 1.87 percent, 1.61 percent, 1.33 percent and 1.13 percent, respectively.

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel, software outsourcing player Infosys, heavy machine maker BHEL and Tata Motors decreased 3.06 percent, 2.61 percent, 2.34 percent and 2.23 percent.

Sensex is the common name for the Bombay Stock Exchange Sensitive Index. It consists of the 30 largest and most actively traded stocks, representative of various sectors, on the Bombay Stock Exchange.—Xinhua

Brazilian economy may have zero growth in Q3, but will recover in Q4

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Nov—The Brazilian economy may register zero growth in the third quarter, but is likely to recover in the fourth quarter of the year, the deputy finance minister said Tuesday. Nelson Barbosa blamed the lack of growth on the international economic situation and the government's measures to halt the rise of the inflation rate. He said the Brazilian government is currently working with a 3.8 percent growth projection this year, while the financial market estimates a 3.2 percent growth.

Next year, the government expects Brazil to grow four to five percent, and the inflation rate should be below five percent as well, the official said. The government will release the third quarter gross domestic product (GDP) figures in December, but the Central Bank has already released its economic activity figures, which are considered a preview of the official GDP data. According to the Central Bank, in the third quarter, the Brazilian economy registered a contraction of 0.32 percent. From January to September, the economic activity index accumulated a rise of 3.15 percent.—Xinhua

Less wheezing linked to babies eating fish

Health

GOTHENBURG, 23 Nov—Babies who eat fish before being 9 months are less likely to suffer preschool wheeze, researchers in Sweden found.

Dr Emma Goksor of the Queen Silvia Children's Hospital at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden and colleagues analyzed responses from 4,171 randomly selected families, who answered questions when their child was 6 months, 12 months and 4 1/2 years of age. The study examined children who had had three or more episodes of wheezing in the previous year, including those who did and did not use asthma medication (inhaled corticosteroid), comparing them with children who did not wheeze.

The wheezy sample was further broken down into children who only developed episodic viral wheeze when they had colds and multiple trigger wheeze, where children also wheezed when they didn't have a cold, reacting to factors such as allergens, tobacco smoke or exercise, Goksor said. The study, scheduled to be published in the December issue of Acta Paediatrica, found eating fish before the age of 9 months almost halved the likelihood of suffering recurrent wheeze at age 4 1/2. The fish most commonly eaten was white fish, followed by salmon and flat fish, said Goksor, the lead author.—Internet

AirAsia's profit falls 53% in Q3 **Business**



An AirAsia Airbus A320 (foreground) sitting on the tarmac while another AirAsia aircraft taxis at KLIA in Sepang.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Nov—Malaysian budget carrier AirAsia said net profit slumped by more than half in the third quarter as fuel prices surged and warned that the next four months would also be challenging.

The report by the region's biggest no-frills airline follows a third

straight quarterly loss for Malaysian Airlines, which also suffered as a result of higher petrol costs.

AirAsia said in a statement late Tuesday that net profit fell 53 percent to 152.3 million ringgit (US\$47.8 million) from 327.3 million for the same period last year.

Although revenue

rose 9.9 percent to 1.08 billion ringgit from 979.7 million last year — aided by an 8.0 percent rise in passengers — it said fuel expenses spiralled 45 percent to 421.2 million and staff costs rose 38 percent to 126.3 million.

AirAsia said that based on forward booking trends, the three months to December for its Malaysian, Thai and Indonesian operations was positive but warned that the outlook "should be seen in the context of the current high price of oil and aviation fuel."

It said that recently introduced fuel surcharges have "mitigated, but not fully offset, the effect of higher fuel prices."

On Monday Malaysia Airlines posted a net loss of 478 million ringgit for the quarter ended 30 September.—Internet

Health

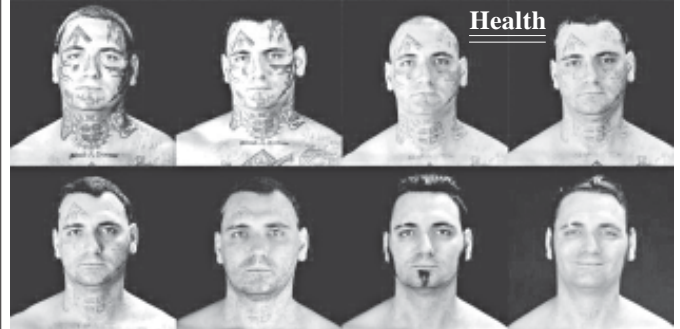
Depression doesn't delay test follow-up

BOSTON, 23 Nov—Pre-existing depression and anxiety in women does not delay follow-up to abnormal mammograms and Pap tests, US researchers say. Lead author Dr Andrea Kronman, assistant professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, and colleagues conducted a retrospective review of electronic medical records to identify women who had a diagnosis of depression or anxiety in the year prior to the abnormal mammogram or Pap test.

Of the women with abnormal mammogram 19 percent had depression and of the women with an abnormal Pap tests 16 percent had depression. The median time to resolution was 27 days for women with abnormal mammograms and 85 days for women with abnormal Pap tests, Kronman said.

Internet

Health



This combination of eight photos provided by Bill Brummel Productions shows the progress of tattoo removal treatments for former skinhead Bryon Widner. For 16 years, Widner was a glowering, swaggering, menacing vessel of savagery—an "enforcer" for some of America's most notorious and violent racist skinhead groups. Though his beliefs had changed, leaving the old life would not be easy when it was all he had known - and when his face remained a billboard of hate.—INTERNET

Microsoft buys video search engine VideoSurf **Business**

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Nov—Microsoft announced on Tuesday that it has acquired video search engine VideoSurf. In a Press release, Microsoft said it will integrate VideoSurf's technology across its entertainment platform to augment the Xbox 360 ecosystem and evolve search and discovery of entertainment content on Xbox

LIVE. Details of the deal were not disclosed.

Technology news site TechCrunch cited Israeli business newspaper Calcalist as saying that the company was bought for about 70 million US dollars. The San Mateo, California-based company, founded by four Israelis in 2006, offers a technology that "sees" frames inside

videos to make discovering content fast, easy and accurate.

Since its founding, VideoSurf has raised 28 million dollars from several sources, including Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg and her husband, as well as former US vice president Al Gore.

Last month, Microsoft announced that it will bring cable television content to its Xbox video game console over the holiday season, expanding the console into an entertainment hub.—Xinhua



Snake robot offers new twist on nuclear cleanup

Tech



The snake-arm robot can "reach the unreachable" say its creators.

INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Nov— You could call it the humanoid robot's more curvacious cousin.

Slithering into confined spaces, tackling tasks too difficult or dangerous for humans, the Snake-arm robot can "reach the unreachable"

say its UK inventors, OC Robotics. Managing director

Rob Buckingham and technical director Andrew Graham developed their first prototype in 2001 from their base in Bristol, England, and they've been perfecting the technology ever since. Today, with clients in the nuclear sector and others queuing up for a demonstration, the hard work is beginning to pay

off. The technical challenge has been finding a way to channel energy into the snake-arm, Buckingham says.

"Just like the human arm, the big muscles that drive them are actually mounted on the back and tendons link the muscles to the joints," Buckingham said.

"Basically, we've taken that principle to an extreme and use wire ropes as tendons and all the motors (actuators) that control the arm are at the base of the robot," he added.

Made of steel, these "wire ropes" transfer the actuators' mechanical power into the snake-arm, where a series of articulating links create a sinuous movement.

Internet

Amazon Kindles being 'ruined' by airport X-ray scanners

Tech



Amazon Kindle e-reader

LONDON, 23 Nov— Travellers have been warned that their Amazon Kindle e-reader can be destroyed by security X-ray scanners at airports.

Multiple complaints from users have recently emerged that their Kindle was ruined by a baggage check. This has prompted claims that radiation permanently affected the device's electronic ink display, the *Telegraph* reports. Electronic ink screens use thousands of tiny capsules filled with magnetic black and white particles to display text and pictures.

It is controlled by applying a small voltage across the capsules, which sends either the positively charged white particles or the negatively charged black particles to the front.

They stay in place until the next time a voltage is

applied, which allows the Kindle battery to last for much longer than in gadgets that use LCD screens, such as the iPad. Meanwhile, Amazon has denied X-ray machines were a threat to the Kindle.

"Exposing your Kindle to an X-ray machine, such as those used by airport security, should not cause

and problems with it," a spokesman for the internet giant said. "Many Kindle users travel by air, and their Kindles are screened by airport security every day without issue," he added.

