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15th plenary session of 47-member of sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held

YANGON, 27 Nov — A 15th plenary session of the 47-member of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee-SSMNC kicked off at the graduation building on KabaAye Hill here today.

Chairman of the sixth SSMNC Sayadaw of Mandalay Bhamo Monastery Abhidhaja Maha

Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa chaired the meeting and Joint-Secretary Sayadaw of the committee Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitakadhara Bhaddanta Nimala acted as a master of the ceremony.

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Our Three Main National Causes

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

Belarusian Prime Minister and wife to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, His Excellency Dr. Mikhail V.

Myasnikovich, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus and Mrs. Ludmila Myasnikovich will pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

Significant night temperature (27-11-2011)

Haka	(4°C)
Pinlaung	(6°C)
Heho	(7°C)

May Ayeyawady dwellers serve interests of region and nation with heart of gold like mighty white elephant appeared in the region

President U Thein Sein attends inauguration of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)



President U Thein Sein greets those at the opening ceremony of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

YANGON, 27 Nov—Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) constructed by Special Project Group No (5) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in Nyaungdon Township of Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region was inaugurated today, attended by President U Thein Sein.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Hla Min, Lt-Gen Thein Htay,

U Kyaw Hsan, U Soe Thein, U Thein Nyunt, U Aung Min, U Khin Maung Myint, U Nyan Tun Aung, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan Hsint, Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Thein, deputy ministers, Ayeyawady Region ministers, departmental heads, personnel, members of social organizations, teachers, students, locals and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said that today was the red letter day for him and Ayeyawady dwellers because the government could build 57th large bridge for Ayeyawady Region.

It was a wonderful award to Ayeyawady residents who have to cross rivers and creeks in going to one place from another to have such a large bridge

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PERSPECTIVES

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Donate blood, save lives

While science and technology are advancing in leaps and bounds day by day, modern technologies are being applied in all sectors such as economic, education, health, industry, communication and travel sectors not only for new machinery but also for chemicals and machines.

Improvement of medicines, therapies and technology in the medical science field is benefiting the life expectancy and health of the people. Nowadays, not only ordinary surgical treatment but also transplants of cardiac, liver, lung and kidney, parts of body, can be performed easily. Although medical science meets advancement, blood and blood materials cannot be substituted up to now.

In fact, blood is essential in medical treatment. It is necessary to collect sufficient amount of blood in real time for treatments with blood transfusion. Such blood must be clean and safe. Although there are many persons wishing to donate blood, they may grasp the opportunity to donate blood in meeting the blood donation ceremonies.

Due to the fact that serum can be used in limited days for dengue hemorrhagic fever, hospitals need to organize blood donors regularly. As safe blood is required for all medical treatments with daily blood transfusion, volunteers are to donate their blood at the medical institutions regularly.

Willing to donate blood, blood donors must be healthy and fit with free from HIV, Hepatitis B and C viruses. After donating blood in a few minutes, the donors can be refreshing with a moment of relaxation and eating foods.

Donation of blood can save the life of people. It is a rare activity of blood donor to take out blood from the body in donation. As such, blood donors are to motivate and encourage the enthusiasts to donate blood so as to save a large number of humans.

Proven Technology wins ISO 9001:2008 and Responsible Care

YANGON, 27 Nov—A ceremony to present ISO 9001: 2008 and RC Responsible Care to Proven Technology Industry established in 1955 and prizes to agents was held at Western Park Royal in Myepadetha Island in Bahan Township, here, yesterday evening.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Minister of State General Administration of Sports of China



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Director of State General Administration of Sports of China Mr Liu Peng and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a seven-member Chinese delegation led by Minister of State General Administration of Sports Mr Liu Peng of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the President office at 11.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union

Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and departmental heads.

The Chinese Minister and party were accompanied by officials of the Chinese Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

At the call, they discussed cooperation in sports between the two countries and successful holding the XXVII SEA Games.

MNA

Chief Justice of the Union meets Chief Justice of Shan State High Court, judges, judicial officers, court staff in Shan State



Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo speaking to the chief justice and judges of the High Court of Shan State and judges, judicial officers and staff of courts.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo gave instructions on judiciary, court management and avoidance of bribe and corruption in meeting with the chief justice and judges of the High Court of Shan State and judges, judicial officers and staff of courts in Taunggyi

District and Loilem District of Shan State at the Town Hall in Taunggyi yesterday.

In his instructions, the Chief Justice of the Union called for ensuring fairness in carrying out jurisdiction in accord with the law, saying that courts are constituted by law; that courts have the judicial power only vested by the law; and that jurisdiction can be made in accord with the law. He also stressed the need to give righteous judgment on cases, making thorough investigation on facts with the sense of justice.

Then the Chief Justice of the Union inspected Shan State High Court, Taunggyi District Court and Taunggyi Township Court. On 25 November, the Chief Justice of the Union together with the chief justice of High Court of Shan State visited Kalaw Township Court, Pindaya Township Court and Hopong Township Court.—MNA

Managing Director U Ohn Lwin of Proven Technology Industry presented prizes to agents.

Proven Technology Industry produces and distributes Toyo and Lion (motorcycle) brand battery and other equipment for vehicles and industries with guarantees. The industry provides customers with free services.

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US ties with Pakistan important

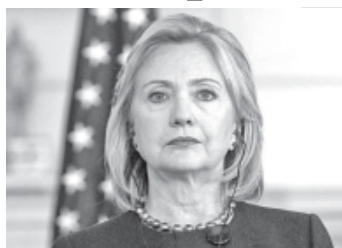
WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—The United States vowed Saturday to immediately investigate a NATO cross-border air attack that reportedly killed 24 Pakistani troops and enraged the Pakistani government.

In a joint statement, State and Defence Secretaries Hillary Clinton and Leon Panetta offered their “deepest condolences for the loss of life,” while voicing full support for “NATO’s

intention to investigate immediately.”

Clinton, Martin Dempsey, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and John Allen, commander of the NATO-led coalition forces in Afghanistan, each called their Pakistani counterparts after the fatal attack, the joint statement said.

The statement added that US Ambassador to Pakistan Cameron Munter also held



State and Defence Secretary Hillary Clinton.

emergency meetings with Pakistani officials in Islamabad.

According to the statement, when contacting their Pakistani counterparts, the US diplomatic and military leaders each stressed the importance of the US-Pakistani partnership, which serves the mutual interests of their peoples. Also, they said they would remain in close contact with their Pakistani counterparts in dealing with the ongoing challenges.

Thirteen other Pakistani troops were also reportedly injured in the

incident that occurred in the tribal region of Mohmand Agency, which borders Afghanistan.

After an emergency meeting of the Defence Committee, chaired by Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani Saturday night, the Pakistani government decided to close NATO’s logistics supply lines. Pakistan also asked the US to vacate Shamsi Air Base in southwestern Balochistan Province within 15 days in an apparent protest against NATO strikes.

Internet



Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani (1st, L) chairs an emergency meeting of the Defence Committee of the Cabinet (DCC) in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 26 November, 2011.—XINHUA

Iran to hold naval drills in international waters

Moscow, 27 Nov—Iran will hold large scale naval exercises in international waters, Navy chief Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari said Saturday.

The drills, code-named, Velayat 90, will be held in “the near future” and cover a large area, from the Sea of Oman to the northern Indian Ocean, *Fars News Agency* reported.

In May 2010, the country’s navy conducted eight-day Velayat 89 drills to test different types of warships, torpedoes, cruise missiles, and fighter jets.

Over 150 operations were conducted on the final day of the exercise, military spokesman Rear Admiral Qasem Rostamabadi said.

Internet



Children and their parents check out a robot practicing tai chi at the pediatric unit of Shandong University’s Qilu Hospital in Jinan, Shandong Province, on 12 Oct, 2011. The hospital brought the robot, which can sing and dance, to cheer up young patients.

INTERNET

Israel threatens to cut off power, water to Gaza

JERUSALEM, 27 Nov—Israel warned on Saturday that it would cut the supply of water and electricity to the Gaza Strip if rival Palestinian movements Fatah and Hamas form a unity government.

“The foreign ministry is examining the possibility of Israel pulling out of the Gaza Strip in terms of infrastructure,” Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon told the

daily *Yediot Aharonot* website. A unity government deal “would transform the Palestinian Authority into a terrorist authority and would put an end to any hope for a peace agreement” with Israel, said Ayalon, who is also a Knesset deputy from the nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party.

