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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein meets Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and party



President U Thein Sein meets goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich of the Republic of Belarus at the Presidential House.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein had a meeting with the goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich of the Republic of Belarus at Credentials Hall of Presidential House, here, at 9.45 am today.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union

Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus U Min Thein and departmental heads.

The Belarusian Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Valery Sadokho, Honourary Consular Dr Aung Moe Myint and officials of the Belarusian Embassy.

At the call, they held comprehensive discussions on bilateral relations and cooperation in education, energy, mining, agriculture, economic, trade and heavy industrial sectors on the basis of mutual interest.

Next, President U Thein Sein and Belarusian

Prime Minister attended the ceremony to sign agreements between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus.

In the signing ceremony, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and Belarusian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Sergei Aleinik signed agreements on trade and economic cooperation and visa exemption for holders of diplomatic passports and official passports, and exchanged notes.

Next, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Belarusian Education Minister Mr Sergei Maskevich signed agreements on educational cooperation between the two ministries, and exchanged notes.

Then Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and Belarusian First Deputy (See page 8)

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Support persons with disabilities

To promote an awareness of disability issues, the year 1981 was proclaimed the International Year of Disabled Persons and the period from 1982 to 1993 as the International Decade of Disabled Persons by the United Nations Development Program.

The 48th UN General Assembly held in 1993 marked the 3rd of every December as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In practical, those disabled persons do not need sympathy of other persons, and they can show their capabilities though they are disabled.

Due to flourishing of justice, liberty and equality in Myanmar, the State is looking after the disabled persons and undertaking rehabilitation for the disabled on a wider scale. Likewise, non-governmental organizations are striving for uplift of living standard of the disabled.

In a family, disabled sons and daughters should be won more favour than the normal ones and their integration in normal life such as pursuing education and going to work must be ensured. All the humans are to give first priority to the disabled persons to be able to touch movements similar to that of other able persons and do their daily works in the society.

Nowadays, the government brings about the Education for All. The Inclusive Education plan creates the opportunity for learning of disabled children. Moreover, training schools and care houses are opened for rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities.

In accord with this year's motto "Together for a better world for all: Including Persons with Disabilities in development", everybody is to march towards the Millennium Development Goals by showing sympathy for life of the disabled persons to be able to enjoy the opportunity in equal term with other persons in the society.

Self-reliant electricity supplied to Shan Village in Kangyidaunt Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung on 30 November viewed milling of paddy, packaging of rice to be sent to the market and drying of paddy at 25-ton Mingala Advanced Rice Mill of U Mya Than-Daw Haik Way in Ward 14 of Patheingyi.

He attended the launching of power supply in Shan Village in Kangyidaunt Township.

In Ayeyawady Region, a total of 29 villages can enjoy supply of electricity on a self-reliant basis, and Shan Village was the seventh power supplied village. About 3800 villages of about 11,000 villages in the region have been supplied electricity. Plans are underway to supply electricity to the remaining villages.

In Shan Village located beside Patheingyi-Ngapat Road, a total of 595 households from 482 houses are now enjoying supply of electricity.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets Belarusian Prime Minister and party



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives visiting Belarusian delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw of the Hluttaw Building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received visiting Belarusian delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw of Hluttaw Building, here, this evening.

They discussed matters related to parliamentary affairs between the two countries, cooperation between the two parliaments, further cooperation in investment and economic sectors on the basis of mutual interest between the two countries and promotion of bilateral relations.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker was accompanied by Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein,

chairmen and secretaries of Amyotha Hluttaw committees, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives representing political parties and national races and officials of Hluttaw Office. Together with the Belarusian Prime Minister and delegation members, Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Valery Sadokho was also present.

After the meeting, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mya Nyein and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives posed for documentary photo together with Belarusian Prime Minister and party.

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Belarusian Prime Minister, wife and party go sightseeing in Nay Pyi Taw



Mrs. Ludmila Myasnikovich, wife of the Belarusian Prime Minister, visits office of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.—MNA

English proficiency course concludes

YANGON, 2 Dec—The English proficiency course No. 2/2011 for staff under the departments of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement concluded at the hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township this morning.

Deputy Minister for SWRR U Phone Swe delivered an address.

Altogether 20 trainees attended the eight-week course starting from 10 October.

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NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—The visiting goodwill delegation led by Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and wife this afternoon arrived at Uppatasanti Pagoda where they were welcomed by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and members of

the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Accompanied by officials, the Belarusian Prime Minister and party viewed the Buddhological arts made of marble slab in the cave of the pagoda, donated flowers and water to the jade Buddha image and signed the visitors book.

They donated cash to the funds of the pagoda and viewed white elephants at the shed in the precinct of the pagoda.

Wife of the Belarusian Prime Minister Mrs. Ludmila Myasnikovich met President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Thet Thet Zin at the hall of the federation this morning.

The president of the federation explained duties and functions of the federation, development of women's life and protection measures.

The wife of the Belarusian Prime Minister signed the visitors' book after visiting the federation.

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US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a Press conference in Yangon, Myanmar, Friday, on 2 Dec, 2011.—INTERNET

Clinton holds “candid, productive” talks

YANGON, 2 Dec—The United States will support more aid for Myanmar and consider installing an ambassador after an absence of some two decades, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Thursday, offering the first rewards for reform. Clinton said she had “candid, productive” conversations with President U Thein Sein and other Myanmar ministers and told them Washington stood ready to support further reforms and possibly lift sanctions.

Clinton’s landmark visit to the country marks a tentative rapprochement after more than 50 years of estrangement from the West.

After the talks with U Thein Sein and other officials, Clinton unveiled incremental steps to improve ties and said Washington would consider returning an ambassador to the country. Clinton also said the United States would support World Bank and International Monetary Fund assessment missions to help Myanmar jumpstart its economy, and new UN counter-narcotics and health cooperation programmes. Clinton invited Myanmar to become an observer to the Lower Mekong Initiative, a US-backed grouping discussing Southeast Asia’s major waterway.

Clinton also said the United States and Myanmar would discuss a joint effort to recover the remains of Americans killed during the building of the “Burma Road” during World War Two — mirroring steps taken with Vietnam as Washington and Hanoi sought to put their differences behind them. Clinton’s trip follows a decision by President Barack Obama last month to open the door to expanded ties, saying he saw “flickers of progress”. Clinton said it was up to Myanmar’s leaders to decide what came next.

MNA/Reuters

Suicide lorry bomb rocks Afghan town, killing bomber, wounding five

PUL-E-ALAM, (Afghanistan), 2 Dec—A suicide lorry bomb rocked Mohammad Aga District in Logar Province, some 60 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul, on Friday, killing the bomber and wounding five others, provincial police chief Rogh Lewanai confirmed.

“A terrorist riding an explosive-laden lorry and attempting to take the vehicle inside a military camp of foreign troops in Mohammad Aga District but failed and detonated it outside the compound, killing himself and injuring five others including a civilian and four policemen,” Lewanai told *Xinhua*.

There were no casualties on foreign troops, he said. However, he added that windowpanes of several houses around were smashed due to the heavy blast.—*Xinhua*

Thailand cleans up, but some areas remain flooded

BANGKOK, 2 Dec—As Thailand’s floodwaters continue their slow journey to the sea, large swaths of the country have drained and dried, leaving behind a stinky, thick grime on everything touched by the nation’s worst deluge in more than a half century.

In many areas, people are returning to their houses armed with cleaning brushes, rubber gloves and masks to endure the sewer-like stench. But others whose homes are still inundated complain they’ve been forgotten, especially by residents of the capital

who escaped the flooding.

Nicha Rakpanichmanee, a 28-year-old graduate student, invited a group of friends to help clean her town house on Bangkok’s northern edge.

