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Bilateral cooperation will further develop between Myanmar and Belarus at the end of Belarusian PM's visit

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo

Potential of growth of trade turnover between our countries can reach over the next few years is fifty times as high

Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at 1st Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum.—MNA

After diplomatic relations were established between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus in September 1999, Your Excellency's visit is the first visit of the Head of Government of the Republic of Belarus.

Although Myanmar and Belarus are geographically far away, I sincerely believe that bilateral cooperation will further develop between the two countries at the end of your visit. I also consider that today's forum, which is aimed at promoting bilateral economic cooperation, will bring about constructive results as well as friendship and understanding between businessmen and entrepreneurs from both countries.

During your visit, the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Belarus and the

signed.

Furthermore, as regards the private sector, I am pleased to note that the Agreement on cooperation between the Belarusian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry has also been signed. I am of the view that these agreements will contribute to promote future cooperation between the two countries.

According to the available data on bilateral trade, there remain many opportunities to further promote bilateral trade.

At present, Myanmar is undergoing administrative and economic transformations to develop the nation. Although the economy of the country is based on agriculture,



NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich delivered addresses at the opening ceremony of the First Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here,

at 9.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Myanmar and Belarusian entrepreneurs and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address. He said:

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on Trade and Economic Cooperation and Agreement between Ministry of Agriculture and Production of the Republic of Belarus and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on cooperation in agriculture field were

strenuous efforts are being made to develop into an industrialized State.

As trade and investment are the driving force for national development, rules and regulations are being amended to keep pace with the changing times, with a view to promoting trade and investment.

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Opening of new page in education sector

The greater the challenge, the more the concerted efforts are needed. Currently, Myanmar needs a large number of educated human resources. As investments from abroad will flow into the nation in line with the market-oriented economic system, the nation needs many educated youths in doing business to keep abreast of other nations. Thus, a new change in education sector should be welcomed for fulfilling the requirement of the educated.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia play an important role in building a democratic new nation. Likewise, education is a main pillar for development of human resources. In fact, every country puts largest investment in education sector. Parents, teachers and students are to join hands in improving education sector.

A remarkable change has been made in today's education sector. The Private School Registration Law has already been issued. Though there were tuitions called private schools in the past, these institutions were suspended for various reasons. At that time, the youths were well-versed. It is needed to resume the routine of education system. However, there should not be a greater gap in education. It should not represent the education system for the elite. Education fee must be appropriate for all students. Educational institutions must give better service but they should not represent functions of tuition.

All the people are to provide assistance for monastic education and free schools. Government-owned schools are to catch up with private schools to be able to uplift education sector. All are to be aware of the activities of some self-seekers in educational service. All the people are to uphold fair vocations.

It should be delighted with emergence of outstanding teachers. They should turn out the students who abide by prescribed disciplines and public ethics with high physical and mental capabilities. So, we welcome emergence of private education institutions in perpetuity for producing larger number of outstanding human resources.

K10 million Loans disbursed to vendors in Meiktila Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— Meiktila Township Development Organization held a ceremony to pay out loans to the vendors selling their various kinds of foodstuff at Meiktila Market at Kandaw Mingala Hall on 1 December, aiming the loans to help their daily life escape from poverty.

At the ceremony, CEC member U Than Aye of Township Development Organization delivered an address, and presented a total of one-hundred vendors K 10 million.

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Belarusian Prime Minister and spouse visit Myanmar Gems Museum



Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and wife and delegates visit Myanmar Gems Museum.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich and wife and delegates on a goodwill visit in Myanmar

visited Myanmar Gems Museum this morning where they were welcomed by Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and officials.

The visiting Prime Minister and wife together with party looked round the museum and signed visitors' book, and then viewed sales booths.

The Prime Minister's wife Mrs Ludmila Myasnikovich viewed Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Hluttaw Building, jewellery stalls near Thabyaygon Market and urban development in a motorcade.

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities marked



Union Minister

U Aung Kyi

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awards to

schools for the

disabled.

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NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement here this morning. Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi spoke on the occasion.

Next, UNDP Senior Deputy Resident Representative Mr Akbar Usamani read out the message sent by the UN Secretary General. Then, Union Minister U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin and officials presented cash awards to outstanding disabled persons, outstanding disabled children from schools for the disabled and disabled persons from Yangon Region and Mandalay Region, who journeyed on wheel chairs as a skill demonstration.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and guests observed the video and photo documentaries. This year's motto is "Together for a better world for all; including persons with disabilities in development".