According to users, the firm has replaced Kindles that stopped working after passing through an airport scanner.—*Internet*

Wild birds to be released as New Zealand oil clean-up progresses

Science

WELLINGTON, 23 Nov—New Zealand animal experts will begin releasing seabirds Tuesday almost seven weeks after a massive oil leak from a grounded cargo ship triggered a wildlife rescue operation.

Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) announced Monday the staged release of some of the cleaned birds from the oiled wildlife facility in the Bay of Plenty region would start this week.

All birds would have to pass a "six-hour test" where they swam for six hours without a break before being assessed to ensure their waterproofing was normal. They had also been introduced back to salt water. The habitats where the birds would be released had been carefully checked to ensure they were ready to receive wildlife.

About 350 tonnes of oil leaked from the Liberian-flagged *Rena* after it ran aground on the Astrolabe Reef on 5 Oct, killing an estimated 1,300 seabirds.



More than 400 birds are being cared for at the oiled wildlife response center, including 60 New Zealand dotterel that were captured pre-emptively to protect the endangered species. Although there was still a chance that more oil could spill from *Rena*, the center could not keep wild birds "in captivity for an indefinite period of time without running the risk of disease or injury," said Morgan.—*Xinhua*



'Password' and 'letmein' among worst passwords ever

Tech

TORONTO, 23 Nov—Online security experts say there are a number of tactics to thwart hackers when it comes to passwords, including changing it regularly and using a hard-to-guess combination of letters, numbers, punctuation and symbols.

But perhaps the best piece of advice is not to use "password" as your password.

The California-based software company SplashData analyzed millions of stolen passwords that had been obtained by hackers and found some dangerously simple choices came up again and again.

The most common was "password," followed by "123456," "12345678," "qwerty," "abc123," "monkey," "1234567," "letmein," "trustno1," "dragon" and "baseball."

Users who have trouble remembering all their online passwords can buy software to automatically — and perhery — log them into websites.

SplashData's version is SplashID, while the Canadian company AgileBits makes IPassword.

Internet

Yellowstone proposes culling bison 360 migrating bison

Science

BILLINGS, 23 Nov— Up to 360 migrating bison would be shot by Montana hunters, captured for slaughter or shipped elsewhere this winter under a proposal from Yellowstone National Park.

Documents obtained by *The Associated Press* show park officials considering "selective culls" to help reduce the bison population from 3,700 animals to about 3,000. That comes amid pressure from Montana officials including Gov Brian Schweitzer for Yellowstone to rein in its

iconic bison herds. Others say the animals should roam freely.

Biologists say fewer animals would help avoid the mass slaughters seen during past winter bison migrations from the park. Some of the anticipated decline would come from natural deaths.

More than 3,600 Yellowstone bison were removed through slaughter and other means over the last decade to prevent the spread of disease to livestock.—*Internet*



Bison from Yellowstone National Park are herded down the Yellowstone River valley toward Cutler Meadow in the Gallatin National Forest, in Montana, on 19 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

China builds world's largest seismic network for reservoirs

YICHANG, (Hubei) 23 Nov—China has established the world's largest seismological network for monitoring and preventing earthquakes near major reservoirs, a senior scientist said Sunday.

The network is located in the lower reaches of the Jinsha River, which constitutes part of the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, China's longest waterway, Chen Houqun, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, said at a hydropower development forum held in central China's Hubei Province.

Several dams with a height of over 300 metres have been built in west China in recent years, a region that has

also experienced 82 percent of the country's strongest earthquakes, according to Chen.

Authorities should be wary of earthquakes that occur near major reservoirs, despite the fact that strong jolts are rarely reported in those areas, Chen said.

In response to concerns that the large dams might actually cause earthquakes, Chen said there is no reason to panic.

"There are hundreds of thousands of reservoirs in the world, but only about 100 reservoir-triggered quakes have been reported," he said.

Xinhua



A group of participants dressed like penguins attend the 107th Annual Toronto Santa Claus Parade in Toronto, Canada, on 20 Nov, 2011. With 20 bands, 26 floats and more than 1,500 volunteers, Toronto's Santa Claus Parade is one of the largest in Canada in 2011.—XINHUA



Workers clean up ruins at the Wat Mahathat temple in Ayutthaya after floodwaters subsided. The ancient temples of Ayutthaya survived centuries of tropical heat and rain, but experts now fear some have been weakened by Thailand's devastating floods.—INTERNET

World's most expensive mince pie contains whale sugar and platinum coin

LONDON, 23 Nov—A mince pie, which is believed to be the world's most expensive, uses a mix of traditional ingredients from recipes dating back to the 17th century. The culinary delight, estimated to be worth 3,000 pounds, is currently on show at a London shopping centre.

Other added ingredients include the highest-grade platinum

leaf, holy water from Lourdes to bind the pastry and wash all the ingredients, vanilla beans and cinnamon from eastern spice markets.

Highly prized ambergris sugar derived from sperm whale

secretions has also been used.

It is complete without a solid Platinum coin in keeping with the British tradition of placing a silver coin in a Christmas cake or pudding.

It took ten days for

Andrew Stellitano, who runs food design company Astarism to make the exclusive mince pie. The pastry top was designed on a computer and laser cut to give it an intricate finish, the *Daily Mail* reported.—INTERNET

Fog disrupts London flights



Two British Airways jets are pictured in the fog at London's Heathrow airport, in 2010.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Nov—Thousands of passengers faced severe delay Sunday after fog disrupted hundreds of flights in and out of London's airports, including Heathrow, the country's busiest.

Heathrow Airport confirmed 132 flights, including 50 British

Airways services, were cancelled due to thick fog. "We are aware of 74 departing flights that have been cancelled by airlines," read a statement issued by the airport, which handles around 1,300 flights a day.

"Some delays to flights are also occurring

so we advise passengers to check with their airlines before travelling," it added. Some 58 incoming flights were also cancelled.

London City Airport, in the British capital's east, also announced 44 flights had been delayed or diverted due to poor weather.

The Met Office, the country's national weather service, warned "dense fog" could become "more extensive" in many areas overnight. Airlines said they had re-booked some stranded passengers and were finding overnight accommodation for others.—INTERNET

Iran tests passive radar in aerial drill

TEHRAN, 23 Nov—Iran tested its passive radar system and electronic warfare equipment in the latest aerial drills aimed at maintaining readiness of a nationwide radar network, local satellite Press TV reported on Sunday.

Colonel Abolfazl Sepehri, spokesman for the four-day military exercises, said that Iran's

armed forces deployed the country's most up-to-date passive radar system and hardware for electronic warfare on Saturday, according to the report, which did not elaborate on the system.

Led by the Iranian Army's Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defence Base, the armed forces also employed domestically-developed artillery,

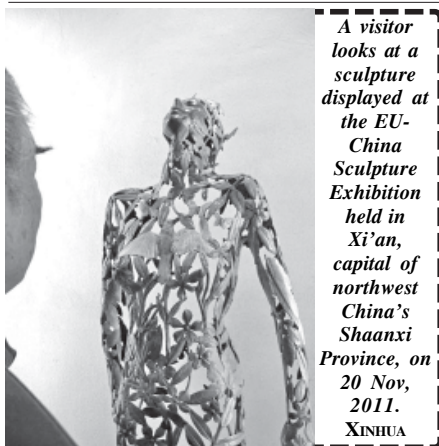
missile and composite defence systems to counter possible radar disruptions and enemy's telecommunications.

Sepehri told reporters that the Iranian forces applied certain strategies to further disrupt the navigational systems of the hypothetical enemies' flying objects, the report said. Iran started on Friday an aerial war game in the eastern part of the country.

On Saturday, Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh, commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corp aerospace division, said that Iran would retaliate if the United States attacked it.

"The US dares not attack Iran, because in case it does so it will face a crushing response and be bitterly punished," Hajizadeh told the state-run IRNA news agency.

Xinhua



A visitor looks at a sculpture displayed at the EU-China Sculpture Exhibition held in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 20 Nov, 2011. XINHUA

Malformed mummy found in Peru

BEIJING, 23 Nov—Peruvian researchers are puzzled over an oddly-formed mummy found recently in the Cuzco Region, the heart of Incan civilization. The mummy now sits in the Ritos Andinos Museum in Andahuailillas, some 685 miles southeast of Lima.

