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Our Three Main National Causes * Non-disintegration of the Union * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concludes successfully Messages of President read, approval sought for remarks of President, one bill approved, member of Joint Committee substituted, tasks of Hluttaw session explained

NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV—The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the sixth day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 589 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, the messages of the President were read, approval for the remarks of the President was sought, one bill approved, member of the joint committee substituted and tasks of the session explained.

With regard to **reading the messages of the President**, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read the message on reformation of Union ministry sent by the President.

In his speech, the Speaker said that it is necessary to seek the resolution of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw whether it is agreed to combine the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 to be the **Ministry of Industry**. Although the dates should be designated for the Hluttaw representatives wishing to enlist and to participate in the discussions on reformation of the ministry, the dates for submission on list of representatives



Representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sign in attendance books.—MNA

and on holding discussions could not be designated due to the fact that this session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was the final day for the second regular session, he said.

Thus, he continued to say that if the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in discussions of reforming the Ministry of Industry, they must describe *(See page 8)*

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker gives local and foreign journalists interview



NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann gave foreign correspondents at home and local journalists an interview at his anteroom in Hluttaw Building here this afternoon.

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa was also present at the interview. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker replied queries on political, economic and social affairs, international relations, matters related to Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, media sector and Hluttaw representatives raised by the journalists.—MNA

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets local journalists and foreign correspondents at the Hluttaw Building.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Today's endeavours, future's aspirations

Peace and stability and economic development are fundamental to building of a modern and developed democratic nation. Nowadays is on the threshold of new era and new system for the nation. Strong and right steps are moving forwards of the nation.

On the first day of the second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the President said that economic reforms will be undertaken with momentum by reviewing monetary, financial, trade and investment policies in line with the pledges given to the Hluttaw.

During more than three months period starting from 22 August, the Pyithu Hluttaw completed discussions of 23 bills and issued 12 laws to serve the interests of the State and the citizens. In fact, the promulgated laws are the best contributions to economic development of the State.

Today, economic reforms become transparent. Making vigorous efforts in economic reforms could win wider supports at home and abroad in a short time. It is necessary to gather higher momentum so as to maintain the already achieved successes. In so doing, restricted work procedures, red-tape systems and acts of corruption are to be removed effectively.

In accord with the motto "Strength of the nation lies within", all the people are to grasp the opportunity created by the State for reforms of the nation. They all are to strive for overcoming today's challenges with coordination, obligation and responsibilities so that they will achieve success.

All people are to find out new ways for the future nation. They can enjoy the best opportunity to do business and seek ways for economic assistance. Within the five-year term, only when all the people march toward the goal with utmost efforts, strong pledges and right steps, will nation face the straight way in the future. Nowadays, the State gears up realization of reforms by adopting correct economic policies. If the nation continues its steps with present momentum, Myanmar will be an economic booming country in the leading role of Southeast Asia in coming decade.

Armed group members exchange arms for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Myanmar is on the track to a modern and developed democracy in accord with the State Constitution, and Tatmadaw is carrying out rehabilitation works in disaster-stricken areas in the country in cooperation with local people apart from its main duty of national defence. Members of armed groups who realized the genuine goodwill of the State and the Tatmadaw have exchanged arms for peace as they realized that it was wrong to follow the directives of their leaders to commit destructive acts such as destroying roads and bridges, collecting extortion money, practising recruitment, drug trafficking and killing civilians.

Aik San with the rank of deputy station commander

Union Energy Minister receives Bangladeshi Minister of Commerce, Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Minister of Commerce Mr Faruk Khan and party of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed opportunity of Bangladesh to invest in offshore blocks in Myanmar, cooperation in oil and natural gas sector and mutual provision of assistance between the two countries, and following the decisions of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in undertaking offshore blocks between the two countries in a cordial manner.

In the afternoon, the Union minister received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri. They focused on more



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA

opportunities for Indian companies in exploration and production of oil and gas at inland and offshore blocks of Myanmar, repairing and upgrading of oil refineries with loans of India and imple-

mentation of energy related projects.

The Union minister explained that equal opportunities are being given to all foreign companies engaging in oil and gas exploration at

offshore and inland blocks of Myanmar meeting international standards; and he discussed strong and weak points of Indian companies in the energy sector of Myanmar.

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Commander-in-Chief (Air) attends graduation of 73 Intake pilot course

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—The parade to mark the graduation of No. 73 Intake Pilot Course of Defence Services (Air) was held in Meiktila this morning, with an address by Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Also present were Lt-Gen Thauang Aye, Lt-Gen Win Myint and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae of Commander-in-Chief's Office (Army), Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Aung, Director of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Than Soe, senior military officers of Defence Services (Air) and Meiktila Station, families of graduates and guests.

The graduates company and Guard of Honour companies saluted the State Flag and then Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein who inspected the companies.

The companies then marched past the Commander-in-Chief, during which jet fighters and combat helicopters flew across the parade ground in group in salute of him.

The Commander-in-Chief (Air) then presented pilot badges to the graduates one by one. He then presented prizes to best literati award winner Captain Aung Sithu Hein, best flying award winner Lieutenant Paing Bo Bo Htet and best pilot award winner Lieutenant Han Min Naing.

The Commander-in-Chief (Air) then delivered an address. He then greeted the pilots who had flew

on 25 October, Htet Kal (a) Aik Li with the rank of captain bringing one M-22 and five rounds of bullet, Hsan Note with the rank of deputy company commander bringing along with one M-21 and five rounds of bullet, Collar with the rank of corporal with one M-21 gun and five rounds of bullet on 19 November, Hong Shin Kwan with the rank of Pvt with one M-22, one magazine, five rounds of bullet, one .38 pistol, one magazine, found rounds of bullet and one China-made grenade, Yin Kwal

in salute of him and posed for documentary photo together with the graduates.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents prize to best pilot award winner Lieutenant Han Min Naing.—MNA

Shwin with the rank of Pvt with one M-22, one magazine, five rounds of bullet and one China-made grenade on 22 November from KIA (Kachin) group exchanged arms for peace in the area of North-East Command.

Officials of local battalion warmly welcomed and provided them with necessary assistance. Other armed group members are willing to exchange arms for peace, it is learnt.—MNA

Venezuela hails strategic cooperation with China



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez (L) shakes hands with Vice Minister of China's National Development and Reform Commission Zhang Xiaoqiang (R), and Venezuelan Minister of Economy Jorge Giordani (C) in Caracas on 24 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

CARACAS, 25 Nov—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Thursday hailed the country's strategic cooperation with China, saying it set an example for other Latin American countries.

Chavez made the remarks at the closing of the 10th meeting of the China-Venezuela High-Level Joint Commission, which was co-chaired by Zhang Xiaoqiang, vice chairman of China's National Commission for Development and Reform, and Venezuela's Planning and Finance Minister Jorge Giordani. Chavez said he was satisfied with the meeting, which resulted in the signing of nine bilateral agreements, adding these agreements would surely boost bilateral trade.

Chavez said a growing number of electronic items such as computers, cell phones were assembled in Venezuela through joint business operations with Chinese partners. "In these last 10 years, we have signed 350 agreements between Venezuela and China, and today, Venezuela and China are very good and close friends," Chavez said.

Zhang, who headed a 400-strong Chinese business delegation to the country, said he hoped the strategic partnership between China and Venezuela will advance further, considering the achievements it has made since Chavez took office.—Xinhua



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L), France's President Nicolas Sarkozy (C) and Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti (R) give a Press conference in Strasbourg.—INTERNET

Euro debt crisis spreading to core countries: EU Commissioner

HELSINKI, 25 Nov—The euro area debt crisis has spread to healthy economies, said EU Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn in Helsinki on Thursday.

Rehn made the remarks in a speech at a forum on current European and world situations.

Germany's disappointing bond auction on Wednesday showed that the influence of the euro area debt crisis touched off by Greece has already begun to spread and touch the euro area's hard core, said Rehn.

The current situation is extremely serious, he said. The time for partial solutions to the crisis was over, he added.

"We either face the slow collapse of the eurozone or a significance strengthening of the economic area in order to prevent in advance further crises of the kind we currently face," he said.—Xinhua

Britons to take part in Cuban lung cancer vaccine trial

LONDON, 25 Nov—British patients will soon take part in a trial of a Cuban-designed therapeutic lung cancer vaccine, the first of its kind, a company executive announced.

"A new clinical study of the therapeutic lung cancer vaccine (called Cimavaz-EFG)" will begin "in a matter of days with a group of patients in the United Kingdom," said Erik D'Hondt, scientific director for the Malaysian drug company Bioven,

who is in charge of European distribution of the drug.

D'Hondt did not say how many patients were taking part in the study.

The vaccine was developed by scientists at the Molecular Immunological Centre (CIM) in Havana.

Its tests in Cuba found promising results in more than 1,000 patients.

CIM researcher Zoraida Acosta said scientists are encouraged because the drug has

shown benefits in terms of extending life span and improving quality of life even in late-stage lung cancer patient.—Internet

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Police stand guard next to one of three trucks (back) in which several bodies were found in Guadalajara, Mexico. The bodies of 26 young males were dumped in three vehicles near a busy intersection in Guadalajara, bearing the signs of a drug vendetta and a chilling message of more to come in Mexico's second city.—INTERNET

26 bodies found in vehicles in western Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 25 Nov—Twenty-six victims of a drug feud were found inside three vehicles in Guadalajara, capital of the western Mexican State Jalisco, local police said Thursday. At around 6:00 am local time (1200 GMT)

Thursday, local police were informed that a person was hit near the Millennium Arches monument, a landmark building of Guadalajara that is nearly 1.5 km away from the site of both the Pan Am Games and the

Guadalajara International Book Fair.

