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True patriotism

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

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 51st day

Two bills discussed, Hluttaw affairs explained

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives seen at 51st day session of Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the 51st day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10.05 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 371 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Two bills were discussed and Hluttaw affairs explained.

With regard to the **Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill,** the Hluttaw representatives continued discussions of remaining paragraphs and subparagraphs.

U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency submitted a proposal for adding **subparagraph (e)** under the **paragraphs 10 (c and d).** Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw said that it should not be prescribed consistently.

Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency, U Thein Swe of An Constituency, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency and U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency participated in the discussions.

The Hluttaw decided that as there were many supporters for the proposal of U Pe Than, the proposal was approved; and although the submission of U Pe Than was suitable, it should not be inserted into the law; and when the bylaws emerge, the ministry concerned is to place emphasis the submission to be inserted into the bylaws.

As U Than Myint of Salingyi Constituency submitted a proposal to cancel the **paragraph 10 (c and d)** of the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw, U Soe Yei of Dimawhso Constituency, U Kyaw Naing Htay of Indaw Constituency and U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency participated in the discussions.

The Hluttaw decided that the discussion of the **Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill** was approved; the discussions for the bill was suspended for holding further discussions; the Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Committee chaired by U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency is to lead the discussions; depending on the findings from the discussions of the respective committees and Hluttaw representatives, the plenary session of the Hluttaw will hold discussions.

With regard to the **Farmland Bill**, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Kaung Htet San and U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency held discussions.

In his discussions, Major Kaung Htet San said that the Law Revoking the Revenue Law was promulgated as the Law No. 1 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Therefore, he said that the provisions concerning the revenue should not be included in the further laws. Section 5 of the Law Revoking the Revenue Law said that **exemptions allowed in line with Section 19 of the Revenue Law shall continuously be affected as exemptions allowed in accord with the Income Tax Law**. Moreover, as the revenue is not allowed in the constitution, the revenue law would not come out any more. Thus, the original provision should be amended as **exemption of income tax** instead of **revenue exemption in the paragraph 4 (e)** to be in conformity with the current time. Moreover, it will reflect the goodwill of the bill submitter.

Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhing Constituency supported the discussion and U Htay Oo who submitted the bill agreed it.

The Hluttaw accepted and put the submission of Major Kaung Htet San on record and approved that the Bill

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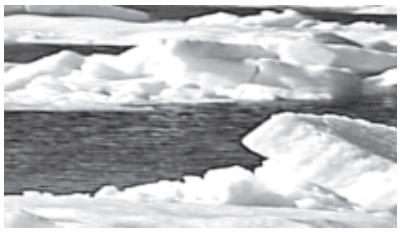

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Equip basic education students with best learning capability

Human resources are to be nurtured so as to build a modern and developed nation. To develop human resources, emphasis is to be placed on promotion of the education standard starting from the basic education sector. In so doing, teachers are playing a key role in basic education sector.

Realizing the plan to promote education standard commenced in 1998. During the 13-year period from 1998 to date, some of children are pursuing education at 10th standard and some of them dropped out of the school. In fact, teachers are to equip their pupils with physical, mental and moral strength so that they can stand tall in the social field.

Utmost efforts are being made for emergence of outstanding youths in the future. A plan on enhancement of teacher-centred and child-centred academic methods was drawn for improvement of children's talent with the assistance of Japanese agency and UNICEF.

In cooperation with the Japanese agency, the project (1) was realized from 2004 to 2007 and the project (2) is under implementation from 2008 to December 2011. In cooperation with UNICEF, the project was implemented from 2006 to 2010, and one more project will last from 2011 to 2015. On completion, all primary schools will meet the all-round education standard.

Applying the child-centred academic method is aimed at enabling the children to have capabilities of innovation, creation, consideration and solving problems by learning basic education. To be highly-qualified children, they must be well-versed in basic education. To raise learning best capability of students, teachers are to nurture school children with best teachership characters in all sectors to be able to produce outstanding educated youths.

Union FM accepts credentials of UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin accepted the credentials of the newly-appointed United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Ashok Nigam at the Guest Room of the Union Minister at 11.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were the Director-General of the International Organizations Division and Economic Department and officials.—*MNA*

Myanmar Ambassador appointed to Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thet Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

MNA

Union Transport Minister meets Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at his office, here, this morning.

They frankly discussed matters related to air travels between the two countries, ports and Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Shein and Head of Office U Win Khant.

MNA

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.

MNA

Chinese journalist delegation concludes visit

***General Secretary Ms Guo Yingyan of Liaoning Journalist Association and party visit National Museum (Yangon).*—MNA**

YANGON, 24 Nov — General Secretary of Liaoning Journalist Association Ms Guo Yingyan visited Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday evening.

In the evening, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation at Karaweik Palace.

This morning, the Chinese delegation visited the National Museum (Yangon) on Pyay Road and they left here by air in the evening.

MNA

Pakokku flood victims receive aids from Pakokku Association (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — Pakokku Association (Mandalay) donated relief aids and cash assistance to flood victims in Pakokku District today.

The association donated over K 28.3 million to the families affected by the flood and over K1.5 million to 47 education employees affected by the flood.

The ceremony to donate aids to the victims was held at Pakokku Basic Education High School No.2 .The foundation of Chairman of the association (Mandalay) U Min Swe and wife Daw Khin Htwe also send relief aids including 200 mosquito nets and 350 blankets worth K4 million, CAE Education Family K6 million and donors 74 bags of rice and torches.—*MNA*

One innocent civilian abducted, killed in Muse Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — U Aik Sam, 33, of Kaungwhet village in Muse Township was abducted and killed by a Shan insurgent group.

As the wife of the victim informed U Aik Myat of Muse, elder brother of the victim, that U Aik Sam was snatched by five Shan insurgents at 6.30 pm on 19 November, U Aik Myat and party searched for the victim. At about 11 am on 22 November, U Aik Sam was found dead with two cuts on his neck and two stab wounds on his belly at a place, one-mile west of the village. A Tatmadaw column is in hot pursuit of the insurgents. — *MNA*

Myanmar Volleyball Team won bronze medal

YANGON, 24 Nov — Myanmar Volleyball team won a bronze at Men's Volleyball Competition at the XXVI SEA Games held at Palembang of Indonesia from 11 to 22 November 2011.

At six-team round-robin competition, Myanmar was beaten by Thailand 3-1 on 13 November. Myanmar won Cambodia 3-0 on 14 November. Myanmar was defeated by Indonesia by 3-1 on 15 November. Myanmar beat Malaysia 3-0 on 16 November. Myanmar was beaten by Vietnam 3-2 on 19 November.

After round-robin events, Thailand stood first, Indonesia second, Vietnam third and Myanmar fourth.

At the event for the gold medal on 20 November, Thailand beat Indonesia. Myanmar won Vietnam 3-1 and bagged a bronze medal.

MNA

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (R) shakes hands with his Japanese counterpart Koichiro Gemba in Beijing, China, on 23 Nov, 2011. Yang Jiechi held talks with Koichiro Gemba here Wednesday.—Xinhua

Cuba to show "forgotten" interview with Fidel Castro in 1959

Havana, 24 Nov—A "forgotten" interview with former Cuban leader Fidel Castro after the triumph of the Revolution in 1959 has been recovered and will be shown in December, the official website Cubadebate said Wednesday.

The interview, which consists of Fidel's statements before his entry into Havana in 1959, was found by filmmaker Rebeca Chavez and will be shown as a documentary in a noncompetitive section of the Havana International Latin American Cinema Festival.

Xinhua

James Murdoch resigns amid hacking scandal

Beijing, 24 Nov—The son of media mogul, Rupert Murdoch, has stepped down as a director of the companies that publish *The Sun* and *The Times* of *London Newspaper*. James Murdoch's resignation comes amid a phone hancking scandal that has dominated headlines in the UK for months. He denies knowledge of any wrongdoing in the furore.

Two weeks ago James Murdoch faced British MPs over the phone hacking scandal at one of his newspapers.

Now it has become clear he resigned a few weeks ago from the boards of two of his UK media companies.

Regulatory records show the son of media tycoon Rupert Murdoch has stood down from *News Group Newspapers,* which publishes *the Sun* and formerly *the News of the World*, and *Times Newspapers Limited,* which publishes *the Times.—Xinhua*

US President Barack Obama (R), along with National Turkey Federation Chairman Richard Huisinga, pardons 2011 Thanksgiving Turkey, Liberty, at the North Portico of the White House in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 23 Nov, 2011.—Xinhua

Li Congjun (R), president of Xinhua News Agency, meets with Cuba's new Ambassador to China Alberto Branco in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Nov, 2011.—Xinhua

Peter Slipper elected Australian new House speaker

Canberra, 24 Nov—Deputy Speaker and Queensland Liberal lawmaker Peter Slipper was elected the new speaker of House of Representatives following resignation of former Speaker Harry Jenkins on Thursday morning. Slipper's election effectively gives the government led by Prime Minister Julia Gillard two more votes on the floor of the lower house, although Labour still lacks an outright majority.

Other Labour lawmakers declined to accept coalition-backed nominations for the position on Thursday morning's parliamentary session. Jenkins told parliament earlier Thursday he had become progressively frustrated at the stricture of minority government. "My desire is to be able to participate in policy and parliamentary debate, and this would be incompatible with continuing in the role of speaker," Jenkins said.

Jenkins was re-elected as speaker following the 2010 general election. He shocked parliament earlier on Thursday when he announced he was resigning as speaker to return to the government backbench.—*Xinhua*

UK, Turkey sign military cooperation treaty

London, 24 Nov—British Secretary of State for Defence Phillip Hammond and Turkish General Staff General Hulusi Akar signed a military cooperation treaty on Wednesday, officials said.

Hammond and Akar met at the Ministry of Defence in London on Wednesday as Turkish President Abdullah Gül is on a three day state visit to the United Kingdom. The treaty signed by the officials aims to enable greater cooperation between the British and Turkish militaries.