“I didn’t expect it to be like this ... the smell!” she said. Room by room, the cleaning team sprinkled disinfectant powder on everything covered by the thick filthy film, which spread 30 inches (80

Thai residents make their way on a platform built over a flooded road on the outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand, on 1 Dec, 2011.

INTERNET

centimetres) high during the three weeks Nicha’s neighbourhood was inundated. Other parts of Thailand were covered by more than 6 feet (2 metres) of water for two months.

Just down the street, her neighbours were not as lucky. “We haven’t even started cleaning yet. We’re just throwing things out. We’ve been throwing stuff out for three days now,” said Yai Kupatanorratt, 50, who sells women’s clothes at the popular Chatuchak weekend market. He threw out several bags and boxes of new clothes that he had stored at his home, as well as cabinets and other furniture.

Internet



Los Angeles wind storm disrupts flights, cuts power

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec—A powerful wind storm with gale-force gusts left much of the Los Angeles area strewn with toppled trees and downed power lines on Thursday, slowing traffic, damaging homes and knocking out electricity to over 350,000 customers.

An hourlong power outage at Los Angeles International Airport forced nearly two dozen inbound commercial flights to divert to other airports, and flight delays lingered even after electricity was restored, LAX spokeswoman Nancy Castles said.

Damaging high winds also extended into other regions of the West, including Utah, where power was cut to an additional 55,000 residents, and 10 tractor-trailer trucks were tipped over by crosswind gusts north of Salt Lake City.

Los Angeles County declared a state of emergency as a result of the winds, a move that hastens the ability of state and federal authorities to provide assistance, said Tony Bell, a spokesman for county Supervisor Mike Antonovich. Classes were cancelled for thousands of public school students in the area, and utility crews worked to restore electricity and remove uprooted trees and fallen limbs that littered

neighbourhoods, blocking streets in many places. Widespread power failures left traffic lights on the blink at many intersections.

Homes and parked automobiles were clobbered by fallen trees, with 42 damaged houses and apartment units declared unsafe for habitation by early afternoon in hard-hit Pasadena, but no serious injuries have been reported. —*Reuters*



A man looks at a fallen eucalyptus tree after a heavy wind storm in the morning at Highland Park in Los Angeles, California 1 December, 2011.—INTERNET

Navy detains seven suspected pirates in Seychelles

VICTORIA, 2 Dec—The navy has detained seven suspected pirates in the Seychelles, using a team of police dogs to detect the presence of firearms or explosives on their ship, officials said. “The seven suspected pirates are alleged to have been involved in an attempted act of piracy on a vessel that supplies the Seychelles tuna fleet,” the Foreign Office said in a statement.

They were detained by Royal Marines accompanied by a police



British Royal Marines carry out exercises during an open day for the Press at Plymouth, Devon, 2009. —INTERNET

dog team which found traces of explosives or firearms — evidence which will help prosecutors in the

Seychelles, who have agreed to bring a case against the seven. “Providing sufficient evidence to convict pirates has been a real problem for the international community as pirates often throw their weapons overboard and claim to be fishermen,” the Foreign Office said. “However, the dog handling team is able to search the suspected pirate vessel for traces of explosives and firearms. “Rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) are a weapon of choice for the pirates, but even if they are disposed of in the sea they leave explosive residue that the dogs can identify.”

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UNSG's Message on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

"Together for a better world for all including persons with disabilities in development"

3 December 2011

It is thirty years since the United Nations first observed the International Year of Disabled Persons under the theme "Full Participation and Equality". During that period, there has been significant progress in raising awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities and in strengthening the international normative framework to realize those rights – from the World Programme of Action (1982) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006).

More and more countries are committing to protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities. However, many challenges remain. Persons with disabilities experience higher rates of poverty and deprivation and are twice as likely to lack health care. Employment rates of persons with disabilities in some countries are as low as one-third of that of the overall population. In developing countries, the gap in primary school attendance rates between children with disabilities and others ranges from 10 per cent to 60 per cent.

This multi-dimensional exclusion represents a huge cost, not only to persons with disabilities but to society as a whole. This year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities reminds us that development can only be sustainable when it is equitable, inclusive and accessible for all. Persons with disabilities need therefore to be included at all stages of development processes, from inception to monitoring and evaluation.

Addressing negative attitudes, the lack of services or ready access to them, and other harmful social, economic and cultural barriers will benefit all of society.

On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, I call on governments, civil society and the global community to work for and alongside persons with disabilities to achieve inclusive, sustainable and equitable development worldwide.

UNIC/Yangon



Farmers harvest rice at a farm in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 23 Sept, 2011. China saw a bumper harvest of grain this year, with its output rising to a record high of 571.21 million tonnes, a year-on-year increase of 4.5 percent, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said Friday. The strong harvest marked eight consecutive years of growth for China's grain output, the NBS said in a statement posted on its website. Figures also showed that Heilongjiang's grain output of 55.71 million tonnes ranked the first in the nation this year.

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Health



A nurse takes a blood sample to test a student for HIV, at a high school in Kwazulu Natal, South Africa. President Jacob Zuma has unveiled a plan to halve the number of HIV infections over the next five years, cementing South Africa's turnaround from years of deadly denialism.

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Health Tip: Do you have psoriatic arthritis?

Psoriatic arthritis is an inflammatory joint condition that is associated with the chronic skin condition psoriasis.

The Arthritis Foundation says common symptoms of psoriatic arthritis include:

- * Joints that are swollen and painful.
- * Pain and soreness where tendons attach to bone, such as at the heel.
- * Pitting or separation of nails from the nail bed.
- * Back pain.
- * Conjunctivitis, characterized by redness and pain in tissues surrounding the eyes.
- * Feeling fatigued, reduced range of motion in the joints and feeling stiff in the morning.

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Oil hovers at \$100 ahead of key US jobs report **Business**

SINGAPORE, 2 Dec— Oil prices hovered above \$100 a barrel Friday in Asia as traders awaited a US jobs report for evidence about the strength of the US economy and demand for crude.

Benchmark crude for January delivery was down 4 cents to \$100.16 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 16 cents to settle at \$100.20 on Thursday.

In London, Brent crude was up 33 cents at \$109.32 on the ICE futures exchange.

Crude has jumped from \$75 during the last two months amid signs the US economy will likely avoid a recession. Investors will be closely watching the Labour Department's November unemployment report later Friday for evidence economic growth is strengthening, which could justify higher crude prices.

Analysts expect the economy added about 120,000 jobs last month.

Traders are also concerned about rising tensions over possible sanction against Iran, OPEC's second-largest producer, because of its nuclear programme. Some analysts, such as JP Morgan, say that Iran may pre-emptively cut oil exports if sanctions are imminent, a move that would send oil prices soaring.

"This would undoubtedly shock the oil market, and the initial market shock could be in the \$20 to \$30 per barrel range," JP Morgan said in a report. "The risks of such a disruption have materially increased."

In other Nymex trading, natural gas rose 0.2 cent at \$3.65 per 1,000 cubic feet. Heating oil added 3.2 cents to \$3.00 a gallon and gasoline futures gained 5.5 cents to \$2.61 a gallon.

Internet

Gucci sales not slowing yet, has plan B ready **Business**

PARIS, 2 Dec— Luxury brand Gucci has not seen any impact on its business from global economic woes but it would be prepared to react quickly and cut costs if sales slowed, its chief executive said in a newspaper interview.

Patrizio di Marco told Le Figaro that Gucci, part of French luxury and retail group PPR, had a "Plan B" that could see it delaying store improvement work while sticking to its store opening programme.

"We are not seeing a slowdown in our growth at this time...(But) we cannot rule out an impact (of global economic woes) on our local markets," he said. "2012 may be difficult, but we must keep on investing for the medium and long-term."

Asked whether he was satisfied with Gucci's performance in France, di Marco said: "France is a difficult market. The brand is not known as much as it should be. Gucci must be the first Italian luxury brand that the French have in mind. We still have a growth potential."

