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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Ways and means to be sought for boosting crop production to ensure food sufficiency for increasing population President U Thein Sein visits Agricultural Research Department and Yezin Agriculture University

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov.—Production of quality strains, training and education, and research and development are the three main duties of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. With a view to ensuring constant development of agricultural techniques, the ministry had established Agricultural Research Department in 2004.

The department was constituted with seven divisions, seven central crop research farms and 17 regional research farms. The department could develop high yield and hybrid strains suitable for particular regions, and bio-friendly cultivation methods most beneficial to particular regions; set up seed bank to preserve and utilize different species of strains and develop crop patterns; develop advanced techniques and botanical biotechnology research works and educate farmers.

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President U Thein Sein views display of strains collected from regions and states at crop species from different regions and states showroom.—MNA



President U Thein Sein views 100-acre Palethwal high-yield and hybrid paddy strains in research farms at Yezin University of Agriculture.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 30 November, 2011

Care about public security

Peace and stability of a certain region defines development of the region. Only when there is rule of law and peace and stability the length and breadth of the nation, will economy and trade activities boom, thereby contributing towards better living standards of the people.

It is not strange that crimes are becoming common in the densely populated territories around the world. But outbreak of anarchic violence and murder and robbery cases committed by groups of people provoked severe criticism that it was due to weakness and negligence of organizations that are responsible for rule of law.

Violent crimes occurred recently in some townships of Yangon, also known as commercial hub, looked like scenes in movies. It can be concluded that acts of violence occurred within arms reach of law enforcement personnel has become a threat posed to the rule of law.

It is required to make sure that the public including women who are dealing with departmental works and trading day in, day out are safe. Lives and property of the people are to be protected in accord with the law.

Prevention plays an important role in curbing crimes. It is necessary to keep a watchful eye on those with criminal backgrounds in our own townships and encourage public cooperation. Only through public cooperation, can security measures be taken effectively.

Nonetheless, law enforcement personnel who are responsible for ensuring community peace and tranquility and rule of law are to provide protections to the people dutifully. Not to occur again, effective measures should be taken against violent crimes endangering public security.

Floating market to leave for Mandalay on 4 Dec

YANGON, 29 Nov—Mya Ayeya Vessel, the Yangon-Mandalay floating market of Commodity Transport Branch of Inland Water Transportation of the Ministry of Transport will leave for Mandalay from Botahtaung No (3) Bridge here on 4 December.

Those wishing to sell their products may contact the Commodity Transport Branch on Botahtaung Market Street in person or dial 292199 and 292319.

Those from townships may contact Township Manager's Office of Inland Water Transport in Maubin, Danubyu, Myanaung, Kyangin, Pyay, Thayet, Aunglan and Magway.—MNA

"J" to follow "I" in overage vehicle substitute importation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—As the second phase of importation of the substitution for overage vehicles with over 30 years of registration, the procedures on "I" alphabet vehicles started on 8

Russian Avant-Garde Art Exhibition opens

YANGON, 29 Nov — Under the cultural exchange programme, the opening of Russian Avant-Garde Art Exhibition, jointly organized by the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Culture and Embassy of Russian Federation in Myanmar, took place at Painting and Sculpture Hall of the Ministry of Culture in Bahan Township, here, this morning, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the Region ministers, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Mikhail Mgeladze and embassy staff,



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Russian Ambassador view paintings at Russian Avant Garde Art Exhibition.—MNA

ambassadors of foreign embassies in Myanmar and officials of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture.

The Russian Ambassador made an opening address and Director-General of Arts Museum in Russian Federation Mr. Alexander Sysoenko gave an account of the exhibition.

Next, Rector U Kyaw Oo of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and Deputy

Ambassador U Myo Lwin accredited to Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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Director-General Daw Nu Mya Zan of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library spoke on the occasion.

Then the Chief Minister viewed paintings on display at the exhibition and signed visitors' book.

The exhibition where 53 works by famous Russian artists of 19th and 20th centuries were displayed will be kept open up to 13 December.

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26th SEA-ME-WE 3 Cable System Management Committee Meeting held



The opening of SEA-ME-WE 3 Cable System Management Committee Meeting in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—The 26th SEA-ME-WE 3 Cable System Management Committee Meeting was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning, attended by Chief Engineer U Kyaw Soe Win of foreign communication station based in Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and personnel, members of SEA-ME-WE3 Cable System Management

November and the procedures on "J" alphabet vehicles will be handled starting on 30 November, according to the Directorate of Road Transportation.

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Committee, member nations of the cable system and representatives of companies and organizations.

Chief Engineer U Kyaw Soe Win and co-chairman of the cable system management committee Mr Yves Ruggeri spoke on the occasion. The meeting will be held till 2 December.

The SEA-ME-WE 3 cable system is the cable connection from Europe to Japan and Republic of Korea through Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, India Ocean and Pacific Ocean. A total of 64 nations are investing in the cable system, 34 of which will be of direct link including Myanmar.

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US President Obama's travels called into question

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov— As the election year approaches, US President Barack Obama is travelling more and more to states that were considered as contentious in next year's presidential contest.



US President Obama

The White House on Monday pushed back on the accusation, saying that Obama's travels had nothing to do with campaigning, and he is merely doing his job as president.

According to a report on Monday's *Wall Street Journal*, Obama will have logged his 56th event in a presidential battleground state this year when he visits

Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday to promote his jobs package, putting him well ahead of the then President George W. Bush's record-breaking swingstate travel in 2003.

According to the paper, between 1 Jan and 17 Nov of his third year in office, Bill Clinton held 40

events in the battlegrounds of his time. Over that same stretch, George W. Bush held 49 events, drawing complaints from Democrats.

The White House, however, denied the accusation. Obama's Press Secretary Jay Carney said during his daily briefing on Monday

that the trips were not politically driven.

He said that as the election landscape shifts, it's not clear which states will be battleground next year. For example, In 2003 and 1995, Virginia wasn't a battleground state, so it wasn't included in the Bush and Clinton numbers.

"These are subjective assessments," he said of the comparisons.

Carney also said that many states were chosen because of their proximity to Washington, DC "He can't always go to the Mountain states or the Plains states or the West Coast," Carney said.

Xinhua



Thailand's Public Health Minister Withthaya Buranasiri fumigates a building after floodwaters receded in Ayuthaya Province on 26 Nov, 2011. Thailand's worst floods in 50 years have killed 610 people and devastated industry, but the situation is slowly improving, with water receding in many affected areas.

REUTERS

China-Russia partnership to continue good momentum

BEIJING, 29 Nov — China believes that the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation will maintain good development momentum in a sustainable and healthy way, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here Monday. Spokesman Hong Lei made the remarks at a daily Press conference when asked for China's comment on Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's acceptance of the ruling United Russia party's nomination to run in the country's presidential election in March. Putin accepted the nomination on Sunday.—Xinhua

Lebanon, Israel exchange fire

JERUSALEM, 29 Nov—Several rockets fired overnight from southern Lebanon landed in Israel, but there were no casualties, Israel's army announced in a statement early Tuesday.

After the rockets landed in the western Galilee region, the Israeli army retaliated, striking the area from where they had been launched, the army said, without offering further specifics.

"The Israeli army considers that it is a serious incident and believes that it is the responsibility of the Lebanese government and the Lebanese army to avoid this kind of attacks," the Israeli army said in a statement.

Israeli public radio reported that four rockets had landed in Israel — one caused minor damage, while another landed in a populated area but failed to explode. Local military commanders were assessing the situation but people in northern Israel, where the rockets landed, had not been told to go to air raid shelters, said an army spokesman.

The last incident at the Israeli-Lebanese border dates back to August 1, when soldiers from the two countries exchanged fire along the Blue Line, the UN-drawn border.

A similar incident more than a year earlier left two Lebanese soldiers, a journalist and a senior Israeli officer dead. In May 2011, Israeli troops killed 10 people and wounded more than 110 others on Sunday on the border in south Lebanon during a Palestinian refugee protest to mark the anniversary of the 1948 creation of the Jewish state, which Palestinians term the "naqba," or catastrophe.—Internet



Vehicles destroyed by a suicide car bomb explosion are towed away in the town of Taji, about 12 miles (20 kilometres) north of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, on 28 Nov, 2011. A suicide bomber slammed a car packed with explosives into the gate of a prison north of Baghdad on Monday, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET

One killed, 24 wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Nov—A soldier was killed and 24 people were wounded Tuesday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in western and central Iraq, the police said.

In Iraq's western province of Anbar, a soldier was killed and 10 people were wounded when a booby trapped car detonated near an Iraqi army checkpoint on the western entrance of the city of Hit, some 160 km west of Baghdad, a source from Anbar's operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Four soldiers were among the people wounded by the blast, the source said.