On Friday, Israeli ministers decided to maintain a freeze on the



Israeli soldiers walk on Israel-Gaza border.—INTERNET

transfer of tens of millions of dollars in tax monies to the Palestinian Authority hours after Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas held top-level talks with Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal at which they announced a new era of “partnership.”

The transfer of funds, which make up a large percentage of the authority’s monthly budget, was frozen on 1 November as a punitive measure after the Palestinians won full membership of the UN cultural organization. “If the Palestinians have signed an agreement over a unity government, it would make

a transfer of funds impossible,” a senior government official told *AFP*. In January, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had already threatened to cut off water and power to Gaza, which has been controlled by Hamas since the Islamist group chased Fatah from the territory in 2008.

Israel, which unilaterally withdrew from Gaza and dismantled Jewish settlements in 2008, continues to supply the territory with water and 70 percent of its electrical power, the rest being supplied by neighbouring Egypt or local power plants.—*Internet*

Militants blow up rail tracks in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 27 Nov—Unidentified militants blew up railway tracks Sunday morning at three cities in Pakistan’s Sindh Province, partially disrupting train services, a media report said.

Tracks were blown up in Nawabshah, Hyderabad and Mehrabpur, *Geo News* said. There were, however, no casualties. Security personnel have cordoned off the areas.—*Internet*

40 people missing after Indonesia bridge collapse

JAKARTA, 27 Nov—Police say rescuers are searching for about 40 missing people after a bridge collapsed in central Indonesia, sending two buses, cars and motorcycles crashing into a river below.

At least four people are confirmed dead.

National police spokesman Boy Rafli Amar said Sunday that 39 people have been rescued, including more than 20 who remain hospitalized. The dead include a 6-month-old baby.

Officials say repairmen were tightening bolts Saturday on the 10-year-old bridge when a steel support cable snapped and it came crashing down.

The 770-yard (700-meter) structure — built to resemble the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco — linked the towns of Tenggarong and Samarinda in East Kalimantan Province.

Internet



A voter casts her ballot at a polling station in Osaka city, Japan, on 27 Nov, 2011. The elections of the governor of Osaka Prefecture and the mayor of Osaka city was held on Sunday.

XINHUA

Business

Indian rupee slips badly



India Rupee

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov—The Indian economy is facing a new challenge as Rupee is depreciating significantly in comparison to dollars in recent months.

Indian rupee has slipped by a significant 14 percent, to 52.21 against the dollar, since the end of Aug, *The New York Times* reported.

The heavy downside money has forced several investors to step back from the Indian economy, reported the newspaper.

The rupee was trading at 45.79 to the dollar, even three months ago.

Indian economy has been facing the heat of the downside with foreign investments in India have fallen sharply since June.

India was taking in USD 6.5 billion at that time but in Sept the country took in only USD 616 million as foreign investment, media reports said.

Rupee is the worst-performing Asian currency this year though several currencies had depreciated in comparison to dollar in recent times.

Some analysts believe that the depreciation of the Indian rupee would also effect inflation more badly in the coming days and hence worsen the government's fiscal deficit.

"The Indian rupee's fall has been too much, too soon, and RBI's own guidance has added to the depreciation pressure by giving a green light to speculators to bet against the currency," Rajeev Malik, an economist at the investment firm CLSA was quoted as saying by *The New York Times*.

Internet

Air India cancels on 30 Nov New Delhi-London flights



NEW DELHI, 27 Nov—Foreseeing a strike by the public sector employees in London, national carrier Air India Saturday said it is cancelling its flights from New Delhi to the British capital that day.

"In anticipation of strike by the public sector employees at London on 30 Nov, Air India flights stand cancelled," the flag carrier said in a statement.

According to the airline, these flights are *AI-115* operating from Amritsar to Delhi to London and *AI-111* from Delhi to London.

"Passengers of the cancelled flights may re-book on flights on 1 Dec, without any charges," the airline said.—*Internet*

Health

Health Tip: Pack your holiday leftovers carefully

When packing up your holiday leftovers, make sure they're properly stored to prevent foodborne illness.

The American Dietetic Association offers these suggestions for safe storage of your holiday leftovers:

- * *Make sure all storage containers are airtight and shallow.*
- * *Place all leftovers in the refrigerator within two hours of cooking.*
- * *Pull turkey off the bone and package it separately from stuffing and gravy.*
- * *Eat refrigerated turkey, casseroles or cooked vegetables within three or four days; eat stuffing or gravy within one or two days.*
- * *Eat pies made with cream or fruit within two or three days; cheesecake within seven days.*
- * *Make sure leftovers are reheated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit.*
- * *If in doubt, throw it out.—Internet*

Sickle cell anemia may ward off malaria

HEIDELBERG, 27 Nov —Sickle cell anemia, a disease that causes hemoglobin in red blood cells to mutate, seems to provide a natural defence against malaria, German researchers say.

Although it has long been known to scientists that the mutation caused by sickle cell anemia defends those afflicted against malaria, researchers recently performed the first study into how this works, *the Los Angeles Times* reported Friday. "Some part of the human population has a mutation to their hemoglobin, which is the protein in the red blood cell that carries oxygen. Often, people of sub-Saharan African origins have two copies of this mutated gene, which leads to severe sickle cell disease," said the study's lead author, Marek Cyrklaff, an electron microscopist and molecular biologist at Heidelberg University in Germany. "For people with one normal gene and one mutated gene, the Plasmodium [malaria] parasite makes itself very comfortable in the cells that they have. These patients also get the typical symptoms of malaria—the recurring fever, anemia and so on—but they do not die.

This is an advantage from carrying the sickle cell gene—which is why the mutation has survived in the population." Cyrklaff said that although the study's findings are in the area of basic research, they "shed light on new and hitherto uncharted territory in the complex interactions between the malaria pathogen and its host." "The logical step now is to identify the factors involved in this natural protection, and future studies will aim to develop inhibitors," Cyrklaff said.—*Internet*



Children play with a teacher at a children's service centre in Ruili City, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 18 Nov, 2011. Ruili City is located on the border between China and Myanmar, imperiled by the "Golden Triangle", an area where the borders of Myanmar, Thailand and Laos meet. A children's service centre, which was built on 31 May, 2010 for poor, weak and AIDS-affected children, provides those with education and cultivation of potential. The centre links the children with communities and schools. A total of 20 children study in the service centre.—XINHUA

Drug may help prevent breast cancer

EAST LANSING, 27 Nov—A drug used to treat type 2 diabetes is promising as a preventive drug for breast cancer or other cancers, US and South Korean researchers say.

Using culture dishes, Trosko and colleagues grew miniature human breast tumours — mammospheres — that activated the stem cell gene Oct4A. 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 tumours or disrupt the endocrine system.

However, with metformin added, the numbers and size of the mammospheres were dramatically reduced. While each of the chemicals enhanced growth by different means, metformin seemed to inhibit their stimulated growth in all cases, Trosko said.

"While future studies are needed to understand the exact mechanism by which metformin works to reduce the growth of breast cancers, this study reveals the need to determine if the drug might be used as a preventive drug and for individuals who have no indication of any existing cancers," Trosko said.—*Internet*



Nuclear-powered US rover launched to scout for Mars' habitability

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—A nuclear-powered US rover lifted off on Saturday morning to help assess Mars' habitability, or whether the Red Planet is or ever was an environment able to support life.

The car-sized rover, atop an *Atlas V* rocket, blasted off at about 10:02 am EDT (1502 GMT) from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, NASA TV shows.

"Liftoff of the *Atlas V* with *Curiosity*, seeking clues to the planetary puzzle about life on Mars," said NASA commentator George Diller as the white rocket soared skyward.

The rover, nicknamed *Curiosity*, will journey for over eight months before touching down on Mars in August 2012, following a journey of 354 million miles (556 million km), using a jet pack and tether system to be lowered to the surface.

At nearly a ton, the six-wheeled vehicle, also known as the Mars Science Laboratory, dwarfs all previous robots sent to the surface of the planet.

It is about twice as long and more than five times as heavy as any previous Mars rover.

Its 10 science instruments include two

for ingesting and analyzing samples of powdered rock delivered by the rover's robotic arm.

During a prime mission lasting one Martian year — nearly two Earth years — researchers will use the rover's tools to study whether the landing region has had environmental conditions favorable for supporting microbial life and favorable for preserving clues about whether life existed.

Curiosity is the first instrument of its kind, and largest, most scientifically capable spacecraft ever destined for the surface

Science



A United Launch Alliance *Atlas V* rocket carrying NASA's Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) *Curiosity* rover lifts off from Launch Complex 41 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla, on 26 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

of another planet. It is equipped with a generator that converts heat from the natural decay of a non-weapons-grade

plutonium into electricity.