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Senior Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP Mr Akbar Usamani reads message of UN Secretary-General.
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Kayin State Chief Minister's Shield Men (Open) Football Tournament-2011 continues

YANGON, 3 Dec—Kayin State Chief Minister's Shield Men (Open) Football Tournament-2011 continued its football matches at Aung Than Lwin State sports ground in Hpa-an yesterday.

At yesterday event, Myawady Township trounced Kawkareik Township 7-1.

Today, Hpa-an Township plays against Hlaingbwe Township.—MNA

2.6 million Afghans at risk of hunger from drought

MAZAR-E-SHARIF (Afghanistan), 3 Dec— Zara, an Afghan mother of seven, doesn't know what to tell her children when they ask about dinner.

"I simply tell them that we must wait until their father gets home to see if he's going to bring anything," she said, speaking from under a dusty blue burqa covering her from head to toe.

Zara, who uses just one name, is one of an estimated 2.6 million Afghans facing food shortages after one of the worst droughts to strike northern Afghanistan in a decade, according to Afghan officials and aid agencies. Already living in poverty in a country at war, many have been left destitute by the drought, which has affected 14 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces — all in the north. Wells have dried up. Hundreds of children have been treated for malnutrition. Families are selling their animals at below-market prices. People are moving to cities to try to find food, water, work and, in some cases, a refuge from the fighting.

The Afghan government and aid agencies are racing to help them before snow blocks access to remote areas.—*Internet*



In this on 24 Nov, 2011, Afghan women clad in burqas sit near their packed bags of humanitarian aid donated by International Organization for Migration (IOM) for drought-hit families in Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh Province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. —INTERNET

US hands over biggest base to Iraq, boasting milestone in pullout

BAGHDAD, 3 Dec— Camp Victory, the largest US military base in Iraq, was handed over to the Iraqi military on Friday, marking the end of an era which saw the base serve as the US military headquarters in Iraq.

The handover came as the 31 Dec US troop withdrawal deadline is drawing close and after US Vice President Joe Biden pledged for the full pullout on his surprise visit here starting from Tuesday.

"The Victory Base Complex (Camp Victory) was officially signed over to the receivership of the Iraqi government this morning," said Colonel Barry Johnson, a US military spokesman.

"The base is no longer under the US control and is now under the full authority of the government of Iraq," said the spokesman.

No handover ceremony was held other than a brief signing meeting between the two sides.

Xinhua

At least 36 killed, 13 injured in road accident in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 3 Dec— At least 36 people were killed and 13 others were injured in a collision between two trucks and a bus driving along a road in the northeastern Brazilian state of Bahia on Saturday, officials were quoted by local media as saying.

Authorities are still investigating the cause of the accident in road BR116, in the municipality of Milagres, about 250 km from state capital of Salvador.

Xinhua



Sandbags frame a 1.8 ton WWII bomb in river Rhine near Koblenz Saturday 3 Dec, 2011. Officials in Germany's western city of Koblenz say some 45,000 residents have to be evacuated because of a World War II era bomb discovered in the Rhine river. —INTERNET

A Seychelles coastguard vessel arrives in the Port of Victoria. The Seychelles has invited Beijing to set up a military base on the archipelago to beef up the fight against piracy there, Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Paul Adam says. —INTERNET

Nine killed in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 3 Dec— Bomb and gun attacks in Iraq killed nine people, including four anti-Qaeda militiamen, and wounded 30 others, security officials said on Friday.

"Four people were killed and seven wounded in two attacks by roadside bombs in the Taji area," just north of Baghdad, an interior ministry official said.

The first attack targeted the home of Nadhem Karim Mohammed, a leader of anti-Qaeda Sahwa militia forces in Taji, killing him and his mother, the official said.

When police arrived at the scene, another bomb went off, killing two police and wounding seven others.

Three roadside bombs exploded in the disputed northern City of Kirkuk,

killing a woman and wounding 15 other people, said Major General Turhan Abdul Rahman, deputy director general of Kirkuk police.

A roadside bomb killed a policeman and wounded six people, including three police, about 75 kilometres (45 miles) south of Kirkuk, police Lieutenant Colonel Khaled al-Bayati said.

Unknown gunmen attacked a Sahwa checkpoint in the Al-Sharqat area, 120 kilometres (75 miles) northeast of Tikrit, killing three Sahwa members and wounding two others, a police major said.