Also in the province, a roadside bomb went off near a police checkpoint in central Qaim city, some 330 km west of Baghdad, wounding three policemen and two passers-by, the source added. Near Baghdad, four civilians were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded outside a gas station in the city of Mahmoudiyah, some 30 km south of the capital, an Interior Ministry source anonymously told Xinhua.—Xinhua

Nigerian army arrests nine suspected kidnapers in Rivers State

PORT HARCOUT, 29 Nov— Nigerian troops operating in oil rich Rivers State on Monday said nine suspected kidnapers were arrested by soldiers of the 2nd Army Brigade command in Port Harcourt.

Military spokesman in the state, Major Ahmad Dikko, told reporters that the suspects were arrested on

Saturday, during a stop and search operation.

One of the suspects was killed during an exchange of gun fire with soldiers at a security check point at Omoku. "Two other suspects who fled into the bush were later arrested around," he added. According to him, soldiers immediately mounted an operation at their camp and arrested

four other suspects and freed one kidnapped victim.

Dikko said a manhunt has been ordered for the arrest of the gang leader and their sponsors.

He advised youths to desist from crime and stressed that the Army was at the top of security in the state.

Xinhua

A citizen walks on a snow-covered pavement in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 29 Nov, 2011. This is the first snow fallen in Taiyuan this winter.

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Health

**Health Tip:
Parenting a disabled child**

Parenting a disabled child can be quite a challenge, but there are plenty of programmes and services that can help. The womenshealth.gov website offers these suggestions for the parents of disabled children:

- * Find out as much as possible about your child's particular disability.
- * Talk about issues and concerns with friends, family members or parents of other disabled children.
- * Every state has a range of programmes and services for disabled children and their parents. Learn which of them suits your needs.
- * Join a support group.
- * Stick to a daily routine.
- * Take each day one-at-a-time.
- * Take good care of your own physical and emotional health.

Internet

File photo taken on 20 May, 2004 shows an orphan infected by HIV stand in an orphan's centre in Blantyre, Malawi. The World AIDS Day falls on 1 Dec, with the theme of "Getting to Zero" this year. UNAIDS is striving to achieve the vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. But activists say this might be a difficult target to accomplish, as discrimination is still widespread in many parts of the world. NGOs and volunteers play a significant role in the AIDS prevention field worldwide. They make their efforts in different way to help the people suffering the disease, to take care of the children who are orphaned by AIDS, to broadcast the knowledge about AIDS prevention and the faith to eliminate discrimination.—XINHUA

Mother-to-child HIV/AIDS infection plunges in China

BEIJING, 29 Nov — The rate of HIV/AIDS infection from mother-to-child in China dropped from 34.8 percent at the start of 2009 to 7.9 percent in 2010, according to a senior official with the Ministry of Health.

In 2009 and 2010, the central government allocated 8.3 billion yuan (1.3 billion US dollars) to carry out a series of health projects for women in the rural areas,

including child delivery in hospitals, tests for cervical cancer and breast cancer, and mother-to-child HIV/AIDS infection prevention, said Vice Minister of Health Ma Xiaowei Monday at a meeting on women and children.

According to Ma, 13.9 million pregnant women in rural areas received HIV/AIDS-related consultations and examinations in the two-year period.

Figures from the ministry show that the country had 429,000 registered AIDS patients and HIV carriers as of the end of September, up by nearly 60,000 over the past 11 months. Although growth in the registered HIV/AIDS population has declined in recent years, previous research also indicated that a large group was not covered in the official count.—Xinhua



Health

New prospect of reversing Alzheimer's disease raised

BEIJING, 29 Nov— Scientists in Canada have raised a prospect of reversing Alzheimer's disease by deep brain stimulation, according to media reports Monday.

The technique here is known as deep brain stimulation — applying electricity directly to regions of the brain. It has been used in tens of thousands of patients with Parkinson's as well as having an emerging role in Tourette's Syndrome and depression.

The study at the University of Toronto took six patients with the condition. Deep brain stimulation was applied to the fornix — a part of the brain which passes messages onto the hippocampus.

Lead researcher Prof Andres Lozano said you would expect the hippocampus to shrink by five per cent on average in a year in patients with Alzheimer's.

After 12 months of stimulation, he said one patient had a five percent increase and another had an eight percent increase. Prof Lozano told BBC: "This is the first time that brain stimulation in a human being has been shown to grow an area of your brain."

"It was an amazing finding for us," he said.

The findings were presented at the Society for Neuroscience conference in November but they have yet to be published in an academic journal. To test whether this is really working, rather than being a fluke result, the researchers are going to perform a larger trial.—Xinhua

Business



Amazon reports record sales of Kindle products on Black Friday

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Nov— Amazon.com on Monday announced that this past Black Friday was the best ever for its Kindle products with consumers buying four times as many Kindle e-readers and tablets as they did last year.

According to the online retail giant, its newly launched tablet Kindle Fire was the bestselling product across all of Amazon.com on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, which falls on 25 Nov this year, when major retailers in the United States traditionally offer big discounts.

Kindle Fire is Amazon's answer to Apple's popular iPad. Priced at 199 US dollars, the Amazon product is much cheaper than iPad which starts from 499 dollars. Survey results by research firm ChangeWave Research released days before Black Friday indicated that Amazon is poised to become the No 2 player in the tablet computer market behind Apple, due to strong demand for Kindle Fire.—Xinhua

US stocks end sharply higher on strong holiday sales, European hopes

NEW YORK, 29 Nov— The US stocks soared on Monday, with the S&P 500 snapping a seven-day losing streak, as investors were encouraged by strong holiday sales and new hopes for a more radical European debt solution.

Data showed that

American consumers spent more than expected in the Thanksgiving Holiday, easing concerns for a more sluggish economy. According to the National Retail Foundation, Black Friday sales hit records this year, pulling in 52.4 billion dollars. Cyber Monday, the biggest online shopping day of the year, was also expected to have an impressive sales result as

customers make the shift to online shopping.

As of Monday's close, the Dow Jones industrial average rallied 291.23 points, or 2.59 percent, to 11,523.01.

The Standard & Poor's 500 surged 33.88 points, or 2.92 percent, to 1,192.55. The Nasdaq Composite Index soared 85.83 points, or 3.52 percent, to 2,527.34.—Xinhua



A trader works at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, the United States, on 28 Nov, 2011.

Technology

Over 78 million Brazilians have Internet access

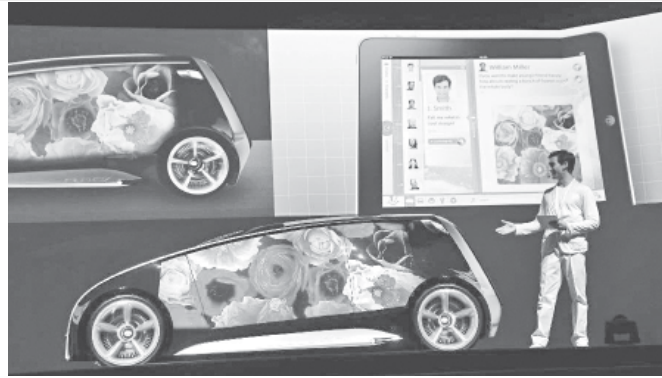
SAO PAULO, 29 Nov—More than 78 million Brazilians have access to the Internet, according to third-quarter statistics provided Monday by the private consulting firm Ibope.

The figure is up 6.5 percent from the total for the same period last year.

The total number of Brazil's 190 million people with access to the web at home, at work, in schools and cybercafes reached 73.9 million at the end of 2010. Of those with access to the Internet from home or from work, 46.7 million were active users in October, up 0.8 percent from September and up 11.9 percent from October last year. Meanwhile, online shopping sites registered 32.3 million customers in October, up 4.5 percent from September.—*Internet*



Brazilian internet users log on at a cybercafe in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2010. More than 78 million Brazilians have access to the Internet, according to third-quarter statistics provided Monday by the private consulting firm Ibope.—INTERNET



A staff shows the functions of Toyota's latest concept vehicle "Fun-Vii" in Tokyo, on 28 Nov, 2011. Drivers can change "Fun-Vii" or change its body color by touching the car shell like using a touch panel, and all softwares can be updated via internet. "Fun-Vii" will be unveiled to the public on 3 Dec at the 42nd Tokyo Motor Show.—XINHUA

Toyota unveils new concept car ahead of 42nd Tokyo Motor Show

TOKYO, 29 Nov—Toyota Motor Corporation unveiled their newest next generation concept vehicle "Toyota Fun Vii" at a pre-show prior to the 42nd Tokyo Motor Show.

The concept vehicle can be connected to a smart phone and have the content shown on the display screen both inside and outside the car. The whole vehicle body covered by display panels, which allowing the driver check the car's condition before getting into it and even change the look of the car at will. The interior

of the car also contains large adjustable display system that may provide necessary navigation information to the driver or change the colour of the seats to match the passenger's mood.