The electricity will power rover systems and keep it warm in an

environment where average temperatures are minus 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

Xinhua

Australia plans world's largest marine reserve

Science



In this photo released by the PEW environment group, divers swim with a shark in this undated photo in the Coral Sea.—INTERNET

CANBERRA, (Australia) 27 Nov—Australia says it will create the world's largest marine reserve in the Coral Sea.

The Environment

Ministry says the area has shallow reefs that support tropical ecosystems with sharks, coral, sponges and many fish species. The proposal includes

seas beyond the already protected Great Barrier Reef Marine Park off northeast Australia.

The reserve would cover nearly 1 million square kilometres.

Fishing would be allowed in parts of the reserve. Some conservationists raised concern such exceptions would make management of the reserve more difficult.

The proposal announced in a ministry statement Friday is now open for a 90-day comment period.

Internet

Rules make built-in car seats conform to new size limits

Tech

OTTAWA, 27 Nov—Transport Canada is proposing new rules to make built-in child car seats conform to larger size limits already announced for the removable models.

The changes will mean the built-in seats will accommodate bigger and older children.

Last year, the government said it would require removable seats to be longer and wider.

It also increased the weight limits, meaning infants would stay in rear-facing seats until they reached 22 pounds and older children would stay

in car seats until they hit 66 pounds.

The new regulatory proposals will mean the built-in restraints will have to accommodate those sizes. The department says the changes will bring Canadian requirements in close alignment with those of the United States.

Transport Minister Denis Lebel said the measures will help protect children. "Research on child safety tells us that kids are safer when they use child restraints for as long as possible before graduating to using only seat belts," he said in a news release.—Internet



Student builds 800-yuan 'iPad' for girlfriend

Tech

BEIJING, 27 Nov—A senior college student has built a tablet PC from a 500-yuan (\$78.6) secondhand laptop for his girlfriend. Wei Xinlong and his girlfriend Sun Shasha, both from rural areas, are seniors in the Art & Design Department at Northeast Normal University in Changchun, capital of Jilin Province.

The weight and thickness of the gadget, which resembles an iPad and took Wei 10 days and 800 yuan, is like a 400-colour-page book. "One

can read, download, watch movies, play games by just touching the screen," Wei

explained. Wei said he did not have enough money to buy Sun a new computer,



The homemade "iPad" is adorned with rhinestones in Changchun, capital of Northeast China's Jilin province, on 9 Nov, 2011.

INTERNET

so he started building one by studying Internet video programmes on how to make tablet PCs. "The main board, video card, CPU and screen were all from the old laptop, but I bought the touch screen and battery online," Wei said. Wei spent a considerable amount of time and energy on the cover of the PC too, according to Sun Shasha. "The holes on it were all hand-carved and polished."

"This is the best gift I've ever had, and I will keep it forever," she said. Sun added rhinestones to her gift.—Internet



Volunteers holding posters of the red ribbons pose for photo at a shopping street in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 26 Nov, 2011. More than 100 volunteers from several universities in Shenyang on Saturday started an activity in shopping streets using posters and leaflets to publicize the knowledge about the AIDS to citizens, marking the 24th World AIDS Day.—XINHUA

German mum gives birth to 13-pound baby, names him 'Jihad'

MELBOURNE, 27 Nov— An obese German woman who reportedly has gestational diabetes and most likely a metabolic disorder, gave birth to a gigantic baby boy and named him Jihad.

According to *The Local*, the newborn child, which is the mother's 14th kid weighs 13 pounds (six kilogrammes) sets a new record for Germany's heaviest naturally born baby.

The 40-year-old mom, who weighs 528 pounds (240 kilogrammes), was advised to go for C-section because of the high risks involved with such a large baby, but she pushed for a natural delivery on Wednesday at Berlin's Charite hospital.

Jihad's giant size is believed to be the result of his mother's untreated gestational diabetes.

Doctors claim that the woman was aware of her

condition, but ate too much sweet food, resulting in her excessively high blood sugar level, News.com.au reported.

The mother previously had given birth to nine boys and four girls, four of whom were born with birth weights heavier than 11 pounds (five kilogrammes). Babies over 8.8 pounds (four kilogrammes) are judged overweight at birth.

Internet



The participants of "Variety Santa Fun Run" are about to approach the finishing line after completing 5km fun run in Melbourne, Australia, on 27 Nov, 2011. The annual "Variety Santa Fun Run" was held in cities of Australia on Sunday and was aimed at collecting money for the children's fund before the Christmas Day.—XINHUA



People ice skate at Rockefeller Centre in New York City. Manhattan retailers have decorated their department store displays for the season with elaborate designs and animated scenes. INTERNET

More than half Kiwi kids already 'social media adults'

WELLINGTON, 27 Nov— Around 64 percent of kids in New Zealand possess online habits similar to mature adults by the time they turn 11, a new survey has revealed.

The digital diaries project, commissioned by antivirus and internet security company AVG Technologies, found that these kids are 'social media adults' even before they reach their teens.

"However, they have not developed the intellectual or emotional maturity to make the right decisions in the many complex situations they face online, from simple etiquette to gross invasions of privacy, sexual inappropriateness, and social bias," Stuff.co.nz quoted AVG security adviser Michael McKinnon as saying.

Internet



A magician conjures two pigeons during the 2011 Pan-Yangtze River Delta Magic Convention held in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 26 Nov, 2011. XINHUA

Malaysia launches women-only taxis

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Nov— Malaysia has launched a fleet of women-only taxis, an initiative that follows pink-coloured train coaches and buses aimed at shielding women from harassment, reports said Sunday.

Fifty women taxi drivers have started plying greater Kuala Lumpur on an on-call basis, and the government hopes the number of special taxis will expand to 400. *The Star* and the *New Straits Times* dailies reported.

Heng Seai Kei, deputy minister for Women, Family and Community Development, was quoted as saying the taxis made travelling safer for women,



Kuala Lumpur

as well as providing jobs for women who wanted to be taxi drivers.

"We hope it will reduce the number of rape and robbery cases involving taxi drivers and female victims," Heng was quoted

as saying at the launch of the service. Late last year, Malaysia's state-owned bus company began running female-only buses on several routes in Kuala Lumpur during peak hours to help counter sexual harassment on crowded public transport.—Internet

Bus crash in Togo kills six soccer players

LOME, 27 Nov—Six Togolese professional soccer players were killed and 28 other people were injured in a bus crash, said the Togolese government on Saturday.

The accident happened Saturday in the central City of Atakpame, about 160 km north of Lome, when a bus carrying the team fell into a ravine and caught fire, said the government in a statement.

The topple was caused by a tire burst, said the statement.

The Etoile Filante soccer team were on their way to Sokode for a match on Sunday.—Xinhua



People choose vegetables in a weekend market in Sugar Land, Texas, the United State, on 26 Nov, 2011. Organic vegetables and fruits are directly supplied by farmers here every Saturday. XINHUA

Traffic accident kills 30 in Ghana

ACCRA, 27 Nov—About 30 people died on the spot while several others were severely injured on Saturday when two buses on which they were travelling collided at Savelugu, a town near Tamale, the police confirmed.

The accident occurred when a Benz bus travelling from Kumasi to Bolgatanga, 810 kilometers northwest of Accra, collided with a Tamale-bound metro-mass transit bus, Alex Oppong of the Northern Regional Motor Traffic and Transport Unit (MTTU) told a local radio.

He said that the Benz bus attempting to overtake a car run into opposite lane and collided head-on with the bus.

Both drivers, together with all the passengers on the Benz bus died instantly, the police inspector said.

The dead were yet to be identified while the survivors who sustained varying degree of injuries had been rushed to the Tamale hospital for medical attention.

Xinhua

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First, the MC Sayadaw reported the number of the participants of the meeting and validity of the meeting.

The chairman Sayadaw of SSMNC delivered Ovada Katha.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated religious matters and the meeting adjourned.

During the meeting, Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunika Bhivamsa reported on works carried during the term of office of the Sixth SSMNC (second branch).

Afterwards, Member Sayadaws reported on



The 15th Plenary Session of 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress.—MNA

works carried out during the term of office of the Sixth SSMNC (second branch) in respective sectors. Participants of the meeting discussed matters on Vinaya, learning and religious affairs and passed resolutions. The first-day meeting ended this afternoon.—MNA



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

Lt-Gen Soe Win calls on Bangladeshi President, Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov — Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win who was in Dhaka visited Bangladesh Naval Headquarter on 23 November where they were welcomed by Chief of Naval Staff Vice- Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed, (ND), ndc, psc and officers and exchanged gifts at the latter's office.