To boost brand awareness, Gucci plans to open seven selling points in Galeries Lafayette stores across France.

Reuters



Traders work on floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 30 November, 2011.

INTERNET

Zynga plans up to \$1 billion in IPO **Business**

NEW YORK, 2 Dec—Facebook games developer Zynga Inc will sell about 15 percent of its common stock in an initial public offering, Bloomberg said, citing a person with knowledge of the matter. Zynga plans to sell shares for \$8.50 to \$10 apiece in its initial public offering to raise as much as \$1 billion, valuing the company at as high as \$7 billion, the agency said.

Dani Dudeck, a spokeswoman for Zynga, declined to comment to Reuters on the Bloomberg report. Zynga rose to prominence on viral games such as "Farmville," which is still among one of the most popular games on the Facebook social network. While its games are free, Zynga makes money from selling virtual items such as tractors and weapons that people use in its game worlds.—Reuters

Ministry reconstituted

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — *The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No (95/2011) today.*
The translation of the notification is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Notification No. 95/2011
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2 December 2011

Reconstitution of Ministry

Under the agreement of the second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 have been reconstituted as the Ministry of Industry.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Minister reassigned

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — *The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Order No (50/2011) today.*
The translation of the order is as follows:-

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President Office

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Reassignment of Union Minister

Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein has been reassigned as Union Minister for Industry commencing today in accord with Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 12 of the Union Government Law.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Ministers reassigned

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — *The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Order No (51/2011) today.*
The translation of the order is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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2 December 2011

Reassignment of Union Ministers

The following Union Ministers have been reassigned at the ministries shown against each in accord with Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 12 of the Union Government Law.

- (a) U Ohn Myint Ministry of Cooperatives and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
(b) U Tin Naing Thein Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Deputy Ministers reassigned

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — *The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Order No (52/2011) today.*
The translation of the order is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

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2 December 2011

Reassignment of Deputy Ministers

Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung and Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Myo Aung have been reassigned as Deputy Ministers for Industry in accord with sub-sections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and sub-paragraph (9) of paragraph (b) of Article 16 of the Union Government Law.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar, Laos eye on security cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko met a Laotian delegation led by Minister for Public Security Dr. Thoungbanh Seng A Phone at Myanmar International Convention Centre this morning.
They held discussions on enhancing

Myanmar-Laos bilateral cooperation in security matters.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko and the Laotian Minister spoke on the occasion where two sessions—ministerial meeting and high-ranking officials meeting—were held. —

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One civilian killed, seven injured in separate attacks of KIA group

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—One innocent civilian was wounded in a shooting of KIA group near Nyaungdaw Village in Mogaung Township of Kachin State on 29 November.

Due to the shooting of KIA group, U Tu Gyar, 40,

son of U N May Gam, of Nyaungdaw Village suffered a wound on his right thigh while carrying food to a field, about two-furlong west of the village, at 9 p.m. on that day. He was taken to Namti Hospital for treatment by officials who are providing him with

necessary assistance.

Likewise, Daw Than Hsint, 52, daughter of U Khun, died of chest wounds and six innocent civilians were injured while KIA group shelled Tarlawgyi village-tract of Myitkyina Township on 30 November morning.—MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Union Home Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko holds discussion with Laotian delegation led by Minister for Public Security Dr. Thoungbanh Seng A Phone on cooperation in promotion of Myanmar-Laos security measures.—MNA

December mass sports activities 2011 discussed

YANGON, 2 Dec—A meeting for organizing December mass sports activities 2011 was held at Kyaikkasan Ground in Tamway Township yesterday morning.

Principal of Institute of Sports and Physical Education Director U Tin Win clarified the mass sports activities at Kyaikkasan Sports Ground in Tamway Township, Aung San Stadium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township and Maida Sports Ground on Myoma Kyaung Street —MNA

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 2.30 pm today.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw explained undertakings of two tasks of the Hluttaw such as legislation and check and balance, nation-building tasks of the Hluttaw by placing emphasis on people's voice, people's wish and people's desire and cordially held discussions with the visiting Prime Minister on further strengthening of relations between Myanmar and Belarus and promotion of mutual cooperation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus U Min Thein and officials.



The visiting Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Valery Sadokho and embassy staff.—MNA

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing visits local air division in Hangzhou, PRC



Commander Sr Col Yu Shu Xiong and officials welcome General Min Aung Hlaing.—MNA

Maj-Gen Qian Li Hua of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Chinese Military Attaché Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing arrived at the local air division in Hangzhou on 30 November.

They were welcomed by Commander Sr Col Yu Shu Xiong and officials.

At the hall, the Commander Sr Col Yu Shu Xiong extended

Services and party viewed military combat aircrafts at the airfield and posed for documentary photo together with officials.

At Hangzhou railway station, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party presented gifts to officials of the Air Division.

They left Hangzhou by train and arrived in Shanghai where they were welcomed by Commander of Shanghai Garrison Command Maj-Gen Peng Shui Gen and officials.

At the local naval base in Shanghai, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party were welcomed by Commander of

Rear-Admiral Shen Hao explained facts about the base and then they exchanged insignia of the two armed forces.

After viewing the naval vessel No. 513, the General signed the visitors' book and posed for documentary photo together with officials.

In the evening, Commander of Shanghai Garrison Command Maj-Gen Peng Shui Gen hosted a dinner to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Commander of the Garrison Command extended greetings.

After the dinner, they exchanged gifts.

NAYPYITAW, 2 Dec—Accompanied by Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, 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 and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General



Commander of Naval Base Rear-Admiral Shen Hao explains facts about the base to General Min Aung Hlaing.—MNA

Australia plans world's largest marine reserve

CANBERRA, (Australia) 2 Dec—Australia says it will create the world's largest marine reserve in the Coral Sea.

The Environment Ministry says the area has

shallow reefs that support tropical ecosystems with sharks, coral, sponges and many fish species. The proposal includes seas beyond the already protected Great Barrier

Reef Marine Park off northeast Australia.

The reserve would cover nearly 1 million square kilometres.

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greetings, and Deputy Commander Col Lia Wen Qi briefed them on facts about the division and exchanged gifts.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Shanghai Naval Base Rear-Admiral Shen Hao and officials together with the Guard of Honour. At the hall, the Commander of Shanghai Naval Base

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party spent a night at Hong Qiao Hotel.

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C-in-C General Min Aung Hlaing leaves for Chengdu on his China visit

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing together with senior military officers, Myanmar Ambassador to China Col Tint Wai and officials, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Office of Ministry of Defence of the People's Liberation Army Maj-Gen Qian Lihua, and Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei left Hong Qiao airport of Shanghai and arrived at Tai Ping Si Airport of Chengdu yesterday morning.

General Min Aung Hlaing and party were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Chief of Staff of Chengdu Military Region Maj-Gen Zeng Ran and officials.

General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Chengdu aircraft industry where President Mr Wang Guanya of AVIC Chengdu Aircraft Industry (Group) Co Ltd and Vice-President of the company Mr Yang Ying explained facts about manufacture of aircrafts to the Commander-in-Chief, and they exchanged commemorative gifts. The Myanmar delegation proceeded to Peng Zhou vegetable centre. There, Incharge Mr Wu Hai and officials guided around the centre.—MNA



President Mr Wang Guanya of AVIC Chengdu Aircraft Industry (Group) Co Ltd and Vice-President of the company Mr Yang Ying explain facts about manufacture of aircrafts to General Min Aung Hlaing. —MNA

Commander-in-Chief General Min Aung Hlaing and party arrive back home



General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.
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NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing arrived back here from Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China this evening.

They were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of Commander-in-Chief Office, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua.

Together with Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, members of Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation arrived back on the same flight.

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials see off US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton and party at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton concludes visit

YANGON, 2 Dec—US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton and party this evening left here by special aircraft.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, officials, and officials of the US

Embassy.