The president and CEO of Toyota, Akio

Toyoda said that cars will not only be cars. It should be emotional to people and fun to drive. The key value of vehicles in the future is "to be linked". Toyota also showed two new types of electric bicycle co-developed with Yamaha Motor

Corporation. The new concept vehicles will be presented on the 42nd Tokyo Motor Show from 3 to 11 Dec at Tokyo Big Sight, the most important annual event for Japan's automobile industry.

Xinhua



The new AFP (Agence France Presse) iPad application in Spanish is seen in Montevideo, Uruguay. Agence France-Presse (AFP) on Monday launched its iPad application in Spanish and Portuguese providing access to the latest stories, videos, pictures and graphics from its network of correspondents around the world.—INTERNET

Science



Glonass-K Satellite Model 1:1 courtesy of PaGn via Flickr.—INTERNET

Russia orbits another Glonass navigation satellite

Moscow, 29 Nov—Russia sent one more navigation satellite to the Glonass cluster in space on Monday, the Russian Space Forces said.

According to spokesman Col Alexei Zolotukhin, the Soyuz-2.1b launch vehicle blasted off from the Plesetsk space centre in Arkhangelsk Region at 12:26 Moscow time (0826 GMT), and it would position the Glonass-M satellite in the designated orbit of about 20,000 km above the Earth.

The satellite would separate from the booster about three hours after the launch, he said. Three Glonass-M satellites were launched on a Proton-M rocket from Baikonur, Kazakhstan earlier this month. The Glonass cluster now consists of 30 satellites, including 23 operating, two under maintenance, two on standby and three being put into service. Glonass, the Russian equivalent of the US Global Positioning System (GPS), is designed for both military and civilian uses. The system requires 24 operational and two to three reserve satellites in orbit to ensure global coverage.—*Xinhua*

2,000-year-old tomb found in NE China

BEIJING, 29 Nov—An ancient tomb more than 2,000 years old has been recently excavated in Northeast China's Liaoning Province. This archaeological discovery is expected to break traditional views on ancient civilizations in that part of the country.

The tomb, part of cluster that archaeologists began excavating in 1999, lies 5.5 metres

underground and covers an area of 72 square metres in Dongdazhangzi Village in Huludao City of Liaoning Province. It has been confirmed to date back to the Warring States period.

Archaeologists from the Liaoning Institute of Archaeology said that it is the largest tomb from the period ever excavated north of the Great Wall, making it of great academic value.

Wang Wei, dir archaeology inst from Chinese Academy of Social Science, said, "The tomb is quite large, and high-level funerary items show that its owner was of high rank, which point to the identity of the owner." Besides part of the tomb owner's bones and teeth, many high-quality funerary items, including double-handed ring-pommel knives and agate circles, as well as animal skeletons have

been unearthed. There were also a lot of delicate pottery pieces discovered in the tomb, and experts say they show strong characteristics of Central China.

Archaeologists said the ancient tomb combines the burial customs of the local minority and the Central Plains of China, as well as the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River.

Hua Yubing, deputy director of Liaoning

Institute of Archaeology, said, "We found that the uncovered items showed the changing process: the indigenous culture became weak, while the Central China's cultural influence became strong."

As of November 2011, archaeologists working on the cluster as a whole have located 137 ancient tombs, cattle skulls and pottery in the style of the Central Plains of China.—*Internet*



An ancient tomb more than 2,000 years old has been recently excavated in Northeast China's Liaoning Province.—INTERNET

Thai hotel group taps in Sri Lanka's tourism boom

COLOMBO, 29 Nov— Sri Lanka, Asia's fastest growing tourism market, became the latest addition of a Thai hotel group as it plans to tap into post-war boom on two hotel ventures in the island, an official statement said here on Monday.

Sri Lanka's Serendib Hotels, the hotels arm of conglomerate Hemas group last week announced their tie up

with global leisure brand Avani, in partnership with internationally-renowned Minor Group.

Avani Hotels and Resorts is the latest brand of luxury hotels of Thailand-based Minor Hotels Group and will operate in Asia, Oceania, the Middle East and Africa.

Minor's other brands include the world-famous Marriott, Four Seasons, St Regis and

Anantara.

The first property to be branded Avani in Sri Lanka will be open to tourists from the beginning of next month. The hotel is located in the southern part of the country.

The second Avani resort will be in Kalutara, about 43km from Colombo, after an upgrade in 2012.

Minor, which has a 20 percentage stake in

Serendib Hotels, will also launch the Anantara brand by building a new resort in Kalutara with an investment of Rs. 2 billion (18 million US dollars).

Sri Lanka is seeing a tourist boom since ending its three decade war in 2009 with arrivals topping 750 000 this year. The country is targeting 2.5 million tourists by 2016.

Xinhua



Workers load the 2011 US Capitol Hill Christmas Tree upon its arrival before the Capitol Hill in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 28 Nov, 2011. The 118-year-old tree from California arrived in Washington, DC on Monday after a 23 days and 4280 miles journey across the country.—XINHUA



A doll designed by Chanel is shown during the exhibit of Frimousses de createurs at Petit Palais in Paris, France, on 28 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

S Korea's Lee signs bills to implement FTA with US

SEOUL, 29 Nov—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak on Tuesday completed the process to implement a contentious free trade agreement with the United States by signing a slew of bills.

"The free trade agreement will open the door to the American market, which is the world's largest," Lee said after signing the bills. "Let's overcome (economic difficulties) by taking advantage of the agreement."

Vulnerable domestic industries should be well prepared to boost their competitiveness to survive market competition, the president added.

Lee's ruling Grand National Party rammed through the trade agreement last week despite fierce resistance from opposition lawmakers, following US Congressional approval of the deal.

Liberal and left-leaning opposition parties have denounced the unilateral move by the conservative ruling party, which holds a comfortable parliamentary majority. Mass rallies voicing opposition to the agreement are held daily in downtown Seoul.—Xinhua



Dancers take part in the fire dragon dance during the Debao Tourism Festival in Debao County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 27 Nov, 2011. Fire dragon dance is a traditional custom in Debao County.—XINHUA

Rainfall to stop Shanghai's warmest winter in decade

BEIJING, 29 Nov—Ginkgo leaves hesitated to turn gold, while flowers blossomed in April bloomed once again in November. Shanghai is experiencing its warmest winter in a decade.

According to the Shanghai meteorological bureau, the city's highest temperature reached 23 C on Sunday and Monday and will remain about 20 C on Tuesday. But meteorologists

declined to connect the abnormal weather with global warming.

Although this is the beginning of winter - one of the 24 Chinese solar terms fell on 8 Nov this year - this is the third time in November that the City has got warm again after a cold spell.

The average temperature in November has been 16.6 C so far, 2.7 C higher than the average temperature in November

in the past 10 years in Shanghai.

Beijing has encountered a warm winter too.

According to data obtained by the forecasting centre of the Beijing meteorological bureau, the average temperature in the capital this November has been about 2 C higher than that in the past 10 years.

However, a strong cold snap will bring temperature down in Central and East China in the coming week, and some regions will see snow and heavy rain, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said on Sunday.

Combining with a warm, moist air current, the cold snap will bring rain and snow to most of Central and East China from Monday to Saturday, the NMC said.

It will start raining in Shanghai on Tuesday and the weather will gradually get colder from Tuesday night onwards.

The temperature on Friday will range from 8 to 12 C and the rainfall will then stop.

"The current sunny and warm weather is caused by high pressure," said Wu Rui, chief service officer of the Shanghai meteorological bureau.

"However, we can't say that a short period of warm weather has any direct connection with global warming."

Local residents grabbed the opportunity to enjoy the rare warm weather in late autumn.

The local meteorological bureau suggested that people should pay attention to everyday weather forecasts and put on warm clothes to avoid catching a cold.

Xinhua



Oxfam activists make a protest aimed at 17th Conference of the Parties under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban.—INTERNET

Chinese police busts multi-million-dollar fake drug cases

ZHENGZHOU, 29 Nov—Police in central China's Henan Province said Tuesday that they had seized 210 million yuan (33 million US dollars) worth of counterfeit drugs in the latest crackdown on illegal drug production.

The confiscation came after police busted 187 dens that allegedly made or sold 240 million bogus pills and eyedrops, with their

packages copied from 150 pharmaceutical brandnames, according to the Public Security Department of Henan.

A total of 121 suspects were arrested in the campaign, which involved more than 3,000 police.

Last month, another crackdown in the province ended with the seizure of 190 million yuan of counterfeit drugs.—Xinhua

Over 200 kg of illicit drugs seized in Sydney

SYDNEY, 29 Nov— More than 200 kilograms of illicit drugs worth 30 million AU dollars (29.66 million US dollars) has been seized in Sydney during a joint operation between the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and the Australian Federal Police (AFP), authorities said on Tuesday. The AFP said the 216 kg of drugs, found hidden in boxes of raisins in a shipment from Afghanistan, included 97.7 kg of heroin and 118.4 kg of pseudoephedrine.

A 34-year-old man

from the southern Sydney suburb of Peakhurst has been charged with importing the large quantity of drugs, and will face Sydney Local Court on Tuesday, police said.