But instead of one victim, police found three abandoned trucks with 26 bodies inside when they arrived at the scene. "There were a total of 26 bodies, all male, with ages ranging from 25 to 35 years old," Jalisco's State Secretary Fernando Guzman said. Most of the victims were killed by suffocation, and some of the bodies had "a symbol of Millennium and Los Zetas on the chest written with oil," he said. Guzman also said that a message had been found in one of the vehicles which referred to a feud between the Millennium and Los Zetas cartels.—Xinhua





Crowded job seekers are seen at a recruitment fair in the Donghua University in Shanghai, east China, on 24 Nov, 2011. Some 500 domestic and oversea enterprises offered about 20,000 job vacancies for graduates at the fair.—XINHUA

Women aged 40 to 49 not recommend for routine breast cancer screening

Health BEIJING, 25 Nov—Women aged 40 to 49 are not recommended for routine mammography screening for breast cancer, said the new guidelines issued by the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care in media reports Tuesday. The new guidelines

are purposed to direct doctors on using mammography, MRI scans, clinical breast exams and breast self-exams. In principle, they pointed out, there is no need for women to take clinical breast exams and breast self examination if there are no signals for breast cancer. Below are the main points from the guidelines which need special attention from women with reasonable doubt on the matter: Women aged 40-49 who have lower risk for cancer should not take routine mammography because of the higher risk for overdiagnosis, overtreatment and false-positives; Women aged 50 to 69 years and aged 70 to 74 years should go for routine screening every two to three years; And there should be no routine clinical breast exams by doctors and no breast self-exams to screen for breast cancer.—Xinhua

Australia approves \$11 billion Foster's sale to SABMiller

Business CANBERRA, 25 Nov—Australia's government approved on Friday SABMiller's A\$11.5 billion (\$11.2 billion) deal to acquire Foster's Group Ltd under foreign acquisitions laws, but imposed conditions requiring the company to keep brewing operations in Australia. The government approval is the final regulatory condition to be cleared ahead of the Foster's shareholders vote set for 1 December, which is expected to pass the deal. Treasurer Wayne Swan, who also approved acquisition of the remaining 50 percent of Pacific Beverages now owned by Coca-Cola Amatil, said SABMiller must keep management of the iconic Australian beer brand in Australia. SABMiller must also continue to invest in Foster's, the maker of Victoria Bitter, Carlton Draught and Pure Blonde, and not shift any of Foster's existing brewing facilities offshore to produce beer for the Australian domestic market, he said. "SABMiller has agreed to a number of undertakings which recognize the significance of Foster's to our economy and to our community, and support Australian jobs," Swan said in a statement. SABMiller last week raised its cash takeover offer for Foster's to A\$5.40 a share to make up for the loss of a 30 cents capital return after a tax ruling from Australian authorities. Reuters



Photo illustration of cans of Foster's beer in Sydney 23 August, 2011. —REUTERS

Antidepressant combo raises crash risk for seniors

TORONTO, 25 Nov—It's known that taking certain medications and getting behind the wheel can lead to trouble, but a study of older drivers and antidepressants is adding more clarity to the subject. Drivers aged 65 and older who are taking antidepressants combined with another psychotropic medication are at increased risk of being at fault in a motor vehicle accident, the study found. Antidepressants alone did not lead to a heightened risk of a motor vehicle crash. "Antidepressants did increase the risk of crash significantly but ... that increased risk was only restricted to at-fault crashes and only restricted to

crashes where there was another strong centrally acting medication on board as well, so a benzodiazepine or a strong anticholinergic medication." One of the main symptoms of depression is insomnia, explained Rapoport, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto. "And so benzodiazepines or sedative hypnotics are used for the treatment of insomnia, and so very often patients are prescribed both — and in that context there was a 23 percent increased risk of crash." Examples of benzodiazepines are alprazolam (Xanax), clonazepam (Rivotril) and lorazepam (Ativan).—Internet

Health



Mexico, Germany ink 157-mln-USD deal

Business MEXICO CITY, 25 Nov—Germany and Mexico inked a cooperation agreement worth 118 million euros (157.3 million US dollars) in Berlin, the Mexican Foreign Ministry announced Thursday. "In order to achieve the goals and commitments for the next biennium (2011-2012), both parts agreed on a program through which Germany will contribute 118 million euros and Mexico will provide technical and logistical support from its specialists and facilities," the ministry said in a statement. The programme includes three key areas for development: environment, energy and institution building, it added. Moreover, both countries expressed their willingness to expand cooperation with other Latin American countries.—Xinhua

India opens door to foreign supermarket chains

Business NEW DELHI, 25 Nov—India threw open its \$450 billion retail market to global supermarket giants on Thursday, approving its biggest reform in years that may boost sorely needed investment in Asia's third-largest economy. The world's largest retail group, Wal-Mart Stores Inc, and its rivals see India's retail sector as one of the last frontier markets, where a



A man takes out a packet of yogurt from a refrigerator at a food store in Noida on the outskirts of New Delhi on 24 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

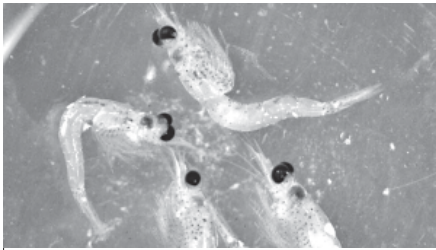
Health Tip: Don't take too many NSAIDs

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have been around for years and are frequently the medication of choice to relieve pain and inflammation. But taking too many of this type of drug, which includes aspirin, ibuprofen and naproxen, can lead to potential complications, including stomach bleeding or ulcer. The American Gastroenterological Association says reasons for potential NSAID overdose include:

- * Taking a subsequent dose too soon after taking the initial one.
- * Taking more of the medication at one time than is recommended.
- * Taking a higher dose over a 24-hour period than is recommended.
- * Taking more than one NSAID-containing medication at a time.—Internet

burgeoning middle-class still shops at local, family-owned merchants. Allowing foreign retailers to take stakes of up to 51 percent in supermarkets would attract much needed capital from abroad and ultimately help unclog supply bottlenecks that have kept inflation stubbornly close to a double-digit clip. Wal-Mart hailed the decision, but said it would take a close look at the fine print to see what the decision entails for its ability to do business in India. "We believe this is an important first step," said Scott Price, president and chief executive of Walmart Asia in a statement. Raj Jain, who heads Wal-Mart India, told CNBC TV18 the decision will "redefine the way consumers shop in India, but more importantly, the way supply chains in India run." Reuters

Bloody red shrimp are invading the Great Lakes



The Great Lakes are facing another invader - the bloody red shrimp (pictured) — but recent research suggests the crustacean interlopers may not be the threat first believed.—INTERNET

Science

TORONTO, 25 Nov— The Great Lakes are facing another invader — the bloody red shrimp — but research suggests the crustacean interlopers could serve a useful purpose.

Mike Yuille, a researcher at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont, says the shrimp, named for their bright red spots, may become a new food source for native fish. He says the shrimp, about the size of a thumbnail, tend to swim in swarms that can look like "red clouds" and are often seen during the day near shore areas.

Yuille says there had been some concerns about how the invading shrimp — properly called *Hemimysis anomala* — would affect native fish populations in the Great Lakes. Other invasive species such as zebra mussels have caused vast ecological damage in recent decades.

But a study authored by Yuille suggests several native fish species have been incorporating the bloody red shrimp into their diet.

A research team analyzed stomach contents and muscle tissues of three potential predators of the shrimp to get a long-term picture of their eating habits.

The researchers

found evidence that suggested the three predators — round goby, yellow perch, and alewife — had been feeding on prey similar to the shrimp. "Forecasting how an invader will affect the growth and production of a specific native fish species is very relevant to conservation groups and government agencies hoping to conserve those fish," said Yuille, a graduate student in biology at Queen's.

In addition to using traditional stomach content analyses, researchers measured the carbon and nitrogen signatures of muscle tissues of the three potential *Hemimysis* predators.—*Internet*



Study shows climate sensitivity to CO2 less than extreme projections **Science**

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov— A new study suggests that the rate of global warming from doubling of atmospheric carbon dioxide may be less than the most dire estimates of some previous studies.

Authors of the study, which was funded by the National Science Foundation and published online on Thursday in the journal *Science*, say that global warming is real and that increases in atmospheric CO2 will have multiple serious impacts. However, the most Draconian projections of temperature increases from the doubling of CO2 are unlikely.

"Many previous climate sensitivity studies have looked at the past only from 1850 through today, and not fully integrated paleoclimate data, especially on a global scale," said Andreas Schmittner, an Oregon State University researcher and lead author on the *Science* article.

"When you reconstruct sea and land surface temperatures from the peak of the last Ice Age 21,000 years ago — which is referred to as the Last Glacial Maximum — and compare it with climate model simulations of that period, you get a much different picture."

"If these paleoclimatic constraints apply to the future, as predicted by our model, the results imply less probability of extreme climatic change than previously thought," Schmittner added.

Xinhua

Robotic guards coming to South Korean prisons **Tech**

SEOUL, 25 Nov— Guards in a South Korean prison will soon be introduced to some new colleagues — 150cm-tall robots on wheels.

In the latest example demonstrating the country's interest in robotic technology, the robots will be put to work in a prison in the City of Pohang, located southeast of the capital of Seoul, from March next year. If the month-long trial is successful, more prison guards may be turning up to work

alongside robots in the near future. A group of scientists, who developed the robots in cooperation with the country's justice ministry, spent a billion won (\$850,000) developing the robotic prison guard, which is supposed to enable its human counterparts to concentrate more on rehabilitation work with offenders.