While in Yangon, Mrs Hillary Clinton met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and responsible persons of some political parties. She held a Press Conference on her trip at the US Embassy from 2.30 pm to 2.50 pm.

MNA



Moderate quake hits Minahasa, Sulawesi, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 2 Dec—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted Minahasa, Sulawesi, Indonesia at 0519 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 81.30 km, was initially determined to be at 0.0877 degrees north latitude and 120.4436 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

President U Thein Sein meets Belarusian...

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Minister for Agriculture and Food Mrs Nadezhda Kotkovets signed agreements on cooperation in agriculture sector, and exchanged notes.

Afterwards, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation



of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and President of Belarusian

Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr Mikhael Myatlikov signed agreements on

cooperation between the two chambers, and exchanged notes.

MNA

Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye and Belarusian Education Minister Mr Sergei Maskevich sign agreement on cooperation in education sector between two countries.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and Belarusian Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Sergei Aleinik sign agreements on trade and economic cooperation and visa exemption for diplomats and official passport holders.

MNA

President U Thein Sein hosts dinner to Belarusian delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win hosted a dinner to the delegation led by Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House, here, in the evening.

It was attended by President U Thein Sein and wife, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief



President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win host dinner to the delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House.—MNA

(Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus U Min Thein and departmental heads.

The Belarusian delegation was accompanied by Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Valery Sadokho and senior officials.

Before the dinner, the State band played the national anthems of the two countries.

Before and during the dinner, the cultural troupes of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with Myanmar traditional dances and songs.

After the dinner,

President U Thein Sein presented the Belarusian Prime Minister a documentary on State visit.

Then, President U Thein Sein and the Belarusian Prime Minister presented baskets of flowers to the performers, and posed for a documentary photo with them.—MNA

Eight Thai citizen prisoners from Myanmar jails granted amnesty and exiled

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—As a token of hailing the 84th Birthday of His Majesty King of Thailand which falls on 5 December 2011, for the sake of friendly ties and relations between the two countries and considering their personal affairs, eight Thai citizen prisoners serving prison terms at jails in Myanmar were granted amnesty and exiled on 1 December.

MNA

The visit of the Belarusian Prime Minister would further promote friendly relations between the two countries

Myanmar President U Thein Sein

The two countries will cooperate in all sectors such as education and trade

Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich



President U Thein Sein meets Belarusian goodwill delegation led by Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at Credentials Hall of Presidential House in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



President U Thein Sein cordially greets Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich.—MNA

President U Thein Sein receives Belarusian...

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Port is under construction with the investment of Thailand, and on completion the water course will be shorter due to that fact that it is not necessary to pass Malacca Strait. Likewise, he added that Kyaukpyu Deep Sea Port is under construction at the

western coast of Myanmar. He said that a plan is underway to establish Thilawa Deep Sea Port Special Economic Zone in port city Yangon. In this regard, he said that investments were invited from neighbouring countries to cooperate in construction tasks.

Now China, Japan and Republic of Korea are planning to make investments in deep-sea port and other businesses. Seventy percent of population of the country are living in

rural areas. The poverty rate in this country stood at 26 per cent. Myanmar is striving to bring down the country's poverty rate by 16 per cent by 2015 from 26 per cent. Such a drive for poverty alleviation calls for more job opportunities to be created. So I would like to invite to invest in agro-based businesses and the sector of meat and fisheries. Investing in rubber, pulses and beans and related industries and mining as well as energy sector would be beneficial to the two countries. I would like to encourage investment of government organizations as well as private investment. Cooperation can be made in civil engineering sector.

The Belarusian Prime Minister said that he agreed with the explanations and discussions of the President. It is hoped that Myanmar and Belarus will be able to produce goods for export to neighbouring countries as the two countries are blessed with trade potentials.

He said he would like to discuss to boost bilateral trade. Cooperation can be made in geological projects in Myanmar as Belarus has a large quantity of geologists. It is also hoped that Myanmar will cooperate with Belarus in

manufacturing of automobile. He expressed his hope to penetrate the markets of big countries through the collaborative efforts between the two countries in agriculture sector. He also called for bilateral cooperation in tourism industry and education sector.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Belarus U Min Thein and departmental heads.

The Belarusian Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Minister of Industry Mr. Dmitry Katerinich, Minister of Education Mr. Sergei Maskevich, deputy ministers, senior officers, Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Valery Sadokho and officials.

MNA

First snow fall in Beijing this winter disrupts traffic

BEIJING, 2 Dec—First snow fell in Beijing on Friday morning, disrupting the city's rush-hour traffic and stranding flights.

The Beijing Meteorological Station issued a forecast of the snow at 6:55 am, providing a warning about

dangerous road conditions and extended gridlock.

Beijing Capital International Airport confirmed the snow has disrupted five flights by 8 am, delaying one for more than an hour and causing four others to be cancelled.—Xinhua

Images of the State visit of Belarusian Prime Minister Dr Mikhail V Myasnikovich to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Belarusian Prime Minister Dr Mikhail V Myasnikovich and wife make donation for Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

President U Thein Sein and Belarusian Prime Minister Dr Mikhail V Myasnikovich take salute of the Guard of Honour. (News on page 16)—MNA



Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan and wife being welcomed by Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Takashi Saito at the reception of birthday of Japanese Emperor, held at Japanese Ambassador's house in Yangon. MNA

David Duke arrested in Germany

COLOGNE, (Germany) 2 Dec—David Duke, a former Louisiana legislator and leader in the Ku Klux Klan, was arrested in Germany, he confirmed on his Web site. While not releasing details, the former grand wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan said he was arrested for a “gross twisting of travel laws.” *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune* reported Wednesday.

The incident, Duke’s Web site indicated, involved a private, peaceful gathering of about 100 German citizens “eager to hear my message of heritage and freedom.” *The Huffington Post* said his arrest could be tied to Duke’s expulsion from the Czech Republic in 2009, where he was detained on suspicion of denying the Holocaust, which is a crime in many

European countries, including Germany. A statement by the Cologne police said Duke “was not entitled to stay in Germany” because of a travel ban against him in another European country, the newspaper said. Duke spent a year in a US prison in 2003 after pleading guilty to tax fraud and using supporters’ donations to pay gambling debts.—*Internet*

Thousands flee communal clashes in central Nigeria

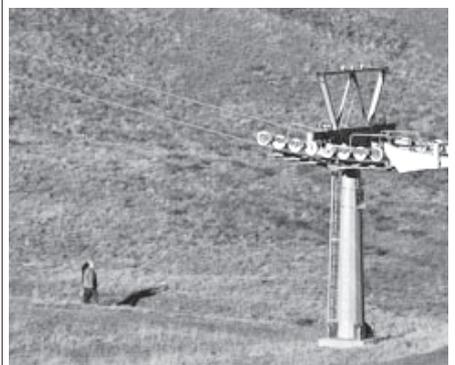
ABUJA, 2 Dec—Security forces have deployed in central Nigerian Villages after communal clashes killed at least eight people and forced thousands to flee their homes, officials said on Thursday. The clashes broke out last week pitting a local farming ethnic group known as Tivs against Fulani nomadic herdsman in Africa’s most populous nation. Police in Benue State said they recorded five deaths, while in neighbouring Nassarawa



A picture taken in 2001, near Markudi, shows some of the Tiv ethnic group people fleeing their homes as communal clashes between Hausa and the Tivs in the southeast of Nassarawa state rage.—INTERNET

state police said three clashes. Local media people were killed in the speculated that 50 people

could have been dead in sporadic fighting between the two sides in recent weeks. Nassarawa state police spokesman Cornelius Ocholi said “heavy security, very heavy security has been deployed” in the affected areas. Both the military and police were involved. “For now the situation is absolutely calm and security forces have been deployed to ensure the problem does not escalate,” said Benue state police spokesman Ejike Alaribe.—*Internet*



Two persons walking next to a skilift in a snow-free landscape at the 1660-metre-high ski resort of Les Crosets, western Switzerland. INTERNET

VW Chattanooga plant gets green award

CHATTANOOGA, 2 Dec—Volkswagen AG's new assembly plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the first auto plant to receive the top environmental award from the US Green Building Council, the company said on Thursday.