The operation started on November 7, when the Customs and Border Protection officers targeted a consignment for examination. The consignment, from Iran is believed to have originated from Afghanistan and contained 3,105 cartons declared as 'red raisins'.

Xinhua

Deputy Commander-in-Chief Lt-Gen Soe Win visits War Museum and BIPSOT in Dhaka

An administrative and training officer explains history of BIPSOT to Lt-Gen Soe Win and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Myanmar Armed Forces goodwill delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, wife Daw Than Than Nwe visited Liberation War Museum in Dhaka of People's Republic of Bangladesh on 26 November.



The administrative officer of the museum Lieutenant Colonel Forhad explained the history of Bangladesh. Lt-Gen Soe Win and party viewed round the museum and posed for

documentary photo before Bijoy Katon statue in front of the museum.

Lt-Gen Soe Win and party then flew to Bangladesh Institute of

Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT). Acting Principal Colonel Muhammad Ashrafual Quader, afwc, psc welcomed the Myanmar delegation and an

administrative and training officer explained the history of BIPSOT and current courses conducted at the institute. Lt-Gen Soe Win put questions about

eligibility for entrance to the institution, duration and kinds of courses, and number international students. The acting principal then conducted the Myanmar delegation

round lecture halls. The delegation then went back to Hotel Radisson in Dhaka from which flew back to Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA

Special Refresher Course No (78) for basic education teachers opens

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov — The opening of Special Refresher Course No (78) for basic education teachers was held at Central Institute of Civil Services (Phaunggyi) this morning with an address by Chairman of Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu.

Also present were member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay and officials and 1501 trainees.

In his address, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board said that education is the

primary pillar of human resources development. Special attention has to be given on human resources development while striving for promotion of internationally-recognized education standard. He called on teachers to discharge their duties successfully within the framework of the policies. Teachers of 21st century are to use ICT as a tool. It is necessary to realize policies and procedures related to education sector as well as policies of state-building laid

down by the new government. Teachers of 21st century are to try hard to be learners of 21st century. Being a member of the United Nations, teachers are to take part in their respective roles in implementation of educational tasks leading to sustainability and Education for All programme which are being employed in Myanmar.

Next, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board cordially greeted trainees. — MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister provides cash and kind to fire victims in Myebon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov — Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin delivered an address at the ceremony to provide fire victims with cash and kind at the compound of Seiktara village monastery in

Myebon Township on 25 November.

After hearing reports on rehabilitation works for fire victims presented by the township administrator, the Chief Minister, officials and well-wishers donated

cash and kind to fire victims.

Next, the Chief Minister met locals at Kamhtaukyi village BEHS and presented publications to Khit Shaehsaung Library of the village. — MNA

Brazil leases airport to private consortium

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Nov—President Dilma Rousseff signed a concession plan Monday that would allow private investments for the first time in airport construction and operation as Brazil races to prepare for the 2014 soccer World

Cup. Under the plan, the Sao Goncalo do Amarante Airport in the north-eastern state of Rio Grande do Norte, would be ran by Inframerica, a consortium formed by Brazil's Engevix and Argentina's Corporation America.

Rousseff said the concession has opened a new phase in Brazil's civil aviation history and that she was counting on private companies to help improve the country's aviation sector.

Inframerica won the contract by beating three

other bidders with 170 million reais (92 million US dollars) or 228 percent more than the minimum price raised by the government.

The Inframerica consortium will run the airport for 25 years, with a possible maximum extension for five more years.

According to National Civil Aviation Agency, Inframerica will invest some 650 million reais (351 million US dollars) on the construction and operation of the airport. The construction will be finished in three years.

The government expects the airport to be ready for operation before the 2014 FIFA World Cup, and the Brazilian state's current airport is still being renovated in case the new airport is not finished in time.

Internet

Researchers design steady-handed robot for brain surgery

LONDON, 29 Nov—Neurosurgeons may one day get help in operating rooms from a robot with movements 10 times steadier than the human hand to perform delicate brain surgeries, the EU said Monday. The European Commission touted the EU-funded ROBOCAST project as a breakthrough in robotic neurosurgery that could in future help treat tumors, epilepsy, Parkinson's

disease and Tourette syndrome. Developed by British, German, Italian and Israeli researchers, the robotic hand, guided by a surgeon, has 13 types of movement compared to four available to human hands during minimally invasive surgery.

It even has "haptic feedback", or physical cues that allow surgeons to assess tissue and feel the amount of force applied during surgery, the



Photo taken on 28 Nov, 2011 from Chinese icebreaker Xuelong, or Snow Dragon, shows a sea area with intensive floating ice, on its expedition to Antarctica. The ice breaker Snow Dragon, carrying the Chinese Antarctic exploration team, would arrive at the Zhongshan Station at the end of November.

XINHUA



President U Thein Sein views testing of rice quality at plant biotechnological lab in Agricultural Research Department.—MNA

Ways and means to be sought for boosting...

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members and departmental heads visited Agricultural Research Department and University of Agriculture in Yezin, Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and ARD Director-General U Khin Soe conducted the President round the seed bank where the President observed display of strains developed and distributed by paddy and other crop research departments, biotechnological research and insect preventive methods, researches on soil and water utilization and research findings.

The President then viewed display of strains of paddy, beans and pulses, oil crops, cereals, common millets, Italian millets and maize collected from regions and states at crop species from different regions and states showroom, testing of rice quality with modern equipment, registration of bio characteristics of Myanmar paddy strains, testing of amount of DNA included and quality, genes culture and testing of cultured genes through gel electrophoresis, and short-term preservation ranging from three to five years and mid-term preservation ranging from 20 to 30 years of over 20000 strains at species cold storage.

At the Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yezin University of Agriculture, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation explained to the President, saying that his ministry had been constantly carrying out such works as production of quality strains to enable farmers boost agricultural produce, training and educating farmers to ensure they have access to modern agricultural techniques, and making researches on high yield quality strains and scientific cultivation methods. Those measures were aimed to double the incomes and enhance socio-economic status of farmers. The ministry was urging and enforcing agriculturalists and dam-construction technicians to work on the ground as one, trying to understand the real challenges farmers were facing.

The saying "Engage in farming because of illiteracy" should be changed into "Engage in farming thanks to literacy". It is needed to strengthen the nation and improve the socio-economy of the people by developing the agricultural sector. The ministry was striving in unison sticking to the President's instructions.

In seeking practical ways and means for better living

standard of farmers who are lagging behind in socio-economic development, conventional ways and means are not a workable solution to it.

The practical ways needed to be carried out simultaneously are effective use of quality strains, good agricultural patterns and agricultural input like fertilizers for high yield like other developed countries, inviting investments from sources inside the country and abroad and fulfilling the requirements in technology and capital with the help of State budget. By doing so earnestly, the national goal of ensuring rural region development and poverty alleviation will be realized within the short period of time.

Next, Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw reported on works being carried out for development of agriculture sector and follow-up tasks for establishment of model farming and Rector of Yezin University of Agriculture Dr Tin Htut, ongoing research works on crops.

In his address, the President said works are being carried for national development in all sectors. Emphasis is being placed on food sufficiency as it is of primary importance. Only then, can other works for national development be carried.

As the world population has reached seven billion, each and every country in the world is striving for food security.

With the increase in number of population yearly, the number of consumers has increased. So it is required to seek ways and means for boosting crop production and extend arable croplands so as to ensure food sufficiency for the population that will continue to increase. For our nation, more efforts have to be put into agricultural tasks, targeting the population that will reach 100 million in future.

On the other hand, climate change and natural disasters caused losses and damages of croplands. For every nation, food security has become a must as there arises the concern about it. With yearly increased population growth as well as climate change, it is required to apply modern agricultural methods for boosting crop production.

Today, researches of the ministry are good enough and it is necessary to teach such results to students so as to utilize them in practical field. Experiences and knowledge are to be brought to practical field rather than in laboratory. It is required for university students not just to pass exams but to study hard agricultural subjects and to disseminate them to those who have not studied such subjects.

Although initiated period started with agriculturists and scholars for so long, it still lagged to date. Initiatives are to be taken so as to keep abreast of other countries and then to pass through them next. In doing so, it is needed to cooperate with the ministries related to agriculture to produce more crops and gain achievement. Seventy percent of the country's population is rural people whose professions are farming. Much as they have workable capacity, they have chance to do farming works only in growing season that triggered loss of workforce and hindrance to development tasks. So, measures are to be taken to see farming-based factories in rural areas. Only then, will oddjobbers have jobs to struggle for their life with decent wages. In addition, rural development and poverty alleviation schemes will be affectively supported.

Furthermore, in order to have high yielding rate in growing and producing sector, it is required to change growing method from conventional to mechanized farming system and to have greater share of State's budget allotment to conduct agriculture research.

Only when crops can be produced, will livelihood be on safe side. Then emphasis can be set on other nation-building tasks. Only when industrialization can be touched in the country, will the country be rich. Investments are being invited as the country lacks sufficient investments. To gain technology, technological universities have been opened to generate human resource.