"I was delighted to meet with General Hulusi Akar today, and to sign the Military Cooperation Treaty," Hammond said following the meeting. "Turkey is an important ally of the United Kingdom, and as NATO partners we are bound by a pledge of collective defence. This bilateral Treaty will take our defence cooperation to a new level."

Hammond said the British government appreciates the support Turkey provides to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan, as well as its contributions to the recent NATO operation in Libya. Turkey currently has more than 1,800 troops in Afghanistan.

"Turkey's role in promoting stability, particularly in the Middle East, is invaluable," Hammond added. "I look forward to the enhanced cooperation with Turkey that this treaty will bring."

The military cooperation treaty adds to the UK-Turkey Strategic Partnership Agreement which was signed by British Prime Minister David Cameron in July 2010. The agreements are designed to facilitate greater defence cooperation between the two countries across a range of military activities.—*Internet*

Chinese, Ghanaian defence ministers aim to strengthen military ties

Accra, 24 Nov—Visiting Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie and his Ghanaian counterpart Lt Gen Joseph Henry Smith expressed the willingness to strengthen friendly military cooperation between the two countries during their talks here Wednesday.

Defence departments and military leaders of China and Ghana have been attaching great importance to developing a relationship between the armed forces of the two countries, Liang said.

Mutual political trust and economic and trade cooperation have been deepened in recent years between the two countries, which have supported each other on international affairs, he added.

The Chinese defence minister said China would like to make more efforts together with Ghana to continue the existing friendly relations and promote cooperation on all levels and in all sectors for the benefit of the two peoples.

Liang also appreciated Ghana's positive role in maintaining international and regional peace and security.

For his part, Smith said Ghana values its traditional friendly ties with China, which were forged by leaders of past generations and further developed by the successive leaders of the two countries.

Smith appreciated China's selfless assistance to Ghana, saying his country would make more efforts together with China to take the existing relations to a higher level.

Liang and his delegation arrived in Accra Tuesday for a three-day goodwill visit to the West African country.—*Xinhua*

Message from Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNSCO on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of violence Against Women

25 November 2011

Violence against women strikes our societies to the heart. This is a brutal violation of the dignity of individuals and an affront to their human rights. It diminishes us all. This International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is an opportunity to join together to end it.

This violence shows no discrimination. It may be physical, sexual, psychological or economic. It can occur during conflict or at a time of peace. It affects women of all ages, origins and social class. It takes in every culture and region across the globe.

The consequences are devastating — for individuals, communities and societies. This violence affects the health of women. It impacts on their ability to participate fully in social, economic and public life. It reinforces other forms of discrimination and deprivation. It holds societies back from inclusive and sustainable development, and it undermines efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

Governments are acting to eliminate violence against women. The international community has developed conventions and policies that seek to prevent and eliminate it. Despite all of this, levels of violence remain high. This calls for greater mobilization and for sharper action.

UNESCO contributes to this struggle through in-depth research into the fundamental social, cultural and economic causes of this violence. Based on this knowledge, we work with policy-makers to define new strategies for the prevention of violence, and we support women affected by violence to empower them to find strategies of resistance. We also engage boys and men through campaigns of prevention, to alter behaviours and to involve them actively in prevention activities.

Our objective is eventually to no longer have to mark this International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Violence against women impoverishes societies as a whole. We must enhance the dignity of every girl and woman and protect the human rights of every member of society. This is a foundation for a more inclusive, sustainable and peaceful 21st century. These are our commitments today.—*UNIC/Yangon*

Business

China's industrial production growth to ease moderately in 2012

BEIJING, 24 Nov—The growth rate of China's industrial value-added output in 2012 is likely to slide 1 to 2 percentage points from this year, due to growing uncertainties worldwide, a government official said Thursday.

"The industrial production growth rate will moderate, but the sector will still run at a steady and relatively fast pace," said Huang Libin, an inspection and coordination official with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, at a Press conference. He said cooling external demands due to economic turmoil in Europe and US, combined with the weakening domestic demand brought by the tightening monetary policy were the main forces driving the growth down.

He also warned that the world economy will face more uncertainties next year.—*Xinhua*

Chinese shares close slightly higher midday Thursday

BEIJING, 24 Nov—Chinese shares closed slightly higher at midday Thursday. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed the morning session at 2,401.85 points, up 0.28 percent. The Shenzhen Component Index closed at 9,961.63 points, up 0.04 percent.—*Xinhua*

The world's first transplant of a synthetic windpipe being carried out.

First artificial windpipe graft a success

PARIS, 24 Nov—The word's first artificial windpipe transplant has been such a success that a second operation has been carried out and a third is being planned, *The Lancet* reported on Thursday.

Andemariam Teklesenbet Beyene, a 36-year-old Eritrean, is doing well after undergoing the ground-breaking operation in Stockholm in June, it said. Beyene, a post-graduate geology student currently living in Reykjavik, Iceland, had his trachea removed because of cancer. It was replaced in a 12-hour operation on 9 June with a synthetic "scaffold" covered with his own stem cells, or precursor cells of windpipe tissue. "The patient has been doing great for the last four months and has been able to live a normal life," the British journal quoted *Tomas Gudbjartsson*, a professor at Landspitali University Hospital and University of Iceland in Reykjavik, as saying. The operation, led by Professor Paolo Macchiarini of Stockholm's Karolinska University Hospital, entailed using 3-D imaging to scan Beyene and then building a glass model of the afflicted section of his windpipe. The glass was used to shape the artificial scaffold, which was then seeded with stem cells.—*Internet*

Health Tip: Parenting a child with a heart defect

Children born with a heart defect can live long and healthy lives. The US National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute offers these recommendations for parents of children born with a heart defect:

* Talk to your doctor about a feeding schedule and calorie-appropriate meal plan for your child.
* Encourage your child to get plenty of physical activity, and speak with the doctor about any exercises your child should avoid.
* Address any emotional issues that bother your child.—*Internet*

Business Business Business Business Business

IPOs stoke San Francisco housing market

A woman walks past shops in the Noe Valley District in San Francisco, California on 21 Nov, 2011.
REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Nov—Adam Holm has been looking to sell his three-bedroom Victorian house in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighbourhood all year, but he needs one thing to happen first: gaming-company Zynga's initial public offering.

"It seems foolish to put it on the market before when there are a thousand people down the street who are about to make a million dollars," said Holm.

His place is within walking distance of Zynga's headquarters, and he expects prices in the neighbourhood to rise significantly in the wake of the IPO.

Holm, now working as a carpenter after being laid off as an architect, is taking in roommates, living in the basement and fixing the place up as he awaits what he expects will be his own IPO payday.

The IPO-driven real estate strategy is suddenly a common one in San Francisco as companies including Zynga and the review service Yelp prepare for public offerings. With the rise of secondary share markets that enable some employees of pre-public companies such as Facebook and Twitter to cash out, moreover, even the promise of an IPO is helping to drive residential real estate activity.

San Francisco had already enjoyed a healthier housing market than most places.

But the competitive bidding in some city neighbourhoods recently has taken real estate professionals by surprise, with prices up more than 15 percent from last year in some areas.

Reuters

Tech

Facebook, HTC in smartphone deal

San Francisco, 24 Nov—Facebook has allied with Taipei's HTC to build a customised smartphone powered by Google's Android mobile operating system, according to technology blog All Things Digital.

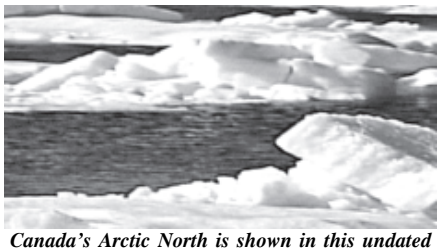
The project, code named "Buffy," is aimed at making a handset tailored for the California-based social networking platform, according to the blog, which is owned by Dow Jones, publisher of *The Wall Street Journal.*

The device would "deeply integrate" Facebook, which has more than 800 million members, "at the core of its being," All Things Digital said.

A Facebook team has been working with HTC as well as trying to make deals with telecom providers for the smartphone, which it hopes to release within the next 18 months, the blog said.

A Facebook spokesman declined to comment directly on the "Buffy" project to Things Digital but said: "Our mobile strategy is simple: We think every mobile device is better if it is deeply social. "We're working across the entire mobile industry; with operators, hardware manufacturers, OS providers, and application developers to bring powerful social experiences to more people around the world," the spokesman said. HTC already builds phones with dedicated Facebook programmes.

Internet



Canada's Arctic North is shown in this undated file photo.—Internet

Science

Arctic sea ice loss steepest in 1,400 years

Toronto, 24 Nov—Research suggests the current decline in Arctic sea ice is the longest and steepest in more than 1,400 years.

The study co-written by scientists at the Geologic Survey of Canada uses 69 different information sources to give the most detailed history ever of the northern oceans.

It concludes Arctic waters have lost more ice over the last 50 years than any time since 561 AD. It also finds that the current trend has lasted longer than any other decline over that period.

The report's authors say the most probable explanation is warmer air and sea temperatures caused by greenhouse-gas-induced climate change.—*Internet*

New climate hack e-mails released

Science

London, 24 Nov—A new batch of climate-related e-mails and documents from Britain's University of East Anglia was released to the Internet, university officials said. More than 5,000 e-mails and other documents from the university's Climatic Research Unit relating to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were posted Tuesday.

School officials said it appears the e-mails contain old information related to a previous hack of the university's computer system.

"While we have had only a limited opportunity to look at this latest post of 5,000 e-mails, we have no evidence of a recent breach of our systems," the university said in a statement.

"If genuine ... these e-mails have the appearance of having been held back after the theft of data and e-mails in 2009 to be released at a time designed to cause maximum disruption to the imminent international climate talks."