Frank Fischer, chief executive and chairman of Volkswagen Chattanooga, said that being green saves VW money on energy and water costs. The plant's paint shop alone will save 50 million gallons of water over 10 years, VW said.

The plant makes the Passat sedan. VW reported November US sales of about 6,000 of the cars, up from only about 300 a year earlier. The new Passat took the place of a sedan imported from Germany. Volkswagen's November US sales rose 41 percent to about 28,400 vehicles. VW was ninth among automakers in US sales through October, up from 10th in 2010.

The Chattanooga plant uses power from a local hydroelectric dam, and insulation of its walls will save 720,000 kilowatts per year on power, VW said.

The US Green Building Council awarded the plant its highest rating, a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building certification.

Reuters

Germany plans to attract more foreign skilled workers

BERLIN, 2 Dec—Germany plans to lower its threshold for attracting more skilled workers and professionals from other countries to fill in its increasing deficiency, an expert commission's report said on Thursday.

A joint action plan, which was drafted by the cross-party and independent commission, made it clear that immigrants are soon to be exempted a work contract upon their entrance into Germany, only if they conform to the specific criteria for their expertises are truly in need.

"More and more German citizens become increasingly aware of the fact that immigration of alien talents into Germany bears positive effects on the country," according to the expert commission, led by former North Rhine-Westphalia integration minister Armin Laschet and former defence minister Peter Struck.

It vows to offer more generous and attractive appeal to overseas university students to stay to work in Germany after their graduation, by providing more conveniences for their residency permits and ensuring that they feel being welcomed in Germany.

Xinhua

The ban on non-European Union workers should be compromised to some degree, like the USA, from where the skilled workers can be in favor of to work in Germany, in terms of their targeted and managed immigration, according to the report.

The German government will also cut down the minimum income as a prerequisite for a permanent residency from 66,000 euro to 48,000 euro a year, as foreign students shall be more likely to stay after graduations.

The vacancy of post for enough job applicants with special expertise become increasingly more acute in Germany, as a recent survey showed that the job vacancy would amount up to 3.5 million by the year 2025, and the huge gap must be filled in by enough immigrant workers from other countries.

Xinhua

EU informs WTO, US of plan to end Airbus subsidies

BRUSSELS, 2 Dec—The European Union (EU) said Thursday it had sent a report to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States on eliminating all subsidies to the aircraft manufacturer Airbus. In May, a WTO panel made a verdict ruling that EU were giving subsidy to Airbus, including aid loans, which may hurt the interests of Boeing, Airbus' main rival.

"We have always said that we would honour our WTO obligations and comply fully and on time. We have been working with the governments of France, Germany, Spain and UK, as well as with Airbus, on a series of steps," said John Clancy, EU trade spokesman in a statement.

"Through this package we address all categories of subsidies, all forms of adverse effects, and all models of Airbus aircraft covered by the WTO rulings," Clancy added. However, Clancy declined to give any details on the report's contents, which he said were not yet public, while the feedback from WTO is expected on 19 Dec.

Xinhua

File photo of a man counting money at a wholesale shop selling a variety of rice grains in Bangalore. India's economy should expand by "over 7.5 percent" this year despite weak growth in the latest financial quarter and global economic turmoil, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said on Friday.—INTERNET

Xinhua



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
3rd December 2011

"Together for a better World for all: Including Persons with Disabilities in development"

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement



An Egyptian patrol ship navigates the Suez Canal in 2008. Egypt's Suez Canal Authority said on Thursday it would raise toll fees for all ships passing through the strategic waterway by three percent from March next year.—INTERNET

Biologists find albino among Brazil dolphins

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Dec—Brazilian biologists have found an extremely rare example of an albino dolphin among an endangered species that lives off the southern coast of South America. The research group, based at Univille university in Santa Catarina, said Thursday that it was the first recorded instance of an albino in the pontoporia blainvilliei species, a very shy type of dolphin that rarely jumps out of the water. It's known in Brazil as Toninha and in Argentina and Uruguay as the La Plata or Franciscana dolphin.

Camilla Meirelles Sartori, the lead biologist of Project Toninhas, said she first saw the white calf with pinkish fins at the end of October. Her group photographed him in early November. "We were surprised, shocked," Sartori said. "It's very small, and the colour is really different. We didn't know what it was at first." Sartori said the baby was with an adult, probably its mother. The young live on their mother's milk until they are six months old and remain dependent on the adult until they're a year old. The species is endangered. Its dolphins have long, thin snouts and get easily tangled in fishing nets. They can drown or die of stress if not quickly released, Sartori said.

Internet



In this photo taken 7 Nov, 2011 and released by Projeto Toninhas/Univille, an albino dolphin, right, and an adult dolphin swim at the Baía da Babitonga, in Santa Catarina State, Brazil.

INTERNET

INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified Human Resources Management Company to submit their best cost proposal for managing outsourcing at the Indonesian Embassy for the budget year 2012. The said company will be responsible to manage 48 personnel with total Self Estimation Price of the tender US\$153,036.00 (one year).
2. Interested companies may come to the Embassy during office hours (09.00 am- 04.00 pm) on 5-10 December 2011.
3. The *Aanwijzing* (tender explanation) will be held on 9 December 2011 jam 10.00 am.
4. The proposals are to be submitted by 10 December 2011. Late bids will not be accepted.
5. Detailed information regarding the tender may be available at the Embassy's website www.kbriyangon.org or the following address.

Procurement Committee
Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
100 Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road
Dagon Township, (1191) Yangon, Myanmar
Phone number: 01-254465, 254469



US President Barack Obama and his family sing a song during the National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on the Ellipse before the White House in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 1 Dec, 2011. The lighting of the National Christmas Tree has been a celebration of the holiday season since 1923. The lighting of the newest National Christmas Tree measuring approximately 26 feet, includes about 65 sets of programmable multi-colored LED lights and 160 starburst ornaments, with a total wattage under 2000 watts.—XINHUA

US carmakers post strong November sales in US

CHICAGO, 2 Dec — The three US largest carmakers, namely General Motors (GM), Ford and Chrysler, on Thursday reported strong vehicles sales in Nov this year on the US market with Chrysler leading the rise by a 45-percent year-on-year increase. Chrysler Group LLC reported that it sold 107,172 vehicles in the month, up 45 percent from Nov 2010, which represents the sixth consecutive month of sales gains and the company's best year-over-year sales gain this year.

The company saw its Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram Truck brand each post sales increases in

Nov, among which, the Chrysler brand's 92 percent sales increase was the largest percentage gain and was its best Nov since 2008. "Chrysler trucks and SUVs proved popular this month as winter began to hit the snow belt. The company has a range of relatively new vehicles including Durango and Compass, so there is appeal for many consumers," said Jessica Caldwell, a senior analyst with Edmunds.com, a leading market research company. Ford reported total sales of 166,865 vehicles in Nov, up from 147,338 a year earlier but down 0.6 percent from October's total.—Internet

Researchers find new pool of stem cells in heart

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec — Researchers have identified a new and relatively abundant pool of stem cells in the heart. The findings in the December issue of Cell Stem Cell, show that these heart cells have the capacity for long-term expansion and can form a variety of cell types, including muscle, bone, neural and heart cells. The researchers say the discovery may lay a foundation for much needed regenerative therapies aimed to enhance tissue repair in the heart. The damaged heart often doesn't repair itself well because of the incredibly hostile environment and wide-scale loss of cells, including stem cells, after a heart attack.