The mummy is 50 centimetres tall, and doesn't coincide with the human norms. It's head is triangular and the eye cavities are too big for a normal human.

Archeologists also noted a strange flange on the jaw, an opening at the top of the head, wisdom teeth and molars. They made an initial guess that the mummy is a child, saying it could have been a human sacrifice to placate the gods during dangerous times.

They also debunked local media reports the mummy could have originated from an extraterrestrial life form.

Xinhua

Gold settles higher, recoups 1,700 dollars

CHICAGO, 23 Nov—Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange on Tuesday bounced off previous weakness and settled above the 1,700-dollar mark, as bargain hunters came in following Monday's nearly 3-percent drop.

The most active gold contract for Dec. delivery gained 23.8 US

dollars, or 1.4 percent, to 1702.4 dollars per ounce. Market analysts said that bargain-hunting buying has come back into the market after the metal slumped to the 4-week low on Monday, providing a strong rebound that bodes well for gold's near and longer-term prospects.

Meanwhile, a higher crude oil price also contributed to the rebound, as gold is usually bought as a hedge against inflation, said Mike Daley, a senior gold analyst with PFGBEST Group. New York crude oil hiked 1.09 dollars to 98.01 dollars per barrel, approaching the key mark 100 dollars again. Besides, the weakness in dollar added to the positive tone on the metal market.—Xinhua



Photo shows the female special police is patrolling the streets in southwestern China's Chendu City.—INTERNET



A woman dances during the Black Awareness Day assembly at Placa 11 of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 20 Nov, 2011. Black Awareness Day is celebrated annually on 20 Nov in Brazil in order to reflect upon the injustices of slavery and to celebrate the contributions made by Brazilian citizens of African descent.—XINHUA

Dumb thieves forgot to put petrol in car!

LONDON, 23 Nov—Two thieves in Britain proved they were too dumb to be doing what they were after they were captured on CCTV pushing their car to a petrol pump as they forgot to tank it up before a robbery.

Rose Devlin, 59, and Denise Egan, 52, stole 400 pounds of alcohol from a supermarket in Manchester city and bundled it into the back of their car. But they realised their quick exit was foiled due to not having petrol, the Daily

Mail reported. They were forced to push the vehicle to the supermarket's petrol station to fill up before heading away. All this was captured on CCTV and the robbers were eventually arrested.—Internet

Three killed in Pakistan factory blast

ISLAMABAD, 32 Nov—At least three workers were killed in a blast Tuesday night at a factory in Pakistan's Punjab province, a media report said. The blast took place inside a depot of a factory in Sillanwali town in Sargodha district, Xinhua reported citing Urdu TV channel Duniya.

The report, however, did not mention what caused the blast, but said that police have excluded the possibility of a terrorist attack.—Internet

6.6-magnitude quake hits Bolivia

BEIJING, 23 Nov—An earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale jolted Bolivia at 2:48 am Beijing Time Wednesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicenter, with a depth of 540 km, was determined to be at about 15.3 degrees south latitude and 65.1 degrees west longitude, the center said in a statement.—Xinhua

Nigerian police arrest three suspected kidnapers

LAGOS, 23 Nov—The police in Nigeria's southwest Lagos State have arrested three suspected kidnapers, including a herbalist allegedly involved in the abduction of a medical doctor.

State police spokesperson Samuel Jinadu told reporters in Lagos on Sunday that the suspects were arrested through intelligence reports. The suspects were arrested on 9 Oct in a hideout in the Obadore-Igando area of Lagos, while the medical doctor and three others were rescued.

"Intelligence reports, including telecommunication reports on their phone transactions assisted the police to arrest them," he added. "We are on the trail of other suspects at large. As soon as investigation is concluded, the suspects will be charged to court," Jinadu said. He urged the public to promptly supply the police with information about criminal activities in their areas.—Xinhua



Three dog owners show their dogs during the International Dog Show CACIB Zagreb 2011 in Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on 20 Nov, 2011. More than 3,000 participants from 33 countries and regions took part in the event judged by a jury of 25 international judges. XINHUA

Roadside bomb kills four Afghan civilians, wounds two

MEHTERLAM, (Afghanistan) 23 Nov—Four civilians were killed and two others were injured as a roadside bomb struck a civilian car in Laghman Province 90 km east of Afghan capital City Kabul on Tuesday, an official said.

"The tragic incident happened at 10:00 am local time today in Ali Negar District leaving four innocent civilians including a child dead and injuring two others," spokesman for provincial administration Faizanullah Patan told Xinhua. He also blamed Taleban militants for organizing the attack but the outfit fighting Afghan government has not to make comment yet.—Xinhua



A girl climbs up a date palm tree during the Emirates International Date Palm Festival in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on 22 Nov, 2011. XINHUA

US designates "Abu Jabal" a terrorist

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov—The US State Department on Tuesday designated a Saudi national linked to a Lebanese militant group as a terrorist, a move that blocks his assets within US reach.

Ibrahim Suleiman Hamad Al-Hablain, also known as Abu Jabal, is an explosives expert and operative for Abdullah Azzam Brigades, or AAB, a Lebanese militant organization, the State Department said in a statement. AAB claimed responsibility for the July 2010 bombing of a Japanese oil tanker and for firing several rockets into Israel from Lebanon, the statement said, citing media reports. The terrorist designation freezes any of Abu Jabal's assets in US territory and bans US citizens from doing business with him or engaging in any transactions from which he might benefit.—MNA/Reuters

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues...

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U Min Swe of DaikU Constituency submitted a proposal to add the paragraph 5 (d) and to cancel paragraph (e). U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency, U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency, U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency, U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency and U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency participated in the discussions. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing said that the paragraph should be kept as original provision and requested to withdraw the proposals of amendment.

U Min Swe proposed to withdraw his proposal and put it on record. Hluttaw decided to remain as original provision and record the proposal.

U Stephen, member of Bill Committee, submitted to remain as the proposal regarding the Paragraph 6 (c), and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing approved it.

Regarding the paragraph, U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted amendment, and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing expressed that the former's supplement is appropriate.

With regard to the Paragraph 6 (d), U Yaw Di Dway of Putao Constituency submitted amendment and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing approved it.

As there was no one who objected the proposals regarding the Paragraph 6 (c, d), it was decided that proposals relating to amendment were approved.

Regarding the Paragraph 10 (a) (1), U Yaw Di Dway of Putao Constituency submitted amendment and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing discussed that the phrase "75% of acreage" is not needed and there was no objection to the phrase "for actual sown acreage".

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Then, U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency submitted further proposal.

As the proposal won majority support, amendment was approved.

U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency submitted amendment to the Paragraph 10 (a) (3). Union Minister U Myint Hlaing submitted that after the phrase "industrial raw material" was added ahead of the phrase "if it is seasonal crop" at the beginning of sub-paragraph, there was no objection to the proposal of U Htay Myint.

As there was no objection to the proposal, amendment was approved.

Bill Committee member U Stephen, U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency, and U Yaw Di Dway of Putao Constituency submitted amendments. U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency discussed them. Union

Minister U Myint Hlaing said that it is needed to set only ten acres and there was no objection to the phrase "it is possible that regional organization can take measure for permission".

U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency, U Aung Thant of Patheingyi Constituency and U Thaug of Mawlaik Constituency discussed the proposals.

As there was no objection to the proposal for the amendment of the Bill Committee, the proposal was approved.

The Vacant, Fallow, Virgin Lands Management Bill will be further discussed tomorrow.

The session ended at 4 pm and 51st session starts at 10 am tomorrow.

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Bank branch opened, Chinese troupe donates cash, aids to six schools for disabled

YANGON, 23 Nov — Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended a ceremony to open the 11th bank branch of Myanma Pioneer Bank in Mayangon Township today.

The chief minister unveiled the signboard of the bank branch.



Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua hands over cash assistance and aids to Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe.—MNA

The chief minister also attended a ceremony to donate cash and aids by China Disabled People's Performing Troupe and Chinese Embassy to six training schools for Myanmar at the social welfare institute on Kyaikwai Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township today.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China donated K 1.5 million, the Chinese art troupe K 10.2 million and aids worth US\$8000 to six schools for Myanmar disabled under the Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlements.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe accepted the donation.

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MDA organizes educative talks

YANGON, 23 Nov—Under the supervision of Myanmar Dental Association (Central), the Yangon Region branch organized the educative talk in conjunction with the prize presentation for outstanding students at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 20 November.