The university said the latest release appears to be a "carefully timed" attempt to reignite controversy over the science behind climate change "when that science has been vindicated by three separate independent inquiries and a number of studies."—*Internet*

In this 9 May, 2008 file photo, male sage grouse fight for the attention of female sage grouse on a mating ground, southwest of Rawlins, Wyo.—Internet

Environmental groups urge Ottawa to save sage grouse

Science

Edmonton, 24 Nov—Environmental groups are pleading with the federal government to take emergency steps to save sage grouse.

They say the prairie bird could be gone from Alberta within a year unless Environment Minister Peter Kent orders a stop to further habitat destruction.

Scientists have said oil and gas development are the main reason for the bird's decline.

Surveys suggest there are only 13 male birds left in Alberta and 43 in Saskatchewan. The Alberta government has been importing birds from Montana in an attempt to keep the species alive in the province.—*Internet*

Tech

ESA boosts solar phone development

Paris, 24 Nov—The European Space Agency says it has helped Ireland's Altobridge bring solar-powered mobile phone base stations to market.

The base stations can link isolated communities via satellite, ESA said Wednesday.

"We were pleased to help with research and development because it connects rural communities that would otherwise have to wait years for phone service," ESA satcom specialist Michele Le Saux said in a release.

"This technology makes intelligent use of satellite bandwidth and has proved that a tough business case can work even with low revenue per user." ESA said the base stations are already being used in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and Middle East.

Internet

Roscosmos receives signal from lost Phobos-Grunt probe

Science

Moscow, 24 Nov—Russian Space Agency Roscosmos said Wednesday it has started to study information received from the Phobos-Grunt space vehicle for the first time since it was lost on 9 Nov.

According to the Roscosmos official website, a connection with the Mars probe has been re-established by the European Space Agency's control room in Australia. Experts in the Russian and European mission controls have resumed work for a reliable connection with the probe, which also carries China's micro-satellite *Yinghuo-1*.

The probe's solar panels, experts said, are working so its batteries have been charged sufficiently to support the system.

Roscosmos said that information received could help to understand the reasons behind the probe failure but would hardly save the mission as such.

Mission control will attempt to revive the space vehicle on Thursday night, said Roscosmos spokeswoman Anna Vedishcheva. On Tuesday, Roscosmos said there was almost no chance to save the space mission.—*Xinhua*

Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (R) shakes hands with visiting Israeli President Shimon Peres before their meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 23 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

Suspected Al-Shabaab bomb blast in Mogadishu kills 11

MOGADISHU, 24 Nov— Eleven people were killed on Tuesday when a bomb blast rocked the capital of Somalia, local media reported on Wednesday. Several others were injured.

The attack happened in the Wadajir District of southern Mogadishu, the Capital of Somalia. *The Mareeg* news website reported that the explosive device was placed on the road which leads to Jazir Village.

Officials confirmed that at least eleven people, all believed to be civilians, were killed in the explosion. An unknown number of other people were wounded in the attack, which Wadajir District Commissioner Ahmed Hassan Ado—who forms part of the Somali transitional federal government—blamed on the Somali rebel group al-Shabaab.

Al-Shabaab is the militant wing of the Somali Council of Islamic Courts which took over most of southern Somalia in the second half of 2006. Despite efforts from the Somali and Ethiopian governments, the group has continued its violent militancy in southern and central Somalia.

Somalia has been without an effective government since Mohamed Siad Barre was overthrown two decades ago.

Internet

Russia to target European missile shield if talks fail

MOSCOW, 24 Nov— Russia will deploy, if necessary, offensive weaponry in the southern and western parts of the country to target elements of the US-backed European missile shield, President Dmitry Medvedev said Wednesday.

Medvedev outlined a series of possible "appropriate measures" against the US interceptor missiles and radars being deployed in Europe if missile defence talks between Moscow and Washington resulted in failure.

"If the measures listed [in the statement] not be sufficient, Russia will deploy in the west and the south of the country advanced offensive weapons systems, which will target the European component of the [US] missile defence network," Medvedev said.

Internet

Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev makes a statement in Moscow on 23 Nov, 2011. Russia will equip long-range missiles with warheads capable of foiling a US anti-missile shield in Europe and may deploy additional arms in its western and southern regions, Medvedev said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

China to conduct naval drills in Pacific

BEIJING, 24 Nov— China will conduct annual naval exercises in the Western Pacific at the end of this month.

"This is an annual, planned routine drill. It is not directed at any specific country or target and is in keeping with relevant international laws and practices," *the China Daily* quoted a Defence Ministry statement, as saying. "China''s freedom of navigation and other legal rights should not be obstructed," it added.

Internet

Afghans walk past by wreckage of a civilian car, which was hit by a roadside bomb in Alingar District of Laghman Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 22 Nov, 2011. A roadside bomb killed four civilians Tuesday in Alingar District of Laghman Province, said provincial spokesman Faizanullah Patan. Two men, one woman and a child were killed in the explosion and two adults were seriously wounded, he said.
INTERNET

Mine blast kills four in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 24 Nov—At least four people were killed in a coal mine explosion in the border City of Piedras Negras in Mexico's northern Coahuila State, local authorities said Wednesday.

The delegate of the Attorney General in the border region, Santos Vasquez Estrada, said miners were performing downhole operation when a gasbag exploded around 9:00 am local time (1500 GMT), and four people were burned to death on the spot. The official said an investigation over the cause of the tragedy has begun but no details are available yet.—*Xinhua*

File photo of Chinese navy.
INTERNET

Iran to launch Bushehr N-plant in February

TEHERAN, 24 Nov —Iran has announced that its Bushehr nuclear power plant will be launched in February next year.

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) made the announcement Wednesday, *Xinhua* reported.

The Bushehr plant has undergone numerous tests to eliminate occurrences of malfunction, and will be launched with its full capacity, AEOI chief Fereidoon Abbasi was quoted as saying by *IRNA* news agency.

In October, the AEOI announced that the nuclear power plant successfully completed the preliminary stage of its connection to the national grid and was temporarily disconnected.

The power plant would be reconnected soon and would reach its full capacity in November, according to the announcement.

Iran held a ceremony in September to mark the preliminary launch of the delayed project. The construction of the plant was halted when the US imposed an embargo on Iran after the 1979 revolution.

Russia signed a contract with Iran in 1998 to complete the construction. But the project was postponed several times due to technical and financial challenges.

Internet

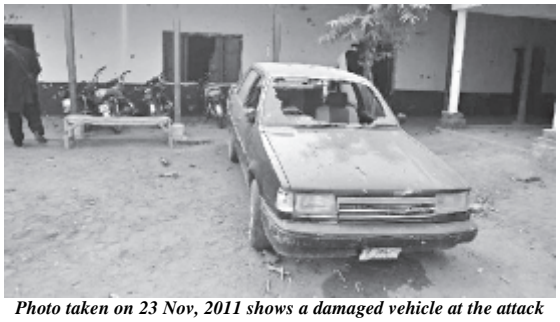


Photo taken on 23 Nov, 2011 shows a damaged vehicle at the attack site in northwestern Pakistan's Dera Ismail Khan. At least three policemen were killed and four others injured early Wednesday morning when a group of militants attacked a police station in Dera Ismail Khan, a Town in Pakistan's northwest Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, reported local media Duniya.—XINHUA

People take part in the 1st international cheese festival-fair in Kiev, Capital of Ukraine, on 22 Nov, 2011. The event opened here Tuesday, during which Ukrainian and Lithuanian cheese producers and farmers showed their achievements in making soft and hard cheeses.—XINHUA

UN, MTV launch campaign against human trafficking in Latin America

NEW YORK, 24 Nov—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched a joint campaign with the MTV network to raise awareness about human trafficking and the exploitation of youth in Latin America.

The campaign 'MTV EXIT', which stands for End Exploitation and Trafficking, features a documentary and a song by Calle 13, a 19-time Grammy award-winning band. The campaign also includes mass media broadcasts, online initiatives and local events and activities with young people.

"Increasingly adolescents and young people are vulnerable to being trafficked and exploited in the region. We can reduce the risks they are exposed to if we provide them with the necessary education and tools to protect themselves," said UNICEF Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Bernt Aasen, at the launch this week. The documentary 'Invisible Slaves' - hosted by two of Calle 13's members, Residente and Visitante - addresses how this issue is affecting the continent and includes interviews with young people who have been affected by trafficking and exploitation. The band is the latest to join a list of celebrities who have collaborated with MTV EXIT, including actors Angelina Jolie and Jared Leto and the bands Radiohead and Muse.

Internet

Original 'Apollo 13' navigation checklist expected to fetch £25k at auction

LONDON, 24 Nov—A record of the frantic calculations at the heart of a life-or-death space drama is set to go under the hammer.

The navigation checklist re-written by astronaut James Lovell to get his crew back to Earth —two hours after he uttered the famous words "Houston, we have a problem"—is expected to fetch around 25,000 pounds, the *Telegraph* reported.

Had he miscalculated the guidance data by just a fraction then the three man crew would have drifted off into space and oblivion.

Lovell, played by Tom Hanks in the hit 1995 film 'Apollo 13', is now selling the checklist, a printed data booklet annotated with his pen and pencil recalculations during the incident in 1970.

The astronaut was forced to write out the new figures when, 55 hours into a routine moon mission, an on-board explosion crippled the main command module Odyssey.

As a result the crew had to use the Lunar module—the small craft the astronauts should have used to take them to the moon—to fly them home. The document is the activation checklist for the Lunar craft Aquarius.—*Internet*

Vintage and classic cars are displayed during an exhibition in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 22 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

A giant decorated Christmas tree is seen on the ground floor of the Galeries Lafayette department store in Paris, France, on 22 Nov, 2011.
XINHUA

Indonesia plans to renew flight agreement with Malaysia

JAKARTA, 24 Nov—The Indonesian government is planning to renew a flight partnership agreement with Malaysia as an effort to improve Indonesia's air services, a media reported here on Thursday.