"In the end, we want to know how to preserve the stem cells that are there and to circumvent their loss," says Richard Harvey of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in Australia.

Internet



Action Comics Superman debut copy sells for \$2.16m



Action Comics No 1 sold originally for 10 cents.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 2 Dec — A copy of the first issue of Action Comics, featuring Superman's debut, has become the world's most expensive comic, fetching \$2.16m (£1.4m). It was auctioned online for a starting bid of just \$1, with a reserve price of \$900,000.

The buyer or seller's name was not disclosed, but there is speculation it was owned by actor Nicolas Cage. It is the first time a comic book has broken the \$2m barrier. The issue was published in 1938 and cost 10 cents.

About 100 copies of Action Comics No 1 are thought to be in existence, and only a handful of those are in good condition. Another copy of the same issue sold for a then record-breaking \$1.5m in March last year.

Internet

Motorbike stunt rider escapes with life after high-speed act goes disastrously wrong

LONDON, 2 Dec — This is the astonishing moment a daredevil motorcyclist cheats death after smashing head-on into an oncoming car during a disastrous stunt.

The rider is filmed pulling off a series of impressive stunts with a fellow biker at the Beto Carrero World theme park in south-east Brazil when the performance goes horribly wrong.

After revving his motorbike with his colleague

at one end of the arena in front of a large crowd, the biker puts his foot down and speeds towards three oncoming red cars with the intention of dramatically weaving between them.

But while accelerating towards the cars, the rider misjudges his path during a wheelie and strays into the path of the vehicle. To the horror of spectators and his fellow stuntman, the biker ploughs headlong into the car, sending his body spinning 80ft through the air before slamming into the ground and rolling a further 40ft.

Internet

The daredevil biker flies through the air after misjudging a stunt and ploughing headlong into an oncoming car.

INTERNET

New Icelandic volcano eruption could have global impact

REYKJAVIK, 2 Dec — Hundreds of metres under one of Iceland's largest glaciers there are signs of an imminent volcanic eruption that could be one of the most powerful the country has seen in almost a century. Mighty Katla, with its 10km (6.2 mile) crater, has the potential to cause catastrophic flooding as it melts the frozen

surface of its caldera and sends billions of gallons of water surging through Iceland's east coast and into the Atlantic Ocean.

"There has been a great deal of seismic activity," says Ford Cochran, the National Geographic's expert on Iceland. "There have been more than 500 tremors in and around the caldera of Katla just in the last month, which suggests the motion of magma. And that certainly suggests an eruption may be imminent." Scientists in Iceland have been closely monitoring the area since 9 July, when there appears to have been some sort of disturbance that may have been a small eruption.—Internet



Eyjafjallajökull's relatively small eruption in 2010 halted air traffic across Europe.—INTERNET

How animals predict earthquakes

LONDON, 2 Dec — Animals may sense chemical changes in groundwater that occur when an earthquake is about to strike. This, scientists say, could be the cause of bizarre earthquake-associated animal behaviour.

Researchers began to investigate these chemical effects after seeing a colony of toads abandon its pond in L'Aquila, Italy, in 2009 — days before a quake. They

suggest that animal behaviour could be incorporated into earthquake forecasting. The team's findings are published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

In this paper, they describe a mechanism whereby stressed rocks in the Earth's crust release charged particles that react with the groundwater.

Animals that live in



Can pond-dwelling animals pick up pre-earthquake signals?

INTERNET

or near groundwater are highly sensitive to any changes in its chemistry, so they might sense this days before the rocks finally "slip" and cause a quake.

Internet

Firm wants to turn Eiffel Tower into "giant tree"



A woman relaxes alongside the fountains at the Trocadero Plaza near the Eiffel Tower as unusual warm weather continues in Paris on 28 Sept, 2011.

A French company wants to turn the Eiffel Tower into a heaving, breathing, botanical giant by draping its mass of metal struts and rivets under a mantle made of 600,000 plants.

The plan to transform one of the biggest tourist attractions in the world into a vast environmental curiosity as well is, for now, little more than the dream of an urban planning consultancy that would gain in fame if the dream became reality.

The idea, which has not so far been

officially endorsed by Paris City Hall or the company that operates the Eiffel Tower, would transform the three-floor edifice of more than 300 metres (yards) into something akin to a very tall, and growing, Christmas tree.



Crazy photos of college students

Burglar makes himself at home

Authorities say a Sacramento man suspected of burglary made himself at home in a Sonoma County residence.

Police said Jonathon Humphrey, 20, is suspected of breaking into the Fremont Diner in Sonoma Valley and a residence less than 2 blocks away, KPIX-TV, San Francisco, reported.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a break-in at the diner about 3:45 pm Sunday, Sgt Dave Thompson said. The door had been forced open and cash was gone.

Then, at about 7:15 pm, a guest staying at a nearby residence arrived home to find a man, identified as Humphrey, watching TV in the living room, Thompson said.

Man covers car in 33,000 coins

A United Arab Emirates man said it took him 3,000 hours to coat his 1998 Chevrolet Camaro in 33,000 of the country's coins. Tariq Javaid, a Pakistan native who has lived in Dubai since 1999, said he began gluing the coins to the car 15 Oct, 2010, and attached the last piece of currency last week so the car would be completed in time for National Day celebrations 2 Dec, *Gulf News* reported Thursday.

"I requested my friend who works in a bank to arrange for the coins. All the coins used in this car are brand new," Javaid said. Javaid, who used all denominations of coins for the car, which he dubbed "Pride of the Emirates," said he hopes his feat makes it into the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Dog shoots hunter in buttocks

Authorities in Utah said a hunter was wounded in the buttocks when his dog jumped on a 12-gauge shotgun, causing the weapon to fire a round of birdshot.

Box Elder County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Kevin Potter said two duck hunters were at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge preparing for a day of hunting Sunday morning when the incident took place, *The Salt Lake Tribune* reported. "One of the hunters was inside the boat with the dog, and the other hunter was in the water setting up decoys," Potter said. "The guy in the water had put his 12-gauge shotgun across the bow of their boat."

News Album

Simon Cowell one of Walters' 'Fascinating People'



In this 16 Nov, 2011 image released by ABC, singer Katy Perry, left, poses with interviewer Barbara Walters in

New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 2 Dec—Barbara Walters has named talent-show tycoon

Simon Cowell, New York Yankees star Derek Jeter and pop singing sensation Katy Perry as three of the year's "10 Most Fascinating People." Also on the list are businessman and TV personality Donald Trump, the Kardashian reality TV family, plus Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, the onscreen couple from ABC's comedy hit "Modern Family."

Others include Pippa Middleton, sister of British

royal Kate Middleton, and Amanda Knox, the former Seattle exchange student whose four years in custody ended when an Italian court overturned her murder conviction.

A ninth name is yet to be announced. The Most Fascinating Person will be revealed on the broadcast.

The 90-minute special, Walters' 19th annual "Fascinating People" edition, airs on ABC on 14 Dec.

INTERNET

Ten shorts eligible for animated Oscar



A statue of an Oscar is on display outside of the Kodak Theatre as preparations are made for the 83rd annual Academy Awards in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, on 26 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

BEVERLY HILLS, 2 Dec—Ten animated short films are eligible for Oscar nomination, Hollywood's Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Thursday.

Forty-four pictures had originally qualified in the category.

The films that made it to the next round of voting are "Dimanche/Sunday" by Patrick Doyon, "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore" by

William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg, "I Tawt I Taw a Puddy Tat" by Matthew O'Callaghan, "La Luna" by Enrico Casarosa, "Luminaris" by Juan Pablo Zaramella, "Magic Piano" by Martin Clapp, "A Morning Stroll" by Grant Orchard, "Paths of Hate" by Damian Nenow, "Specky Four-Eyes" by Jean-Claude Rozec, and "Wild Life" by Amanda Forbis and Wendy Tilby.