The President in his conclusion urged all to promote agriculture sector more than ever and to realize the industrialized country to become an affluent country.

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President U Thein Sein views preservation of strains at strains cold storage in Agricultural Research Department.—MNA

Ways and means to be...

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All in all, agricultural production will have to be increased under its current momentum and the nation need to be industrialized to bring about wealth of the nation. As these procedures are intertwined, related ministries are to work in coordination. Generally, 80 per cent of farmers are ordinary in terms of education.

The country will enjoy the boost when the situation of "being farmer as a result of being uneducated" is shifted to "running farm because of being educated". Students need to be trained to adopt objectives to applying learnt lessons in practice and take attitudes towards agricultural

development. If the experts, companies and farmers work together, the agricultural sector will be development with added momentum. To feed the country with rising population, it is required to increase crop production and apply modern methods in the field.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing presented a photo to the President as a gift.

The President viewed international rice and crop strains exhibited near the hall. On arrival at Paletswal high-yield hybrid paddy 100-acre strain production research farm, the President viewed the operation of strain purifier and procedures of purifying the strains.

Yezin University reduced its academic years from five to four as of 1999-2000 academic year, conducted

PhD courses since 2006-2007 academic year, allowed 200 male students and 200 female students to join the university since 2007-2008 academic year, and opened seven crop specialized branch schools and started teaching third year students in each specialization.

Thanks to agricultural research works, farmer education activities were increasingly carried out and technologies to produce quality strains suited to the topography of the region, economic crops and cost effective and high-yield crops are developed.

Agricultural experts play a significant role in agricultural development and contribute to the development of research, farmer education, agriculture and economic sectors.—MNA

Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in Chief General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, at the invitation of Chinese People's Liberation Army, left here for the People's Republic of China on 27 November morning to pay a goodwill visit and arrived at Kunming International Airport at 6.45 pm local time.

Deputy Yunnan Military Region Commander Maj-Gen Yang Jin Rui, the Myanmar military attaché to China and personnel welcomed the Myanmar delegation at the airport.

General Min Aung Hlaing and the deputy Yunnan military region commander extended greetings at 2 VIP

Lounge of the airport. Then Myanmar delegation proceeded to Beijing.

On their arrival at Beijing International Airport, the General and party were welcomed by Director-General of Foreign Relations Department of the Chinese PLA Maj-Gen Qian Lihua and officials, Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and personnel of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office.

General Min Aung Hlaing and Maj-Gen Qian Lihua greeted each other at T.3 VIP Anteroom and Myanmar delegation proceeded to Kuntai Royal Hotel.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed by Director-General Maj-Gen Qian Lihua of Foreign Relations Department of People's Liberation Army of China at Beijing International Airport.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing visits Poly and Alit companies

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—The visiting Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai, Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei, visited Poly Company in Beijing

yesterday morning.

Poly Co Chairman Mr Zhang Lian Sheng explained the history of the companies and its businesses. General Min Aung Hlaing put questions for his knowledge and attended the luncheon hosted by the Poly Co Chairman.

General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Alit Company in the afternoon. Alit Co Chairman Mr Guo Zhaoping briefed the General on company matters. The General put questions for his knowledge and viewed round the showroom of Alit Co.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chairman of Alit Company Mr Guo Zhaoping.—MNA



Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market held

YANGON, 29 Nov—Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market, organized by Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd (DIR) with the assistance of ASEAN Secretariat, was held in Traders Hotel here yesterday.

Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) Deputy Governor U Maung Maung Win addressed the workshop.

Scholars gave talks on bond market

at the workshop which was attended by personnel of State-owned banks and private-owned banks and monetary organizations.

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Deputy Governor U Maung Maung Win addresses Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market.—MNA



Chinese PLA Chief of General Staff hosts dinner in honour of Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by General Min Aung Hlaing

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov— Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Chen Bingde hosted dinner in honour of Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing at Xi Dan Hall in Beijing yesterday.

On their arrival at Xi Dan Hall, General Min Aung Hlaing and delegation members were welcomed by General Chen Bingde.

Together with Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of Commander-in-Chief of Office, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Chief of Staff (Navy)

General Chen Bingde hosts dinner to General Min Aung Hlaing at Xi Dan Hall in Beijing.
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Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Commander of

North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-

Gen Hsan Oo and senior military officers of Commander-in-Chief Office, Myanmar

Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and officials were also present at the dinner. Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Chen Bingde was accompanied by Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian, Deputy Political Commissioner of the PLA Navy Lt-Gen Wang Zhao Hai, Chief of Staff of the PLA Air Force Maj-Gen Yang Guohai, Head of General Staff Department Maj-Gen Bai Jiangjun, Head of Military Intelligence Department Maj-Gen Chen Youyi, Head of General Staff and Campaign Training Bureau Maj-Gen Chen Zhaohai, Director-General of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Qian Lihua and Chinese

Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr. Col Xiong Shao Wei.

At the dinner, Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Chen Bingde and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing delivered addresses and enjoyed dinner. During the dinner, Naval Music Band, Beijing Music Band and Gyaungzhou Gymnastics Troupe of Chinese People's Liberation Army presented entertainments.

After dinner, General Min Aung Hlaing presented cash awards to entertainers and posed for a documentary photo together with them.

Next, two Tatmadaw leaders exchanged gifts. Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation put up at Kuntai Royal Hotel. —MNA



General Min Aung Hlaing and General Chen Bingde pose for documentary photo at the MoU signing between Myanmar and China on defence cooperation. (News on page 16)—MNA

Deputy Foreign Minister receives Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director from the Bureau for Development Policy of UNDP

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov— Mr. Douglas Gardner, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director from the Bureau for Development Policy under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in New York, paid a courtesy call on Dr. Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the ministry here at 2:00 pm today.

The two sides discussed and exchanged views

on assistance in the finalization of the programme document in the process of formulating a new programme to succeed the current Human Development Initiative- Phrase 4 (HDI-4).—MNA



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint receives Mr Douglas Gardner from the Bureau for Development Policy of UNDP.
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COSCAP-SEA-Programme leading committee meets in Yangon



13th Leading Committee Meeting of Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme-South East Asia Programme (COSCAP-SEA-Programme) in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—The 13th Leading Committee Meeting of Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme-South East Asia Programme (COSCAP-SEA-Programme) was held in Sedona Hotel in Yangon this morning.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Yangon Region Road

Transportation Minister U Aung Khin, departmental heads, representatives of COSCAP-SEA members Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Laos, Macao (China), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Timor Leste, Vietnam and Myanmar, and observers of local airlines.

The Union minister delivered an address and posed with those present. **MNA**

ASEAN-ITU Subregional CSIRT/CIRT/CERT workshop for CLMV held



ASEAN-ITU Subregional CSIRT/CIRT/CERT Workshop for CLMV in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Nov— ASEAN and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) organized ASEAN-ITU Subregional CSIRT/CIRT/CERT Workshop for CLMV at Chatrium Hotel here this morning, with an address of Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin.

ITU Regional

Office for Asia and Pacific Region Ms. Aurora Rubio extended greetings in the workshop which lasts from 2 to 4 December. Cyber Incident Drill will be practiced on 1 December. The more users of information and communication technology and internet in Myanmar, the more cooperation work with ASEAN and international countries in

those fields for cyber security.

It was attended by Managing Director of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications U Eidei Hla and officials concerned, Ms. Aurora Rubio, officials from International Multilateral partnership against cyber threats (IMPACT), cyber security experts of CLMV and Chinese, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, India, and Thailand and officials of mmCERT. **MNA**

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Kaba Aye Pagoda packed with pilgrims who pay homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic



Pilgrims paying homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Nov—Pilgrims continued to crowd Kaba Aye Pagoda for the eighth day to pay obeisance to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic at Maha Pasana cave on Kaba Aye Hill here today.

Yangon Region government and Shwe Yangon Bus Line arrange free buses for the elders and the handicapped

from Gems Gate No (6) to the cave.

The donations from 28 November evening to this evening amounted K 88,280,473, items of jewellery worth K 76,686,600, USD 13938, Euro 40, Singapore dollar 257, FEC 232, Hong Kong dollar 40 and Thai Baht 7700. **MNA**

“Knowledge Bank” library commissioned into service in Myaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov— A ceremony to put a library into service in Mintha Kya Village, Myaing Township in Magway Region took place at its place on 26 November morning.

Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs and members of Maternal and Child Association formally opened the signboard of the library building named “Knowledge Bank”, and Myaing Township Administrator, District

IPRD Staff Officer, Mintha Kya Village Administrator and the donor cut the ribbon to open the library.

The first-ever donations of the library were K 0.2 million for a fund and 1250 books and 2350 publications.

The newly-opened library is 22 feet in length, 17.5 feet in width and nine feet in height. It was built in the cost amounted K 4.5 million. **MNA**

World War II shells found in China

BEIJING, 29 Nov—Workers in China’s Liaoning Province have found about 100 artillery shells discarded by Japanese troops during World War II, police said Monday.