A security source also said that police had freed Ibrahim Zaki Khalaf al-Ajili, the teenage son of a prominent contractor in Tikrit, who was kidnapped on Thursday.—*Internet*



Seychelles invites China to set up anti-piracy presence

VICTORIA, 3 Dec— The Seychelles on Friday invited Beijing to set up a military presence on the archipelago to beef up the fight against piracy there, Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Paul Adam said.

The declaration came as Liang Guanglie is making the first-ever visit by a Chinese defence minister to the Indian Ocean island state. "We have invited the Chinese government to set up a military presence on Mahe to fight the pirate attacks that the Seychelles face on a regular basis," Adam said.

"For the time being China is studying this possibility because she has economic interests in the region and Beijing is also involved in the fight against piracy," he explained. General Liang, who arrived in Victoria on Thursday with a 40-strong delegation, had been invited in October by Seychelles President James Michel, when he was on a visit to China.

"Together, we need to increase our surveillance capacity in the Indian Ocean... as Seychelles has a strategic position between Asia and Africa," Michel said in a statement, adding that China had given its army two light aircraft.

The two countries signed a military cooperation agreement in 2004 that has enabled some 50 Seychelles soldiers to be trained in China. They renewed their agreement Friday, with China to provide further training and equipment.

If the Chinese military presence goes ahead, "it won't be the first foreign military presence here because the Americans already have a small drone station here that they use in the fight against piracy," Adam said.

After warships started deploying in the Gulf of Aden in 2008 to thwart attacks on vessels, Somali pirates enlarged their field of operations into the Indian Ocean, including towards the Seychelles.

Internet



A pedestrian walks on a street in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Dec, 2011. The characters on the hood of the car says "it snows". Beijing experienced its first snow this winter on Friday morning. — XINHUA

Business

Dollar rises on upbeat jobs data

NEW YORK, 3 Dec— The US dollar rose against major currencies in late New York trading on Friday as US unemployment rate dropped sharply in November. The US Labour Department said 120,000 new jobs were added to the economy in November and US unemployment rate dropped to 8.6 percent from 9 percent. The upbeat data helped to convince investors that the US jobs market was improving.

The dollar index rose 0.36 percent to 78.61 on Friday. German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Friday said that the summit of European leaders next week would focus on

quick treaty changes aimed at tightening fiscal ties across the 17-nation euro zone. Also, it is reported that Germany and France promised to push for a closer fiscal union in the euro zone. However, the news failed to boost the euro as the shared currency dipped 0.45 percent against the dollar on Friday.

In late Friday trading, the dollar bought 78.03 Japanese yen, comparing with 77.76 from late Thursday. The euro fell to 1.3406 dollars from 1.3460. The British pound also fell to 1.5598 dollars from 1.5689. The dollar rose from 0.9164 Swiss francs to 0.9208, and rose to 1.0178 Canadian dollars from 1.0150.—Xinhua



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 March, 2011.—XINHUA



Ed Damiano (R) shows the insulin infusion set which delivers insulin to his son David, at the family's home in Acton, Massachusetts 23 July, 2011. Damiano, whose 12-year-old son David was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 11 months-old, is working on a bionic pancreas that will automatically control blood glucose in people with type 1 diabetes.

INTERNET

Health Tip: Watch your weight this holiday season

The holidays may represent excess, but you don't have to let that translate to excess weight.

The Cleveland Clinic suggests how to ward off those holiday pounds:

- * Despite the busy season, don't skip exercise.
- * Eat seven servings of fruits and veggies per day, both for nutrients and to help you stay full without all of the calories.
- * Keep candy, cookies and other treats out of sight.
- * Indulge in just one small treat per day.
- * Make wise choices at the holiday party buffet. Politely decline if hosts keep pushing more food.
- * Make holiday gatherings more about conversation and socializing than food.

Internet

Pressure to be perfect parent can discourage new moms, dads

Health

COLUMBUS, 3 Dec— First-time mothers and fathers have a tougher time adapting to their new roles if they believe society expects them to be perfect parents, a new study finds.

Researchers looked at 182 couples who became parents between 2008 and 2010, and found that mothers had less confidence in their parenting abilities and fathers felt more stress when they were more

worried about what others thought of their parenting skills.

But, the study found, self-imposed pressure to be perfect was somewhat better for parents, especially fathers.

This may be because the fathers in the study were highly involved in parenting and were motivated by high self-imposed standards. Or it may be because fathers still don't carry the same burden for child care as

mothers, the researchers said.