Vice-Chairman of the association Prof Dr U Pwint Phu made a speech and then presented K 100,000 and certificate of honour awarded by Yangon Region branch to Dr Yin Wai Hlaing who passed the final NDS examination in November 2009 of University of Dental Medicine (Yangon) with four distinctions. Later, Dr Moe Win Thein gave talks on Basic Keys to Practical Orthodontic Treatment.—MNA

Union Religious Affairs Minister meets US Charge d' Affaires ai

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received Charge d' Affaires ai Mr. Michael E. Thurston of the US Embassy in Myanmar at his office, here, this afternoon.

They held comprehensive discussions on further friendship between the two countries.

MNA

Chemistry family to pay respects old faculty members for eighth time

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—The eighth respect paying ceremony for old faculty members of Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry Departments of Yangon Arts and Science University will be held at the Universities' Dhammayon in Yangon from 10 am to 1 pm on 18 December.

The faculty members and old students who became graduates from 1967 to 1973 are invited to attend the ceremony without fail.

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds may contact U Maung Maung Gyi (1967), Tel: 203074, U Soe Kyi (1968), Tel: 223499, Daw Aye Nyunt Kyi (1968), Tel: 559980, Col Ko Ko Kyaw (1969), Tel: 501432 and 537443, U Sein Win (1969), Tel: 664321, U Zaw Win (1970), Tel: 590345, Daw Theingi Kyi (1970), Tel: 546780, Daw San San Win (1971), Tel: 298996, U Thein Shwe (1972), Tel: 226245, and Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt (1973), Tel: 292593.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives UNFPA and AFPPD officials



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa met UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohame Abdel-Ahad and Executive Director Mr Shiv Khare of AFPPD at Building No. 1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee in Hluttaw Building here today.

Also present at the call were Chairman U Hla Myint Oo of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee, Chairman U Maung Maung Swe of Women and Children Protection Committee and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee.

After meeting, the AFPPD executive director explained mandate, activities and membership of AFPPD, and possible cooperation in population and development areas, and replied to queries by the attendees.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohame Abdel-Ahad and Executive Director Mr Shiv Khare of AFPPD.—MNA

Chinese journalist delegation visits MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Daily

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — A visiting Chinese journalist delegation led by Ms. Guo Yingyan, General Secretary of Liaoning Journalist Association, visited Myanmar Radio and Television in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

During the visit, they met with the director-general of MRTV and visited Auditorium hall, Radio recording room, TV studio and broadcasting rooms.

They also visited the Nay Pyi Taw Daily of the News and Periodicals Enterprise in Zeyathiri Township.

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General Secretary of Liaoning Journalist Association Ms. Guo Yingyan, and party at Myanmar Radio and Television in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Second regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov— The 10th day second regular session of the first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw was held at Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Office at 10 am yesterday, attended by Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Thayay Sithu U Hsan Hsint and 65 Hluttaw Representatives. A total of 23

questions were answered, three proposals were discussed, one decision was made and one proposal was submitted at the session which ended at 4 pm. — MNA

Union Construction Minister oversees construction of Yenwe creek bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — The 360 feet long Yenwe creek bridge is located between mile post Nos (13/6) and (13/7) on Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Kyunkon road in Kyauktaga Township of

Bago Region. The RC type facility has 24 feet wide motorway flanked by 3.6 feet wide pedestrian walks on both sides and it can withstand 75 tons load inclusive of vehicle.

On his inspection tour of the bridge, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint oversaw

installation of steel trusses, laying of concrete and preparation for installation of steel trusses.

Then, the Union Minister inspected road works being implemented by Special Project Group (1) on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo road section.

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Dried banded snakehead fish...

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explained, "As larger amount of fish flows into the market, price of fish declines slightly. So, we are busy. We cannot fully satisfy the demand to buyers. We prepare the dried fish in boxes to be sent to Yangon. The dried banded snakehead fish is available at Mudita Shop at Tawwin Centre in Yangon. Dwellers of Yangon order us to buy the dried fish and export it."

The dried banded snakehead fish and Bombay duck kept in the plastic boxes are sold at K 1500, K 3000, K 5000, K 10,000 and K 12,000 per boxes depending on the sizes of boxes.

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Rakhine State Chief Minister inspects Sittway BEHS (2), Myoma Market

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin visited Basic Education High School No (2) at Bauktheesu ward in Sittway on 21 November. The Chief Minister observed school buildings, school library and learning of students, and cordially greeted students and

then met headmasters and teachers.

On his arrival at Myoma Market, the Chief Minister inspected preventive measures against fire and selling and buying in the market.

Next, the Chief Minister viewed a fire drill of the Sittway Fire Brigade members.

MNA

Shwedaung BEHS to pay respects to old teachers for 20th time

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—A ceremony to pay respects to old teachers will be held for the 20th time at Basic Education High School in Shwedaung at 2 pm on 4 December (Sunday).

Old teachers and students are to attend the ceremony without fail.

Those wishing to make cash donation may contact U Khin Maung Than (Shwedaung), Tel: 095310184, U Khin Maung Thwin (Shwedaung), Tel: 053-55355, U Than Swe (Shwedaung), Tel: 053-55176, and U Aung Win Naing (Yangon), Tel: 0943043566.—MNA



US delays launch of Mars rover

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov—The launch of the Mars Science Laboratory, which contains the car-sized Curiosity rover, has been delayed by a day to 26 Nov, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced Monday. The delay will “allow time for the team to remove and replace a flight termination system battery,” NASA said in a statement. The launch is now scheduled for 10:02 am (1502 GMT) on Saturday from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. The launch window remains open for one hour and 43 minutes. Curiosity is about twice as long and more than five times as heavy as any previous Mars rover. Its 10 science instruments

include two for ingesting and analyzing samples of powdered rock delivered by the rover’s robotic arm. Scheduled to land on the Mars in August 2012, the one-ton rover will examine Gale Crater during a nearly two-year prime mission. Curiosity will land near the base of a layered mountain three miles (five kilometres) high inside the crater. *Xinhua*

Manned Russian Soyuz capsule lands safely in Kazakhstan

Moscow, 23 Nov—A Russian capsule carrying three astronauts landed safely in the steppes of Kazakhstan on Tuesday, Russia’s space agency said. The capsule, carrying NASA astronaut Michael Fossum, Russian cosmonaut Sergei Volkov and Satoshi Furukawa of Japan’s JAXA space agency, returned to earth at 8:25 am Kazakh time (0225 GMT) after undocking from the International Space Station (ISS) earlier in the day. They had stayed 165 days in space. NASA’s Dan Burbank and Russians Anton Shkaplerov and Anatoly Ivanishin, who arrived at the station on Wednesday, will stay there till March. The station will be back to its normal six-person crew after a launch in October. *Xinhua*

A Russian Soyuz capsule departs the International Space Station. INTERNET



US President Barack Obama (L) delivers remarks before signing a bill into law that would encourage businesses to hire veterans, in the South Court Auditorium next to the White House in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 21 Nov, 2011. This is so far the only piece of Obama’s American Jobs Act to get enacted.—XINHUA

Ex-Brazilian president Lula continues chemotherapy on throat cancer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Nov—Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Monday afternoon started the second round of chemotherapy to treat his laryngeal cancer, hospital officials said. The 66-year-old was expected to leave hospital on Tuesday, said a statement of the Sirio-Libanes Hospital in the City of Sao Paulo. He would be back for a third round of chemotherapy after three weeks and a radiotherapy treatment in early January next year. Doctors said Lula had very good prospects for a full recovery. Gilberto Cardoso, the country’s secretary of presidency and a longtime friend of the former president, said Lula was excited about the government’s plan announced last week to help disabled people. Lula left power in January after two consecutive terms from 2003 to 2010. He was diagnosed with laryngeal cancer late last month.—*Xinhua*

Fish nearly extinct in China’s largest desert freshwater lake

XI’AN, 23 Nov—Fish in Hongjiannao Lake, China’s largest desert freshwater lake, are teetering on the verge of extinction, according to local fishery authorities. “The fish in Hongjiannao have nearly vanished,” said Li Weiping, the head of a fish monitoring station in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province. As the lake continues to shrink, its water has become more salty and its pH reading has reached 9.6, while the maximum reading suitable for fish is 8.5, according to Li. The lake has gradually lost the water that it used to get from underground streams and rivers, Li said, adding that excessive coal mining around the lake has changed the way water flows underground. Two reservoirs have been built on two rivers near the upper reaches of the lake, preventing river water from flowing into the lake. The lake’s water level has plunged by 20 to 30 centimetres every year. Its total surface area has been reduced to 41.8 square km, down from 67 km in 1996.—*Xinhua*