The shells were used with howitzer cannons and are still active. They were unearthed at a residential building construction site near the Shenyang railway station.

The Shenyang railway station was built by Japanese troops when they invaded China, *Xinhua* reported. On 18 Sep, 1931, Japanese forces attacked the barracks of Chinese troops in Shenyang, marking the beginning of the Japanese invasion and occupation that lasted 14 years. **Internet**

Apple releases iOS 5.1 beta to developers

BEIJING, 29 Nov— Apple has released iOS 5.1 beta for iPhone, iPod touch and iPad, which developers can download from the Apple developer portal, media reported Tuesday. The new version represents the first significant update to iOS 5 since its release in mid-October.

BGR Monday posted the full release notes of the software, which

developers must sign a nondisclosure agreement to use. The notes do not suggest any major new features in the build, despite anticipation otherwise.

According to the release’s What’s New document, iOS 5.1 includes better dictation support for third-party apps. Unfortunately, there’s no word on whether iOS 5.1 mitigates

power-related issues that iPhone 4S users are still complaining of.

A report from German Mac site Macerkopf.de earlier this month suggested that 5.1 would bring extra features to Siri in the form of hardware controls, letting users adjust things like Wi-Fi and Bluetooth radios through the iPhone 4S voice assistant. **Xinhua**

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Consignees of cargoes carried by M.V. GWBEYCHEVELLE are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

Voy-027	PKG	26-11-2011	YGN	30-11-2011
Voy-029	PKG	07-12-2011	YGN	11-12-2011

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the by-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargoes will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Break-inman 'was a town flat'

ESSEX, 29 Nov — A man trying to break into his own flat with a sledge hammer after locking himself out was surprised to come face-to-face with police officers — one of whom had a Taser. A neighbour of the man had called Essex Police, concerned that a crime was being committed. The caller had seen a man, armed with what they thought was an axe, smashing into a boarded up window in Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester, at about 11.20pm on Friday night.

However, rather than a burglar, when police officers arrived they found a frustrated man armed with a sledge hammer - borrowed from another neighbour - trying to get into his home. An Essex Police



A man trying to break into his own house with a sledgehammer was questioned by police.

INTERNET

spokesman said the officers were "very shortly made aware" that it was his own property and gave "words of advice" to the man. The spokesman commended the neighbour for making the call and added: "We will still rather have the call and attend to find out what is going on then miss the opportunity to catch someone in the act of committing a crime."

Internet



A competitor shows a dish of rural style at the farmhouse cooking festival of Baodi District of Tianjin, north China, on 26 Nov, 2011. The first farmhouse cooking festival of Baodi District kicked off at Zhanggangpu Village on Saturday, which attracted competitors from 29 farmhouses of this area. Tourists are able to participate in a series of rural tours and taste delicious food for free at the festival.— XINHUA

China penalizes 113 over chemical tainted pork

ZHENGZHOU, 29 Nov — Central China's Henan Province, a leading agricultural base, has penalized 113 people, including 77 government employees, over a chemical tainted pork scandal reported in March.

Their punishments varied from jail terms to relieved death penalty, the provincial higher people's court said in a Press release on Friday night. The main culprit, Liu Xiang, was sentenced to death with two years' reprieve on conviction of harming public safety, it said.

Liu's clandestine workshop producing clenbuterol, a carcino-

genic chemical added to pig feed to produce leaner pork, was seized in Henan's Xiangyang city on 25 March, 10 days after he was prosecuted, the court said. Liu's co-laborator, Xi Zhongjie, was sentenced to life, it said. Liu and Xi invested 50,000 yuan (\$7,845) each in clenbuterol production in 2007 and sold the chemical to pig dealers for huge profits.

By March this year, they had sold more than 2,700 kg of the chemical that spread to eight provinces including Henan, Shandong and Jiangsu provinces, and made 6.4 million yuan in revenue.

Xinhua

Italian households buy record number of state bonds in 'BTP Day'

MILAN, 29 Nov — Italian citizens and businesses bought a record number of state bonds on Monday during commission-free "BTP Day," backed by the national banking association to restore markets' confidence. The Milan Stock Exchange said in a statement that 80,962 multi-year treasury bonds (BTP) worth nearly 2.6 billion euros (over 3.4 billion US dollars) were bought. A large portion of the purchases of the state bonds were made by ordinary households, according to the Italian Press.

The BTP Day, during which banks, traders and the stock exchange did not apply commissions, was launched in an attempt to help ease the international crisis of confidence towards the Italian debt-burdened economy. Originally proposed by a businessman Giuliano Melani, the initiative was supported by the Italian Banking Association (ABI) as well as by the Milan Stock Exchange, and will be repeated on 12 Dec.—Xinhua

Scientists discover disease-fighting cell

CANBERRA, 29 Nov — ANU researchers have discovered a new type of cell that boosts the human body's ability to fight infection and disease. The cell, named the natural killer T follicular helper, is able to recognize infectious bacteria such as pneumonia and meningitis before triggering an antibody response to fight off the infection. The ANU's Professor Carola Vinuesa says the discovery will help researchers understand more about the body's complicated immune system.

"So we think that by understanding how anti-

bodies are produced to protect us against this bacteria, this could help in the development of vaccines and also in basically understanding better immune responses," she said. "What we were before lumping under the same umbrella, for example T cells or natural killer T cells, now we know that these cells are not just one type. "For each sub set there are other sub sets and we are increasingly understanding the specialisation of particular types of cells to perform very unique functions in the immune system."— Internet



In this photo taken on 3 Oct, 2011, an infant's growth is measured during a check-up at Children's Hospital Boston. A new study by researchers there says babies who progress past at least two percentiles in weight and length on growth charts are at risk for obesity later in childhood.— INTERNET

Ocean Spray recalls Craisins due to metal particles

BEIJING, 29 Nov — Juice giant Ocean Spray announced the recall of certain lots of packaged and bulk original flavour Craisins because they might contain very small hair-like metal fragments, according to media reports on Sunday. Ocean Spray announced the voluntary recall late Friday, immediately after one of its bestselling periods, Thanksgiving, according to MSNBC.

Company officials said that the recall affects some Original flavour Craisins in 5-ounce, 10-ounce and 48-ounce packages, as well as bulk-sweetened dried cranberries in 10-pound packages. The fragments were caused by a malfunction on a piece of equipment on the production line at one of the firm's cranberry-making facilities, said spokesman John Isaf, adding that the very small hair-like metal fragments are unlikely to cause consumer injury.—Xinhua

Accident jolts paralympic cyclist back to her feet

AMSTERDAM, 29 Nov — Lying in her hospital bed after a frightening bicycle accident, Monique van der Vorst suddenly felt sharp spasms in her legs. The pain was agonising — like electric shocks — and exhausted her shattered body. But instead of being concerned, Miss van der Vorst was overjoyed. For, 14 years after she was paralysed in an accident, the silver medal-winning Paralympic cyclist was suddenly and against all medical expectations regaining feeling in her legs.



Monique van der Vorst poses in front of her wheelchair at the Olympic stadium in Amsterdam.— INTERNET

"I still cannot believe I'm actually walking, having sat in a wheelchair since I was thirteen years old," she told *The Sunday Telegraph*. "I called my mum and dad and my brother and said: 'You have to come to the hospital, I have something to show you'. They came and just couldn't believe it when I greeted them actually standing up." Last week the 27-year-old Dutchwoman further confounded all expectations by signing with professional road cycling team Rabobank. She has her sights set on further Olympic glory — although this time, as an able-bodied cyclist. "I'm an athlete in my body and soul and I'll just try my best," she explained. "And then we will see."

Miss van der Vorst was a sporty, athletic child who excelled at tennis and hockey. At the age of 13 she had just taken up cycling when a routine ankle operation damaged a nerve and left her paralysed from the hip down.—Internet



Bakers work on a 300-metre long apple pie in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 27 Nov, 2011. The apple pie is believed to be the longest one in the world.

Experts torn on cause of Moscow train sand

Experts said the buildup of sand that has caused small sandstorms when trains arrive at Moscow stations may have been caused in part by soundproofing efforts.

Passengers at the Belorusskaya, Kievskaya, Chistiye Prudy, Sukharevskaya, Trubnaya, Rimskaya and Ploshchad Ilyicha

stations said sand buildup at the stations has recently become so heavy that they often find themselves wading through large piles of sand and are sometimes hit with sandstorms when trains pull in, *The Moscow Times* reported Friday.

Some experts said the sand may have been building up in ventilation

systems for years and was brought to the main areas of the stations by work to soundproof train lines running beneath the renovated Bolshoi Theater.

However, others said many of the sandy stations are distant from the theater and the sand was likely brought in by repaving efforts on Moscow streets during

the summer. "A lot of sand was brought into the city centre, and it could have easily gotten into metro's ventilation shafts," said Alexei Klimenko, a member of Moscow's chief architect's board of expert-consultancy.

Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said the ventilation system for the underground trains will be replaced within the next three years.

Bikini boosts SoCal dog search

A San Diego woman says she'll be stationed at a busy intersection in her bikini as long as it takes for her missing dog to come home. Arlene Corona spent a mercifully warm Thanksgiving Day near a La Jolla, Calif, shopping centre dressed in a bathing suit and holding a sign that was definitely getting a look

from passing cars. The sign alerted passers-by that Corona's Chihuahua, Chip, had gone missing. She told KTLA-TV in Los Angeles she would not be eating anything either until her pup was back safe and sound.

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Octopus walks on land

The Animal Kingdom is full of wondrous creatures. We are constantly surprised at what animals are capable of. But this is just nuts. Did you know that an octopus could walk on land? Because I had

no idea. And this video blew my mind!

There have been videos of octopi on land before, but they're usually along the lines of a little guy falling out of a tank or being placed on the ground. This rubbery

explorer just straight up walks out of the water. It's even carrying a crab the whole time.

It is well known that octopuses are exceptionally intelligent. It seems like there's nothing these charming cephalopods can't do.

Charlize Theron was bullied in school

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov—Actress Charlize Theron has revealed that she was bullied and teased by mean girls in primary school.

The 36-year-old star, who is portraying the character of a nasty schoolgirl in the new dark comedy 'Young Adult', recalled her own high school days as the girl who never fit in, especially with the boys. "I wore really nerdy



Actress Charlize Theron glasses because I was blind as could be and the boys didn't like [me],"

People.com quoted her as saying recently in New York. "I didn't have any boyfriends, but lots of crushes."

She confessed to not having any boyfriends in school and her yearning to be part of the happening crowd, which made her do "crazy things."

"I wasn't in the popular crowd. There was a really popular girl at school and I was

obsessed with her. I mean you would go to jail for that stuff today."

"I was in tears one day because I couldn't sit next to her," she said.

She admitted to being bullied by her classmates for her glasses and not having the perfect haircut and clothes.

"I actually got a lot of the mean girl stuff from the ages of 7 to 12. I was pretty much a mess in primary school."

Internet

Jennifer Love Hewitt to return to TV with series based on 'The Client List'

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov—Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt is all set to return on the small screen with a new series based on her movie 'The Client List'.

The 'I Know What You Did Last Summer' star will be playing the part of a mother forced to turn to prostitution to



Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt

pay her bills for the 2010 Lifetime network film and it's now set to be extended for a weekly show.

Since the 32-year-old actress will begin filming the programme from January, she has decided to avoid over-indulging during the holidays so that she'll be in tip-top shape for her sexy scenes.

"I will be in lingerie a lot, so I'll be working out. I will not be eating for the holidays," Contactmusic quoted her as telling People.com.

Hewitt starred last in a regular TV series in 2010 when *The Ghost Whisperer* was cancelled after five seasons.

Internet

At 64, Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to do stunts himself

LOS ANGELES, 29 Nov—Hollywood action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger may be 64 years old, but he refuses to use stuntman and insists on doing his own stunts.

Arnold has been filming "Last Stand" in New Mexico for nearly two months. TMZ.com reports that the sources said that AS has politely declined the producers' offer to put stuntmen in the dangerous scenes, because he thinks it's just more believable for him to do it himself.

In the film, among other things, in one scene he's driving a Camaro, dragging a "bad guy behind" — even though the scene involves crazy driving, it seems the bad guy is the one who needs a double.

Arnold is also doing a scene where he's suspended high above the ground by ropes and reports say this scene is dangerous.

Internet



Hollywood action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Stephen Fry backs campaign to save tiger

LONDON, 29 Nov—Actor Stephen Fry has urged his fans to back a campaign to stop the trade of tiger skins in China.

The 54-year-old has joined comedian Ricky Gervais, actor Roger Moore and actress Susan Sarandon by voicing his support for TigerTime, which has launched a



Actor Stephen Fry

petition calling for Chinese officials to ban the sale of the big cats' fur, reports daily-star.co.uk.

Fry has posted the link to the campaign on his Twitter.com page, and told his followers, "This is a petition that really needs huge numbers, or the wild tiger is doomed."—*Internet*

Rihanna sets new record with latest album

LONDON, 29 Nov—Pop star Rihanna has become the first artist in 39 years to top Britain's albums and singles charts twice in the same year with different releases.

According to femalefirst.co.uk, the 23-year-old's new album "Talk That Talk" debuted at number one

Sunday, while her last album "We Found Love" still is on charts.

In January, Rihanna scored a chart double in Britain when "Loud" was the country's biggest selling album and "What's My Name", her song with rapper Drake, was the most popular single.

She is the first female

to achieve the position, while British rock band T-Rex was the last to do so in 1972.

Internet



Pop star Rihanna

Malaga beats Villarreal 2-1 in Spain

MALAGA, 29 Nov — Malaga's off-season spending spree continued to pay off as it beat the visiting Villarreal 2-1 on Monday in the Spanish league.

The win kept Malaga in fifth place and within three points of the Champions League positions. Jeremy Toulalan and

Francisco "Isco" Alarcon, both bought in this summer as part of the club's ?60 million (\$85 million) overhaul, scored for Malaga. It was the first loss in four games for Villarreal, which sits two points above the relegation zone.

Over the weekend, Real Madrid extended its lead to six points at the top of the league after a comeback 4-1 win against nine-man Atletico Madrid, while second-place Barcelona lost 1-0 at Getafe.

Valencia beat Rayo Vallecano 2-1 to trail Barcelona by one point, with Levante a further point back in fourth place after thrashing Sporting Gijon 4-0. Also, it was: Real Betis 2, Real Sociedad 3; Mallorca 2, Racing Santander 1; Espanyol 1, Osasuna 2; Athletic Bilbao 0, Granada 1; and Zaragoza 0, Sevilla 1.

Internet



Malaga CF French midfielder Jeremy Toulalan (L) fights for the ball with Villarreal's Bruno Soriano (R), during their Spanish Primera Division soccer match played at La Rosaleda stadium in Malaga, Spain.—INTERNET

Barcaface must-win situation against Rayo

MADRID, 29 Nov — FC Barcelona have no room for error when they entertain Rayo Vallecano in the Camp Nou Stadium on Tuesday night. The reigning Primera Liga champions go into the match six points behind Real Madrid in the race for this year's title and on the back of a surprise 1-0 defeat away to Getafe on Saturday night. The Getafe game was played just three days after Barca had won a hard-fought win away to AC Milan in the Champions League and Pep Guardiola's men looked jaded as they tried to break down a well-ordered home defence.

Tuesday night's game has been brought forward because of Barcelona's participation in the World Club Championship next month and the timing of the game means that Barca once again have little time to gather their strength, although nothing other than a win will serve their title ambitions.—Internet



Liverpool are now unbeaten in eight Barclays Premier League matches

Dalglish excited by Liverpool future

LIVERPOOL, 29 Nov — Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish has promised there is still plenty more to come from his in-form side. The Reds extended their unbeaten run to eight matches in the Barclays Premier League with a 1-1 draw against Manchester City on Sunday. Liverpool had chances to inflict a first League defeat of the season on the leaders, but were denied by some late heroics by City keeper Joe Hart. But Dalglish was delighted with his side's efforts at Anfield, saying: "There was fantastic commitment and attitude and determination and pride in

playing for the Club. "Their keeper made a few good saves but that's what he's there for. We look at ourselves and I'm delighted at the performance they put in. "We've played both Manchester Clubs here now and walked away disappointed with a point. That's the mark of improvement we have made here. "We're delighted at the way they are playing. This is a team in its infancy. Three or four of them came in this year, plus Andy Carroll, and they are getting to know each other and I'm sure they'll get better."

Internet

Golf-World Cup winner Woodland dreaming of Ryder debut

HAIKOU, 29 Nov — Gary Woodland is targeting a United States Ryder Cup debut in Illinois next September after combining with Matt Kuchar to win the World Cup team competition. "The Ryder Cup has always been a huge goal of mine and that goal is now much more important after Matt and I won the World Cup," Woodland told Reuters in an interview. "Ever since I turned professional I have dreamt about being in a U.S. Ryder Cup team and it now seems a big step closer.

"I had the goal at the start of the year to make the Presidents Cup. That didn't pan out but then Matt chose

me to partner him in the World Cup and I could not have been happier." Sunday's victory in China means the US now hold the Presidents Cup and World Cup trophies and the only professional team title no longer in their possession is the Ryder Cup.

Woodland, who landed his first US PGA Tour victory at the Transitions Championship in Florida in March, said his experiences at the Mission Hills resort last week would help him in his quest to qualify for the team that will be captained by Davis Love III next year.