"Trying to be the perfect parent is a mixed bag," study author Meghan Lee, a graduate student in human development and family science at Ohio State University, said in a university news release.

"If you think you have to be perfect because of outside pressure, it really hurts adjustment. If you put these demands on yourself, it may have

some benefits early on, but it is not universally good," she added.

The study appears online and will be published in a future print issue of the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*.

The parents in the study were assessed three months after their child was born, so it's possible that the role of perfectionism may change over time, Lee noted.

Internet

Business Facebook to hire thousands, sees fast growth

NEW YORK, 3 Dec— Facebook, the social networking giant that is preparing to go public, said it plans to hire thousands of employees over the next year to keep up with what it expects to be rapid growth. "We are growing very quickly and have been through the economy," Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg said at a Press conference. When asked if she asked that continue, she said: "That's what we are betting on."

Facebook does not publicly release its earnings, but a source with knowledge of its results told Reuters in September that the company posted nearly \$500 million in net income in the first half of

the year as revenue doubled from a year earlier to \$1.6 billion.

Sandberg visited New York City on Friday to announce that her firm would start hiring engineers in the city, where it has a small Madison Avenue office with about 100 employees. The vast majority of its 3,000 workers are at its

headquarters in Palo Alto, California, and a satellite campus in Seattle.

She did not say how many engineers Facebook would employ in New York or disclose exactly how many workers the firm will add in the coming year. It is expected to sell shares to the public in 2012.

"We are trying to grow at a clip that will

allow us to get the very best people and integrate them," she said at a Press conference where she was joined by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Senator Charles Schumer. "We will be adding thousands of employees in the next year." Facebook currently leases 40,000 square feet of space for its advertising and marketing division on a single floor at 335 Madison Ave, also known as Bank of America Plaza. It is nearing a deal to close on another 40,000 square feet there, according to a sources familiar with the transaction. Officials with Facebook did not immediately respond to a request for comment on that deal.

Reuters



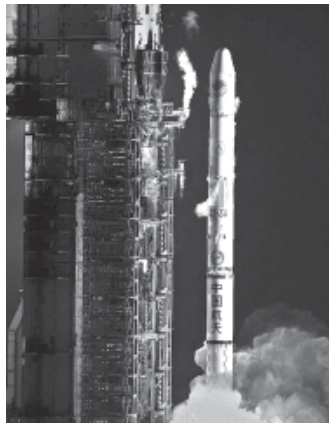
The Facebook logo is displayed on a computer screen in Brussels 21 April, 2010.—INTERNET



Lipitor tablets sit in a tray at a pharmacy in 2008 in Chicago. Pfizer's patent on the best-selling drug of all-time, the cholesterol-lowering medication Lipitor, expired on Wednesday, opening the path to generic competitors for America's most popular medication.—INTERNET

China launches 10th satellite for independent navigation system

Science



A Long March-3A carrier rocket lifts off at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 2 Dec, 2011. China successfully launched into space the tenth orbiter for its independent satellite navigation and positioning network known as Beidou, or Compass System here early Friday.—XINHUA

XICHANG, 3 Dec—China successfully launched a satellite into space at 5:07 am Beijing Time Friday, the 10th one of its indigenous global navigation and positioning network known as Beidou,

or Compass system, the launch centre said.

The satellite, launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the southwestern Sichuan Province, was boosted by a Long March-3A carrier rocket into a geosynchronous orbit.

It was also the 153rd launch of the Long March carrier rockets.

The basic structure of the Beidou system has now been established, and engineers are now conducting comprehensive system test and evaluation.

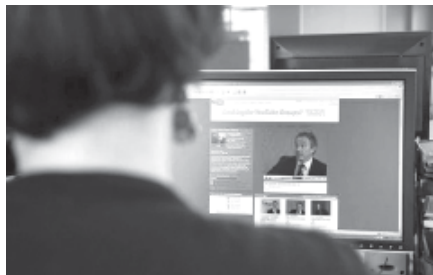
The system will provide test-run services of positioning, navigation and time for China and the neighbouring areas before the end of this year, according to the authorities.

More satellites will be launched before the end of 2012 for the Beidou network, and its coverage area will be expanded with upgraded services.

The global satellite positioning and navigation system will be completed in 2020 with 30 satellites orbiting the earth.

Started in 2000, the Beidou satellite navigation system is designed to break China's dependence on the US Global Positioning System (GPS).