At the meeting hall, an official of Bangladesh Navy gave accounts of the Headquarter. Lt-Gen Soe Win made questions and signed visitors' book.

Oh his arrival at Armed Forces Division, Lt-Gen Soe Win held discussions with Principal Staff Officer Lieutenant General Abdul Wadud, ndc, psc on cementing friendship between the two armies and matters related to cooperation.

Lt-Gen Soe Win and party visited Bangladesh Air Force Headquarter and met Chief of Air Force Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman, ndc, fawc, psc.

Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe and party called on Bangladeshi Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Mrs. Sheikh Hasina at her office.

Lt-Gen Soe Win calls on Bangladeshi President Mohammad Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban Presidential House.

MNA



Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Soe Win called on Bangladeshi President Mohammad Zillur Rahman at the hall of the Bangabhaban, Presidential Residence.

At Bangladesh National Defence College where Commandant Major General MD Shamin Chowdhury, nwc, psc and officers welcomed Lt-Gen Soe Win and party. An official gave account of the

college and Lt-Gen Soe Win asked about what he want to know. Lt-Gen Soe Win and party left Dhaka by military helicopters for Chittagong where they were welcomed by General Officer Commanding of Major General MD Ashab Uddin, ndc, psc of 24th Infantry Division and officers and their families. They put up for a night at VVIP Complex.

MNA

Myanmar disabled athletes to partake in 6th ASEAN Para Games

YANGON, 27 Nov— The 6th ASEAN Para Games to be held at Solo in Indonesia from 12 to 22 will be participated in by the disabled athletes of Myanmar Sports Federation for Disabled Athletes.

The sports events they partake in are track and fields, swimming, table tennis, badminton, chess and volley ball.

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May Ayeyawady dwellers serve...

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with both motor road and railroad. Coming soon, it would be able to travel Patheingyi and Hlathayya of Yangon by train from Hinthada and Zalun through the bridge. In addition, direct train service would also be available from Patheingyi and Hlathayya to Kalay of Sagaing Region by linking with Kalay-Pakokku-Kyangin-Hinthada railroad section, stretching about 700 miles in distance.

Transportation was of great importance in regional development as well as national development. Apart from economy, education, and health it also contributed to national consolidation and thus the previous Tatmadaw government had built motor roads, railroads and river-

*President
U Thein Sein
delivers address at
opening ceremony
of Ayeyawady
Bridge
(Nyaungdon).*

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spanning bridges across the nation as a network including Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). Construction of the bridge started on 1 January, 2011 and it was completed in the time of incumbent government.

There still remained four Ayeyawady Bridges uncompleted, namely Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga), and Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) in Bhamo Township. Of those bridges, Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) would be over two miles long railcum-road facility and would be commissioned into service soon.

Ayeyawady Region was rich in such natural resources as rice, meat and fish and salt. The development of the region depended on enthusiasm and determination of the workforce. However, rural regions and some urban areas of Ayeyawady region were slow in growth and the poverty rate still kept on rising. Today the government is implementing eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme.

Currently, the poverty rate of the country stood at 26 per cent and it is needed to reduce to 16 per cent in 2015. And thus, every body needed to work. There

would be work providing that there were land and water. Only with work, one could earn income for living. Saving the part of income would help improve living standard, enabling to send children to school. Consequently, the GDP of the nation would be growing and the human resources developing.

The government today was endeavouring for peace and stability of the State and economic development. As national peace and stability and economic development were of interrelated relation, the government while striving for peace and stability of the nation was exerting efforts for economic growth.

To ensure peace and stability of the nation, the government was working for internal stability, national reconsolidation and easing foreign pressures. In addition, it was trying to make eternal peace with internal national races armed groups rooted in the independence struggle.

For economic development, the government was focusing on boosting agriculture produce first for domestic sufficiency and second to fulfill the requirement of the regional countries if there was surplus. The government in cooperation with the

private sector was taking such measures as renovation of old irrigation systems, construction of new ones, provision of modern cultivation techniques to enable farmers practice double and triple-cropping patterns, encouragement to mechanized farming, and provision of capitals. At the same time, the government was encouraging local and foreign investments in order that there would emerge more factories and workshops at home, creating jobs and incomes not only for citizens working locally but for citizens working abroad. Now, projects of Dawei Deep-Sea Port and special economic zone, Kyaukpyu Deep-Sea Port, Yangon Thilawa Deep-Sea Port and special economic zone being implemented by local and foreign investments were the first step.

The government was planning to set up a deep sea port and an industrial zone in Ayeyawady Region. Motor roads, railroads, river- and creek-crossing bridges and deep sea ports were instrumental for the nation to distribute domestic products locally and internationally, for which the government was spending a large sum of money. It was doing so not only for a particular place or region but for the entire nation.

Blessed with fertile soil, rivers, creeks, and lakes abundant of fishes, and adequate rainfall for agriculture, Ayeyawady Region could eradicate poverty and would even become developed region if Ayeyawady dwellers worked hard utilizing those resources.

The President then said that he hoped Ayeyawady dwellers could serve the interests of their home region and the country with strength like the white elephant, which had emerged from the region.

Next, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that previously motor road and water way were the only mode of transportation between Ayeyawady Region and Yangon as there was no railroad. To be able to cope with increasing travelers and ensure swift transportation of commodities, the government had constructed railcum-road Ayeyawady Bridge in addition to Yangon (Hlathayya)-Patheingyi and Yangon (Hlathayya)-Zalun-Hinthada railroads.

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An aerial view of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

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Five special project groups undertook Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction project. To put the bridge into a serviceable facility, 137 engineers, 1723 skilled workers and over 2700 workers of bridge special project group No. 4, road special project group No. 1, bridge special group No. 6, bridge special group No. 11, road special group No. 4, road special group No. 15, road special group No. 16 and airport special group No. 2 engaged in bridge construction day and night. Ministry of Construction built the bridge in a short time in accord with international standards to meet set quality.

The Union Minister continued to say that considering smooth transport is integral to development of the country, the government showing its goodwill has been constructing road networks and river-spanning bridges across the country. At the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, eight 180-foot and above bridges and 74 under-180-foot bridges including Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) have been constructed so far.

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung in his speech said that geographically, as Ayeyawady Region has rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds in abundance, development of



President U Thein Sein and personnel pose for documentary photo at the opening of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). MNA

transport is much directly proportional to development of the region.

The government with goodwill constructed Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) to bring about development in Ayeyawady Region. So, friendly ties among local national races will be further bolstered up due to smooth transport in addition to development of economic, education, health and social sectors.

The chief minister on behalf of the Ayeyawady Region government and local people expressed thanks to the Head of State and the government for giving guidelines to construct Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), the Union Minister for Construction, deputy ministers, officials of Public Works for construction of the bridge

with set standards within prescribed period, and respective groups that helped finish bridge construction on schedule.

He vowed that the region government and local people will maintain durability of the bridge in return for the government's goodwill.

U Kyaw Thein, a local of Hsin Htone Village of Nyaungdon Township, spoke words of thanks for building the bridge.

Next, President U Thein Sein and party cordially greeted those present.

Then Union Minister U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister U Aung Min, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan

Hsint formally opened the bridge.

Afterwards, the President and party and officials posed for a documentary photo.

President U Thein Sein unveiled the stone inscription of Ayeyawady Bridge Nyaungdon. He sprinkled scented water on it and so did the Union ministers and party.

Next, the President and party posed for a documentary photo again at the foot of the bridge on the bank of Nyaungdon.

The President and party cordially greeted those present and inspected the bridge on a motorcade.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) is the eight facility of 180-foot and above opened in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The rail-cum-road with two lanes motorway is built at the place, 8000 feet upstream from Bo Myat Tun Bridge.

The foundation of the main structure of the bridge is bored pile reinforced concrete type. The piles are reinforced concrete type and the upper structure of the bridge is of steel trusses. The main bridge is 7402 feet long. The total length of the approach road—1837 feet long on the bank of Pathein and 1575 feet long on the bank of Yangon—is 3412 feet long. The total length of the approach railroad—6529 feet long on the bank of Pathein and 6614 feet long on the bank of Yangon—is 13143 feet long.

The main structure and approach road is 10814 feet long and the main structure and approach railroad is 20545 feet long. The motorway is 28 feet wide flanked by three feet wide pedestrian walks on both sides and the railroad is 14 feet wide. Its water clearance area is 262 feet wide and 57 feet high. It can withstand 75 tons load.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction project started on 1 January 2010 and finished during the period of one year and ten months and 25 days.