Korean robotic prison guard.—INTERNET

The robots, which will be used mainly at night, will patrol the prison on the lookout for suspicious behavior among prisoners. Sensors on the robot will be able to study conditions in the cells

and report back to the officer in charge — presumably a human one. Speaking to the *Wall Street Journal* about the robotic guards, project leader Professor Lee Baik-chul of Kyonggi University said, "Unlike CCTV that just monitors cells through screens, the robots are programmed to analyze various activities of those in prison and identify abnormal behavior."

Lee said that prison officers are happy about the plan to bring in robots as it should help reduce their workload on the night shift.

Internet

Russian Mars probe data uninterpretable

MOSCOW, 25 Nov— Data received from a Russian Mars probe at the European Space Agency in Australia is impossible to interpret, a space industry source told *RIA Novosti* Thursday.

"It was impossible to get anything out of the telemetry received this morning — there are encoding/decoding problems," the source told the Russian news agency. The source said although receiving data from the Phobos-Grunt probe shows the unit is "alive" and powered, it is hard to say anything about the status of the onboard control system, *RIA Novosti* reported.

Telemetric data was also received at a Russian space station in Baikonur, but it was not clear whether the signal was "decipherable."

Internet

Qualcomm challenges LCDs through new e-reader **Tech**

SEOUL, 25 Nov—A new electronic display is poised to challenge power-hungry LCDs after US mobile chip maker Qualcomm Inc teamed up with South Korean bookseller to introduce a new e-reader.

The "Kyobo eReader" was unveiled this week in Seoul and will reach South Korean consumers as early as 1st Dec, Kyobo Book Centre officials said Thursday.

The e-reader features Qualcomm's 1.0 GHz "Snapdragon" processor, a custom Kyobo application based on Android and a 5.7 inch "XGA" mirasol display.

The mirasol display uses ambient light instead of its own in much the same way that a peacock's plumage gets its scintillating hues. Qualcomm's mirasols have already been used in a few Chinese and South Korean phones, and in an MP3 player on the US market.

The display contains tiny mirrors that consume power only when they're moving, easing battery drain. Mirasol displays also quickly change from one image to the next and show video.



A sign sits atop the Qualcomm headquarters building on 1 Nov, 2011, in San Diego.

INTERNET

The global market for e-readers is dominated by bright LCDs and grayscale "e-ink" screens. LCDs consume relatively more battery power while e-ink screens are slow to refresh.

Internet

Americans to consume 248 million turkeys in 2011

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—A combined number of 248 million turkeys, a traditional food on Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner tables, was expected to be raised and devoured by Americans in 2011, the US Commerce Department reported.

The number of turkeys to be raised this year increased 2 percent from last year, the department said in a factsheet report released on its blog ahead of the Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday of every

November. “The turkeys produced in 2010 together weighed 7.11 billion pounds and were valued at 4.37 billion US dollars,” noted the report. A combination of six US states was forecast to account for nearly two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the nation in 2011, with Minnesota at the top of the list to produce around 46.5 million turkeys this year, figures from the US Department of Agriculture revealed.

Xinhua



Sailors of the Chinese Navy “Peace Ark” hospital ship stand at attention upon arrival in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, on 23 Nov, 2011. The Chinese Navy “Peace Ark” hospital ship arrived in Puntarenas on 23 Nov, starting a seven-day visit in Costa Rica, the last stop of its four-nation goodwill visit to the Caribbeans and Central America.—XINHUA



Mongolian artists perform during the ethnic festival in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia, on 24 Nov, 2011. The ethnic festival, hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, is held here on Thursday, presenting various traditional songs and dances, folk music, paintings, traditional foods and clothes as well as the improvement of production and living conditions here under the help of UNDP.—XINHUA

Nepali president meets Chinese journalists

KATHMANDU, 25 Nov—Nepali President Ram Baran Yadav met with a delegation of Chinese journalists at the President’s office in Sheetal Niwas Thursday afternoon.

The President welcomed the 6-member Chinese delegation led by Liu Beixian, President of the China News Service.

During the meeting, Liu expressed his happiness for his

opportunity to meet with the President of Nepal.

Likewise, President Yadav welcomed the delegation and expressed his wishes for a great stay in the country.

The Chinese delegation arrived here Thursday morning at the invitation of Chairman of Nepal China Media Society, Kishor Shrestha.

Senior journalists from Nepal were also present on the occasion.—Xinhua

Soon, insect cyborgs may monitor hazardous environments

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—Scientists are finding ways to use insects to monitor hazardous situations before sending in humans.

Professor Khalil Najafi, the chair of electrical and computer engineering from the University of Michigan College of Engineering, and doctoral student Erkan Aktakka, are trying to harvest energy from insects, and take the utility of the miniature cyborgs to the next level. “Through energy scavenging, we could potentially power cameras, microphones and other sensors and communications equipment that an insect could carry aboard a tiny backpack,” Najafi said.

“We could then send these ‘bugged’ bugs into dangerous or enclosed environments where we would not want humans to go,” he stated.

The principal idea is to harvest the insect’s biological energy from either its body heat or movements.

The device converts the kinetic energy from wing movements of the insect into electricity, thus prolonging the battery life. The battery can be used to power small sensors implanted on the insect (such as a small camera, a microphone or a gas sensor) in order to gather vital information from hazardous environments.

The team described several techniques to scavenge energy from wing motion and presents data on measured power from beetles. The study has been recently published in the Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering.—Internet

World Customs and Trade Forum opens in S China

GUANGZHOU, 25 Nov—The 2011 World Customs and Trade Forum kicked off Thursday in Guangzhou, capital city of south China’s Guangdong Province.

Officials from international organizations and customs administrations, as well as managers from multinational corporations gathered at the two-day event to discuss topics including the customs-trade partnership and the management of customs administrations.

Yu Guangzhou, minister of the General Administration of Customs (GAC) of China said, the world economy is experiencing instability and uncertainty, and there has been a sharp increase in all forms of protectionism. Therefore, members of the World Customs Organization should strengthen their cooperation and step up communication and collaboration with

the business community in order to explore ways to enhance the security and convenience of customs with the power of knowledge and to promote the development of international trade and the prosperity of world economy, Yu said.

The GAC has been active in promoting international customs cooperation.—Xinhua



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (L) watches as First Lady Ani Yudhoyono (C) bathes their youngest son Edhie Baskoro (Ibas), 31 in a traditional Javanese pre-wedding ritual. Ibas will marry Ruby Aliya Rajasa, 25, daughter of the Coordinating Minister for the Economy Hatta Rajasa on 24 Nov.—INTERNET

Brit woman faces jail for cooking kitten to death in microwave

LONDON, 25 Nov—A woman in England has been charged with cooking a friend’s cat to death in a microwave as revenge for reporting her boyfriend to police. Gina Robins, 31, put the 10-week-old kitten in the 770 watt oven while at the home of its owner, Sarah Knutton. Knutton, was sitting in her lounge when she heard a noise like a crisp packet being popped, followed by a loud screeching.

Knutton was so horrified by the discovery of her dead pet that she was sick in the sink. The cat’s death in February last year happened just days after an argument between the two women.

After the kitten had died, Robins sent Knutton a text message, calling time on their friendship. “Remember the saying ‘What goes around comes around?’ Sky News quoted Robins as writing. “It has started already to bite you in the arse. The cat? Karma. Referring to the text, Robins told magistrates that she did not mean to hurt Knutton. “I didn’t mean it to come across as harsh as it did. I was just upset that she wanted to end our friendship.—Internet



A sheep breeder dressed up as Santa Claus walks with a flock of sheep during an event celebrating the coming of Christmas at the Everland Resort in the City of Yongin, South Korea, on 24 Nov, 2011.

XINHUA

Total lunar eclipse to occur in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 25 Nov—A total lunar eclipse will occur at night on Dec. 10 and will be visible in Hong Kong if the weather is fine, the Hong Kong Observatory said Thursday.

Scientific Officer of the Hong Kong Observatory Woo Wang-chun said, "The duration of the whole process (from the moon entering the penumbra to leaving the penumbra) will last six hours, the longest period of lunar eclipse visible in Hong Kong since the year 2000."

"As the elevation of the moon will be rather high during the eclipse, most places with an unobstructed view to the east are suitable for viewing the event. If the weather is fine, the conditions will be very favorable for viewing the eclipse."

He added, "The moon will not completely disappear but will appear coppery-red in colour during totality. This is because sunlight scattered or refracted by the Earth's atmosphere will be projected onto the moon."

A webcast of the event, covering the time the moon enters the umbra until it leaves, will be jointly provided by the Hong Kong Observatory and the Hong Kong Space Museum.—Xinhua



Tianjin's dining culture, which dates back over 300 years ago, is renowned throughout China and even the world. While famous for its traditional snacks, cuisines from regions all over China can also be found in Tianjin. Tianjin offers a host of over 1,000 dishes, most of which lean towards being slightly more salty than other cuisines. Tianjin has several food streets where one can sample varieties of food from all over China. The traditional and famous snacks on food streets are not to be missed if one finds themselves in this charming municipality. Photo show the scenery of the famous food streets in Tianjin - Nanshi Food Street.—INTERNET

SCC set to hear BC mom's birth malpractice case

OTTAWA, 25 Nov—The Supreme Court of Canada will hear the case of a British Columbia mother who is fighting for compensation for her brain-damaged son.

The high court granted leave to appeal to Monica Cojocar, who had won a \$4-million award after a 2009 trial to care for her brain-damaged eight-year-old. Cojocar filed a lawsuit against BC Children's Hospital after complications during her 2002 delivery.