Xinhua



A woman watches a video on YouTube in London 2007. YouTube on Thursday unveiled a major redesign that showcases television-style channels and promises slicker integration with other Google online properties.—INTERNET

YouTube remake spotlights TV-style channels

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec—YouTube on Thursday unveiled a major redesign that showcases television-style channels and promises slicker integration with other Google online properties.

The new YouTube home page features channels created by anyone from self-styled video lovers to professional television or movie studios. A side panel provides YouTube users easy tools to find channels tailored to interests and then "pin" favorites to stay tuned into new offerings. YouTube provides recommendations based on videos people watch or like. "The

layout is a lot easier on the eyes and the feed is pretty awesome," said DeStorm Power, a singer and songwriter who has risen to stardom on YouTube, where his channel has more than 1.16 million subscribers.

New YouTube pages makes it easy to sync channel updates to subscribers' Twitter, Facebook or Google+ social network accounts, he noted. YouTube even changed its well-known logo to be more modern and closer in style to those used at other Google services. The redesign is being rolled out with an eye toward making YouTube look and work

better on all Internet-linked devices from smart-phones and tablets to television sets. "This is really the largest redesign and largest launch in YouTube's history," said group product manager Noam Lovinsky.

"As we carry the redesign across the site and all kinds of devices it really changes the game for content providers," Lovinsky said. "Everyone is going to be vying for that precious spot on the home page." The home page lets people switch channels television-style instead of hunting for video clip after clip.

Internet

CO2 drop drove Antarctic ice birth

Science

WEST LAFAYETTE, 3 Dec—A drop in carbon dioxide was the driving force behind the Antarctic ice sheet's formation, one of the biggest climate events in Earth's history, scientists say.

Researchers at Purdue and Yale universities said the role of the greenhouse gas in the Antarctic shows carbon dioxide's importance in past climate change and points to CO2 as a significant force in present and future climate.

The team identified a threshold for low levels of carbon dioxide below which an ice sheet forms in the South Pole, but how much the greenhouse gas must increase before the ice sheet melts is still a mystery, they said in a release Thursday.

"The evidence falls in line with what we would expect if carbon dioxide is the main dial that governs global climate; if we crank it up

or down there are dramatic changes," Matthew Huber, a Purdue professor of earth and atmospheric sciences, said. "We went from a warm world without ice to a cooler world with an ice sheet overnight, in geologic terms, because of fluctuations in carbon dioxide levels."

During a span of 100,000 years at the end of the Eocene epoch, temperatures fell dramatically, many species of animals became extinct, ice covered Antarctica and sea levels fell, researchers said.

"The onset of Antarctic ice is the mother of all climate 'tipping points,'" Yale geochemist Mark Pagani said. "Recognizing the primary role carbon dioxide change played in altering global climate is a fundamentally important observation."

Internet

Tech

An employee of South Korean mobile carrier KT holds a Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablet (R) and Apple Inc's iPad tablet as he poses for photos at a registration desk at KT's headquarters in Seoul on 10 August, 2011.

INTERNET

Sharp develops world's thinnest 12.1 MP CMOS camera module

Tech

NEW YORK, 3 Dec—The race to pack as many megapixels into the most pocket-friendly products has been heating up for awhile. While camera manufacturers have their work cut out for them, the smartphone industry has also taken notice. Picture quality has become important to smartphone users, which makes sense given that the iPhone 4 is one of the most popular cameras on Flickr.

And now Sharp has fueled the fire with the announcement that it has developed the world's thinnest 12.1-megapixel CMOS camera module. The RJ63YC100 (rolls right off the tongue) measures in at 11x11x5.47 millimetres and packs image-stabilization, a backlit sensor, standard AF, and full

1080p HD video capture.

The best part is we don't have to wait: this isn't some product that Sharp is testing and is simply showing off. Mass production of 100,000 units a month will begin in January.

One of the largest hardware pieces in smartphones is the camera module, and if Sharp's product is as capable as it sounds, we could easily be seeing thinner phones in the near future. In fact, according to some new rumors, Apple and Sharp could be striking a business relationship for manufacturing parts. While this speculation was specific to the fabled iTV, it could spill over into iPhone camera parts.—Internet

C-in-C seen off by Chinese military officers on way back home

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, who had paid a good-will visit to China at the invitation of Chief of General Staff of People's Liberation Army General Chen Bingde, headed home yesterday.