An aerial view shows oil that seeped from a well operated by Chevron at Frade, on the waters in Campos Basin in Rio de Janeiro state on 18 Nov, 2011. The head of Brazil’s oil regulator, the ANP, said on Monday that only Chevron, and not its partners, Petrobras and Japanese group Frade Japao, would be fined for the spill. Chevron is being fined about \$28 million and is the subject of a federal police probe. Picture taken on 18 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

Brain activity during orgasm studied

NEWARK, 23 Nov—US researchers say they have recorded what goes on in the brain during one of the human body’s most personal and private experiences — orgasm. Psychologists at Rutgers University captured the crescendo of brain activity in a series of functional magnetic resonance imaging snapshots taken of a female volunteer in a 7-minute period, *ABC News* reported Friday. “We’re looking at the sequence of brain regions that get recruited at increasing intensity leading up to orgasm,” psychology Professor Barry Komisaruk said. “It’s such a compelling behavioral and sensory phenomenon with so many implications and so little understanding.” When Nan Wise, a 54-year-old sex therapist turned Rutgers doctoral candidate, reached a self-stimulated orgasm, almost every area of her brain was activated, the researchers said. “When I first started grad school in ’80s, we didn’t have these methods,” said Wise, who went back to school four years ago. “Now we can study how the brain is recruiting these regions to create the big bang of orgasm.—*Internet*

Mexico on alert over Popocatepetl volcano eruption

MEXICO CITY, 23 Nov—Mexico's largest active volcano Popocatepetl continued to spew smoke and ashes on Monday near the capital, the National Disaster Prevention Centre (Cenapred) said. Popocatepetl, located some 60 km southeast of the Mexico City, had a total of four low-intensity exhalations after a powerful explosion around midday on Sunday, Carlos Gutierrez, head of research at Cenapred, said.

The smoke was clearly visible from the capital with some 20 million inhabitants as well as nearby cities in the central Provinces of Puebla, Morelos and Mexico. Cenapred maintained a yellow alert for the area, Gutierrez said.

Access to the volcano has been restricted to a radius of 12 km around

the crater after Sunday's explosion, which was reported to happen at 12:05 pm local time (1805 GMT) and ejected smoke and ash over 7 km high into the air. The explosion startled nearby residents, but officials said no damage or injuries had been reported so far.

The Popocatepetl volcano, measuring 5,452 metres in height, last had a major eruption in December 2000, when masses of lava flowed for weeks and led to the evacuation of some 30,000 people.

Scientists monitoring the current activity at Popocatepetl were expecting continued "moderate exhalations and low level sporadic explosions" including possible volcanic fragments from the crater, Gutierrez said.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 21 Nov, 2011 shows the debris of a crashed plane at the Fly Tango flight school in the town of Mercedes, some 100 kilometres from Buenos Aires. Two people died in Argentina on Monday as a small private plane crashed into an aircraft of the Argentine Air Force (FAA), FAA and police officials said.—XINHUA



A pony grazes in a meadow at sunset on 21 November, 2011 in Lausanne, Western Switzerland.—XINHUA

Flights suspended in Uruguay, Argentina due to Chilean volcano ashes

MONTEVIDEO, 23 Nov—More than 30 flights were suspended in Uruguay and Argentina on Tuesday due to volcanic ash from the Puyehue volcano in Chile, airport authorities from both countries said.

In Uruguay, about 15 flights, mainly from Iberia, American Airlines, Taca and Aerolineas Argentinas, were canceled on Tuesday at the Carrasco International Airport in Montevideo since 0600 local time (0800 GMT).

A large ash cloud covered almost all the country and would remain in the zone on Tuesday and

probably part of Wednesday, Uruguay's Chief Aeronautic Meteorologist Laura Vanoli said.

The Argentine airport authority said more than 20 domestic and international flights were canceled or delayed at the airports in Buenos Aires.

"Due to the presence of volcano ashes over the metropolitan area and the decrease of the visibility, delays and cancellations have occurred in the flight schedule," the state-owned air company Aerolineas Argentinas said in a statement.

Xinhua

Snow blocks highways in north China

HOHHOT, 23 Nov—All major highways in Inner Mongolia autonomous region were closed Tuesday morning, as the first snow of the cold season blanketed the region's capital of Hohhot.

Hohhot's main bus

station began Tuesday morning to halt all long-distance coach services.

The China Central Meteorological Station said at 7 am that snow had fallen in the middle region of Inner Mongolia, northern part of Xinjiang

Uyur autonomous region as well as the northeastern Provinces of Jilin and Liaoning. The station said temperatures in Inner Mongolia would drop by 10 degrees Celsius over the next three days.

Xinhua

Armed tribesmen kidnap two foreigners in southern Yemen

ADEN (Yemen), 23 Nov—A group of armed tribesmen intercepted a Red Cross vehicle Tuesday evening and kidnapped two foreigners along with their Yemeni driver in the southern Province of Lahij, a local security official said.

The armed group forced a vehicle of the International Committee of the Red Cross to stop at a checkpoint in the Musimeer district, taking the two foreigners in the vehicle and their Yemeni driver to an unknown location, the security official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A French woman of Moroccan origin was one of the hostages, the official said, adding that the attackers were demanding the immediate release of a jailed tribesman. The official were unable to identify the nationality of the other hostages. A tribal source told Xinhua that the foreigners are well treated.—Xinhua



Students from St Andrews University participate in the traditional Raisin Monday celebrations in St Andrews, Scotland on 21 November, 2011.

XINHUA

Indonesia exploits solar energy

JAKARTA, 23 Nov—Indonesia is developing usage of solar energy to fulfill increasing demand on electricity, an official said here on Wednesday.

Director General for New and Renewable Energy at the Ministry for Energy and Mineral Resources Kardaya Warnika told a parliamentary hearing that currently, a small capacity of solar power plant is developed for small scale. "We are developing solar energy with capacity of 15 kilowatt that is enough for 100 households," said Warnika.

He added that the government is composing a regulation on the usage of solar energy. "For example, related to the usage of thousands hectare of land, certainly that they are not productive ones. As for now, we don't install solar energy equipment in productive lands," said Warnika.—Xinhua

Five die in Hubei highway pile-up

WUHAN, 23 Nov—Five people were confirmed dead in a pile-up accident Wednesday morning on a fog-shrouded highway in central China's Hubei Province, another two being hospitalized, a local transportation bureau said.

A bus collided with a truck at about 8:30 am on the highway between Wuhan and Yichang, two major cities in Hubei. With visibility hampered by a heavy fog, two trucks following behind also crashed, escalating the pile-up to a subsequent involvement of 40 vehicles.

The highway has still been closed one way while local traffic police were clearing up the accident site.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 19 Nov, 2011 shows the Tianjin Garden in the 8th China International Garden Expo Park in Chongqing, southwest China. The 8th China(Chongqing) International Garden Expo held in Chongqing attracted 188 exhibitors and set 6 different exhibition areas.

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Photo taken on 21 Nov, 2011 shows the excavation site of the ruins of a Han Dynasty (202 B.C.-220 A.D.) city unearthed in Shangboguan Village in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province. Archaeologists recently discovered the Han Dynasty city at a construction site of the fourth ring road in the outskirts of Shenyang.—XINHUA

Compensation for shampoo arrest man

DARWIN, 23 Nov — Australian authorities have compensated a Darwin man 100,000 Australian dollars (£63,000) after they wrongly accused him of trying to smuggle drugs into the country in bottles of shampoo. Neil Parry spent three days in jail last year after he was ar-

rested at Darwin Airport and accused of trafficking liquid ecstasy. His boat and two of his friends houses were also searched.

But it turned out that his two bottles of Pantene Pro-V shampoo and conditioner were exactly what the label said. Australian Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that there were "mistakes made during the presumptive testing of Mr Parry's goods" and that they have now introduced additional procedures when conducting drugs tests.—Internet



Australian Customs and Border Protection admitted mistakes were made.— INTERNET

Progress achieved in world AIDS treatment

BEIJING, 23 Nov — Global AIDS deaths and new HIV infections have each dropped 21 percent since the peak of the AIDS pandemic in 1997, according to a UN report released on Monday.