But the BC Court of Appeal tossed out the award earlier this year, ruling the trial judge plagiarized his reasons for judgment.

The BC high court said Judge Joel Groves, a former Kamloops lawyer, copied the majority of his ruling in favour of Cojocar directly from her lawyer's closing arguments.

As is usual, the Supreme Court did not give reasons for why it decided to hear the case.

Internet



Canada's top court will hear the case of a British Columbia mother who is fighting for compensation for her brain-damaged son.—INTERNET



A Policeman inspects the wreckage of a destroyed van accident site in central Pakistan's Multan City, on 24 Nov, 2011. At least 11 people including two children were killed in the road accident that happened Thursday in Pakistan's central City of Multan, reported local Urdu TV channel Geo.—XINHUA

N China bus collision kills four, injures 17

HONHOT, 25 Nov—Four people died and 17 others were injured after two buses collided head-on in the City of Yakeshi in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Thursday morning, police said.

The accident happened around 10:12 am on a road linking Yakeshi and the Ituri River.

Two people were seriously injured and 15 others were slightly injured. All of the injured have been sent to a local

hospital for treatment. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.—Xinhua

Metabolic defects in mice corrected with transplanted embryonic neurons

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—Immature neurons taken from healthy mouse embryos can repair damaged brain circuitry and partially normalize metabolism when transplanted into adult mice that have grown morbidly obese due to a

genetic deficiency, according to a report to be published Friday in the journal *Science*.

This discovery represents one step down a long road toward neuronal replacement therapy, which researchers hope might one day be used to repair brains that have been injured by trauma or disease.

Researchers from Harvard University, Massachusetts General Hospital, etc took the immature neurons from the hypothalamus of wild-type mouse embryos and transplanted them into the hypothalamus of adult mice lacking a receptor for the hormone, leptin, which is known to regulate body weight. The researchers observed that the donor neurons were able to differentiate into four distinct neuronal types that then formed functional connections in the brains of the obese mice.

The transplanted

neurons did apparently restore leptin signaling in the brains of the obese mice because the rodents slimmed down and their metabolism began returning to normal levels.

"What we found is that these neurons not only turned into the right kinds of cells, but that they sent signals to the recipients' brain and received signals from the recipients' brain," said Jeffrey Macklis from Harvard University, a corresponding author of the report.

Although the researchers say that neuronal replacement is certainly not a practical approach to treating obesity, their study provides evidence that the transplantation of donor neurons at the appropriate stage of development can promote functional recovery of a brain region that controls a complex phenotype.

Xinhua

Dengue epidemic looms over Rio this summer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Nov—The mayor of Rio de Janeiro on Thursday warned residents against a potential outbreak of dengue fever as summer approaches in the Southern Hemisphere.

"Prevention is a task shared by the city hall and the population. Two thirds of dengue infections occur in people's own homes," Eduardo Paes said in a radio interview.

Dengue fever is transmitted by Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes whose larvae usually grow in water containers.

Therefore, residents were asked to empty containers to prevent

mosquitoes' growth.

Paes said the country had sufficient health officials to check every house, but it was necessary for residents to "take 10 minutes to check their own backyards."

There is no vaccine against dengue fever, but Brazilian scientists are working on one.

Paes also briefed his listeners on the government's preparations for the summer storms which hit Rio de Janeiro almost every year, adding that the city is still not fully prepared to withstand big floods, though many efforts have been made.—Xinhua



An Afghan policeman, left, stands guard near 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

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the discussions on paper with signatures to be submitted, not later than 1 December. If there are objections to discussions in the prescribed date, it will be submitted to the next Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and decision will be sought through voting. If not, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will assume that all the representatives agree formation of the Ministry of Industry with combination of the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will submit its agreement to the President.

or Village-tract Administration Bill.

Concerning the **paragraph 5 (b)** of the original bill, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 held her discussions.

The approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was **to attain the age of 25** and the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi was **to attain the age of 30**.

There were many objections against the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

As there were many supporting votes for amendment of the Joint Bill Committee for the **paragraph 5(e)** of the original bill, the Hluttaw decided that the amendment of the Joint Bill Committee shall be part of the bill.

supervisory committee.

There were many objections against the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

Regarding to the **paragraph 7 (c)** of the original bill, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 took part in the discussions.

The approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was that **leaders of the respective households in a ten-household group shall elect a qualified person among the residents in the ten-household group by secret vote and the nomination and profile of the elected person shall be submitted**. The amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe was that **leaders of the respective**

farmlands, drains, sewerage systems, wells and lakes, tube-wells, artisan wells and springs in ward or village-tract and inform the authorities concerned of taking action against those who destroyed these facilities. The amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe was **to maintain the dams and reservoirs, rivers and creeks, canals among the farmlands, drains, sewerage systems, wells and lakes, tube-wells, artisan wells and springs in ward or village-tract and inform the authorities concerned of taking action against those who destroyed these facilities**.

As there were many supporting votes for the amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe, his proposal was approved.

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives attend sixth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Likewise, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read the message sent by the President for concurrent assignment of the Union minister at the ministries.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to put the message sent by the President on record for concurrent assignment of Union Minister U Ohn Myint for Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in addition to the Ministry of Cooperatives.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also decided to put the message sent by the President on record for assignment of Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries as Minister for National Planning and Economic Development only.

With regard to **seeking the resolution to remarks of the President**, as there was no Hluttaw representative who enlisted to participate in discussion for the **Microfinance Bill** sent by the President with his remarks to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the remarks of the President were accepted. Then, the approval of the Hluttaw was sought for amending the bill.

At that juncture, as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed it, it accepted the remarks of the President concerning the bill and decided to amend the bill.

Regarding the **approval of the bill**, amendments of Hluttaw representatives were discussed paragraph by paragraph for the **Ward**

Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 discussed matters related to **paragraph 5(f)** of the original bill.

The approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was **to be the person with dignity and integrity admired by the community**, whereas the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi was **to be the person with dignity, integrity and good character admired by the community**.

There were many objections against the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

With regard to the **paragraph 6** of the original bill, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 submitted her discussions.

In its approval, the Pyithu Hluttaw stated that **the township administrator shall choose five admirable townsenders with power in the wards or village-tracts wishing to discharge duty of supervising the selection of ward or village-tract administrator to form supervisory committee**. The amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi was that **the township administrator shall choose at least five admirable townsenders with power in the wards or village-tracts who must not be members of political parties wishing to discharge duty of supervising the selection of ward or village-tract administrator, depending on equal ratio of village or ward in accord with the wishes of the majority to form**

households or one each representative of households attaining the age of 18 years in a ten-household group shall elect a qualified person among the residents in the ten-household group by secret vote and the nomination and profile of the elected person shall be submitted.

There were many objections against the amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency discussed matters related to **paragraph 13 (k)** of the original bill.

The amendment of U Thaug Han was **to inform the authorities about arresting and taking action against those who involved in the gambling at any place of the ward or village-tract area**. The amendment of the Joint Bill Committee was **to inform the authorities about arresting and taking action against those who involved in the gambling at public place**.

There were many supporting votes for the amendment of the Joint Bill Committee, the proposal was approved.

Regarding the **paragraph 13 (v)** of the original bill, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 submitted his discussion.

The approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was **to maintain the dams and reservoirs, canals among the**

State Constituency No. 7 submitted the proposal to insert the **finding that it is correct for submission of more than a half of the voters in accord with the Section 17 as the paragraph 15 (g) in the original bill**, the proposal to insert that if it is found that the ward or village administrator offends the ethics prescribed in the Chapter V or the ward or village administrator is disqualified, more than a half of the voters may submit the above-mentioned matters to the township administrator together with their signatures as the **paragraph 17 in the original bill**, and the proposal to add in the original bill as the paragraph 45, stating that a **village-tract/ward administrator is to select five persons out of ten-household representatives in order to assist and give him necessary advices that can help carry out his tasks effectively and submit the name list to the township administrator for seeking approval**. As the majority was not in favour of the proposals, the Hluttaw decided not to approve it.

Regarding the Chapter (11) of the original bill, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (1) discussed.

Pyithu Hluttaw had already agreed to cancel the whole chapter—**Chapter (11) Taking action in accord with the ways and means of management of the original bill**, and the amendment submitted by Daw Khin Waing Kyi is to (See page 9)

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amend the title of Chapter (11) of the original bill as **“Taking measures in accord with the ways and means of management” and to amend from paragraph 25 to 32 of the original bill in accord with the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw.**

As the majority was not in favour of the proposal in which the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi should be part of the bill, the Hluttaw decided to cancel the Chapter (11) of the original bill.

As the majority was in favour of the remark of the Joint Bill Committee that said the remaining paragraphs and subparagraphs, except paragraphs and subparagraphs approved by the Hluttaw, should be sought for the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as approved in Pyithu Hluttaw, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved it.

In the sector of substitution of the member of the Joint Bill Committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the substitution of member of Joint Public Accounts Committee U Kyi Tha of Gwa

Constituency with member of Public Accounts Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw U Aung Lin Hlaing of Bokpyin Constituency submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw.

As U Kyi Tha was transferred to take the responsibility of the secretary of Investment and Industrial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, his place was substituted with U Aung Lin Hlaing.

In the sector of making clarification on undertakings of the second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw clarified that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved five tax and revenue bills out of the bills submitted by Union level organizations which are required to be discussed and decided in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Those laws are Law Revoking the Revenue Law, Law Amending the Myanmar Stamp Act, Law Amending the Commercial Tax Law, Law Amending the Income Tax Law and Law Amending the Office Tax Act.