INTERNET

Jackson legacy expected to thrive after trial

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec—The private world of Michael Jackson, fiercely shielded by the superstar in life, was exposed in the trial of Dr Conrad Murray. But rather than suffering harm from revelations of drug use, experts say Jackson's legacy and posthumous earning power will survive any damage done and could actually grow after he was portrayed as a victim of a money-hungry doctor.

Jackson died before he could launch a series of

highly anticipated comeback concerts in London as he tried to regain the towering status he enjoyed when he released the "Thriller" album in 1983. But his death did breathe new life into record sales and boosted other projects to generate hundreds of millions of dollars for his estate, even as his already tarnished personal life took another hit by revelations about his drug use. Jackson zoomed to the top of the Forbes Magazine list of highest earning dead



In this 31 Jan, 1993 file picture, Michael Jackson performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl XXVII in Pasadena, Calif.

INTERNET

celebrities and his executors are moving quickly on more projects designed to burnish the performer's image and expand the inheritance of his three children.

INTERNET

Three Broadway shows hum happily after Grammy nods

NEW YORK, 2 Dec—Move over Adele, Kanye West and Bon Iver. One of the liveliest contests at next year's Grammy Awards will pit Harry Potter, Cole Porter and a pair of Mormon missionaries. The cast recordings of "The Book of Mormon," "Anything Goes" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"—an eclectic group of shows still going strong on Broadway—each earned Grammy nominations Wednesday night.

"We're in very rarified company," said Kathleen Marshall, who directed and choreographed the Porter-driven "Anything Goes," which stars Sutton Foster and Joel Grey and features such songs as "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "You're the Top." Robert Lopez, who together with "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone created "The Book of Mormon," was generous in his praise for his rivals. "I've seen them both and I thought they were great," he said.



In this theater publicity image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown, Andrew Rannells, centre, performs with an ensemble cast in "The Book of Mormon" at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre in New York.

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"They're two big classics and they did a really good job casting and remounting them."—INTERNET

Liverpool and Man City to meet in cup semis

LONDON, 2 Dec — Barclays Premier League rivals Liverpool and Manchester City have been drawn against each other in the semi-finals of the Carling Cup.

The clubs will meet over two legs in January to decide who will reach the final at Wembley in February after Liverpool beat Chelsea and City edged past Arsenal to reach the last four.

Manchester United will not be able to add to their tally of three Carling Cup wins in the last six seasons after they were knocked out of the competition at Old Trafford by Championship side Crystal Palace.

Palace took the lead thanks to a stunning 30-yard shot from Darren Ambrose and although Federico Macheda levelled with a penalty, Palace won it in extra-time through Glen Murray's header.

Palace's reward is an all-Champion-



Liverpool and Man City met in the Barclays Premier League on Sunday when they drew 1-1.

INTERNET

ship semi-final meeting with Cardiff City, who saw off Blackburn with a 2-0 victory on Tuesday.

The first legs will be held in the week beginning 9th January and the second legs the week beginning 23rd January, with the final due to take place on Sunday 26 February.— *Internet*

Barclays Premier League Standing

CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Manchester City	13	11	2	0	43	12	31	35
2 Manchester United	13	9	3	1	30	13	17	30
3 Tottenham Hotspur	12	9	1	2	26	16	10	28
4 Newcastle United	13	7	5	1	19	12	7	26
5 Chelsea	13	8	1	4	28	17	11	25
6 Liverpool	13	6	5	2	17	12	5	23
7 Arsenal	13	7	2	4	26	23	3	23
8 Aston Villa	13	3	7	3	16	17	-1	16
9 Everton	12	5	1	6	15	16	-1	16
10 Norwich City	13	4	4	5	19	21	-2	16
11 Queens Park Rangers	13	4	3	6	14	24	-10	15
12 Stoke City	13	4	3	6	13	23	-10	15
13 Swansea City	13	3	5	5	12	16	-4	14
14 West Bromwich Albion	13	4	2	7	12	20	-8	14
15 Fulham	13	2	6	5	15	16	-1	12
16 Sunderland	13	2	5	6	15	15	0	11
17 Wolverhampton	13	3	2	8	13	23	-10	11
18 Bolton Wanderers	13	3	0	10	19	31	-12	9
19 Wigan Athletic	13	2	3	8	12	24	-12	9
20 Blackburn Rovers	13	1	4	8	17	30	-13	7

Ukraine will surprise world — Euro 2012 chief



KIEV, 2 Dec — Euro 2012 moves a huge step closer on Friday when the draw for the finals is held at Kiev's Palace of the Arts with Ukraine tournament director Markiyano Lubkivskyi promising his country is ready to surprise the world.

The road from Cardiff on 18 April, 2007, when UEFA awarded the finals to co-hosts Ukraine and

Poland, has been a long and arduous one. Michel Platini, president of European soccer's ruling body UEFA, issued an ultimatum to Ukraine as recently as March last year, saying: "If the stadium in Kiev is not finished then we will not go there and if there is no Kiev there is no Ukraine".

The stadium in Kiev, and others in Lviv, Donetsk and Kharkiv, are all ready now, as well as all four Polish venues in Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznan and Gdansk, and everything is set for the gala draw which starts at 1900 local time (1700 GMT).— *Internet*

Spurs on brink of European exit

LONDON, 2 Dec — Tottenham's hopes of reaching the last 32 of the Europa League are hanging by a thread after a 2-1 defeat at home against Greek side PAOK Salonika at White Hart Lane. The loss means Spurs sit third in Group A on seven points after five matches, three points behind Russian side Rubin Kazan and four behind PAOK, who have qualified for the next stage.

Harry Redknapp's side must now beat Shamrock Rovers in their last match on 15 December, hope PAOK triumph over Rubin and enjoy a six-goal swing in the process to reach the last 32. "I am



Spurs' Europa League form contrasts with their superb run in the Barclays Premier League.— *INTERNET*

disappointed that we will not be in the last 32," said Redknapp. "It is a very slim chance, it is very difficult now. "I wanted to stay in the competition but it wasn't to be. Full credit to the opposition PAOK — they worked hard and looked dangerous."

— *Internet*

England manager Fabio Capello insists Euro 2012 is his swansong and tournament will be harder than World Cup

LONDON, 2 Dec — Fabio Capello has insisted Euro 2012 will be his last competition as an England manager and believes the tournament will be a lot harder than the World Cup in South Africa. While Giovanni Trapattoni has extended his contract with the Republic of Ireland by a further two years at the age of 72, Capello has maintained that he will not be in charge of England beyond the summer. "As an England manager, this is it for me," he told reporters ahead of traveling to the Ukraine for Friday's Euro 2012 draw.

Euro 2012 will see most countries who featured in the World Cup involved and Capello believes it will be



England manager Fabio Capello

a lot harder than two years ago as teams have had time to improve. "This time it will be stronger," he continued. "It will be stronger because if you look at the groups and all the teams, particularly the three European teams who reached the World Cup semi-finals; the technical level is at the top, the organisation of the teams is at the top."

— *Internet*

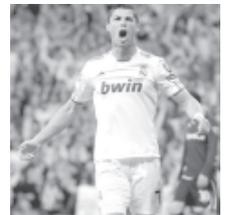
Ronaldo back to Real squad

MADRID, 2 Dec — Real Madrid's star striker Cristiano Ronaldo returned to the squad for Spanish La Liga match slated for the weekend after recovering from an ankle strain, his club said on Thursday. "Cristiano Ronaldo re-joined the squad in this morning's training session in preparation for Saturday's match against Sporting Gijon," Real Madrid said in a statement on their website.

He had skipped training earlier this week after suffering a left ankle sprain during last weekend's 4-1 La Liga match victory over Atletico Madrid. Ronaldo is currently the joint top

scorer in the Spanish league this season, level with Lionel Messi of Barcelona on 16 goals. Real Madrid, who lead the Spanish top division by three points ahead of European champions Barcelona, travel to third-from-bottom Sporting Gijon on Saturday.