One major factor responsible for the result is that life-saving HIV treatments have become more popular and got to 1.35 million more people in

2010 than in 2009. In middle-income and underdeveloped nations, these treatments have saved 2.5 million lives since 1995.

"We have seen a massive scale-up in access to HIV treatment, which has had a dramatic effect on the lives of people everywhere," said Michel Sidibe, executive director of the UN AIDS programme.

Internet

Californian road slides into the sea after heavy rains

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov — Huge 25-foot chasms and crevices appeared in the Paseo del Mar road in the San Pedro area of Los Angeles.

Sections of tarmac completely sank into the ocean taking power cables and street lights with it.

The stretch of road had been considered at risk for several months, and people had been warned to stay clear ahead of Sunday's storm.—Internet



Contestants compete in making Nanxiang steamed bun during a cooking contest in Shanghai, east China, on 20 Nov, 2011. A total of 50 contestants selected from 800 cooks of the Nanxiang restaurant group competed the skill of making steamed bun in Shanghai on Sunday. The famous Shanghai snack Nanxiang steamed buns with a history of over 100 years is known for its thin flour skin, delicious pork juice, rich stuffing and tender meat.—XINHUA

Survey: Students lose sleep due to homework

BEIJING, 23 Nov—Homework, especially in mathematics, is what junior and senior high school students most often blame for their lack of sleep, according to a recent survey. The survey, conducted by the city's Xuhui District Education Bureau, polled more than 20,000 students from 39 junior high schools and found that about 60 percent of them spend from two to four hours a day on homework. It also found that senior high school students sleep fewer than seven hours a day on average, which is one hour fewer than the Ministry of Education recommends.

In China, students from the ages of 13 to 16 go to junior high school and from 16 to 19 to senior high school. "People are becoming concerned more about the workloads of high school students," said Pu Zhengquan, deputy director of Xuhui District Education Bureau. "That's why we conducted this survey. We think we should reduce the pressures students are

under and give them more spare time."

Of all school subjects, the survey respondents said they spend the most time on mathematics. Many complained that their math homework is too difficult. An extreme example of what school pressures can drive students to occurred on 24 Oct, when two girls in an Anhui province primary school attempted to commit suicide by drinking poison in their classroom.—Xinhua



A sleepy student rubs his eyes during a ceremony held to open a new semester at Xiangming Junior High School, in Shanghai, on 1 September.— XINHUA



Kindergarten children learn to say hello to classmates during an activity for the World Hello Day in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 21 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

Night-flowering orchid discovered

LONDON, 23 Nov — The world's first known night-flowering orchid has been discovered on New Britain island, near Papua New Guinea, experts from Kew Gardens have said. The species, *Bulbophyllum nocturnum*, is the first known example of an orchid which has flowers that consistently open after dark and close in the morning.

Flowers that open only at night are seen in a relatively small number of plant species, such as the queen of the night cactus, the midnight horror tree and night blooming jasmine, but never been documented in the 25,000 species of orchids.

Internet

Study shows acupuncture safe for children

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov —The use of acupuncture for children is common and acupuncture is generally safe for children when performed by "appropriately trained practitioners," Canadian researchers re-

ported Monday in online journal *Pediatrics*.

Researchers at the University of Alberta looked at data from 37 studies of needle acupuncture, spanning 60 years, on children from birth to age 17, and assessed the association between needle acupuncture and various

levels of adverse events in children. They found that of 279 adverse events identified, 253 were mild, one was moderate and 25 were serious.

Serious side effects included bleeding, infections, and heart and lung problems. One child may have contracted HIV.

Xinhua

Release of penguins hailed as milestone in New Zealand oil spill recovery

WELLINGTON, 23 Nov — Forty-nine micro-chipped little blue penguins waddled down a New Zealand beach and into the surf Tuesday in the first release of birds rescued after an oil spill from a grounded cargo ship exactly seven weeks ago. The release, which followed an international rescue operation, was hailed by rescuers and

government officials as a milestone in the recovery of the Bay of Plenty region after the severe contamination from the Liberian-flagged Rena, which hit the Astrolabe Reef on 5 October.

The National Oiled Wildlife Response Team said it marked the first major release of wildlife in a staged program that would continue for the

next few weeks. Team coordinator, Massey University wildlife vet Kerri Morgan expressed her gratitude for the support they had received, including help from wildlife specialists from around New Zealand and Australia, as well as US-based specialists from the International Bird Rescue and Oiled Wildlife Care Network.

Internet

Cuban man sets fifth Guinness record

A Cuban man has set a new Guinness record, his fifth overall, by rolling an 81.8-metre-long cigar, the longest in the planet, *Prensa Latina* news agency reported.

Jose Castelar Cairo, who works as a cigar roller, achieved his feat in May during the 31th International Tourism Fair in Cuba, according to *Opciones* magazine. He will get his Guinness certificate at a ceremony 24 Nov.

Castelar Cairo had also set Guinness records in 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008 for similar feats.

He made the record-breaking cigar using aromatic leaves donated by tobacco grower Hector Luis Prieto, from Pinar del Rio Province that boasts of one of the world's best tobacco.

"They make me very happy because I achieved all of them for my country, as I consider that the Guinness record for the longest cigar worldwide must always belong to Cuba, the land with the best premium cigars in the planet," Castelar Cairo said.

News Album



A team participates in the unpowered car race "Soap Box Race" in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 20 Nov, 2011.

Small win in lottery has big payoff

A Georgia man who won \$3 with one lottery ticket went on to win \$250,000 with one of the three additional tickets he purchased.

Andrew Hunter, 24, of Dawsonville told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* he had actually thrown the first Mega Millions ticket away. He fished it out of a trash can when he learned he had won on a small scale by matching one ball and the Mega Ball.

One of his new tickets gave him a big payout in Tuesday's drawing. "I never bought that ticket if I hadn't pulled the other ticket out of the trash," he said. "I don't think it's really hit me yet." Hunter, who works at a Taco Mac, said he plans to invest most of the \$250,000.

Woman tried to sell house she didn't own

Police in St Paul, Minn, say a woman tried to sell a house at a low price but it turns out she doesn't own it.

The *St Paul Pioneer Press* reported Friday police got a tip 1 Nov a woman was portraying herself as the owner and there was a hand-written sign at the home saying it

was for sale and a buyer could get it "cheap" at a 50 percent discount for a cash-only sale.

Police spokesman Howie Padilla said the woman, who wasn't identified, had the price as low as \$35,000.

But city officials say Ramsey County owns the house, the newspaper said. Ramsey County property records show the most recent sale of the house was in 2007 for \$120,000. It was listed as a forced sale, auction or foreclosure, and a notice posted on the door Friday said it constituted nuisance conditions and was subject to demolition.



Actor Gerard Butler

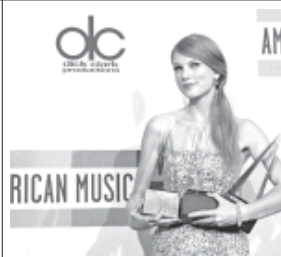
Gerard Butler looking for true love

LONDON, 23 Nov—Actor Gerard Butler says he is ready to settle down and share his life with the right woman.

The 42-year-old was previously linked with actresses Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Aniston and model Sarah Carrol.

"I would love to settle down and share my life with someone. But it'll happen when it's going to happen," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Butler as saying.

"When I try and plan things in my life they very rarely pan out. And it's often when I think, 'OK, you know what, I don't want to be in a relationship right now for whatever reason', that suddenly I find myself open to one and it happens," he added.—*Internet*



Taylor Swift poses with her three awards including Artist of the Year Award during the 2011 American Music Awards. INTERNET

Taylor Swift and Adele win big at American Music Awards

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov—Taylor Swift and Adele dominated the 2011 American Music Awards on Sunday with three trophies each.

The 'Fearless' singer ruled the country music categories, taking home the 'Favourite Female Artist' accolade and 'Favourite Album' for *Speak Now*, as well as the

coveted 'Artist of the Year' honour.

"I wrote this album while I was on the Fearless tour and so I ended up writing lots of these songs at four in the morning in hotel rooms... And the fact that you would honour it in this way, you just have no idea what this means to me..." Contactmusic quoted her as telling the audience while she accepted her award.

"I want to thank all the fans for remembering the lyrics and for caring about lyrics, I'm just so thankful and I'm so happy," she added.