The motorway of rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) was inaugurated today and the railroad will be opened soon. — MNA



Photo shows already-opened Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

Dy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from China

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here by air today from Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China,

after paying a goodwill visit at the invitation of Mr Gu Zhao Xi, Vice Governor of Yunnan Province.

On 23 November, Deputy Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhao Xi

courtesy called on Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and hosted a welcoming dinner. Deputy Minister U Maung Myint inspected Myanmar Consulate-General on 26 November and delivered an address to the officials and staff.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Myanmar delegation also visited to Jinghong, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Sub-Province, Yunnan Province.—MNA



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends presentation of educational assistance and scholarship awards to students by Aung Thiri Foundation in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo...

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Members of the foundation presented K 500,000 each to 12 students from Pobbathiri Township who are attending University of Medicine-2 in Yangon, Yezin University of Agriculture and University of Veterinary Science, K 1.2 million for ninth standard students awarded with scholarship in the township for the second time, K 1.9 million for fifth standard students and school stationery to Kindergarten students through officials.

Next, U Sein Thaung, a local of Nawaday ward of Pobbathiri Township, spoke words of thanks.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party attended the ceremony to hand over documents related to school buildings built and repaired by Original Group Co Ltd to the Education Ministry at Basic Education High School (Branch) in Shwemyo in Tatkon Township.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Affairs Management Committee U Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Aung and wellwisher U Tha Htay, Chairman of Original Group Co Ltd, formally opened the new school building, and Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasants, Workers and Youths Affairs Committee U Tin Htut unveiled the signboard of the

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets those present at handing over of school buildings at Shwemyo BEHS (Branch) in Tatkon Township.—MNA



new school building.

The Vice-President and party viewed round the new school building.

Next, the opening of new school building took place at Mingala Hall of the school.

The deputy minister for Education spoke words of thanks for new school buildings.

Next, Chairman of Original Group Co Ltd U Tha Htay explained purpose of donation, saying that Shwemyo village is the native place of his family. The donation was realized as there were many difficulties in pursuing education when he was young. Necessary assistance will be provided for development of the village and the school, he added. Then wellwisher U Tha Htay and Daw Kyi Khin and family handed over

documents related to the new school building.

On behalf of local people, U Thein Aung, a townselder, spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted those present.

Wellwishers bought a six-acre plot to build new school building and sports ground for Shwemyo Basic Education High School (Branch) and a new 210-foot and 38-foot school building was built on it. Five new school buildings were repaired for the convenience of students for pursuing education. The new school building includes seven classrooms that can hold 420 students. A football ground was also built in order to meet school characteristics. —MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends cornerstone-laying ceremony of Kyaikkalot Shwe Min Wun Home for the Aged

YANGON, 27 Nov—A cornerstone-laying ceremony of Kyaikkalot Shwe Min Wun Home for the Aged on the compound of Historic Kyaikkalot Pagoda was held on the compound of the pagoda in Mingaladon Township, here, this morning, attended by members of the Sangha led by

Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Shwe Min Wun Sasana Yeiktha (Yangon) and Sobanarama Shwe Min Wun Sasana Yeiktha (Bago) Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Kammathanacariya Shwe Min Wun Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobana, Yangon Region Chief

Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, wellwishers and guests.

The Region Chief Minister and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, the Region Chief Minister, region ministers, officials and wellwishers laid cornerstones at

designated places and sprinkled scented water on them. The Home for the Aged includes one main building, there buildings for the elderly, one clinic, one mess and one kitchen.—MNA

Pabedan Township WJA holds AGM

YANGON, 27 Nov—Pabedan Township Writers and Journalists Association held its annual general meeting-2011 at the meeting hall of township General Administration Department here today, with an address by township WJA Chairman Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan).

Township Administrator U Tin Myo Aung called for issuance of township magazine as quickly as possible and pledged that the township would provide necessary assistance.—NLM



Pabedan Township Writers and Journalists Association holds annual general meeting 2011.—NLM

Elders of Hninzigon Home for the Aged worship Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

YANGON, 27 Nov—The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic from China received obeisance at Maha Pasana Cave of Kaba-Aye Hill for the fourth day on 25 November. The caregivers

of Hninzigon Home for the Aged, donors of the home, the elders and staff members totaling 206 paid homage and donated K 1,073,000.

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**Vice-President
Dr Sai Mauk Kham
delivering address
at the hospital (100-
bed) handing-over
ceremony.**

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He continued to say that the State had been upgrading standard of health care services for the people with the aim of ensuring health and fitness of all citizens with full life expectancy. Only when everybody was healthy and fit, would they discharge their livelihoods and State duties at full capacity. In consequence, various regions of the nation would enjoy development of social-economy life so as to contribute towards rural development and poverty alleviation being undertaken by the State.

He noted that the government on its part focused on extended opening of hospitals, clinics and rural health centres in all over the nation including the border regions and appointment of health staff, doctors and nurses. As specialists had been assigned duties at district level and some township level hospitals, the people of district level town and other populous townships

could easily receive health care services of specialists.

The Ministry of Health drew the short-term and long-term national health plans and built many hospitals from the 16-bed level to the 1000-bed level in all States and Regions if necessary. Up to 2011, a total of 100 border region hospitals and 82 sub-township hospitals, totaling 942 had been put into service.

In Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, one 1000-bed General Hospital, one 200-bed general hospital, two 100-bed hospitals, six 50-bed hospitals and six station hospitals came into operation, and one 300-bed general hospital and four 500-bed specialist hospitals were under construction, he added.

He said that as doctors and nurses had been assigned duties in rural areas as much as possible, effective medical treatment could be given for common diseases of respective regions. Thus, basic health staff cooperated with volunteers in providing health care

services to all villages.

The already-opened 100-bed Township Hospital was established with full strength of staff in organizational setup to be able to give more health care to the local people, he said.

He stressed the need for doctors, nurses and health staff of the township hospital to give health care services to the people with goodwill and sympathy.

The Vice-President urged the health staff not only to give medical treatment to the people but also to disseminate health knowledge to them as much as they could.

He pointed out that the people had to practise right lifestyle to be free from infection of many diseases and save the family cost. Moreover, the health personnel needed to share knowledge of benefits on hygienic activities at environments and in person to the patients.

He requested that the patients were to receive medical treatment systematically and give necessary assistance for the hospital for its durability.

In conclusion, the Vice-President thanked officials of Nay Pyi Taw Special Development Project Group, Nay Pyi Taw Council, district and township level bodies and local people for their contributions to construction of the hospital.

U Kan Chun and member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung handed over documents related to the hospital to Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of the Health Department.

Head of Tatkon Township Health Department Dr Tun Tun accepted hospital equipment worth K 6 million and K 5 million to the medical trust-fund donated by Shwedaung Development Co Ltd through Managing Director U Aung Zaw Naing.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The newly-opened township hospital (100-bed) is located on 30.55 acres of land at mile post 278/3 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway at the exist from Tatkon to Pyawbwe, in Bayintnaung Ward of Tatkon Township. The hospital constituted with five buildings was constructed by Shwedaung Development Co Ltd as of May 2011, spending K 3000 million allotted by the State.—MNA



Opening ceremony of the hospital (100-bed) in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township in progress.

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**Ayeyawady Region
Chief Minister's shield
Men's Football
tournament (Open)
continues**

YANGON, 27 Nov— The semi final match of the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's shield Men's Football tournament (Open) took place at Pyithu Sports Ground in Bogale Township yesterday.

At the event, Pathein District trounced Labutta District 5-0. Pyapon District and Pathein District play against each other in its final match tomorrow.—MNA

**South African army sent into Cape
Town to quell gangs**

CAPE TOWN, 27 Nov—The rising gang-related violence has prompted the South African authorities to send in army troops to restore security in gang rampant areas in Cape Town, officials said on Saturday.

Western Cape police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel André Traut said that the army joined hands with the police's tactical response unit, metro police and traffic officers in an operation in the gang-ravaged areas, including Lavender Hill, the "most dangerous place" in Cape Town.

The operation, one of many planned for areas across Cape Town in the next few months, was in response to several gang-related murders and daily

shootings, he said.

"High numbers" of police would be sent in over the festive season, according to Traut.

At least 64 people have been shot dead in gang-related violence across the city since the beginning of June, the local newspaper *Cape Argus* reported.

A peace agreement between local gangs last year lasted for only a few months and violence erupted again eight months ago.

"There is an ongoing call for this situation to be declared a state of emergency," said community official Kevin Southgate in the Steenberg area.