Among the bills submitted by Union level organizations to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, eight bills were sent to be discussed first in Pyithu Hluttaw and 10 bill was sent to be discussed first in Amyotha Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put eight bills approved by two Hluttaws on record. Those bills are Bill to Amend

the Union Election Commission, Labour Organization Bill, Bill to Amend the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, Bill to Amend the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, Bill to Amend the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, Bill to Amend the Political Parties Registration Law, Bill to Revoke the 1964 Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of People’s Workers and Micro Finance Institution Bill.

A total of 13 Bills—five approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and eight approved by two Hluttaws—were sent to the President to sign and promulgate. Among them, Micro Finance Institution Bill with remarks of the President was sent back to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Today’s session accepted the remarks of the President and decided to amend the bill.

There are five bills on which two Hluttaw did not make an agreement to be sought for the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Among them, Private School Registration Bill, Peaceful Assembling and Processing Bill and Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill were approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Works will be carried out to sign and issue those bills by the President. Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and Region or State Hluttaw Bill on which two Hluttaw did not make an agreement

are under scrutiny. There are two bills—Farmland Bill and Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill—which are underway in Pyithu Hluttaw.

Bill to Amend the Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Hluttaw Office Bill were suspended and Environmental Conservation Bill is underway in Amyotha Hluttaw.

In conclusion, 12 out of 18 bills submitted by Union level organizations have been signed by the President and issued. Four Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved-bills will be sent to the President to sign and issue. Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill and Environmental Conservation Bill submitted by Union level organizations will be discussed in coming Hluttaw sessions.

Likewise, Farmland Bill, Bill to Amend the Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Hluttaw Office Bill submitted by Hluttaw representatives, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and Region or State Hluttaw Bill submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee will be discussed in coming Hluttaw sessions.

Today’s session was ended at 12.45 pm and the second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw successfully concluded.

MNA

Bangladeshi Commerce Minister calls on Union Foreign Affairs Minister



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV—Mr Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at the latter’s office here today.

They discussed and exchanged views on bilateral relations and trade matters.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continues for 12th day

NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV—The 12th day second regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continued today, attended by Region Hluttaw Speaker Thayay Sithu U Hsan Hsint and 66 Hluttaw representatives.

Fourteen questions were raised and answered and proposal to take punitive actions against gambling and bootlegger was discussed and approved at today’s session.—MNA

Fishermen being welcomed by officials concerned seen at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Second batch of fishermen stranded in India arrive back

NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV — After reaching an agreement during President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein’s goodwill visit to India from 12 to 15 September, to bring back Myanmar fishermen from India the second batch of Myanmar marine workers who were adrift at sea and stranded in India arrived back Yangon today.

Sixty-five fishermen arrived back from Port Blair, India, were welcomed at Yangon

International Airport by Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein and officials.

They are taking refuge temporarily at Thardu Monastery in Kyimyinding Township, receiving medical care individually there.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe comforted 135 fishermen this evening and presented aids to them.

All fishermen will return home on 28 November. — MNA



Local naval unit rescues passengers from damaged Aungdagun-2 vessel in real time

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Vessel Aungdagun-2 of Inland Water Transport that left Sittway for Taungup on 21 November morning, bumped against Mokhsoma reef near Asaingyi Island in Naungdaw River of Myebon Township at 4.45 am on 22 November. In the incident, the keel of the vessel was broken and water flowed into it. Due to receiving information that Aungdagun-2 left on the reef was facing danger, a naval vessel from local naval unit in Kyaukpyu went to the venue of incident to carry out rescue works.

The naval vessel arrived at the place near Aungdagun-2 at 8.45 am

and could evacuate 197 passengers from Aungdagun-2.

Moreover, another vessel was sent to the scene and accepted 158 passengers rescued by local people with the use of boats and provided necessary health care to the passengers.

Naval officials from Kyaukpyu systematically handed over the rescued passengers to departmental organizations.

Officials of local naval unit stationed near Aungdagun-2 vessel to provide necessary rescue equipment to watercraft crew members, providing necessary assistance for maintenance of Aungdagun-2 vessel.

MNA

Bushfire continues to threaten communities in Western Australia

SYDNEY, 25 Nov—A bushfire emergency warning is still in place for residents of the Margaret River Region in Western Australia (WA) after 34 properties has been destroyed by the fire, the state Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) said Friday. About 150 firefighters battled to contain the blaze overnight on Thursday. "The fire threat remains and may worsen at any time," the

DEC warned.

The DEC said 25 houses and nine chalets had been lost to the fire including the historic Wallcliffe House through Wednesday and Thursday. Properties have been burnt or damaged in the South-West communities of Prevelly, Gnarabup and Redgate. The DEC said a large number of fire trucks and heavy machines continued to be sourced from a wide area of the South West.

Firefighters hope to take advantage of light rain forecast for Friday to reinforce containment lines. The DEC said the fire was estimated to have burnt around 2865 hectares after it escaped its prescribed burn conducted in the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park over the past 10 weeks.

Hundreds of residents and holidaymakers have evacuated areas threatened by fire. An emergency relocation center has been operating at the Margaret River Cultural Centre, where dozens of evacuated people rested during the night.

A bushfire warning has been issued for people in the Margaret River township, urging them to be alert and watch for signs of fire. Roads around the fire zone remain closed and will not reopen until deemed safe by authorities.

Xinhua



Fire fighters battle a breakout after a bush fire swept through the area on 24 Nov, 2011 in Margaret River, Australia.

INTERNET

France confirms two nationals abducted in Mali

PARIS, 25 Nov—French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe confirmed on Thursday that two French nationals had been kidnapped in Mali.

"Two French were abducted in Mali in

conditions that we don't yet know very well," the French top diplomat told private iTele TV channel.

"We are gathering information (about the two hostages)," he added.

A group of seven

armed men reportedly kidnapped the two French geologists in Hombori in northeast Mali at GMT 0100 on Thursday from the hotel where they had stayed.

The incident brought the number of French hostages in the Sahel region to six. On Tuesday, a French woman of Moroccan origin in Lahj region south of Yemen was kidnapped with her Yemeni driver and translator. All of them were freed on Thursday.—Xinhua

Take Fire Preventive Measures

11 private banks permitted to deal foreign currency

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—With a view to ensuring stability of exchange rate and emergence of foreign currency market contributing to market economy, the Central bank of Myanmar has today issued authorized foreign currency dealer license to 11 private banks practicing the rights prescribed in Article 102 (b) of 1990 Central Bank of Myanmar Law and Article 91 (b) of Myanmar Monetary Institutions Law.

The authorized banks are Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Cooperatives

Bank Ltd, Myanmar Industrial Development Bank, Myawady Bank, Inwa Bank Ltd, Myanmar Orient Bank Ltd, Asia Green Development Bank, Ayeyawady Bank Ltd, Myanmar Pioneer Bank Ltd, United Amara Bank Ltd and Tun Foundation Bank Ltd.

The banks from today onwards reportedly can deal three hard currencies namely USD, Euro and Singapore dollar in accordance with the instructions of the central bank of Myanmar.

MNA



Photo taken on 24 Nov, 2011 shows blast site of the Futian Chemical Company in Wenbian Village of Panyu District in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province.—XINHUA

Thousands evacuated after blast at chemical plant in southern China

GUANGZHOU, 25 Nov—Thousands of people were evacuated on Thursday afternoon after a large explosion ripped through a warehouse at a chemical plant in southern China, state-run media reported.

The explosion happened at around 2.35 pm local time at the No 6 warehouse storage facility at the Futian Chemical

Company in the Panyu District of Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong Province.

The state-run Xinhua news agency, citing a government statement, said more than 6,000 people in a nearby neighbourhood were evacuated when emergency teams detected low levels of hydrogen chloride in the air. Inhalation of the

toxic gas can cause pulmonary edema, failure of the circulatory system, and death. A fire which broke out at the warehouse was brought under control at around 3.10 pm local time, district officials said. It was not immediately known if the explosion or the gas caused any casualties.

Xinhua



A Palestinian man surveys remains of his destroyed house in the West Bank village of Biet Hanena near the City of Ramallah, on 24 Nov, 2011. Israeli troops demolished four houses of Bedouin residents in the West Bank under the pretext of not having building permits on Thursday.—XINHUA

Brazilian police busts pension swindle gang

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Nov— Brazilian police Thursday arrested 16 members of a gang allegedly swindling pensions and compensations from the government by using fake IDs.

The gang has been using forged documents and impersonating relatives of the dead to obtain pensions and other benefits since 2007, and sometimes it even requested pensions in the name of the dead with no relatives.

The case involved 165 pension payments totalling some 3 million reais (1.59 million US dollars), with at least nine of which related to victims of plane crashes and worth monthly payment of 28,000 reais (14,814 dollars).

The arrested included several government employees at social security agencies and they would be charged with crimes of embezzlement, forgery and identity theft.

Xinhua



A student of Hubei Institute of Fine Arts presents costumes made of waste newspapers during a fashion show in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 24 Nov, 2011.

XINHUA



The Smurf balloon makes its way through Times Square in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. The 85th annual event is the second oldest Thanksgiving Day parade in the US.—INTERNET

Girl kills self after mother informed she's on cannabis

LONDON, 25 Nov— A teenaged girl in Britain hanged herself after a letter stating that she was using cannabis was mistakenly sent to her mother instead of her doctor.

The letter, meant for 16-year-old Tasmin Dalton's general practitioner (GP), was instead sent to her mother Tracey Smith, the *Daily Mail* reported.

Tasmin, from Eastleigh town in Hampshire county, had been to see mental health specialist Moira Bingham in May and they were due to talk about the note's contents ahead of a final version being drafted.

Amendments were due to be made to the letter but it was sent out by mistake. This was blamed on staff

shortages and an inexperienced typist, an inquest heard.