British soul singer Adele, who could not attend the ceremony as she is recovering from vocal surgery, was awarded with 'Favourite Adult Contemporary Artist', 'Favourite Pop/Rock Artist'. Adele's record 21 was also the top pop/rock album.

INTERNET

'I'm still a blushing bride', says Rachel Weisz

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov—Rachel Weisz has refused to divulge any details about her personal life with new hubby Daniel Craig, saying that she is still a 'blushing bride'.

She said that the subject is too 'private' for her to be discussed.

"I'm sorry," *Us Magazine* quoted her as



Rachel Weisz

telling *The Telegraph*.

"I'm a newlywed. I'm still a blushing bride and it's really private. I can't tell you anything. Come back to me later."

Just one year ago, Weisz, 41, had parted ways with her partner of nine years, Black Swan director Darren Aronofsky.

Shortly after, she

began dating Craig, 43, who had also broken up with his longterm fiance Satsuki Mitchell.

Weisz and Craig fell in love while shooting for the psychological thriller *Dream House* and got married in June this year.

The actress is equally private when asked about her plans to have children with Craig.

INTERNET

Emma Watson can 'relate' to Marilyn Monroe's life



Emma Watson

LONDON, 23 Nov—Emma Watson recently compared her life to Marilyn Monroe and said that she can 'definitely relate' to whatever the tragic screen star went through. Watson, who plays wardrobe assistant Lucy in *My Week with Marilyn*, revealed that she

'feels' a lot for Monroe, who died of barbiturates overdose at the age of 36.

"I certainly feel a lot for her and for what she went through," the *Mirror* quoted her as saying.

"I think she was just trying to find her feet in the midst of this kind of crazy circus that went on around her, and trying to find some sort of balance and some sort of normality in her life, and I can definitely relate to that," she added.—*Internet*

Pippa Middleton chased by paparazzi in 'Diana-esque' style

LONDON, 23 Nov—Kate Middleton's sister Pippa Middleton is being chased by photographers after her break-up from Alex London.

The paparazzi pursuit of the Duchess of Cambridge's has been dubbed as "Diana-esque".

Royal aides are concerned about the safety of the Duchess' younger sibling after learning that they



Kate Middleton's sister Pippa Middleton

pursued her on motorbikes and in cars.

Insiders claim that she is being snapped more than Kate and has no protection at all.

"It is getting out of control. Some of these paparazzi have been literally chasing her down the street," the *Daily Express* quoted an insider as saying.

"Whenever she leaves her flat, they are there.

INTERNET

Ajax closes in on qualifying with draw at Lyon

LYON, 23 Nov—Ajax is on the verge of qualifying for the last 16 of the Champions League after grinding out a 0-0 draw at Lyon on Tuesday, while the French club's hopes are all but over after failing to take its chances.

Ajax goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer made a



Ajax' Eyong Enoh, right, challenges for the ball with Lyon's Lisandro Lopez of Argentina, left, during their Champions League soccer match at Gerland stadium, in Lyon, central France, on 22 Nov, 2011.

INTERNET

FC Basel's Alexander Frei receives a pair of gloves to cope with freezing temperatures during their soccer training in Bucharest, Romania, on 21 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

stunning one-handed save to deny substitute Alexandre Lacazette in the last minute, but Ajax had the better chances until Lyon rallied in a frantic last 10 minutes.

"I am proud of my players. Lyon have qualified for the next stage on a number of occasions so getting a draw was a good achievement," Ajax coach Frank de Boer said. "This is the level I want us to play at all the time."

De Boer had special praise for defender Jan Vertonghen and said Vermeer "kept us in the game late on."

INTERNET

Basel beats Otelul Galati 3-2 to keep in Euro race

BUCHAREST, 23 Nov—FC Basel kept its Champions League hopes alive on Tuesday after holding out for a 3-2 victory over Otelul Galati after squan-



dering a three-goal lead.

Basel raced into a 3-0 lead by halftime after Fabian Frei opened the scoring in the 10th minute, Alex Frei added the second and Marco Streller completed the scoring for the Swiss side in the 37th.

Otelul's players showed more determination in the second half and their efforts paid off in the 75th minute when Gabriel Giurgiu fired home and Liviu Antal found the net just six minutes later.

INTERNET

Johnson calls for improved home form

LONDON, 23 Nov—Glen Johnson says Liverpool must replicate their away form at Anfield if they are to finish in the top four this season.

England full-back Johnson was still basking in the sensational solo goal which helped sink former club Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sunday and move the Reds within striking distance of a Champions League spot.

The 2-1 win put Liverpool level on 22 points with their opponents as well as Arsenal in arguably the most fiercely contested battle ever to qualify for Europe's premier club competition.

Throw third-placed Tottenham Hotspur and fourth-placed Newcastle United into the equation as well and there is little margin for error for any of the sides currently hanging onto the coat-tails of Manchester City and Manchester United.

Liverpool, who have failed to qualify for the Champions League for the past two seasons, are certainly doing the business on their travels, having now



Johnson scored the winner for Liverpool against former club Chelsea

won five successive matches away from home in all competitions.—INTERNET

Barcelona assistant Vilanova has gland surgery

BARCELONA, 23 Nov—Barcelona assistant coach Tito Vilanova is recovering from surgery on a salivary gland, the Spanish and European champion said on Tuesday.

Barcelona said the operation went "satisfactory and as planned" at the Vall d'Hebron hospital. Pep Guardiola's closest aide will need three to four weeks to recover. Guardiola revealed he had known about the operation several days earlier.—INTERNET

Bayern, Inter, Benfica qualify in Champions League

LONDON, 23 Nov—Bayern Munich, Inter Milan and Benfica earned places in the knockout phase of the Champions League on Tuesday, while the hopes of the two Manchester clubs were left hanging. Franck Ribery scored twice and Bayern Munich beat Villarreal 3-1 to grab the top spot in Group A with one round remaining.

Inter, the 2010 champion, qualified for the last 16 before its match at Trabzonspor, courtesy of Lille's earlier 2-0 win at CSKA Moscow in Group B. The Italians secured first place, however, by drawing 1-1 in Turkey.

Benfica ensured a top-two finish in Group C by drawing 2-2 at three-time winner Manchester United, which now needs at least a point at Basel—a 3-2 winner over Otelul Galati—in its final game to advance to the knockout stages for the sixth year in a row.

Manchester City, which is blazing a trail at the top of the Premier League this season, is in a worse position after losing 2-1 at Napoli thanks to two goals by Uruguay striker Edinson Cavani.—INTERNET



Benfica's Emerson (R) challenges Manchester United's Antonio Valencia during their Champions League Group C soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 22 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

Duval goes where he's never been to find game



David Duval

MELBOURNE, 23 Nov—The text message from David Duval arrived just as the Americans began to seize control for good in the Presidents Cup. The last time it was held at Royal Melbourne, he was the top qualifier for the US team.

On this day, Duval was headed home from a place he never wanted to be. "Just have to sack up sometimes," he wrote. "It can be bumpy climbing to the top." At least he was willing to start at the bottom. For the former No. 1 player in the world, whose 14 wins include the British Open, that meant going to the second stage of Q-school. Duval closed with a 70 and was the runner-up at Bear Creek Golf Club in Murrieta, Calif, easily advancing to the

final stage next week.

What made this so compelling was Duval's brutal honesty only a month earlier. He was on the practice range at the McGladrey Classic, barely inside the top 150 on the PGA Tour money list and not willing to think about the consequences. Duval already had used his two exemptions from the career money list.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Federer routs rival Nadal 6-3, 6-0 at ATP finals

LONDON, 23 Nov—No tears, no drama, no contest. The 26th episode of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal's compelling rivalry turned out to be one



Roger Federer of Switzerland plays a return to Rafael Nadal of Spain during their round robin singles match at the ATP World Tour Finals, at the O2 arena in London, on 22 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET



David Moyes believes Leighton Baines can become an England regular

Moyes delights at Baines form

LONDON, 23 Nov—David Moyes has hailed Everton defender Leighton Baines and believes he is good enough to be an England regular.

Baines capped a fine week by netting the winner from the penalty spot late on against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday just days after playing for the Three Lions against Sweden at Wembley.

The 27-year-old full-back has now converted his last seven penalties in the league, highlighting his importance for the Toffees at both ends of the pitch.

Since making his England debut in March 2010, Baines' international ambitions have been checked by the form of Chelsea left-back Ashley Cole.—INTERNET

of their most one-sided.