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Drug smugglers kill indigenous people in Paraguay

ASUNCION, 27 Nov—Officials in Paraguay say at least four indigenous people have been killed by drug traffickers in a remote region bordering Brazil since August. Governor of Amambay Province Juan Ramirez said the men had been murdered for witnessing landings of light aircraft used to smuggle drugs. Mr Ramirez travelled to Amambay after the Pai Tavitera tribe asked for protection. Tribe members told him traffickers shot one man as recently as last Friday. They said more than a dozen armed men came to their village and threatened a massacre unless they handed over \$1.8m (£1m) the

traffickers had lost when one of their planes crashed in the jungle. The villagers told investigators they heard the plane crash in bad weather in September, but denied having found the wreckage, or any money inside. Police found



the empty plane on Monday around 1km (less than a mile) from the village. They said there were signs that heavy vehicles had entered the area and removed evidence from the plane, including its engines.—Internet

Muscle relaxant cuts severity of Huntington's disease

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—A muscle relaxant is able to reduce the severity of Huntington's disease (HD), a new study has claimed.

HD is characterized by ongoing destruction of specific neurons within the brain. It affects a person's ability to walk, talk, and think, leading to involuntary movement and loss of muscle coordination.

Progressive damage to medium spiny neurons (MSN) in the brain of a person with HD is responsible for many of the symptoms and is caused by an inherited recessive mutation in the

gene "Huntingtin".

The mutated version of this protein leads to abnormal release of calcium from stores within the neurons which in turn disrupts the connections between neurons firing and muscle contractions, and eventually kills the neurons.—Internet



A group of kids wait in line for dates during the Emirates International Date Palm Festival in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on 22 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

Man uses scuba gear to evade Australia bushfire

PERTH, 27 Nov—A man who stayed behind to defend his home from a bushfire in western Australia used scuba-diving equipment to escape the blaze.

While others in the town of Margaret River fled their homes, Peter Fabrici got his wife to safety and then went back to fire-proof his home.

Seeing houses in the distance going up in flames, he donned wet clothing, an oxygen tank and goggles. When the flames got too close, he jumped into his neighbour's pool.

Before the bushfire arrived, the 53-year-old stuffed rags into gutters and fixed sprinklers on the roof to prepare his house for the flames.

"There were spot fires everywhere, the wind was increasing, the smoke was getting thicker and I basically stayed with the house as long as I could," he told Australian broadcaster Channel 9.

But when the flames approached, he was forced to submerge himself in his neighbour's pool and use the scuba-diving gear.

Internet



Firefighters were battling to control the bush fire, as Peter Fabrici tried to fire-proof his home.

INTERNET



Actors perform during a dancing opera about the Dong ethnic group in Sanjiang Dong Autonomous County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 24 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

Singapore tightens advertising guidelines for casinos

SINGAPORE, 27 Nov — Singapore authorities tightened advertising and promotion guidelines for the country's two casinos on Friday.

Local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia said the aim of the authorities tightening the Casino Control (Advertising) Regulations was to make sure that the promotions such as membership drives, rewards and loyalty programmes do not target the domestic market.

The changes were announced on Friday with immediate effect.

Channel NewsAsia said the authorities were prompted to act by the casinos

providing free shuttle bus services from the heartland to its casino, promoted its rewards program and publicizing casino winnings on the website.

"The casinos can do whatever they want to promote their growth, but one of the things that we say is that you must never, never target the local population when it comes to promoting the growth. If you want to attract more tourists, we are okay with that.

That is part of your job to do that," said Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports Chan Chun Sing. —Internet

Roundworm genome sequenced by int'l research project

COPENHAGEN, 27 Nov — An international research collaboration has mapped the entire genome of the roundworm, a parasitic intestinal worm that currently infects some 1.2 billion people

worldwide, researchers at Copenhagen University said here on Thursday. The breakthrough could help pave the way towards finding vaccines or medicines to treat or prevent the para-

site that infects millions of people every year with roundworm, the university said. The project was conducted by Australia's Melbourne University, China's Beijing Genomics Institute at Shenzhen (BGI-Shenzhen) and Denmark's Copenhagen University, among others.

The research findings were published Thursday in the science journal Nature. As roundworm in pigs closely resembles roundworm in humans, the researchers experimented on pigs to map the roundworm genome, said Peter Nejsum, a post-doctoral fellow at Copenhagen University's Life Sciences Faculty, who worked on the project.

Xinhua



The "Yuanwang 1" Space Tracking Ship moors at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, 27 Nov, 2011. "Yuanwang 1", China's first vessel for tracking and controlling rockets and spacecrafts that was retired in 2010 after 32 years on service, was moved to Shanghai's World Expo Park on Saturday. The vessel will serve as a museum for scientific education.—XINHUA

Man charged in campus undie thefts

Police at Florida Gulf Coast University said they arrested a 36-year-old man accused of stealing around 35 pairs of women's underwear in two incidents.

FGCU Police Chief Steven Moore said Cody Lee White of Cape Coral is believed to be behind a pair of October incidents, stealing 15 pairs of underwear in one incident and 20 pairs of underwear in the other, the *Naples Daily News* reported Thursday.

The arrest report said White told officers he has a sexual fetish for women's underwear and would regularly steal

the clothing items from campus laundry rooms. He said he would discard the items after a time. Moore said underwear thefts are rare on campus, but there have been other laundry-related incidents.

"We've had theft where one student has stolen clothing just because they wanted it, had somebody steal bed sheets or damage people's laundry, had somebody pour bleach in a washing machine because the clothes were left in there too long," Moore said.

White was charged with misdemeanor counts of loitering and petty theft. He was released after posting \$1,000 bond.



People break a world record as they take part in the world's largest and longest 3D anamorphic street painting, which is 60.46 metres (198.36 feet) long with a surface area of 892 metres square (9601 square feet), by British artist Joe Hill in the Canary Wharf district of London, on 17 Nov, 2011.

Russian anchor fired over middle finger

A Russian TV station said it has dismissed a news anchor for flipping the bird while reading an item about US President Barack Obama.

REN TV said it dismissed anchor Tatiana Limanova after she made the obscene gesture while saying the president's name during a 14 Nov story about the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation conference, *RIA Novosti* reported Thursday.

However, officials with the TV station said Limanova's gesture was not aimed at Obama but rather at "editorial staff" colleagues who were attempting to distract her from off-camera.

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Time off jail sentence for losing weight

A Florida man earned nine days off of his 29-day jail sentence by losing 25 pounds during his stay behind bars.

George McCovery, 37, who had been convicted of driving with a suspended license, accepted a deal from Lake County Judge Donna Miller to spend his first 20 days in jail losing weight and then have a day removed from the remainder of his sentence for each pound he had shed, the *Orlando Sentinel* reported Thursday.

"It's not easy to lose weight. I thought he'd lose 5, maybe, 6 pounds — not 25," Miller said. "It's like (sentencing) someone in a drug case. I'd much rather have them stop doing drugs than send them to jail. I hope I can help."

Lily Allen apologises for 'bullyish' remark



Singer Lily Allen

watching his appearance on television cookery show "Drop Down Menu" Thursday, reports contactmusic.com.

In a post on Twitter, she wrote, "Comedy Dave on Channel 4's Drop Down Menu being unfunny as per," prompting her followers to post mocking messages about Vitty too."

Allen later showed remorse and blamed her comment is because of hormonal changes which she is going through because of her pregnancy: "Sorry, feel a bit bullyish now, hormones made me say it. Comedy Dave is brilliant."—*Internet*

LONDON, 27 Nov—Singer Lily Allen has apologised for making "bullyish" remarks about a comedian on Twitter.

The 26-year-old poked fun at David Vitty after

Demi Lovato saved by rehab

LONDON, 27 Nov—Actress Demi Lovato believes her three-month stint in rehab saved her life.

The 19-year-old spent three months receiving treatment for an eating disorder and self-harming. She is grateful that her loved ones accept her for who she is, the *femalefirst.co.uk* reported.

"Thinking about how far I have come in a year makes me so thankful. I could not have done this without God and the amazing support from my family," she said.

"I learned how to be strong and healthy even through struggles. It also helped me open up about my issues and share them with others. Knowing that my family, friends and fans accept me for who I am is the greatest feeling ever," she added.—*Internet*



Actress Demi Lovato

Ben Whishaw to play 'Q' in new Bond film 'Skyfall'



British actor Ben Whishaw

LONDON, 27 Nov—British actor Ben Whishaw will be portraying the character of Q in the new Bond flick 'Skyfall', his agent has confirmed. The role of 007's gadget designer was played by Desmond Llewelyn in *From Russia With Love* and most recently by John Cleese, opposite Pierce Brosnan, in 2002's *Die Another Day*.