Bingham, who worked for a child and adolescent mental health unit, told the hearing: "(Tasmin) had a very, very strong reaction. She was very angry. Very angry with me."

The hearing was told the schoolgirl had sent a letter to her, saying: "I was told everything said was strictly confidential and my mum would not be told."

"I'm appalled you have betrayed me," she was quoted as saying.

Tasmin then broke off all contact with the unit, saying she could not trust them.

Internet

Two baggage handlers stole jewellery from check-in luggage

SINGAPORE, 25 Nov— Police have arrested two baggage handlers for a series of theft of jewellery from the check-in baggage of passengers at Changi Airport's Budget Terminal.

Airport Police conducted a probe in September after receiving several reports from passengers that their jewellery had been stolen from their check-in baggage at the Budget Terminal.

After extensive investigations, it was established that one of the baggage handlers at the terminal was responsible for the theft.

Checks were then made at various pawnshops, leading to the discovery that the said baggage handler had been pawning



Seized items

jewellery at these pawnshops.

On 23 November, the Airport Police conducted an operation and arrested the said baggage handler.

Investigations revealed that another baggage handler was

also involved in the thefts and he was arrested subsequently.

The stolen jewellery were recovered and seized for investigations.

The two suspects will be charged in court.

Internet

Seven suspected witches burnt to death in Zambia

LUSAKA, 25 Nov— At least seven people accused of practicing witchcraft in Zambia's northern Samfya District in Luapula Province have been burnt to death in a bizarre incident being condemned by human rights activists, police said on Thursday.

The bizarre incident happened on Sunday afternoon after the seven people, ages 52 to 85, were suspected of practicing black magic and held responsible for the demise of a local traditional ruler who was struck to death by lightning recently.

Elizabeth Kanjela, police spokesperson, said police have since picked three suspects to help with investigations into the shocking arson and murder case.

According to the spokesperson, relatives of the dead traditional ruler rounded the suspects up on Sunday afternoon and locked them in a thatched hut where they were brutalized and the house was later set on fire.

Incidents of retribution over witchcraft acts are common in rural parts of Zambia, where old people are usually the targets.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 24 Nov, 2011 shows a scene of the acrobatics show "Swan Lake", which is adapted from the classical Russian ballet with the same name, in Beijing, capital of China. It has been performed in more than ten countries and regions since 2004. —XINHUA

Man forced to stand on 7-hour flight due to 400-pound fellow traveller

LONDON, 25 Nov —A passenger flying from Anchorage to Philadelphia was forced to stand for seven hours on a US Airway flight as a 400lb man sitting next to him made it impossible for him to get into his seat.

According to Arthur Berkowitz, the obese man spilled over into his personal space and he could not move because the plane was full so he was forced to stand up.

Berkowitz also said that his co-passenger was very sorry about what had happened.

"The first thing he said to me was: 'I want to apologise - I'm your worst nightmare'," the *Daily Mail* quoted Berkowitz as saying.

Berkowitz's ordeal in July presented a safety risk because he could not use his seatbelt for take-off and landing.

"I didn't fly from Alaska to Philadelphia on Flight 901, I stood.

"His size required both armrests to be raised up and allowed for his body to cover half of my seat," he said.

The flight from Anchorage to Philadelphia is one of the longest non-stop US domestic flights and Berkowitz thought he had a spare seat at first but before the door closed the airline asked a late-boarding passenger weighing 400lbs to sit down next to him in the last empty seat.—Internet

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DELIGHT VOYNO (153)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOYNO (153) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (5) 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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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANG PA KAEW VOYNO (190)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG PA KAEW VOYNO (190) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

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Models show a GMC Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV) at the 9th Guangzhou Auto Show in Guangzhou, south China, on 24 Nov, 2011. Themed as 'Green Technology and Harmonious Future', the 9th Guangzhou International Automobile Exhibition displayed 900 automobiles, including 30 world premiered cars and 54 new energy vehicles. — XINHUA

Lawsuit over 'Jew or not Jew' iPhone app dropped

PARIS, 25 Nov— French anti-racism groups dropped a lawsuit Thursday against Apple Inc over an iPhone app called "Jew or not Jew?" after it was removed from circulation worldwide.

Lawyer Stephane Lilti, representing four anti-racism associations, said the decision was "motivated by the removal of the application in all countries of the world."

Lilti said at a hearing in a Paris court Thursday that the app's designer, Johann Levy, decided to remove it. Lilti said while the groups agreed to drop the lawsuit, their complaint "had



An Associated Press reporter holds the new Apple iPhone during a product test review in San Francisco, on 24 June, 2010.—INTERNET

beneficial effects."

Representatives of Apple in France would not comment on the decision, nor did a lawyer for Apple at the hearing, Coline Warin.—Internet

**REWARD FOR RECOVERY
OF LOST ITEM**

Small plain wooden box, size about (4"x4"x6") containing approximately (40) pieces of foreign coins collected as souvenirs in visits to foreign countries. Lost in 1952 at the Yangon sea port. Someone who still has the box and contents of old foreign coins, can return all to owner and get the cash reward of Kyats 1.5 lakhs.

Owner:- U Thar Du (or) U Thein Tan,
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In this photo taken on 19 July, 2011, elephant walk through the Kruger National Park feeding of trees. Climate change could mean an unthinkable loss of wildlife in South Africa, which hosts talks on global warming that will bring government negotiators, scientists and lobbyists from around the world to the coastal city of Durban next week.—INTERNET

Arizona plane crash: three children and three men dead

PHOENIX , 25 Nov — Three children and three men have been confirmed dead after a small plane crashed into the Superstition Mountains in the US state of Arizona. Rescue workers scoured the scene east of the city of Phoenix

after flames were seen on Wednesday evening, but the local sheriff now says no-one survived. Debris is strewn over hundreds of yards of difficult, steep terrain, Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu said. Three children, their father and two pilots were on board, he said. Witnesses reported a fireball and explosion as it smashed into the nearly mile-high rugged peaks.

Rescue crews found flaming debris covering the crash site. "No-one could have survived that crash," Mr Babeu said in a news conference on Thursday. The sheriff confirmed the victims as Russell Hardy, 31, and Joseph Hardwick, 22, both pilots. Shawn Perry, 39, also a pilot, was on board with his three children: Morgan Perry, aged nine, Logan Perry, eight, and Luke Perry, six. They lived with their mother in Gold Canyon, Arizona, Mr Babeu said.

Reflections are seen in the window of an AT&T store in New York on 21 March, 2011. REUTERS



AT&T, T-Mobile deal falling through?

NEW YORK, 25 Nov— T-Mobile and AT&T have withdrawn an application to US regulators to merge their cellphone businesses, company officials said Thursday.

Deutsche Telekom, which owns T-Mobile USA, and AT&T said their merger plans are going forward, *The New York Times* reported. But the companies gave several other hints that they are abandoning the deal, including saying that AT&T has factored a \$4 billion charge into its earnings for fees that it must pay Deutsche Telekom if the merger does not take place.

Julius Genachowski,

chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, suggested earlier week the agency would not approve the merger. The application's withdrawal means information included with it will not become public.

Gigi B Sohn, who

heads the consumer group Public Knowledge, said AT&T appears to have little hope of winning FCC approval.

"The chances that AT&T will take over T-Mobile are almost gone," she said.

Internet

Diabetes drug shows promise in reducing risk of cancer

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—An inexpensive drug that treats Type 2 diabetes has been shown to prevent a number of natural and man-made chemicals from stimulating the growth of breast cancer cells, according to a newly published study by a Michigan State University researcher.

The research, led by pediatrics professor James Trosko and colleagues from South Korea's Seoul National University, provides biological evidence for previously reported epidemiological surveys that long-term use of the drug metformin for Type 2 diabetes reduces the risk of diabetes-associated cancers, such as breast cancers. The research appeared online this week in *PLoS One*. For the study, Trosko and colleagues focused on the concept that can-

cers originate from adult human stem cells and that there are many natural and man-made chemicals that enhance the growth of breast cancer cells. Using culture dishes, they grew miniature human breast tumors, or mammospheres, that activated a certain stem cell gene.

Then the mammospheres were exposed to natural estrogen — a known growth factor and potential breast tumor promoter — and man-made chemicals that are known to promote tumors or disrupt the endocrine system. The team found that estrogen and the chemicals caused the mammospheres to increase in numbers and size. However, with metformin added, the numbers and size of the mammospheres were dramatically reduced. —Xinhua

Police send loaded rifle through mail

Swedish police said personnel will receive further training after a loaded rifle was sent to a forensic lab through the mail.

Ornskoldsvik police said the rifle was apparently not examined closely enough before it was sent to the Swedish National Laboratory of Forensic Science in Linköping. Swedish news agency *TT* reported Tuesday.

"These things happen now and again, unfortunately," said Tore Olsson of the Swedish National Laboratory of Forensic Science.

Officer Dick

Danielsson at the Ornskoldsvik station said the incident was reported to the Work Environment Authority and all personnel will receive further training. He said a committee has been assembled to review weapon handling procedures.

"It was lucky that nothing happened and we are treating it as a very serious matter that the weapon was sent off without anyone checking if it was loaded," Danielsson said.

News Album



Participants in their underwear pose for a group photograph with their certificate after breaking a world record for the most number of people, 57, to fit in an over-sized pair of underpants measuring 5 metres by 1.5 metres in the Canary Wharf District of London, on 17 Nov, 2011.

Worker gets to keep \$700 in found cash

A California construction worker who turned in \$700 cash he discovered while working on a project at a hospital has taken the money home, police said.