"We have an air service agreement signed by the (transportation) minister in 2003. In 2009 there were talks but no signatures. Then, in 2010, there was a leaders' meeting between President SBY and the Malaysian minister, which discussed a need to improve Indonesia-Malaysia traffic," Herry Bakti Singayudha Gumay, air transportation director general at transport ministry was quoted by *the Jakarta Post* as saying.

According to reports, the government plans to give Malaysia a 5th Right of Freedom by allowing Malaysian airlines to take passengers from three Indonesian airports, Soekarno Hatta in Tangerang, Banten, Sultan Hasanuddin in Makassar and Ngurah Rai in Denpasar, seven times a week.

Xinhua

Russia to lend Vietnam 8 billion dollars for first N-plant

MOSCOW, 24 Nov—Russia would provide Vietnam a loan of USD 8 billion to build its first nuclear power plant, Russia's first deputy prime minister Igor Shuvalov has said.

The construction of the power plant will be completed in 2020, he said Wednesday.

Shuvalov recently met his Vietnamese counterpart Hoang Trung Hai in Moscow. During their meeting, they signed an inter-governmental agreement on creation of a centre for nuclear studies and technologies in Vietnam, *Xinhua* reported.

Vietnam plans to build up to eight nuclear power plants by 2030.—*Xinhua*

US jobless claims tick up slightly

WASHINGTON, 24 Nov—The number of Americans initially applying for unemployment aid last week edged higher after declining steadily in the past two months, the US Labour Department reported Wednesday.

The Labour Department said that the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims for jobless benefits was 393,000 in the week ending 19 Nov, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised figure.

Fewer than 425,000 people applying for aid is consistent with modest job growth, but the number of jobless claims will have to fall to 375,000 or below to signal a sustained drop in the unemployment rate.

However, the four-week moving average, which more closely watched claims figure, continued to dip to 394,250, the lowest level since April.

The advance figure for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment during the week ending 12 November was 3.691 million, an increase of 68,000 from one week earlier.

The US unemployment rate edged down to 9 percent from 9.1 percent in October. However, few experts believe that the job market will return to normal levels in the short term due to weaker economic growth.—*Xinhua*

A visitor appreciates hotan jade at the 2011 China International Jewellery Fair held in Beijing, Capital of China, on 23 Nov, 2011.
XINHUA

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues…

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Committee is to coordinate with the Joint Bill Committee for submitting it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

In his discussion, U Thein Yi said that he would like to insert paragraph 4 (h) under 4 (g), saying that **monetary affairs concerning the exceptions of tenancy, pawn, giving as charity and unconditionally handing over of the right of farming, it shall not confiscate and unconditionally hand over the right of farming with regard to other monetary matters** prescribed in the Farmland Bill approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and approved by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendment. Section 23 (a) of the Constitution said that **the Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of the peasants**. The inserting the new paragraph was aimed at protecting the farmers against confiscating the farmlands by the money lenders depending on the debts.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency holds discussion. MNA

U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency supported the proposal and U Htay Oo agreed the submission of U Thein Yi as it was a necessary requirement.

As there was no objection against the submission of U Thein Yi, the proposal was approved; and the proposal will be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Next, the Hluttaw representatives participated in discussions of paragraphs and subparagraphs.

U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon Constituency submitted a proposal to keep amendments of the **paragraph 2 (c, i, ii, iii, iv, and v)** as approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw. As there was no objection, the proposal was approved.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment concerning the **paragraph 36** amended by the Amyotha Hluttaw. U Htay Oo supported the submission of U Tin Maung Oo as it was suitable.

Thus, the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo was approved.

Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw agreed submissions of four representatives.

As there was no objection that **paragraph 2 (a, b, d, g, h and i), paragraph 3, and subparagraph 3(b), title of Chapter III, paragraph 4 (a), paragraph 7 (e), paragraph 11 (e), paragraph 12 (1), paragraphs 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 30, 34 (a) and 35 shall be part of the bill in line with the amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw**, the proposal was approved.

In holding discussions on the **Farmland Bill** sent back by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments, the Hluttaw decided that amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw were disagreed for one paragraph and five subparagraphs. U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency submitted a proposal that controversial amendments disagreed by Pyithu Hluttaw should be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. As there was no objection, the Hluttaw approved it.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that the "Women and Children Protection Committee" formed on 22 August will be renamed as the "Social Development Committee".

With regard to the change of the name of the committee, Chairman of the committee U Maung Maung Swe said that although the committee is responsible for protecting the women and children, duties and functions of the committee comprise protection for youths, the aged and the disabled including women and children.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon Constituency holds discussion. MNA

That was why the title of committee was renamed as the "Social Development Committee".

As all representatives agreed the change of title for the committee, the Hluttaw decided to rename the committee in line with the new title.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that the Hluttaw carried out tasks more successfully than expected within over three months; that second regular session started on 22 August whereas the Hluttaw speaker gave representatives necessary instructions that representatives are to be courageous and harmonious in dealing with present affairs, taking lessons of the past; that Hluttaw representatives are to apply themselves to be qualified so as to make the Hluttaw more workable place in view of interest of the nation and the people without holding isms: party, ideology, region, race and religion attachments; that it is needed to notice that the Hluttaw bears witness to democracy and essence of democracy, sharing three powers; that it is needed to submit questions, proposals and bills beneficial to the people, to enact laws that shield interests of the nation and the people and guarantee fundamental rights, democracy and human rights.

It is needed to scrutinize whether or not rules, regulations, disciplines, orders and notifications, procedures and manuals are adhere to laws of the Hluttaw, issued by respective bodies in which powers were vested to issue laws enacted by the Hluttaw. Organizations and the entire people are to stick to them through checks and balances system. Two main duties of Hluttaw are legislation, and checks and balances. Committees and commissions formed by the Hluttaw are to take responsibility of the Hluttaw, and it is their main duty. Paying great attention to people's voice, people's wish and people's expectation, the Hluttaw is to do its duty for emergence of laws agreeable to present situation, needs to be followed by the entire people through checks and balances system. He expressed that thanks and recognition go to all Hluttaw representatives for their disciplined and harmonious participation in measures more successfully than expected.

During the period of the second session, there were 506 questions—starred 337 questions, 54 starred questions with answer paper and 93 unstarred questions with answer paper, 22 withdrawn questions—and 51 proposals in which 18 proposals were approved, two proposals were not approved, 18 proposals were recorded and 13 proposals were withdrawn. Furthermore, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives approved and declared five bills. Among eight bills submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw, two bills were promulgated, two bills left to be promulgated, and four bills are underway. Among ten bills submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw, five bills were promulgated, one bill left to be promulgated and four bills are underway. Therefore, there are 23 bills: 12 bills promulgated, 3 left to be promulgated and eight underway. As some questions were unsuitable to submit, disagreeable to law and harmful to national solidarity, they were answered indirectly. Most questions, proposals and laws were found beneficial to the country and the people and laws.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency holds discussion. MNA

Committees and commissions are leading role in taking measures of the Hluttaw. Learning existing laws for respective sectors, it is needed to cooperate with the Union government and Union level organizations to revoke and issue new laws. Legislative processes are to be automated after learning whether or not a law can benefit public interest and national interest, conform to the constitutional law, and be agreeable to practical field, international laws, conventions and agreements followed by the country.

The committees and commissions related to Hluttaw are organized in accordance with the Section 115, and 118, and it should be realized that they are set up in the interests of the State and the people. However, it is regret to hear that some have negative attitude to the committees and commissions saying that it is unnecessary to set up the committees and commissions and they are set up to control the organization. The government, the legislature and the executive sectors share the Sovereign power and maintain checks and balances among them and they are obliged to work for the State and the people. However, it has worried us that the short-sighted views of those who do not digest the constitution might disintegrate the unity of organizations and personnel who are carrying out tasks of the State. The Hluttaw has set up the committees and commissions in accordance with the constitution as they are in need and they are obliged to report the Hluttaw to be able to revoke laws which are unnecessary for the State and people, to amend laws and to draw laws which would benefit the State and the people. Besides, they have a duty to make assessment to the related laws of the existing laws of the State whether they are agreeable to the original laws.

The essence of the constitution is the Sovereignty of the State and the three branches of sovereign power namely, legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated. The State Constitution protects the three powers so that they cannot be taken by a person or an organization as it could lead to a dictatorship. It is found that in developed and peaceful countries, the three branches of powers are shared in their own ways. It is important for us to know the essence of the constitution when we obey the constitution. However, it is required to make transition from the situation of weak in checks and balances due to few experiences on Hluttaw and not being used to taking duties and responsibilities to getting checks and balances. Despite achievements in previous meetings, it is found there are many weak points in the meetings.

Due to the weak of the Hluttaw Office, the schedules for Hluttaw meetings were released lately and were changed frequently. Some cases were handled wrong due to few employees and weak in experiences. Paying too much attention to what representatives reported caused time limitation and difficulties. Hluttaw representatives are weak in knowledge on the constitution, laws and rules and related laws. Besides, it is found that they did not well prepared to discuss what bill they would discuss at Hluttaw and some lost the courage to speak out at the meetings. The lack of courage is not the characteristic of the Hluttaw and hindered the meetings.

Original laws and related laws should be assessed and the laws which have been enacted by bodies concerned before the Hluttaw are appeared are still in effect and the laws should be considered as they are enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Amending and revoking mean the legislation. The Legislation means drafting and enacting new laws and revoking and amending the existing laws as well. Therefore, the Hluttaws are obliged to consider the existing laws as they are enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw until they are in effect and to work for the checks and balances.

In conclusion, Hluttaw representatives are obliged to respect and follow the State Constitution if they wish to work in the interests of the State and the people as they are representatives of the people. The constitution is also an existing law and the representatives are urged to follow the constitution to become dutiful and loyal representatives of the people.