This is the first time that an actor portraying

as Daniel Craig is 43 years old while Whishaw is 31, the *BBC* reported. Q is the head of Branch Q, the fictional armoury division of the secret service.

Craig returns as 007 in his third outing, as British actors Naomie Harris and Albert Finney join him in the 23rd Bond film, due out next year. Oscar-winning Spanish actor Javier Bardem has been cast as *Skyfall*'s main villain.—*Internet*

the character of Q is 12 years younger than Bond,

Rachel Weisz to star in 'The Railway Man'



Rachel Weisz

LONDON, 27 Nov—Actress Rachel Weisz is all set to star in "The Railway Man" alongside Colin Firth.

Contactmusic.com reports that Weisz will take on the role of Patricia 'Patti' Wallace, the second wife of Colin's character Eric Lomax.

Eric is a lieutenant in the Royal Corp of Signals who is captured by the Japanese army in Singapore during World War II.

The real life story is based on former army officer Eric's book which details his experiences as a prisoner of war, and how he set out decades later to track down his tormentors and exact some revenge.—*Internet*

Sutton Foster heads back to 'Goes'

NEW YORK, 27 Nov—Actress Sutton Foster returned to the Broadway revival of "Anything Goes" Friday after taking several weeks off to shoot a TV pilot, the show's producers said.

Foster won a Tony Award for Best Actress for her work in "Anything Goes," which also earned the Tonys for Best Revival of a Musical and Best Choreography.

Playbill.com said Stephanie J Block has been filling in for Foster since she temporarily left the show 4 Nov.

Internet



"Sutton Foster"



Actress Maura Tierney poses for photographers at the Project Angel Food's 11th annual Angel Awards in Los Angeles on 21 Aug, 2004.

INTERNET

Maura Tierney to appear on 'The Office'

LOS ANGELES, 27 Nov—Maura Tierney is to play a recurring role on the US sitcom "The Office," starting next month, Zap2it.com said.

The former "Rescue Me," "ER" and "NewsRadio" star will debut on the workplace series 1 Dec.

She will play the wife of James Spader's character, Dunder Mifflin Chief Executive Officer Robert California.

Zap2it.com noted this will be Tierney's first role on a comedy series in more than a decade.

Internet

Spanish Leading Scorers

MADRID, 27 Nov — Leading scorers Saturday in Spanish first-division football:

Cristiano Ronaldo, Real Madrid,	16, (6)
Lionel Messi, Barcelona,	15
Gonzalo Higuain, Real Madrid,	12
Roberto Soldado, Valencia,	8
Karim Benzema, Real Madrid,	7
Radamel Falcao, Atletico Madrid,	7, (3)
David Barral, Sporting Gijon,	5
Cesc Fabregas, Barcelona,	5
Nicolas "Miku" Fedor, Getafe,	5
Juanlu Gomez, Levante,	5
Fernando Llorente, Athletic Bilbao,	5
Adrian Lopez, Atletico Madrid,	5
Miguel "Michu" Perez, Rayo Vallecano,	5

Internet

Juventus beat Lazio to reach top in Italian Serie A

ROME, 27 Nov — Juventus extended their unbeaten streak with a 1-0 win at Lazio to reach the top of the Italian Serie A on Saturday. The visitors scored the sole goal of the match through Simone Pepe in the 34th minute in a fast counter-attack. The result allowed Antonio Conte's Juve to leapfrog Udinese into first place with a game in hand. Antonio Conte, head coach of Juventus, cut a content figure after the game.

"I'm happy, as it was not an easy match and we won a top of the table clash," he said. "As far as we are concerned, this performance is an important sign of our maturity. We suffered under pressure too, but that's inevitable at the Olimpico and we never stopped looking for the second goal," he said. —*Internet*



Juventus and Lazio players observe a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the flood of Messina, prior to the start of their Serie A soccer match, at Rome's Olympic stadium, on Saturday. The players wear black armbands to honour late Danish player Carl Aage Praest, who died last week at the age of 89. He played for several seasons for Juventus before closing his career playing one season for Lazio.—INTERNET

Liverpool 1-1 Manchester City

LONDON, 27 Nov—Barclays Premier League leaders Manchester City preserved their unbeaten record with a draw at Liverpool.

City grabbed the lead just after the half-hour when captain Vincent Kompany lost Dirk Kuyt and Glen Johnson at a David Silva corner to rise and send a glancing header into the far top corner. Liverpool equalised just two minutes later. Kompany's clearance from the edge of the area went only as far as Kuyt and the Dutchman teed up a shot for the onrushing Charlie Adam.

Adam failed to make clean contact but his effort took a huge deflection off former Everton defender Joleon Lescott to wrongfoot Joe Hart.

City were reduced to 10 men seven minutes from time when substitute

Mario Balotelli was sent off for a second bookable offence. David Silva almost won it for the visitors but saw his shot cleared off the line in the final minute and then Hart made a superb stoppage-time save from Andy Carroll.—*Internet*



Vincent Kompany scores the opening goal for Manchester City at Liverpool.—INTERNET

Clarke shoots 70, off to South Africa

COOLUM, 27 Nov — British Open champion Darren Clarke completed his final round—a 2-under-par 70—at the Australian PGA on Sunday more than an hour before the leading groups teed off.

Clarke's early start—the second group of the day at 6:35 a.m.—came after a self-described "brutal" 79 on Saturday, leaving him near the bottom of the 66-man field which made the cut.

Clarke, who's traveling with the claret jug that he won at The Open championship at Royal St George's in July, finished with a 3-over 291.

Internet

Golf-World Cup format to change with Olympics on horizon

HAIKOU, 27 Nov — The format of golf's World Cup will change in 2013 to mirror the competition at the 2016 Olympics when the sport makes its return to the Games in Brazil, organizers told *Reuters* on Saturday.

The tournament will also command world ranking points and bring back an individual four-round trophy for the first time since 1999 when Tiger Woods won the individual award in Malaysia. Ken Chu, chairman and CEO of Mission Hills, confirmed the changes would be taking place for the 2013



Ma Lin of China

SINGAPORE, 27 Nov— He beat China's former Olympic champion Ma Lin 4-3 in a stunning comeback on Thursday to reach the last eight in the ITTF Pro Tour Grand Finals at London's ExCel Arena.

And Singapore men's table tennis No 1 and world No 18, Gao Ning, continued his impressive run on Saturday when he outclassed South Korea's Ryu Seung-min, the world No 15, 4-0 (11-9, 16-14, 11-5, 11-7) to book a spot in the semi-finals. Gao, 29, will play

event.

"The World Cup will change format, and it will begin enjoying world rankings points, and it will still be held biennially and at around this time of year," he told *Reuters*.

"But with golf to be in the 2016 Olympics the equation in golf changes, and these changes to the World Cup will be having the Olympics in mind." Chu, along with his younger brother Tenniel, Mission Hills vice chairman, held meetings earlier this week at Haikou with the Federation of Golf Tours heads, including PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem and his European Tour counterpart, George O'Grady.

Internet

Italian Football Results

MILAN, 27 Nov—Results in Serie A, the Italian first-division football league (home teams listed first):

Friday's Game
Udinese 2, Roma 0

Saturday's Games
Lecce 0, Catania 1
Novara 2, Parma 1
Atalanta 1, Napoli 1
Lazio 0, Juventus 1

Internet

Table Tennis: Singapore's Gao Ning marches on

China's world No 3, Zhang Jike, in the last four today.

Singapore's Wang Yuegu, 31, caused a huge upset in the women's singles quarter-finals when she knocked out China's world No 3 Guo Yan in seven games. But the world No 9 came unstuck on Saturday against world No 5 Liu Shiwen of China in the semi-finals, going down 4-2 (9-11, 11-5, 4-11, 13-11, 11-9, 11-5)

The tournament is serving as a test event for the 2012 Olympics. Wang enjoyed success in the women's doubles quarter-finals when she teamed up with Li Jiawei and beat England's Joanna Parker and Kelly Sibley 4-1. The Singapore pair

will meet China's Guo Yue and Li Xiaoxia on Sunday. Elsewhere, Singapore's new men's doubles pairing of Yang Zi and Zhan Jian were eliminated by China's Ma Long and Wang Hao in the semi-finals. Yang and Zhan put up a spirited fight but went down 4-2 (11-4, 7-11, 11-6, 11-8, 9-11, 13-11) to the Chinese pair. In the men's under-21 competition, Chen Feng's fine run came to an end when he lost the final to South Korean top seed Kim Min Seok 4-1.—*Internet*



Gao Ning

SPORTS

Swansea City 0-0Aston Villa

LONDON, 27 Nov—Swansea and Aston Villa played out a subdued goalless draw at the Liberty Stadium in a game overshadowed by the death of Wales manager Gary Speed.