— *Xinhua*



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo

Wozniacki to start 2012 tennis season in Sydney



World No 1 women's tennis player Caroline Wozniacki

COPENHAGEN, 2 Dec — World No 1 women's tennis player Caroline Wozniacki starts her 2012 tennis season at the Sydney International in Australia for the fourth consecutive year, according to Danish Media. Danish Wozniacki said the 637,000 US dollar outdoor hardcourt tournament, part of the WTA circuit, would help her pre-

pare for the Australian Open in Melbourne, next year's first grand slam. "The Sydney International is the ideal preparation for the first Grand Slam of the year," Wozniacki said on Thursday.

"The matches there are always so tough because so many of the top players compete there so I know I will get the match practice I need before Melbourne," she added, in comments carried on the Sydney tournament's website. The Sydney International also features Chinese Li Na, who won the event's 2011 edition and the French Open, as well as US Open champion Samantha Stosur of Australia.— *Internet*

SPORTS

Lucas sidelined for rest of the season

LIVERPOOL, 2 Dec — Liverpool midfielder Lucas Leiva has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a knee injury.



Brazilian Lucas Leiva has been a key figure in Liverpool's midfield this season

Lucas was carried off on a stretcher towards the end of Tuesday's 2-0 Carling Cup victory over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

A scan confirmed damage to the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and the Brazilian international will now undergo surgery.

On Wednesday, Liverpool recalled 19-year-old midfielder Jonjo Shelvey from his loan at Blackburn.— *Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (3-12-2011) (Saturday)

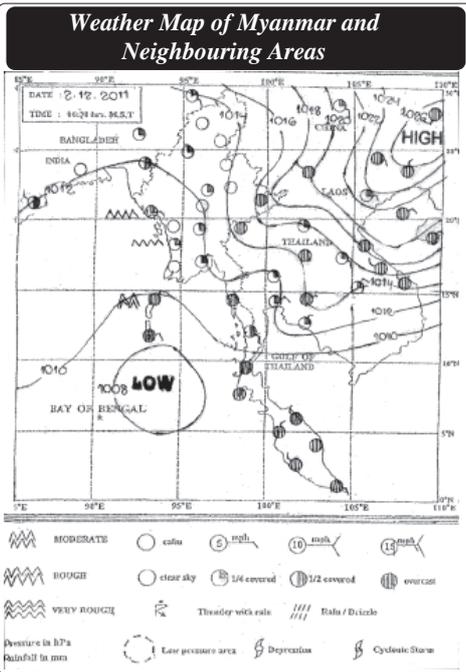
	<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(3-12-11 09:30 am ~ 4-12-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar Social & Charitable Association (Episode-3) (Part - II)
- * News
- * Those Who Never Give Up "Zaw Win Myint" (Part- 1)
- * Orchid Survey in Hponkanrazi
- * News
- * Those Who Never Give Up "Zaw Win Myint" (Part- 2)

- * News
 - * Shwe Kyin: A Picture of Peace and Progress
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- * News
- * Shwe Kyin: A Picture of Peace and Progress
- * News
- * What Have You Done For the Natural Environment?
- * News
- * Charming Myanmar Silk Fabric
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Food "(Episode-12) (Shwe Musel)"
- * News
- * A Worth studying site for ancient Myanmar Heritages
- * Myanmar Movies "Great Goodwill"



Saturday, 3 December View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:10 am
 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
 6. Health Programme

- 8:05 am
 7. Documentary
- 8:20 am
 8. Poem Gardern
- 8:40 am
 9. International News
- 8:45 am
 10. Mytta Pawana By Min Gun Sayadaw Phayagyi
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
 3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am
 4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:25 pm
 5. Delicious Dishes
- 1:40 pm
 6. TV Drama Series
- 2:40 pm
 7. Dance of National Races

- 2:50 pm
 8. International News
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
 3. Cultural Dances
- 4:30 pm
 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Chemistry)
- 4:40 pm
 5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
 6. World Disable Day
- 4:55 pm
 7. Beautiful "ASEAN"

- 5:05 pm
 8. Teleplay
- 5:30 pm
 9. Game For Children
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
 12. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:40 pm
 13. Yindagomae
- 7:10 pm
 14. Documentary
- 7:25 pm
 15. Song Programme
- 7:45 pm
 16. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
 17. News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. Cartoon Series
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

Weather forecast for 3rd December, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	13/55	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	27/81	12/54	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	36/97	21/70	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	17/63	08/46	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	15/59	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	17/63	Partly cloudy	
7	Taninthayi	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
8	Bago	32/90	19/66	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	35/95	18/64	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	31/88	20/68	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	36/97	21/70	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	34/93	20/68	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	31/88	16/61	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	22/72	10/50	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	24/75	06/43	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	12/54	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	20/68	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	15/59	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	20/68	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	31/88	20/68	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin and Mon States, (3°C) below November average temperatures in Northern Shan State and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Pinlaung (6°C) and Lashio (7°C).

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of night temperatures in Lower Myanmar areas.

Toyota recalls 210,000 Sienna minivans

CHICAGO, 2 Dec— Toyota Motor Corp. said Friday it is recalling 210,000 Sienna minivans for failing to display the correct vehicle capacity weight. Toyota is recalling certain model year 2011 through 2012 Sienna vehicles for failing to disclose the proper maximum load. These vehicles do not meet the requirement for displaying the correct vehicle capacity weight as the rated load for the combination of cargo and occupants, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The NHTSA said incorrect information on the vehicle may lead to

tire overloading and possibly tire failure that would increase the risk of a crash. owners a corrected placard along with revised owner manual information for free.

Toyota will mail Xinhua



A customer looks at new cars in the showroom of Toyota car dealer Amserv in Tallinn 22 November, 2011.

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President U Thein Sein receives Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and party



President U Thein Sein meets Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich at Credentials Hall of Presidential House in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich of the Republic of Belarus at the Credentials Hall of the

Presidential House, here, at 8.50 am today.

At the meeting, the President extended greetings, saying that he took pride of the visit of the Belarusian goodwill delegation, and he expressed his belief that the visit of the Belarusian

Prime Minister would further promote friendly relations between the two countries.

In his speech, the Belarusian Prime Minister expressed his thanks for the opportunity to pay a first-ever trip to Myanmar. He said that he would continue more mutual cooperation between the two countries. He praised progress in reforms of Myanmar under the leadership of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. He expressed his concept that very far distance between the two countries could not disturb friendly relations between them. From now onward, the two countries will cooperate in all sectors such as education and trade. He said that a great potential for cooperation and trade can be seen in Myanmar. He expects to further enhance trade volume between the two nations than before. After signing the basic bilateral agreements, the two nations would achieve greater success in cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

In his address, the President said that China puts investments in laying of pipelines for transport of oil from Middle East to China through Yunnan Province via Myanmar and construction of railroads. Moreover, he said that other countries invested in deep sea port and other businesses. For example, he said that Dawei Deep Sea
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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win welcome Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—A ceremony to welcome the goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and wife of the Republic of Belarus, that arrived here to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, was held on the lawns in front of the Presidential House, here, at 8.30 am today.

On arrival at the Presidential House from Myat Tawwin Hotel in a motorcade, the Belarusian Prime Minister and wife were cordially greeted by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win in front of the Presidential House.

On the dais, they took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Meanwhile, the State Band played the



President U Thein Sein and Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich inspect Guard of Honour.—MNA

National Anthems of the two nations.

Next, they inspected the Guard of Honour. The Belarusian Prime Minister presented his entourage to President U Thein Sein. Likewise, President U

Thein Sein introduced Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Union

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Deputy Sports

Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Belarus U Min Thein to the Belarusian Prime Minister.

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