Internet



Gary Woodland

Guardiola says Barca must improve to challenge Real

MADRID, 29 Nov — Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has told his players they need to lift their game if they hope to catch La Liga leaders Real Madrid and secure a fourth straight Spanish title. Barca slipped to a shock 1-0 loss at Getafe on Saturday, confirming their poor form away from home, and are six points adrift of Jose Mourinho's Real after 13 matches.

With the great rivals due to meet for the opening 'Clasico' of the campaign on 10 December at Real's Bernabeu stadium, Guardiola conceded the Madrid side had been the more impressive so far this season. "As a sportsman



Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola

this is not the first time I see myself trailing a rival," he told a news conference ahead of Barca's game at home to Rayo Vallecano on Tuesday, a match brought forward because of Barca's participation in next month's Club World Cup in Japan.

"Real Madrid are six points clear because up to now they have been better than us," Guardiola added. "We know that Real Madrid are very strong and we know we'll have to lift our game or we won't get there. "We will try to raise our level because our current one is not good enough to be top of the league."

Internet

SPORTS

Gunners' charity matchday is a hit

LONDON, 29 Nov — Arsenal say their decision to dedicate Saturday's Barclays Premier League match to the Save the Children charity was a huge success. Gunners' players donated a day's wages to the Club's global charity partner, and there were plenty of other fundraising initiatives in and around the Emirates on Saturday. Volunteers were joined pre-match by stars Carl Jenkinson and Jack Wilshere, who were collecting in buckets and selling raffle tickets on the podium. Elsewhere, Club mascot Gunnersaurus led a half-time pitch collec-



Jack Wilshere collected for the charity ahead of the match

tion and 50 pence from every matchday programme sold was donated to Save the Children.

Co-branded charity sportsbands, as modelled by the Arsenal players, were snapped up in Club retail outlets, with at least £2 from each sale going towards the partnership. Supporters' group REDAction unveiled a giant flag in the North Bank before kick-off. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said: "It's something that we are delighted to do. "In England, the charity work is exceptional and we are happy to contribute to that. We want to show our heart on the pitch and off it." Arsenal captain, Robin van Persie added: "The whole squad was given a presentation by Save the Children recently, who explained what they are doing all over the world.—Internet

EA SPORTS PPI Top 5

Rank	Name	Club	Score
1	Wayne Rooney	Man Utd	317
2	Robin van Persie	Arsenal	295
3	David Silva	Man City	263
4	Edin Dzeko	Man City	254
5	Sergio Aguero	Man City	249

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-11-2011) (Wednesday)

	Transmissions	Times
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(30-11-11 09:30 am ~ 1-12-11 09:30 am) MST

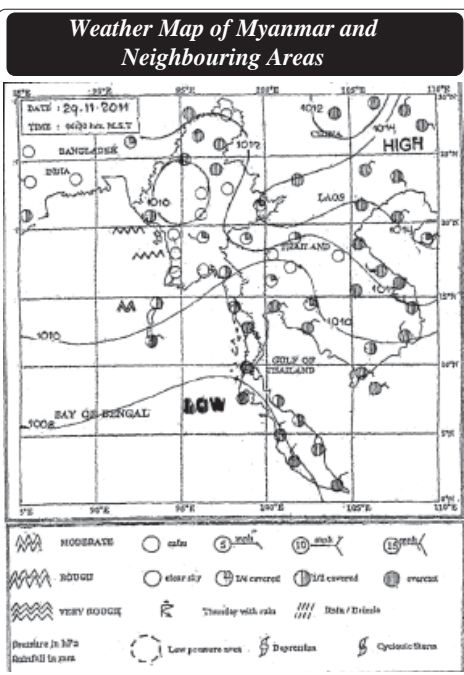
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- * News
- * City Light & Country Lamp
- * News
- * Lannakha Waterfall
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Myanmar's Secret Beautifier"
- * News
- * Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) (Part-2)
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Uncontrollable Heartbeat"



Wednesday, 30 November View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Metta Bhavana by Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:10 am 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning News

- 7:45 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am 6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am 7. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am 8. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am 9. International News
- 8:45 am 10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm 2. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm 3. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:35 pm 4. Classical Song

- 4:45 pm 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Myanmar)
- 5:00 pm 6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm 7. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:25 pm 8. Musical Programme
- 5:35 pm 9. Documentary
- 5:40 pm 10. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:50 pm 11. Documentary

- 6:00 pm 12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm 13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm 14. Traditional Boxing
- 6:45 pm 15. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:00 pm 16. AIDS Quiz of World AIDS Day
- 7:45 pm 17. Wut Hmon Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International News
- 20. Weather Report
- 21. Monthly Weather Report
- 22. Korea Drama Series
- 23. TV Drama Series
- 24. Myanmar Video Feature

Weather forecast for 30th November, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	12/54	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	27/81	09/48	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	35/95	17/63	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	19/66	01/34	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	17/63	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	17/63	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	36/97	20/68	Partly cloudy	
8	Bago	32/90	16/61	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	32/90	16/61	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	33/91	18/64	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	34/93	19/66	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	34/93	15/59	Generally fair weather	
13	Rakhine	29/84	14/57	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	24/75	08/46	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	26/79	08/46	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	12/54	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	17/63	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	15/59	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	15/59	Generally fair weather	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	18/64	Generally fair weather	

During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) above November average temperatures in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Northern (Shan) and Rakhine States and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (4°C), and Hebo and Loilem (5°C) each.

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

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of night temperature in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Accused White House shooter faces more mental tests

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov—A doctor has determined that a man accused of trying to assassinate President Barack Obama this month is competent to stand trial, but prosecutors on Monday asked for a fuller evaluation.

Prosecutors are seeking a competency hearing and a full psychological screening of Oscar Ortega-Hernandez. He has been charged with trying to kill Obama when he opened fire on the White House with a semi-automatic assault rifle.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, were in California at the time of the gunfire the night of November 11.

An initial screening ordered by a federal magistrate on 21 November concluded that Ortega-Hernandez was competent, according to a court filing.

"The government notes that it was based only on a 50-minute screening and submits a full psychiatric or psychological screening ... is warranted, given the serious nature of the criminal charges pending against

the defendant and the likelihood that mental health issues may arise in the course of these proceedings," the prosecutors said in a motion.

US Magistrate Judge Alan Kay agreed to delay a detention hearing until 12 December and asked prosecutors to provide "more substance" to their motion. Ortega-Hernandez, 21, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was ordered held pending that hearing.—Reuters



Oscar Ortega-Hernandez in an undated photo.—REUTERS

Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chinese Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—On his goodwill visit in China, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing met with Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xij Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday morning.

They frankly discussed matters related to improvement of Myanmar-China mutual relations, and national reconciliation, peace and stability and developments in Myanmar.

Also present at the call together with the Commander-in-Chief were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-



Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing meets Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xij Jinping.—MNA

Gen Hsan Oo, senior officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Myanmar ambassador to China, the military attaché and officials and together with the Chinese Vice-President were Deputy Chief of General

Staff of People's Liberation Army of China General Ma Xiaotian, Director Qian Li Hua of Foreign Affairs Department of the Ministry of National Defence, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Liu Zxel Min, Chief of Asian

Bureau of Foreign Affairs Department Senior Colonel Wu Xiao Yi and Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Senior Colonel Xiong Shao Wei. Delegates of the two nations posed for documentary photo in the hall.—MNA

Chief of PLA General Staff General Chen Bingde extends warm welcome to Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing



Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing and Chief of PLA General Staff General Chen Bingde taking salute of Guard of Honour.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—A ceremony to welcome Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing was held in Bayi (August-1) Hall in Beijing yesterday.

Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of China General Chen Bingde warmly welcomed General Min Aung Hlaing.

The Chinese Chief of PLA General Staff introduced his entourage to General Min Aung Hlaing and so did the latter.

General Min Aung Hlaing and General Chen Bingde took position on dais and took salute of Guard of Honour.

The State Band played national anthems of two countries at that time.

The two generals inspected the Guard of Honour.

Also present on the occasion

together with General Min Aung Hlaing were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, senior officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and officials and together with the Chinese Chief of PLA General Staff were Deputy Chief of PLA General Staff General Ma Xiaotian, Political Commissioner of PLA Navy Lt-Gen Wang Zhaohai, Chief of Staff of PLA Air Force Maj-Gen Yang Guohai, Head

of General Staff Department Maj-Gen Bai Jiangjun, Head of Military Intelligence Department Maj-Gen Chen Youyi, Head of Campaign Training Department Maj-Gen Chen Zhaohai, Director-General of the Ministry of National Defence Maj-Gen Qian Lihua and Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei.

The two generals discussed military affairs of the two nations at the same hall.

They exchanged views on friendship between the two armies, cooperation, regional security and threats.

General Min Aung Hlaing and General Chen Bingde signed and exchanged Memorandum of Understanding on Defence

Cooperation. They had documentary photo taken.

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Slight Earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, about (140) miles southwest of Mandalay seismological observatory (about 7 miles southeast of Mindat, Chin State) was recorded at (20) hrs (80) min (24) sec M.S.T on 29 November 2011, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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