The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw successfully concluded at 2.45 pm.— *MNA*

Report on condition of world disabled persons and promotion of reproductive health of disabled persons

Disability and Rehabilitation Coordinator Ms Alana Margaret Officer reads report of the WHO (Geneva).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—The ceremony of report on condition of world disabled persons and promotion of reproductive health of disabled persons was held at Ministry of Health here today, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

On behalf of the WHO resident representative, Disability and Rehabilitation Coordinator Ms Alana Margaret Officer read out the report of the WHO (Geneva).

After the ceremony, the Union Minister and guests viewed displays of conditions of disabled persons.

Workshop on healthcare for reproduction of the disabled began in the afternoon.—*MNA*

Public Works signs contracts with 10 companies

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—A ceremony to sign contracts for purchase of machine parts for 23 machines and vehicles at road and bridge construction project of Public Works was held at the Ministry of Construction on 22 November evening.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint delivered an address, and the director of Premier Machinery Trading Co Ltd, on behalf of 10 companies, spoke works of thanks.

The managing director of Public Works and responsible persons of Premier Machinery Trading Co, Myanma Shwe Pyi Tractors Ltd, UMW Engineering Services Ltd, Common Purpose Co Ltd, Eternal Co Ltd, High Aims (Asia) Co Ltd, Midmay Group, Shwe Set Kyar U Tint Wai Co Ltd, Myan Pyi Kyaw Co Ltd and Dragon Power International Trading Co Ltd signed the contracts.

MNA

Authorized Dealer Licence issued to 11 private banks

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—With the aim of stabilizing the exchange rate of foreign currency and ensuring emergence of foreign exchange markets in the nation, the Central Bank of Myanmar will issue Authorized Dealer Licence to 11 private banks as of 25 November by practising the authority in line with Section 102, sub-section (b) for realizing the Section 75 and Section 83 of the 1990 Central Bank of Myanmar and Section 91, sub-section (b) of the Myanmar Monetary Organizations Law.

These eleven private banks are Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Cooperative Bank Ltd, Myanma Industrial Development Bank Ltd, Myawady Bank Ltd, Inwa Bank Ltd, Myanmar Oriental Bank Ltd, Asian Green Development Bank Ltd, Ayeyawady Bank Ltd, Myanmar Pioneer Bank Ltd, United Amara Bank Ltd and Tun Foundation Bank Ltd.

As of 25 November, the banks can trade three foreign hard currencies namely the US dollar, Euro and Singaporean dollar in accord with the directives of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

MNA

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — The 11 day second regular session of the first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw at 10:00 am today continued at Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Office yesterday, attended by Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Thayay Sithu U Hsan Hsint and 65 Hluttaw representatives.

A total of 21 questions on risk management, development affairs, Thabaung Paper Mill and environmental conservation were answered by Region ministers concerned, a special proposal was submitted and put into record, a bill was submitted, a proposal submitted on 18 November 2011 was discussed and decided at the session which ended at 4.30 pm.—*MNA*

70 Myanmar fishermen adrift at sea …

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The fishermen are being accommodated at Aungthukha Dhammayon of Thadu Monastery in Kyimyindine Township and officials provided necessary assistance. Yangon Region Health Department gave health care services to them individually.

Officials will carry out safe and sound transportation of the fishermen to their home.

MNA

New school buildings handed over in Lewe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—A ceremony to hand over new school buildings at Aunggon Basic Post-Primary School and Thegawgyi BEHS branch in Lewe Township and Lewe BEHS to the Ministry of Education took place at the Lewe BEHS No. 2 this morning.

Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe and Dr Than Aung and Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu formally opened the new buildings.

At the ceremony, Project Manager U Myint Oo of Tetlan Construction Co donated K 1 million each to the funds of the schools.—*MNA*

Brown head and black head migratory…

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Officer U Sein Tun of Nyaungshwe Township Environmental and Wildlife Conservation Unit of Forest Department of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry.

He estimated that about 20,000 brown head seagulls and black head seagulls may arrive at Inlay Lake from November to January 2012.

At present, he said that about 100 migratory birds arrive there. The tourists take photos and documentary videos on brown head and black head migratory seagulls that moved from northern part of the world to Inlay Lake.

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Echo in Chronicle of Chindwin River comes out

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—The book entitled "Echo in Chronicle of Chindwin River" has been published recently for those wishing to know natural beauty and streaming style of Chindwin River, social status and its importance in geopolitics.

The book written by Maung Moe Yan won the first prize in belles-lettres genre in the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award was the fourth print. It is available at Maung Moe Yan Literary House. The book agents may contact No. 79 (A), Kyaikkasan Road, Tamway Township, Tel: 01548806 and 095008663.—*MNA*

PADDY PLOT HARVESTED: ***Five-acre model plot of monsoon paddy was harvested in Phanmin Village-tract of Tachilek Township on 15 November. The plot produced 144.04 baskets of dried paddy per acre. Photo shows participation of farmers in harvesting model paddy plot.***—MYANMA ALIN

Take Fire Preventive Measures

100k pounds gold coin commemorating 2012 London Olympics revealed

LONDON, 24 Nov—A gold coin commemorating the 2012 London Olympics, worth 100,000 pounds, has been revealed by the Royal Mint at London's Royal Academy of Art.

According to the *BBC*, just 60 of the coin designed by abstract sculptor Sir Anthony Caro and containing a kg of fine gold will be produced.

The coin's design represents how the Games focus on success and pushing the body and mind to their limits as well as the long heritage of the Olympics.

It is framed by a laurel wreath and the London 2012 logo, and depicts the sports equipment used for weightlifting, boxing, football and athletics.

A silver coin designed by artist, composer and writer Tom Phillips was also revealed.

The Queen had personally approved both designs in order for them to become legal tender.

The obverse of the coins features her effigy, which appears on all UK and Commonwealth coinage since 1998.

Internet

***Members of the "Little Angels", a Korean folk ballet group formed in 1962, perform in New Delhi, India as an expression of gratitude to India for sending medical units during the 1950-1953 Korean War.—*INTERNET**

Actors of the National Ballet of China (NBC) perform during a ballet gala in the Cultural Centre of Macao, south China, on 23 Nov, 2011. A collection of world famous masterpieces by classical and modern choreographers from China and the West were presented in the programme, to greet 12th anniversary of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR).

XINHUA

Snowstorm disrupts China-Russia coach service

HARBIN, 24 Nov—A wintery storm has blanketed snow over the northeastern Province of Heilongjiang, halting coach services between the provincial Capital of Harbin and Russia's Vladivostok. Harbin's main bus station confirmed Thursday that the international coach service route would remain closed till Saturday as snow was continuing to fall.

The China Central Meteorological Station reported Thursday morning that in some areas of China's northeast snow was 21 cm deep. The snowy weather is likely to persist over the next three days.—*Xinhua*

Woman sets herself afire at petrol pump

LONDON, 24 Nov—A woman in southwest England died as she set herself on fire at a petrol pump.

The 55-year-old from Bath city of Somerset county was seen at the supermarket Sainsbury's filling station strolling across the forecourt and dousing herself with fuel and setting herself alight, the *Daily Mail* reported.

As she set herself ablaze, two staff workers tried to put the fire out by spraying her with bottles of water.

Two fire engines were called to the store for the burning woman who was rushed to the hospital with severe burns. But she finally died at the hospital due to her injuries.

Police said they are investigating the circumstances that led the women to set herself on fire.

Internet

Mexican troops seize over 15 million dollars belonging to drug lord

MEXICO, CITY, 24 Nov—Mexican army troops recently seized more than USD 15 million in cash believed to belong to one of the leaders of the Sinaloa drug cartel, officials confirmed on Wednesday. Soldiers found the money on Friday when they carried out a surprise search of a car in the Cumbres de Juárez neighbourhood of Tijuana, a city near the US border. Defence Ministry spokesman General Ricardo Trevilla said 3 kilogrammes (6.6 lbs) of cocaine, two rifles, two handguns and jewelry were also found inside the car.

According to authorities, the USD 15.3 million in cash was going to be delivered to a centre of operations of the Sinaloa cartel, a criminal gang headed by Joaquín Guzmán Loera, also known as 'El Chapo.' No arrests were made during the operation. The cash seizure by the Mexican army on Friday was the largest since soldiers seized USD 26.2 million in Culiacán in the northwestern state of Sinaloa in 2008. The money was found in a house owned by Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, also a leader of the Sinaloa cartel.—*Internet*

Bangkok Metropolitan workers take part in a clean-up along a major road in Bangkok.

INTERNET

Man held with drugs at Dubai airport

DUBAI, 24 Nov—A bid by an Asian passenger to smuggle drugs was foiled Wednesday by Dubai customs officials at the Dubai international airport.

The 2.35 kg of drugs, which were concealed in a bag, were brought by the passenger from his home country for delivering them to someone in another Asian country in return for an amount of money, said Ali Al-Mugahwi, director of airports operations.

The passenger's country of origin and the destination of the drugs were not disclosed.

He was referred to the anti-narcotics section of the Dubai police.

Internet

***Volunteers run after an explosion created as part of a mock demonstration held to mark National Disaster Reduction Day in Bangalore, India.—*INTERNET**

Over 100 houses burned in Malaysia's Sabah State

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia) 24 Nov—More than 100 houses were burned down and several people injured on Thusday in a fire in a sea village near Kota Kinabalu , Capital of Malaysia's Sabah State in the east peninsular.

The fire started at around 2 am, and quickly spread. Firefigters were called to the scene to extinguish the blaze, and the fire was completely put out before 6 am.

More than 100 wooden houses and 10 cars were destroyed, and 8 people injured. Some villagers said that the fire was triggered by electrical short.

Local police told reporters that some 1,000 villagers were evacuated to the local community centre.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 22 Nov, 2011 shows the waterway within the Qingtong Gorge in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Since 2008, Ningxia has carried out a multi-functional project focusing on the development of traffic, ecology, economy and flood prevention for the cities along the Yellow River. By the end of last month, the operating rate of the project has reached over 95 percent of the 157 key programmes with a total investment of 26 billion RMB yuan (about 4 billion US dollars).—Xinhua

Drug dealers family jailed for 82 years

London, 24 Nov—A drug dealers' family and their associates who used to sell heroin and crack cocaine, a form of cocaine which can be smoked, on the streets of Britain's Liverpool City has been jailed for a total of 82 years.