Chula Vista police Capt Gary Wedge said the worker, whose name was not released, turned the money over to a staffer at the Chula Vista Medical Centre while working at a construction site near the emergency room during the summer and the cash was given to police, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported.

Wedge said a notice was published in a local newspaper 30 June and police kept the money for the required 90-day waiting period to see if anyone came forward to claim it.

881-pound bluefin tuna confiscated

A Massachusetts fishing boat owner said his crew caught an 881-pound bluefin tuna, but it was confiscated by authorities because they used a net. Carlos Rafael of New Bedford, owner of the 76-foot steel dragger *Apollo* said he was ecstatic when his crew caught the massive fish in their trawl gear while fishing offshore and he quickly called a hot line maintained by fishery regulators

to report the catch, *The (New Bedford) Standard Times* reported. Rafael said he purchased 15 tuna permits in recent years in case any of his boats ensnared a tuna, so he was shocked when he returned to shore and the fish was confiscated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Law Enforcement.

'Buffy' co-stars reunite on 'Ringer'

LOS ANGELES, 25 Nov—Amber Benson has joined the cast of "Ringer," a US drama starring her former "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" co-star Sarah Michelle Gellar, TVGuide.com said.

Benson appeared on "Buffy" from 1999 to 2002. The show, which featured Gellar as the titular heroine, wrapped up its seven-season run in 2003.

The actresses are to reunite during an

upcoming episode of "Ringer," which premiered in September.

Benson will play a stripper who once worked with Gellar's character Bridget, the television news Web site said.

Internet

Jennifer Lopez's new love facing illegal drag racing charges



Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—Jennifer Lopez's new beau Casper Smart has racked up a number of speeding and traffic-related charges which even include illegal drag racing.

According to police records, he was charged

with driving without a valid license in 2004, 2006 and 2007, evading electronic toll charges in 2005 and exceeding maximum speeds of 65 miles per hour in 2004 and 2005.

Smart, whose real name is Beau Paul Smart, has posted a 26,000-dollar bail related to the still pending charges, people.com reported.

He pled no contest to the charges in March and is scheduled to appear in court on 5 January, 2012 but he must complete 10 days of community service before his court date.—Internet



Michelle Williams

announced that actress Glenn Close will pick up a Career Achievement Award at Palm Springs.

George Clooney will also be honoured with the prestigious Chairman's trophy.—Internet



Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar arrives for the Glamour Magazine 2008 Women of the Year ceremonies held at Carnegie Hall in New York on 10 Nov, 2008. INTERNET

Sting says only older people are awarded knighthoods

LONDON, 25 Nov—Musician Sting believes that the honour of being knighted is restricted to older people.

Asked why, at the age of 60, he had still to be tapped on the shoulder by the Queen, the pop star said that he is not old enough to be given the coveted title.

"Oh, no, I'm not old enough to be Sir," the *Telegraph* quoted him as saying.

Sting also said that he had the CBE, but that he never wore it because he found its design, comprising blue cross and red ribbon, a bit gaudy.—Internet



Musician Sting

Britney Spears re-educating herself about love

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—Britney Spears has revealed that she is currently reading books, which delve into the meaning of love, to remind



Britney Spears

her of things she already knows.

The 29-year-old singer, who is currently

dating her former agent Jason Trawick recently read Don Miguel Ruiz's 'The Mastery of Love - A Practical Guide To The Art of Relationship'.

"The last book I read was 'The Mastery Of Love'," Contactmusic quoted her as saying.

"It's basically an analysis of love and what it means to love."

"It goes through all the different aspects of love. Who you are as a person, knowing yourself before you even attempt

to love anyone else, that sort of thing. It's really well-written and thought-provoking."

Though the book did not teach her anything new but it did manage to remind her of some attitudes and feelings she previously had.

"It's very cool. It's not so much about learning something, it's one of those things where you already know this stuff, but it's good to instil it in yourself again," she added.

Internet

Michelle Williams to be honoured at Palm Springs Film Festival

LONDON, 25 Nov—Michelle Williams will receive the Desert Palm Achievement Actress award at the Palm Springs International Film Festival on January 2012.

She follows in the footsteps of Anne

Hathaway, Marion Cotillard, Charlize Theron and Naomi Watts, who are the earlier recipients of the award.

"Every generation, the cinema has a few performers who mesmerise audiences.

Michelle Williams epitomises these qualities as she continues to accept challenging role after challenging role," the *Daily Express* quoted festival chairman Harold Matzner as saying.

It has previously been

Wenger surprised to progress alone

LONDON, 25 Nov—Arsene Wenger is surprised Arsenal are the only Barclays Premier League side to progress in the Champions League. The Gunners boss was taken aback that his team qualified for the last 16 ahead



Arsene Wenger is surprised Arsenal are the only English side through.

of Manchester City, Chelsea and Manchester United who are all in real danger of failing to progress. Arsenal booked their place in the knockout stages of the Champions League for the 12th consecutive season when they beat Borussia Dortmund 2-1 at the Emirates Stadium.

It seemed doubtful that the Londoners would even qualify for the group stages of the competition after struggling against Udinese in the playoffs, at a time when the club's form was so poor that



Robin van Persie scored twice against Dortmund to seal qualification

some fans were even calling for Wenger's head. "I am surprised (that we are the first English team to qualify)," Wenger said. "Manchester United could have qualified (by beating Benfica on Tuesday) and of course everyone expects Man City to qualify. We were in a difficult group and I'm very happy to see where we have come from.—Internet

Jones hopes for City slip

LONDON, 25 Nov—Manchester United defender Phil Jones says now is the time to crank up the pressure on Manchester City. The Blues are licking their wounds after Tuesday night's defeat to Napoli left them on the brink of a costly Champions League exit. Now they have to raise their spirits for a tough Barclays Premier League encounter with Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday. Manchester United though will have the opportunity to close the gap to two points on City by beating Newcastle at Old Trafford 24



Phil Jones says United are ready to apply pressure on City

hours earlier.

And, while Jones is sure the Red Devils will be in the title shake-up, the 19-year-old defender recognizes this would be a good time to apply some heat. "City have done fantastically this season," Jones said.—Internet

SPORTS

Tsonga beats Nadal to reach semis at ATP finals

LONDON, 25 Nov — Whatever Rafael Nadal tried to throw at Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Thursday, it seemed the Frenchman was always one step ahead of him. Now Nadal is hoping he hasn't lost his passion for the game. Tsonga qualified for the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals at the expense of Nadal, beating the second-ranked Spaniard 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-3 in a decisive round-robin match to join Roger Federer in the last four in the season-ending tournament.

Nadal—who suffered his worst loss ever to Federer in a 6-3, 6-0 defeat Tuesday—then

acknowledged that his motivation and desire has been lacking since losing the US Open final to Novak Djokovic in September. Nadal hasn't won a title since then, losing his only final to Andy Murray in Tokyo. "I was little bit less passionate for the game probably, because I was a little bit more tired than usual," Nadal said.—Internet

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France celebrates at match point after beating Rafael Nadal of Spain during their round robin singles tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at O2 Arena in London, on Thursday.—INTERNET



Barca renew contract of youngster Dos Santos

MADRID, 25 Nov—FC Barcelona this Thursday announced that they have reached an agreement with Mexican midfielder, Jonathan Dos Santos to extend his contract with the club until the end of 2015. The contract extension is another show of faith from FC Barcelona in their youth system and comes just two days after 18-year-old Rafinha Alcantara agreed to extend his deal with Barca until the end of June 2014.

Dos Santos, whose brother Geovani, now at Tottenham, also came through the Barcelona youth system, formed part

of the Barcelona squad that won 3-2 away to AC Milan on Wednesday night. Although he did not play the 21-year-old has made six first team appearances for Barcelona, as well as playing 64 times for the Barca B-team.

Xinhua



Mexican midfielder, Jonathan Dos Santos

Real hope to keep unbeaten record for Madrid derby

MADRID, 25 Nov—The Madrid derby between Real and Atletico Madrid is the standout game in the 13th round of matches in the Spanish BBVA Primera Liga this weekend. Real Madrid go into

the table with a three-point lead over FC Barcelona and with their confidence sky high following the 6-2 win over Dynamo Zagreb in midweek in which Jose Mourinho was also able to rest key players. Mourinho's side also know they have not lost to their neighbours since 1999.

Real Madrid will bring Cristiano Ronaldo, Pepe, Iker Casillas and probably Alvaro Arbeloa back into their starting side for the game, whereas Atletico will bring Jose Antonio Reyes back into the side.—Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Barclays Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Manchester City	12	11	1	0	42	11	31	34
2 Man Utd	12	9	2	1	29	12	17	29
3 Tottenham	11	8	1	2	23	15	8	25
4 Newcastle	12	7	4	1	18	11	7	25
5 Chelsea	12	7	1	4	25	17	8	22
6 Liverpool	12	6	4	2	16	11	5	22
7 Arsenal	12	7	1	4	25	22	3	22
8 Aston Villa	12	3	6	3	16	17	-1	15
9 QPR	12	4	3	5	13	22	-9	15
10 WBA	12	4	2	6	11	17	-6	14
11 Norwich City	12	3	4	5	17	20	-3	13
12 Everton	11	4	1	6	13	16	-3	13
13 Swansea City	12	3	4	5	12	16	-4	13
14 Stoke City	12	3	3	6	10	22	-12	12
15 Sunderland	12	2	5	5	14	13	1	11
16 Fulham	12	2	5	5	14	15	-1	11
17 Wolves	12	3	2	7	13	20	-7	11
18 Bolton	12	3	0	9	19	29	-10	9
19 Blackburn	12	1	4	7	16	27	-11	7
20 Wigan Athletic	12	1	3	8	10	23	-13	6

Redknapp amazed to get Parker



Harry Redknapp was surprised he was able to land the midfielder

LONDON, 25 Nov—Harry Redknapp was stunned that Tottenham Hotspur's rivals did not swoop for Scott Parker. The Spurs manager completed the signing of the former West Ham United midfielder on deadline day and has been delighted by the impact made by the midfielder. Parker was arguably the only player to emerge from the Hammers squad with any credit at the end of last term as they finished bottom of the Barclays Premier League.