Federer took exactly 1 hour to win 6-3, 6-0 and qualify for the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals on Tuesday in his most comprehensive victory over the Spaniard.

Pinned behind the baseline, Nadal found Federer's forehand unplayable. From 2-2 in the first set, Federer won 10 of the next 11 games. He finished with 28 winners to Nadal's four

"It was a great match for me basically from start to finish," said Federer, who broke down in tears after losing to Nadal in the 2009 Australian Open final but had no issues on Tuesday at the O2 Arena.

INTERNET

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(24-11-2011) (Thursday)**

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	- (24-11-11 09:30 am ~ 25-11-11 09:30 am) MST

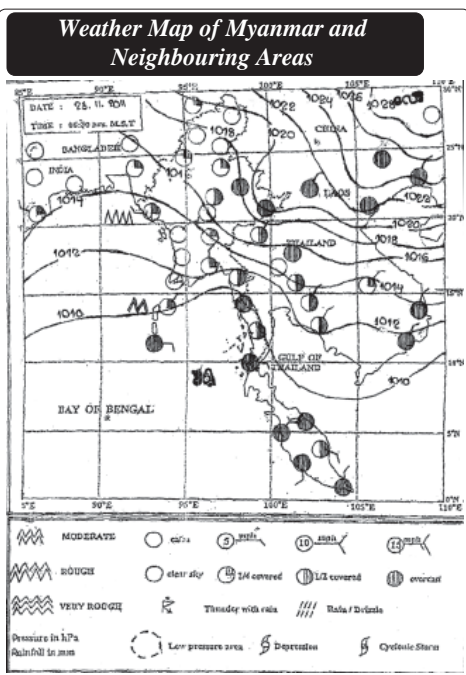
Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Pan Tamawt Stone Carving
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- * News
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- * Music Gallery
- * News
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- * News
- * Youths' Vista on Music
- * News
- * A Passage to Lat Yat Ma Village
- * Live Concert
- * The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Home Sweet Home of Nan Su"
- * Enterprise India Show
- * In All the Ananda's Glory
- * News
- * A Short Trip with Steve
- * Myanmar Movie "That's why We're"



**Thursday,
24 November
View on today**

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
7. Song of National Races
- 8:20 am**
8. Dance of Variety
- 8:30 am**
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
3. Cute Little Dancers

- 4:30 pm**
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions
- 4:40 pm**
5. One Village and One Product
- 4:50 pm**
6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Myanmar)
- 5:00pm**
7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
8. Teleplay (Forest)

- 5:35 pm**
9. Science and Environment
- 5:40pm**
10. Documentary
- 6:00 pm**
11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
13. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm**
14. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00pm**
17. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
- 17. International News
- 18. Weather Report
- 19. Documentary
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. TV Drama Series

Weather forecast for 24th November, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	15/59	Partly cloudy	
2	Kayah	28/82	12/54	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayah	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
4	Chin	18/64	06/43	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	16/61	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	19/66	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	31/88	18/64	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
9	Magway	31/88	20/68	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	31/88	20/68	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
13	Rakhine	31/88	16/61	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	25/77	14/57	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	23/73	08/46	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	16/61	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	21/70	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	20/68	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	31/88	20/68	Generally fair weather	

During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Kayah, Kayah and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, Eastern Shan and Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, North Shan and Rakhine States and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Pindang (4°C) and Haka (6°C).

Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

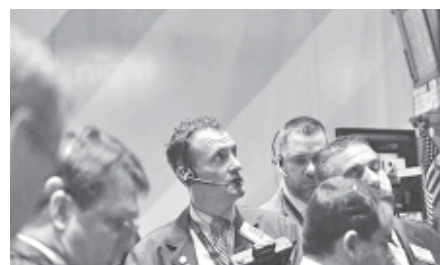
Strong Easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaite, Gult of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (30) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

US stock futures extend losses after weak China flash PMI

SINGAPORE, 23 Nov— US S&P stock futures extended losses to more than 1 percent early on Wednesday after a key gauge of Chinese manufacturing activity slumped to its weakest level in nearly three years. By 0237 GMT, futures were down 1.2 percent, extending earlier losses made after a downward revision of US growth data raised fresh concerns about the faltering global economy.

Chinese factories saw their weakest activity in 32 months in November, a preliminary purchasing managers' survey showed, reviving worries that China may be skidding toward an economic hard landing and compounding global



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 21 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

recession fears. The HSBC flash manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI), the earliest indicator of China's industrial activity, slumped in November to 48, a low not seen since March 2009. The data showed the world's growth engine is not immune to economic troubles abroad, and could further unnerve financial markets already roiled by Europe's deteriorating debt crisis. November's flash reading is a sharp three-point fall from October's final figure of 51 and indicated Chinese factory output shrank on the month in November. A PMI reading of 50 demarcates expansion from contraction.

Reuters

Discussion on further cementing of Myanmar-US relations

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston of the US Embassy and party at Meeting Hall No. 1 of the Hluttaw Building here this morning.

They discussed improvement in objective political affairs of the State, nation-building tasks of Hluttaw, further strengthening of Myanmar-US relations in a cordial manner.

Also present at the call were Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo and officials of Hluttaw Office.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Charge d' Affaires ai of US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston and party.—MNA

Myanmar Libraries Foundation to donate cash and books 26 December

YANGON, 23 Nov—The Myanmar Libraries Foundation will hold its cash and book donation ceremony at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township at 9 am on 26

December (Saturday).

Those wishing to donate cash and publications to the Myanmar Libraries Foundation may dial 01-398756, 01-371342 and 01-201936.—MNA

Winners awarded in Snooker Junior Contest

YANGON, 23 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation and Asia Billiards and Snooker (Lanmadaw), the Snooker

Junior Contest was held at Asia Billiard and Snooker Centre on the third floor of Lanmadaw Thanzay Market in Lanmadaw Township

from 11 to 20 November.

Lin Ko Ko secured the first prize, Kyaw Min Thu the second prize and Aung Kyaw Toe, the third prize.

The Snooker open contests will be held at same centre from 25 November to 4 December.

MNA

14662.9 acres of poppy destroyed in 2011-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov—During the 2011-2012 poppy cultivation period, a total of 12502.5 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed from 1 September to 6 November 2011.

As 2160.4 more acres of poppy plantations were destroyed from 7 to 13 November, a total of 14662.9 acres of

poppy has been smashed. Of the more destroyed poppy plantations of 2120.9 acres 2020.9 acres were in Pinlaung, Pekhon, Hsihseng, Taunggyi, Hopong, Mongkai, Maukmai and Loilem townships of Shan State, and 39.5 acres in Prusho and Dimawhso townships of Kayah State.—MNA

Table on destruction of poppy plantations from 1-9-2011 to 13-11-2011 in 2011-2012 poppy cultivation season

No.	State/Region	Destruction in 2011-2012	
		Acre	Hectare
1.	Shan State (South)	14595.4	5906.68
2.	Shan State (East)	28	11.33
3.	Kayah	39.5	15.99
Total		14662.9	5934

Dried banded snakehead fish of Kyaiklat, delicious meal for tourists



Photo shows systematic packaging of dried fish boxes.

Tourists specially prefer dried banded snakehead fish (*Ophiocephalus striatus*) produced from

Kyaiklat Township and surrounding areas of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region. Abundant dried

By Hsu Hnin Le

banded snakehead fish are being sold at the market this season. Various kinds of dried fish produced from Kyaiklat region are more delicious than dried banded snakehead fish and Bombay duck from other regions due to applying better methods in processing dried fish.

A traveler of Delta region said, "I have eaten dried banded snakehead fish from other regions,

but it cannot be compared with that of Kyaiklat in delicacy. I don't know what is different between them. I enjoy most it is ready to eat the dried banded snakehead fish mixed with edible oil. But, it is sold at higher price. Whenever I arrive

in Kyaiklat, I give first priority to buying dried banded snakehead fish. Sometimes, I give order to Yangon for purchasing the dried fish. I had sent the dried fish abroad through my friends."

At present, flow of

fish into the market is larger. In consequence, the price of not only fresh fish but dried fish falls slightly. It was reported that dried fish is exported via Yangon.

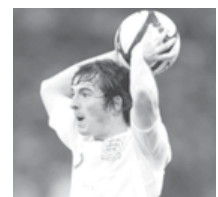
A dried fish entrepreneur of Kyaiklat (See page 9)



Wild birds to be released as New Zealand oil clean-up progresses

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Moyes delights at Baines form



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