Thirteen people involved in running a 24-hour drugs cash and carry service have been jailed after a complex police operation under which the police put the family under surveillance and deployed undercover officers before eventually swooping on the Whitney family clan and their cohorts, the *Daily Mail* reported.

As the net closed on the drug dealers, officers found an SA80 assault rifle and around 1,200 rounds of ammunition as well as a large quantity of Class A substances which includes heroin, cocaine and many other kinds of drugs.

Undercover officials from Merseyside Police posed as addicts to make 'test purchases' to gain necessary evidence while other undercover officers filmed the footage.

The Whitneys used unregistered, pre-paid mobile telephones and deployed untraceable vehicles to meet with addicts, often in a telephone kiosk on a street corner.

When police arrested grandmother Carol Whitney, who was the matriarch and banker, officers found more than 500 wraps of heroin hanging from a bush in her garden.

Judge John Roberts, sitting at Liverpool Crown Court, jailed them all for their role in the conspiracy.—*Internet*

New Zealand pilot miraculously escapes death after crash

London, 24 Nov —A pilot in New Zealand literally cheated death when his helicopter suddenly crashed while he was putting up a seven-storey Christmas tree, with the incident being captured live on TV.

Television viewers in New Zealand watched in horror as the blades of Greg Gribble's helicopter became tangled in cables attached to scaffolding on Auckland's waterfront, the *Daily Mail* reported.

The footage showed the rear of the helicopter snapping, flinging Gribble out of itss front door, then slamming him back through its side door. The aircraft then dropped 25ft to the ground.

Thousands watched the drama unfold on TV in New Zealand.

The accident left air-safety campaigners aghast, as many wondered why the first place a helicopter was allowed to perform such an intricate operation in a built-up area.

An investigation has been launched by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Internet

Residents look at a passenger train that derailed at Sadura Village in Anantnag, on 23 Nov, 2011. At least 20 people were injured Wednesday when a passenger train derailed in Kashmir, officials said.
Xinhua

Five kids killed in Pakistan roof collapse

Islamabad, 24 Nov — Five children were among seven members of a family that was killed when the roof of their home collapsed in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

The accident took place in Madyan Town.

The dead include a man, his wife and five children, reported *Geo News* Thursday.

Internet

Photo shows artworks on eyelid created by Canadian artist Katie Alves's.—Internet

Beer, wine similarly reduce risk of heart disease

Washington, 24 Nov—Italian researchers have found a very similar inverse association between the consumption of beer and the consumption of wine in relation to cardiovascular outcomes.

Research by Costanzo S, Di Castelnuovo de Gaetano G et al has sought to separate the effects of wine, beer or spirit drinking in relation to fatal and non-fatal cardiovascular events.

They carried out an updated meta-analysis on the relationship between wine, beer or spirit consumption and cardiovascular outcomes, using state-of-the-art statistical techniques.

Results from 16 studies confirmed a J-shaped relationship between wine intake and reduced vascular risk, with maximal protection — an average 31 percent was observed at 21 g/day of alcohol.

Similarly, from 13 studies a J-shaped relationship was apparent for beer with maximal protection of 42 percent at 43 g/day of alcohol.

From 12 studies reporting separate data on wine or beer consumption, two closely overlapping dose–response curves were obtained suggesting maximal protection of 33 percent at 25 g/day of alcohol approximately (2 drinks/day by US standards and 3 units for the UK) for vascular diseases.—*Internet*

Plane crashes in eastern Arizona

Los Angeles, 24 Nov—A plane has reportedly crashed into Superstition Mountains in the eastern part of US state of Arizona Wednesday afternoon, a local news outlet reported, quoting officials.

Multiple witnesses reported a fireball and an explosion around 6:30 pm local time, television channel CBS 5 reported on its website.

There were no reports concerning the type of plane and the number of people aboard the ill-fated aircraft.

The plane crashed near Flat Iron to the east of state capital of Phoenix in eastern Arizona, the media outlet reported.

Xinhua

Firefighters work at the fire scene on Shitou Street in the Xihu District of Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 24 Nov, 2011. A fire broke out early Thursday morning in the old areas of Nanchang, killing five people while injuring another two.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AN HUA JIANG VOY NO (159)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN HUA JIANG VOY NO (159) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (461) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Underweight patients more likely to die than mildly obese patients

BEIJING, 24 Nov — Underweight patients may have more possibilities of mortality within 30 days of general and vascular surgery compared with mildly obese patients, according to a research published online in Archives of Surgery on Tuesday. Researchers at the US National Surgical Quality Improvement Programme conducted the research for the years 2005 and 2006, and assessed the contribution of BMI (Body Mass Index) to 189,533 postsurgeries morbidity and mortality by obesity classes.

They found that compared with the middle BMI quintile group, patients with BMI value below 23.1, had greater chances for death. For the highest BMI quintile group, higher mortality rate was also observed. —*Internet*

Actress Michelle (C) and representatives from Nokia and Microsoft presents the latest Nokia smartphones in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 22 Nov, 2011. Nokia released its Lumia 800 and Lumia 710 smartphones, which have a 3.7 inches touch screen and use Windows Phone 7.5 operation system, in Taipei on Tuesday. — XINHUA

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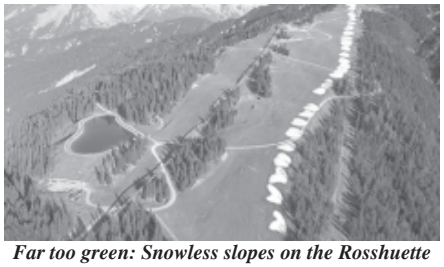
Popular Austrian ski resorts report worrying lack of the white stuff as official start of season rapidly approaches

VIENNA, 24 Nov — Ski resorts in Austria are set to lose a fortune as a baffling rise in temperatures has left resorts in the Tirol and Salzburg without any snow. Temperatures are so high that even high-powered snow cannons can't make snow fast enough before it's melted by the sun.Kuhtai ski resort spokesman Wilhelm Mareiler said: 'This year it is a very out of the ordinary situation. There has been absolutely no snow. We can't make snow either as it is not cold enough. We will have to delay opening for a week or two and hope it snows in the meantime.'



Far too green: Snowless slopes on the Rosshuette mountain in the western Austrian village of Seefeld. — INTERNET

There has been no snow for 31 days in the Austrian Alps where temperatures are still higher than 10C. The season in Austria doesn't start in earnest until mid-December, but resort managers there will still be looking with envy across the Alps at France, where most resorts have already received good dustings. However, Met Office forecaster Steven Keates told *MailOnline* that skiers and snowboarders heading to Austria in December don't need to panic. 'Although lower resorts could struggle, relative to what they have had, the month ahead is looking better. 'There's a slowly increasing chance of snow, but fortunes aren't going to change hugely. If there is snow, though, it could last because it will stay fairly dry.

'However, over the next five to seven days there won't be much change because there's a mass of high pressure milling around.' He added: 'It would be unheard of if it didn't snow some more, though.

Internet

US approves drug for middle-of-the-night insomniacs

WASHINGTON, 24 Nov—The US Food and Drug Administration, for the first time, approved Wednesday medication specifically designed for those who wake up in the middle of the night and cannot fall back to sleep.

Intermezzo, manufactured by Transcept Pharmaceuticals of California, is a lower-dose formulation of zolpidem, first approved in the United States in 1992 and better known as the insomnia treatment Ambien.

"This is the first time the FDA has approved a drug for this condition," the federal government agency said in a statement.

"Intermezzo should only be used when a person has at least four hours of bedtime remaining. It should not be taken if alcohol has been consumed or with any other sleep aid." The recommended dose is 3.5 milligrams for men and half that for women, after clinical tests indicated that women cleared zolpidem from their bodies more slowly than men do.

Internet

Coffee may protect against endometrial cancer

WASHINGTON, 24 Nov — Long-term coffee consumption may be associated with a reduced risk for endometrial cancer, according to a study published online on Tuesday in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention,* a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Edward Giovannucci, professor of nutrition and epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health, said that coffee is emerging as a protective agent in cancers that are linked to obesity, estrogen and insulin.

"Coffee has already been shown to be protective against diabetes due to its effect on insulin," said Giovannucci, a senior researcher on the study. "So we hypothesized that we'd see a reduction in some cancers as well."—*Internet*

Long-term coffee consumption may be associated with a reduced risk for endometrial cancer.
XINHUA

Changi Airport has record aircraft movements in October

SINGAPORE, 24 Nov— Singapore's Changi Airport registered a record aircraft movements of 26,270 in October, the Changi Airport Group said on Wednesday. The growth in passenger traffic was driven by an increase in travel to and from Northeast Asia and South Asia. Both markets recorded double-digit growth in the month. The airport recorded 3.88 million passenger movements in October.

Demand for budget travel continued to improve with low cost airlines carrying 24.8 percent more passengers in October, compared with a growth of 3.2 percent for full-service carriers. Low-cost carrier Jetstar is expected to launch flight services between Singapore and Beijing soon.

MNA/Xinhua

Woman hits bus driver with banana, fined

A Swedish woman was given a fine for throwing a half-eaten banana at a bus driver who she says almost hit her. The 46-year-old woman from Skane, whose name was not reported, said bus driver Zekerija Velagic stopped just inches away from hitting her and her daughter, whom she was teaching how to drive, *The Local* reported.

The woman said she then got onto the bus to give Velagic a talking to when the banana slipped out of her hand, hitting the driver.

"I've been dizzy since March, and my hands shake. Since my muscles are weak I drop things easily. I was holding the banana whilst standing there gesturing, and suddenly it flew away. But it hit the interior of the bus," she said.