Despite being linked

with a number of top-flight clubs, the 31-year-old began this season at Upton Park. Redknapp finally persuaded chairman Daniel Levy that Parker was worth the £5m fee Tottenham paid to secure his signature on the last day of the transfer window. Since Parker's arrival, Tottenham have dropped just two points during a nine-match unbeaten run that has seen the London club rise to third in the Barclays Premier League table.

Internet



Scott Parker has made a massive impact at White Hart Lane

Holes-in-one rule in same group at Australian PGA

COOLUM, 25 Nov—In one of the oddest examples of golfing synchronicity, good friends John Senden and Greg Chalmers have each had a hole-in-one at the Australian PGA — on consecutive days, from the same group and on the same hole. The left-hander Chalmers had his ace on Thursday in the first round, watching his shot bounce three or four times to the center left pin location on the par-3, 158-meter (173-yard) second hole at the Hyatt Regency resort course.

On Friday, fellow Australian Senden, in the same group and hitting to a back right pin location on the same hole, saw his shot roll further along the green before going straight in the hole.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (26-11-2011) (Saturday)

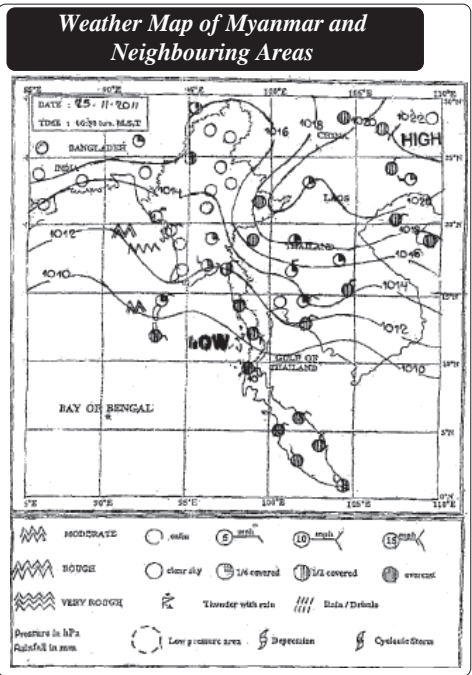
	Transmissions	Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(26-11-11 09:30 am ~ 27-11-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Travelling to Shan Plateau "Main Ma Ye` The`-Khin-Ma Mountain"
- * News
- * Convention On The Right of The Child Day
- * Myanmar Potent Herbal Medicine, Pennywort
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News

- * Youths' Vista on Study Abroad
- Oversea Transmission**
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- * Convention On The Right of The Child Day
- * Myanmar Potent Herbal Medicine, Pennywort
- * News
- * Traditional Matrimony of Ra Wan Nationals
- * Music Gallery

- * News
- * Youths' Vista on Study Abroad
- * News
- * Kahtein Festival: Let's take part merrily
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Food "Malih Ku Cuisine"
- * News
- * Awesome Myanma Sculpture
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "A Man of Honesty"
- * Spotlight on the Star "Tin Tin Nyo, Her Life & Her Movies"



Saturday, 26 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. Documentary
- 8:20 am**
- 8. Poem Gardern
- 8:30 am**
- 9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Local Talent
- 11:00 am**
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
- 3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am**
- 4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:50 pm**
- 5. Delicious Dishes
- 2:05 pm**
- 6. TV Drama Series

- 2:55 pm**
- 7. International News
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Song of National Races
- 4:15 pm**
- 3. Cultural Dances
- 4:25 pm**
- 4. Musical Programme
- 4:35 pm**
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:50 pm**
- 6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Myanmar)
- 5:00 pm**
- 7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
- 8. International Science News

- 5:15 pm**
- 9. Music Series
- 5:30 pm**
- 10. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:35 pm**
- 11. Singing in Different Versions
- 6:00 pm**
- 12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 14. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
- 15. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
- 16. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. Cartoon Series
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

Weather forecast for 26th November, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C°/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	15/59	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	28/82	14/57	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	36/97	21/70	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	21/70	05/41	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	15/59	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	19/66	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	35/95	20/68	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	34/93	20/68	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	34/93	22/72	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	34/93	21/70	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	35/95	21/70	Generally fair weather	
13	Rakhine	35/95	18/64	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	26/79	13/55	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	30/86	13/55	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	13/55	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	21/70	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	21/70	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	21/70	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Shan State, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures was about November average temperatures in the whole country. The significant night temperature were Haka (5°C), Pinlaung and Loilam (7°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.39) inch and Haho (0.16) inch.

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

State of the Sea: Strong Easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gull 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 subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Chinese cinema chain gears up for 4K digital screening

BEIJING, 25 Nov— Hong Kong-based Orange Sky Golden Harvest Entertainment (Holdings) Limited (OSGH) announced Friday that it will upgrade 80 percent of its cinema screens in China with 4K digital projection systems by next March through a partnership with SONY. The term "4K" refers to a screen image with a resolution of 4096 by 2160 pixels, or four times the quality of the widely used 2K system that can only support images up to 2048 by 1080 pixels. "SONY's 4K digital cinema projection system provides a more detailed image quality and richer colors. Its perfect visual effects will make film-watching experiences more stunning," Andrew Mao, executive director and CEO of OSGH, said Friday at a news conference. Recent blockbusters such as "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" released 4K versions overseas, but were shown in 2K in the Chinese mainland due to technology limitations.

Xinhua

Citizens feed black-headed gulls on the Haigeng Bank in Kunming City, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, 25 Nov, 2011. Tens of thousands of black-headed gulls have migrated here from Siberia to spend winter and the number is expected to reach 30,000 by the end of December.—XINHUA



Kaba Aye Pagoda crowded with pilgrims

YANGON, 25 NOV— Members of the Sangha and pilgrims paid obeisance to the sacred Buddha tooth relic for the fourth day at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, today.

Officials accepted K 330,000 donated by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, wife Daw Myint Myint Soe and family, K 558,000 by Chairman of Yangon Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Ashin Iddhibala and disciples, US\$ 300 by Po La Pyae of Yangon, US\$ 513 by Maj-Gen Thein Naing-Daw Khin Pyone Shwe and family, K 100,000 by U Kyaing San Shwe-Daw Khin Win Sein and family, K 500,000 by Lt-Gen Aung Htwe (Rtd)-Daw

Members of the Sangha and pilgrims pay obeisance to the sacred Buddha tooth relic for the fourth day at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill.

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Khin Hnin Wai and family, K 200,000 by (Lt-Gen Maung Bo (Rtd))-Daw Khin Lay Myint, K 200,000 by Adviser to the President U Arnt Maung-Thiri Thudhama Theingi Daw Tin Tin Wai and

family, and K 100,000 and above each by 111 wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

A total of 144 wellwishers including U Kyin Sein-Daw Thein Tan and family of

Hsipaw donated five pieces of sapphire worth K 420,000, U Paw-Daw Ohn Khin family of 29th Street in Daungyoe Ward in Mandalay five buttons decorated with pieces of red colour gem worth K 320,000, U Myint Nyan-

Daw Khin Nyunt Nyunt Tun family five buttons decorated with 10 pieces of white colour gem worth K 625,000, U Thit Lwin-Daw Hla Nyunt Yi and family a pair of earrings decorated with 16 pieces of diamond.

The donations from 24 November evening to 6 pm today at the donation centres amounted to K 71,043,641, 144 items of jewellery worth K 16,214,880, US\$ 1918, Euro 5 and S\$ 25.

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21 persons including U Tin Oo submit application to form National League for Democracy Party to UEC

Scrutiny underway to ensure whether it is in conformity with Sections 4 and 6 of Political Parties Registration Law

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — In line with the right to submit applications for formation of political parties to the Union Election Commission, 21 persons including U Tin Oo

submitted an application to form National League for Democracy Party to the UEC today.

Regarding the application, the UEC requested ministries concerned to scrutinize

those wishing to form the party whether it is in conformity with Sections 4 and 6 of Political Parties Registration Law or not.

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YaungchiOo Library opened

NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV— YaungchiOo Library in Kamamo Village of Chaungzon Township was opened on 23 November. The Staff Officer of

Mawlamyine District Information and Public Relations Department, the village administrator and the patron of library committee opened the library.

Mon State Hluttaw Speaker presented 100 publications, book lovers from Yangon 2000 publications to the library. The library was built at a cost of K 2.4 million contributed by the public.—MNA

Lawpita-Toungoo power grid sabotaged, not disrupting power supply



Tension Tower No.117 of the 230-KV Lawpita-Toungoo power grid seen after insurgents' mine blast. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 NOV — The tension tower No.117 of the 230-KV

Lawpita-Toungoo power grid located in Dimawhso Township, Kayah State, was blasted by insurgents on 19 November, disrupting the power supply.

As the tower did not collapse due to the blast, the power supply could resume the next day.

On 20 November, local power grid in-charge (Loikaw) group found that the tower was sabotaged

by insurgents during their inspection of the power grid after the power supply on the 132-KV Lawpitia-Tikyit power grid was disrupted at about 5.30 pm on 19 November. The blast ripped four iron bars at 10 ft above the ground off the tower and tilted it.

About 70 employees of the Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise are repairing the tilted tower.

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Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continues for 12th day

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