Fabian Delph became the first man in the book after just two minutes for a crude challenge on Leon Britton.

Alan Hutton quickly followed Delph into the book after a poor challenge on Taylor that left the full-back needing prolonged treatment on his ankle.

Swansea had enjoyed an early spell of pressure but it was Villa who had the first meaningful effort on goal when Agbonlahor forced Vorm to beat away his angled drive after good work by Charles N'Zogbia.

Swansea were dealt a blow when full-back Angel Rangel was forced off after 26 minutes with an ankle problem, with Wales Under-21 captain Jazz Richards replacing the Spaniard.

Agbonlahor's pace was proving to be a real threat and he teed up Stephen Warnock for the full-back to miscue a cross narrowly over Vorm's bar.

Scott Sinclair dragged an effort wide and although Swansea were having more of the ball they were proving to be uncharacteristically wasteful in possession, allowing Villa to capitalise by launching sharp counter-attacks.

Swansea enjoyed a brief bright passage as Allen flashed an effort wide from distance at the other end as the hosts strung together their first incisive attack of the half.—*Internet*



Swansea's Joe Allen tries to evade Chris Herd of Aston Villa. INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (28-11-2011) (Monday)

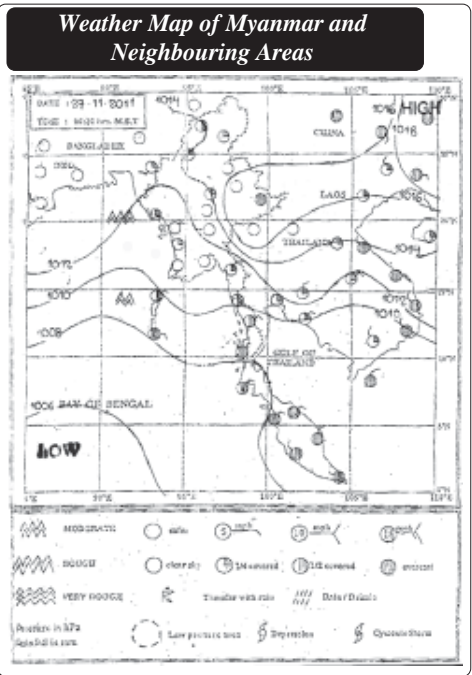
Local	Transmissions	Times
		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(28-11-11 09:30 am ~ 29-11-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Holiday Paradise & Me
- * News
- * UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Day
- * Painting of Dance
- * News
- * Picture Decorated With Seashells And Gemstones

- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Ancestor And Successors
- Overseas Transmission**
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- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Ancestor And Successors
- * News
- * A Warm Welcome from the Golden Land
- * News
- * My Dream Charity Show
- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Shwe Gu Gyi Stupa, a unique of its kind with Cement
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Regretful Game"



Monday, 28 November View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am**
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
- 7. Song Of National Races
- 8:05 am**
- 8. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:35 am**
- 9. Documentary
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm**
- 4. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:40 pm**
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Myanmar)
- 4:55 pm**
- 6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
- 7. Musical Programme (The Radio)

- Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:15 pm**
- 8. Myanmar Language
- 5:30 pm**
- 9. Myanmar Idol
- 6:00 pm**
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 12. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm**
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 15. International News
- 16. Weather Report
- 17. World's Stars
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. India Drama Series

Weather forecast for 28th November, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	12/54	Partly cloudy	
2	Kayah	28/82	10/50	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	21/70	04/39	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	15/59	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	17/63	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	34/93	20/68	Partly cloudy	
8	Bago	33/91	19/66	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	34/93	19/66	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	33/91	17/63	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	34/93	21/70	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	34/93	20/68	Generally fair weather	
13	Rakhine	34/93	16/61	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	27/81	09/48	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	28/82	08/46	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	13/55	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	21/70	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	16/61	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	20/68	Generally fair weather	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	17/63	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) below November average temperatures in Mandalay Shan States, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Mandalay, Yangon, and Taninthayi Regions, Chin and Mon States and November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Haka (4°C), Pinlaung (6°C) and Heho (7°C).

Bay Inference

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South and West Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Wang Xiaoli, Yu Yang complete Super Series Grand Slam winning

SHANGHAI, 27 Nov—World No.1 Wang Xiaoli and Yu Yang of China completed a Grand Slam winning of all five Super Series titles when they overwhelmed compatriots Tang Jinhua and Xia Huan 21-11, 21-10 in the women's doubles final of the China Open on Sunday.

Wang and Yu proved a class above their younger teammates, hitting 27 smash winners to win the duel in just 39 minutes.

"We had never won the China Open before, so we really want it," Wang said at the post-match press conference.

"Wang and I have played consistently since we teamed up in September last year, but I do think that we still can do better if we take some time off to focus on preparations for the London Olympics, not just rushing around to play the tournaments," said Yu.

Meanwhile, Wang Xin failed to continue her winning streak in BWF Super Series, as she retired due to a sprained knee from the women's singles final just fifteen minutes into the first game when fellow Chinese Wang Yihan was ahead 18-12.—Xinhua



Visitors enjoy themselves at the geo park in Ma Shi Chau Special Area in Hong Kong, south China, 27 Nov, 2011. The 61-hectare Ma Shi Chau Special Area consists of Ma Shi Chau, Yeung Chau, Center Island and an unnamed islet. Home to well-outcropped rocks, the area is an ideal location for studying strata, rock properties, sedimentation features and different geological compositions. Tourists could visit along a 1.5 kilometers long route to visit attractions which highlight local geological features.—XINHUA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends ceremony to award scholarship in Pobbathiri Township, hand over school buildings in Tatkon Township



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo looks round Shwemyo Basic Education High School (Branch).

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—A ceremony to present educational assistance and scholarship awards to students of Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area by Aung Thiri Foundation was held at No. 20 Basic Education High School in the township this morning, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasant, Worker and Youth Affairs Committee U Tin Htut, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, the chairman of Aung Thiri Foundation and members, teachers, students and local people.

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe

reported on opening of over 41,000 basic education schools in the entire nation and training of teachers to over eight million students, implementation of this academic year as first year of third five-year short-term plan of the National Education Promotion 30-year Long-term Plan by the Ministry of Education, undertaking the tasks of completion on learning of all citizens in basic education at respective levels and enhancement of basic education capability, arrangements of the State to award scholarship awards and stipends beginning 2012-2013 academic year and cooperation with local people for improvement of school buildings and thanked the Aung Thiri Foundation for awarding the educational assistance and scholarship awards to the students.

Chairman of Aung Thiri Foundation U Tha Htay reported that the foundation was constituted in February 2010 for contributing to the development of the State. The foundation cooperates with local people for fulfilling the requirements of education, economic, health, religious and social tasks in Pobbathiri Township, he said. He explained disbursement of agricultural loans to the farmers with soft interest for development of agricultural production sector concluded in the rural development and poverty alleviation plan, and provisions on assistance for education, health, social, religious and water supply tasks for social economic development of rural areas.

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State upgrading standard of health care services for people with the aim of ensuring health and fitness of all citizens with full life expectancy Tatkon Township Hospital (100-bed) commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—As the Ministry of Health extends opening of hospitals, rural health centres and clinics in the entire nation including border areas, a new hospital (100-bed) was opened in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham unveiled the plaque of the hospital and sprinkled scented water on it.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister at the President U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and guests.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin, Tatkon Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Oo and Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Kan Chun formally opened the new hospital.

The Vice-President visited departments of the hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that all the people could see the grander new hospital built by Nay Pyi Taw Special Development Project Group under the plan to build 100-bed hospital for providing health care services to the people of Tatkon Township. It was significant not only for the State but also for the local people as functions of the 100-bed township hospital could be run commencing today.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts patients at new Tatkon Township Hospital (100-bed).

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He said that the past 50-bed Tatkon Township hospital was upgraded to the 100-bed hospital as of 26 May 2011. Due to difficulty of plot for extending the hospital building, the new hospital was built on the new

plot. The hospital was built with the design in conformity with the current period to provide health care services to people of Tatkon and its surrounding areas.

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