However, Velagic had a different version of the story, *The Local* reported. He said when he stopped to let passengers off the bus, the woman ran on, started yelling at him and hit him with the banana.

"She hit me right in the face with the half-eaten banana. I had banana all over me, on my tie, my shirt and my eye," Velagic said. "It felt offensive, when 30 passengers saw the whole thing," he said, adding that he considered quitting his job after the event.

The incident wound up in Lund District Court which ruled in favor of the bus driver after a witness confirmed Velagic's version of the story, *The Local* said, and the woman was given a fine for an unreported amount.

"I feel unprotected legally," said the woman about the court's ruling. "It's unreasonable that a banana could cause this much damage. However, bus drivers should get their act together and not just thunder on with a 14 metre [46 foot] long bus. This could've ended in disaster."

News Album

A rank of cabins are seen at a "capsule inn" in Jinan, east China's Shandong Province, on 18 Nov, 2011. A Japanese-style "capsule inn" with cabinet-sized room, each 1.2 meters high, 1.0 metres wide and 2.0 metres long, has opened in Jinan. All the "capsules" are equipped with power sockets, lights and flat screen televisions.

Florida city plans condo with car elevator

Sunny Isles Beach, Fla, has approved plans to build a condominium complex with elevators that take residents, and their cars, right to their doors.

The $560 million building, dubbed Porsche Design Tower, will likely be the first condominium complex with elevators that take residents right to their doors while they are still in their cars, *The Miami Herald* reported.

"You don't have to leave your car until you are in front of your apartment," said Juergen Gessler, chief executive officer of Porsche Design Group, which is partnering with local developer Gil Dezer to create the structure.

After a resident pulls up and turns off the engine, a robotic arm will pull the car on a plank into the elevator and then parks it on the desired floor. The elevators, three in total, will be glass, giving residents views of the city skyline.

Auction of Firth flick tix to raise money for Oxfam

LOS ANGELES, 24 Nov—Colin Firth fans can bid on a chance to meet him at the Hollywood premiere of his new movie through an auction to raise money for Oxfam, the relief agency said.

Oxfam America is teaming up with eBay for the fundraiser.

Fans can bid through Wednesday on the opportunity to meet Firth, an Oxfam ambassador, and attend a screening of "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy!," his new film based on the best-selling novel by John le Carre.

The winning bidder will get two tickets to the 6 Dec premiere in Los Angeles and the premiere after-party at the Chateau Marmont, as well as luxury chauffeur service to and from the events.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit Oxfam America, the organization said.

Firth won the Oscar for Best Actor for his work in the 2010 drama "The King's Speech." He is also known for his work in the TV miniseries "Pride & Prejudice," and the movies "Shakespeare in Love," "Bridget Jones's Diary" and "Love Actually."

Internet

British actor Colin Firth and Livia Giuggioli

Tom Cruise to host screening of Mission Impossible 4 for fans

NEW DELHI, 24 Nov—Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise is coming to India on 2 Dec and he will not only promote his forthcoming film "Mission Impossible 4 Ghost Protocol", but will also host a screening for his Indian fans.

Tom Cruise and Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor, who also features in the film, and Viacom 18 will host a screening where the biggest fans of Tom Cruise will get a chance to see the film before the world sees it, said a statement. Anil has confirmed fan screening, but said it's too premature to talk about it.

As many as 1,500 people will get a chance to see the film two weeks before its release in India. They will be selected through a contest where they will answer simple details about Tom Cruise and "Mission Impossible Ghost Protocol".

Internet

Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise

Gerard Butler looking for true love

LONDON, 24 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," female-first.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

Actor Gerard Butler

Michelle Williams' bizarre time saving trick

WASHINGTON, 24 Nov—Michelle Williams has revealed that she saves time from her hectic schedule by eating breakfast in a shower.

The Brokeback Mountain star came up with the unique timesaving trick after struggling to balance her acting schedule with her everyday duties as a single mum to young daughter Matilda.

"I'm so embarrassing. I like to save time by eating breakfast in the shower. It all started innocently with a cup of coffee," Contact-music quoted her as saying.

"And then before I knew it, I was in there with a smoothie. I always run 10 minutes late wherever I go and so I figured, while I was trying to eat breakfast (one day), I was like, 'Well, I still really need to shower, maybe I can sort of do them at the same time?'"

The actress revealed that her bizarre habit has an added benefit, as she did not get cold from drinking smoothie anymore.—*Internet*

Michelle Williams

Sir Richard Branson invites Kate Winslet to see Titanic prow for real

LONDON, 24 Nov—Kate Winslet is set to see the doomed ship 'Titanic' for real – courtesy of billionaire Sir Richard Branson. The Virgin boss had recently divulged his plan to join other tourists paying 38,000 pounds each for a submarine 12,500ft dive to the wreck of 'Titanic' in the North Atlantic, the *Daily Mail* reported.

"It is something I am very keen to do. I'm deadly serious about this and I would love to invite Kate to come with me," Branson said.

"Wouldn't it be something if the star of Titanic really got to go down to the real ship? I'm going to talk to her but I'm sure it's an opportunity she will jump at."

It is one of the most iconic images in film history. When Kate Winslet stood on the prow of the Titanic in the blockbuster 1997 film, it turned her into an overnight superstar.—*Internet*

Sir Richard Branson

Celtic beats Pars 2-1 to go within 7 of Rangers

GLASGOW, 24 Nov—Celtic moved to within seven points of rival Rangers at the top of the Scottish Premier League on Wednesday with a 2-1 win over Dunfermline.

Gary Hooper and James Forrest scored early to give the Hoops a comfortable halftime lead but manager Neil Lennon was frustrated by his team missing numerous chances including a missed penalty from Ki Sung-yueng.

Andy Barrowman got a goal back for Dunfermline with four minutes remaining to give the home side a scare.

Lennon says "my annoyance is that the third goal should have been ours and we would have been comfortable winners."

Rangers leads with 39 points to Celtic's 32. Motherwell is three points further back in third place.—*Internet*

Olympiakos' French player Francois Modesto, left, and Greek midfielder Giannis Fetfatzidis, celebrate after defeating Marseille, during their Champions League Group F soccer match, on 23 Nov.
INTERNET

Olympiakos downs Marseille 1-0 in Champions League

MARSEILLE, 24 Nov—Substitute Giannis Fetfatzidis kept alive Olympiakos' chances of qualifying for the knockout stage of the Champions League, firing a half-volley into the bottom corner Wednesday to give the Greek club a 1-0 win over Marseille.

Spanish midfielder Francisco Yeste sent a ball over the top for Fetfatzidis, whose shot from a tight angle beat Marseille goalkeeper Steve Mandanda in the 82nd minute. TV replays showed the Greek midfielder looked to be offside.

Arsenal beat Borussia Dortmund 2-1 to top Group F with 11 points and secure a spot in the knockout phase. Marseille remained second despite the loss, one point clear of Olympiakos. Olympiakos hosts Arsenal on 6 Dec while Marseille visits Dortmund.

"We've missed an opportunity tonight to qualify for the knockout stage. I'm very disappointed," Marseille coach Didier Deschamps said. "Even a draw would have been enough tonight.—*Internet*

Barcelona beats AC Milan 3-2 to win Group H

Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, of Argentina, left, celebrates with teammate midfielder Xavi Hernandez after AC Milan midfielder Mark Van Bommel scored an own goal during a Champions League, Group H soccer match in Milan.—INTERNET

MILAN, 24 Nov—Barcelona clinched top spot in Group H by beating AC Milan 3-2 on Wednesday despite twice losing the lead in a pulsating Champions League match and allowing Zlatan Ibrahimovic to score against his former club.

Xavi Hernandez ran onto Lionel Messi's perfect pass into the area to slot in the winning goal in the 63rd minute, sealing the group win with one game remaining.

Both teams had already qualified for the knockout stages, which may have contributed to their willingness to attack throughout in a game that easily could have had an even bigger scoreline.

"Barca showed today how strong it is," Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola said. "Obviously if you come to San Siro, you're going to have problems. I had to choose between taking out an attacker or defender.

"If this game had been more decisive than I would have focused more on defense. We're happy with the win, with the game that we gave the fans because they're the most important."

Internet

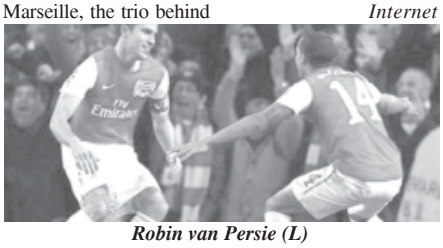
Goal-machine Van Persie sends Arsenal through

LONDON, 24 Nov—Robin van Persie continued his golden scoring form with both goals in Arsenal's 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday to put his side in the Champions League knockout rounds for the 12th successive season.

The victory secured first place for Arsenal in Group F, and although Borussia trooped off at the end thinking they were eliminated, Olympiakos's surprise 1-0 win at Olympique Marseille handed the German champions the slimmest mathematical chance of surviving.

Arsenal, who have 11 points, will finish top no matter what happens in their final match at Olympiakos on 6 Dec, but Marseille (seven points), Olympiakos (six) and Dortmund (four) can still qualify. If Arsenal and Olympiakos draw, and Dortmund beat Marseille, the trio behind Arsenal would all finish on seven points and the scores will determine who advances. There is no doubt about the prowess of Van Persie who took his scoring record this year to 38 goals in 41 matches for Arsenal, with 17 goals in 18 appearances this season.

Internet



Robin van Persie (L)

Leverkusen snatches late 2-1 win over Chelsea

LEVERKUSEN, 24 Nov—Manuel Friedrich sent Bayer Leverkusen into the knockout round of the Champions League with an injury-time header Wednesday that secured a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Chelsea and left the London club in real danger of missing out on the next stage.

Friedrich—a defender—managed to beat Alex to the ball and score with a header from a corner that went in off the underside of the crossbar in the 91st minute.

"It was a game of character," Leverkusen coach Robin Dutt said. "We had to take a chance. Of course it's lucky when it works out."

The result piles even more pressure on Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas, whose team has lost three of the last four games in the Premier League and must now beat Valencia at home in its final group match to guarantee a spot in the knockout round.

Internet

Leverkusen's Stefan Kiessling celebrates after winning the Champions League Group E soccer match between Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Chelsea FC on 23 Nov, 2011 in Leverkusen, Germany.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Arsenal advances, Chelsea slumps in Champs League

LONDON, 24 Nov—Arsenal clinched a place in the second round of the Champions League on Wednesday night with a 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund, but the Gunners could find themselves the only English club in the knockout stage. A day after Manchester United and Manchester City both missed the chance to advance, Chelsea conceded a last-minute goal and lost 2-1 at Bayer Leverkusen. The Blues risk missing out on the last 16 for the first time since Roman Abramovich bought the club in 2003.

Leverkusen advanced alongside Arsenal (3-0-2), which won 2-1 against visiting Borussia Dortmund (1-3-1) on two goals by Robin van Persie. APOEL (2-0-3) tied 0-0 at Zenit St. Petersburg (2-1-2) to become the first Cypriot club to make it past the group stage.

Chelsea (2-1-2) went ahead on Didier Drogba's goal in the 48th minute, but Leverkusen (3-2) tied it in the 73rd as Sidney Sam drew out goalkeeper Petr Cech before crossing to Eren Derdiyok, who headed the ball into an empty net.

Internet

Tour Report: Westwood rejoining PGA TOUR in 2012

LOS ANGELES, 24 Nov—Lee Westwood had three top-10s as a non-member of the PGA TOUR in 2011.

Lee Westwood announced Wednesday that he will rejoin the PGA TOUR for the 2012 season. "I missed THE PLAYERS Championship last year when watching it on television," said Westwood, also a member of the European Tour. "It was always a scheduling issue for me. Though the rules changed making it exempt from PGA TOUR restrictions, I had already set my schedule for later in the year in Asia. I didn't want to break any of those commitments."

The move will allow Westwood, who was last a member of the TOUR in 2008, to play in THE PLAYERS Championship, which he missed this year due to scheduling complications, and participate in the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup for the first time.—*Internet*

Lee Westwood

Holy Samoa! A soccer win after 30 straight losses

APIA, 24 Nov—American Samoa's players raised their arms and fell to the ground, as if they had won a major championship. It was only a 2-1 victory over Tonga in the start of Oceania World Cup qualifying Tuesday night, but for soccer's worst national team it was a triumph like no other.

Led by former US Under-20 coach Thomas Rongen, American Samoa won its first international soccer match after 30 consecutive losses over 17 years. American Samoa is a US protectorate in the South Pacific with a population of about 55,000.

"This is going to be part of soccer history, like the 31-0 against Australia was part of history," Rongen said.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(25-11-2011) (Friday)

	Transmissions	Times
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(25-11-11 09:30 am ~ 26-11-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* A Simple and Peaceful Life
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* News
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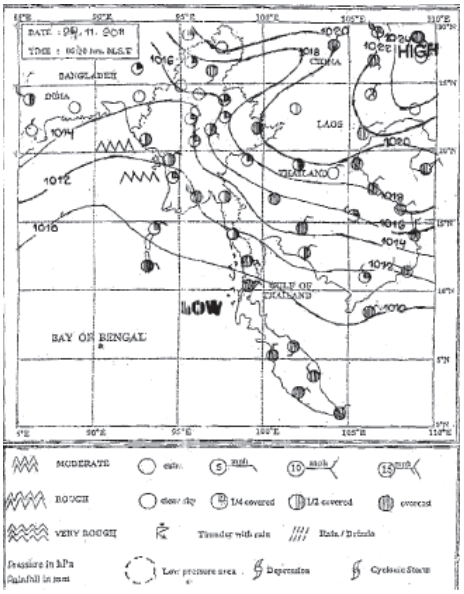
* Being Young (Youth and Fashion) "Wit Hmone Shwe Yee"
* News
* Ancient Historic Mwaytaw Kakku Pagoda
* Music Gallery
* News
* School on the Internet Asia Project
* Culture Stage
* News
* Me N My Travel "Naung Cho"
* Myanmar Movie "Who Really Won"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Friday,
25 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. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

8:15 am
8. Documentary

8:30 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions

8:35 am
10. International News

8:40 am
11. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm
3. Dance of National Races

4:35 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions

4:45 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Economic)

5:00pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm
7. Teleplay (Health)

5:20 pm
8. Songs of Yester Years

5:30 pm
9. Myanmar Language

5:40 pm
10. Composer's Choice

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. Internet Garden

7:00pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Just for Laughs (Gags Asia)
19. TV Drama Series
20. Song Lover

Weather forecast for 25th November, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	15/59	Partly cloudy	
2	Kayah	26/79	15/59	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	34/93	20/68	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	17/63	05/41	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	15/59	Generally fair weather	
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	22/72	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	35/95	23/73	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	34/93	20/68	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	32/90	22/72	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	33/91	21/70	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	35/95	22/72	Generally fair weather	
13	Rakhine	32/90	17/63	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	25/77	13/55	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	28/82	09/48	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	14/57	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	23/73	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	21/70	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	22/72	Generally fair weather	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	21/70	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Taninthayi Region and Shan State, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.The significant night temperature was Haka (6°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.59) inch.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Strong Easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, 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.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Generally fair in the whole country.

4,200 new flats launched

SINGAPORE, 24 Nov— Another 4,200 new flats in seven Build-to-Order (BTO) projects have been launched on Thursday by the Housing and Development Board (HDB).

This follows its bumper 8,200 new flats offered just two months ago. The latest launch offers flats in Bedok, Bukit Panjang, Hougang, Punggol and Yishun. They range from studio and 2-room to 5-room flats. HDB said they will cost from S$75,000 for a studio unit at Fajar Spring to S$352,000 for a 5-room unit at Hougang Dew Court and Hougang Capeview.

The latest offer brings the total number of BTO flats offered this year to 25,200.

HDB said it will continue to offer another 25,000 BTO units next year. The latest BTO offer comes after a commitment from National Development Minister Khaw Boon Wan in parliament to help newlywed first-timers earning below S$10,000 per month get their first HDB home as soon as possible.—*Internet*

In Ever Loving Memory and Merits sharing
Daw Tin Tin Oo (B.A,B.Ed)
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S.H.S(1), Kamayut (Mayanchan)
(25-11-2010)

Though a one full year ago since you, beloved wife, had left us your family, we still miss you dearly every moment of every day. In dedication to dear wife, alms, food and offertories will be offered to reverend monks, nuns, meditators and meritorious deed shared at Mogoke Meditation Centre (Head quarters) on 3-12-2011. May you share our meritorious deeds from whatever abode you reside.

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Farmers view thriving quality strains of paddy, sugarcane

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing meets farmers study group at 500-acre educative model mechanized farm special zone in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—At the 500-acre farmer educative model mechanized farm special zone in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and 188 farmers from Pakokku, Gangaw, Thayet, Minbu and Magway Districts of Magway Region.

In his clarification, the Union Minister said that the Ministry is undertaking distribution of quality strains of paddy, share of technology on good agricultural patterns and establishment of agricultural farms for broadening the horizons of farmers. Therefore, he said that farmers are to observe paddy, sugarcane, vegetable and fruit plantations and seeds plantations at the model plot and apply their experiences in their practical works.

The President of RUMFCCI reported that the federation cooperating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for cultivation of marketable crops and production of farm goods to meet the market demand.

The Union Minister and party viewed thriving various crops farms, mush melon plantation in the net houses.

The farmers also looked into thriving paddy and sugarcane plantations.

MNA

70 Myanmar fishermen adrift at sea arrive back in Yangon

Officials tending to victims at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—In accord with the guidance of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to always protect the interests of Myanmar people both at home and abroad, a Myanmar delegation led by Director U Aung Khaing of Relief and Resettlement Department left Yangon by chartered flight this morning and arrived at Port Blair of India at 11.00 am.

The mission of Myanmar delegation was to bring back Myanmar fishermen rescued and transported to Port Blair of India by Indian Navy. They were adrift at sea due to bad weather in January and March 2011.

In coordination with the Indian government, the fishermen are being provided heath care services by the Myanmar Ambassador to India and embassy officials in Port Blair.

The first batch of 70 fishermen from the relief camp in Port Blair were taken back home. They were seen off at Port Blair Airport by First Secretary U Maung Maung Aye of Myanmar Embassy (New Delhi) and officials of Myanmar Consulate (Kolkata) and the relief camp.

The fishermen arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Joint Secretary of Myanmar Natural Disaster Preparedness Agency Director-General of Relief and Resettlement Department U Soe Aung, Joint Secretary of the work committee Director-General of Fire Services Department U Tin Moe, officials of Fisheries Department and Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

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Brown head and black head migratory seagulls arrive at Inlay Lake

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Inlay Lake of Myanmar is one of the largest inland lakes in the South-East Asia. About 150 migratory birds namely brown head seagulls and black head seagulls arrived at Inlay Lake in the area of Inlay sanctuary which is one of ASEAN Heritage Parks beginning early days of November.

These two species of migratory seagulls in groups flied over 1500 miles long route from China, Russia and Siberia in the northern part of the world to Inlay Lake of Myanmar for their stay along the cold season. At present, they face the icy period, overcool season and shortage of foods in the northern part of the world. Meanwhile, the birds in Myanmar are enjoying plenty of foods and free from dangers. As such, a large number of migratory birds moved to Inlay Lake.

About 20,000 numbers of two migratory seagull species stay at Inlay Lake November, December and January; and beginning the early days of February, they leave home, said Staff

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Migratory seagulls arrive at Inlay Lake for their stay during cold season.