On arrival at Tai Ping Si Airport in Chengdu, Air Force Commander Sr Col Yu Shu Xiong and Deputy Commander Col Liu Wen Qi welcomed the Myanmar general, who later presented gifts to them.

The delegation led by General Min Aung Hlaing arrived at Nanning Airport by special flight of Chinese PLA where

they received a welcome by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Military Region Commander Maj-Gen Zhang Tao Xiang and officials.

They exchanged greetings and commemorative gifts at the airport lounge.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing being seen off by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Military Region Commander Maj-Gen Zhang Tao Xiang and officials at Nanning Airport.—MNA



Representative office (Yangon) of ICBC opened in Yangon



Union Minister U Hla Tun delivers an address the opening of the foreign bank representative office (Yangon). —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun delivered an address at the opening of the foreign bank representative office

(Yangon) of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (ICBC) at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening.

Also present on the occasion were Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and ministers, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Counsellor Mr Wang Zong Ying of the Chinese Embassy, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, officials of State-owned and private-owned banks and guests.

Chairman of ICBC Ltd Mr Jiang Jianqing also made a speech.

Union Minister U Hla Tun, the Chief Minister, the Chairman of ICBC Ltd and responsible persons formally unveiled the signboard of the ICBC representative office.

Before the opening ceremony, the chairman of ICBC Ltd called on Union Minister U Hla Tun at Parkroyal Hotel.

MNA

Well-wishers donate cash and kind to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

YANGON, 3 Dec—The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic being kept in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, was thronged with members of the Sangha and devotees for the 12th day today.

At the donation centres, officials accepted K 137,109,480 donated by 302 well-wishers including K 705,000 by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung-Daw Khin Htay Myint and family, K 110,000 by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin and family, K 100,000 each by Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin-Daw Myint Than and family and Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein-Daw Khin Thwe Thwe Myint (Director-Rtd) and family, K 794,820 and S\$ 100 by Kumudra Dhamma Yeiktha Singapore group under the auspices of the Chairman of Yangon Region Sangha Nayaka Committee, K 3 million by U Zaw Zaw-Daw Htay Htay Khaing and family (Ayeyawady Bank Ltd), K 500,000 by the chairman of Yangon West District All Bus-line Control Committee and staff and K 300,000 by

Daw Hlaing Myint and family of Patheingyi and presented certificates of honour to them.

Officials also accepted one gold ring and one pair of earplug made of 18 pieces of diamond and one piece of emerald worth K 711,000 by artist U Lun Kywe-Artist Lun Mya Mya and family, one gold chain decorated with 35 pieces of pearl worth K 1,143,000 by U Soe Win-Daw Kyin Than and family of Insein, one pair of gold button worth K 547,000 by Lt-Col Kyi Sein (Rtd)-Daw Aye Aye Myint family, one gold chain, one gold bracelet and one pair of gold hand chain worth K 632,000 by Daw Nan Kaythi and Daw Nan Aye Aye Than of Taunggyi, one jade bracelet, one chain of red gem stone and one pair of earplug made of white gem stone worth K 509,000 by U Aung Myint-Daw Khin Saw of Aungmye, one gold ring and one pair of earplug made of white gem stone worth K 460,000 by Daw Nu Yin of Thanlyin, one pair of earplug made of one piece of Myeik pearl and one gold ring worth K 540,000 by U Mya Thu Zaw-Daw Khin Hnin Kyi, one gold clip, one gold

ring decorated with one piece of sapphire, one pair of gold earplug made of five pieces of ruby and seven pieces of diamond worth K 740,000 by Daw Than Shin and family in memory of U Thein Kyaw, one pair of gold earplug made of eight pieces each of ruby, one pair of earplug made of one piece of black gem stone each, one soft gold bracelet decorated with 13 pieces of pearl and one pearl chain worth K 1,688,000 by U Ye Yint Tun-Daw Soe Soe San and family, two gold bracelets worth K 1,271,000 by U Kyaw Than-Daw Tin family, one gold chain and gold locket decorated with 72 pieces of diamond worth K 2.3 million by Brig-Gen Soe Win-Daw

Phyu Phyu Myint and family in memory of U Aung Myint-Daw Khin Khin Pu, one gold chain worth K 1,475,000 by Daw Khin San Kyi of Kyauksewin, one gold necklace made of 128 pieces of ruby, one gold bracelet made of 70 pieces of ruby, one gold ring made of 35 pieces of ruby and one pair of gold earplug made of 16 pieces each of ruby worth K 2.9 million by U Than Tin-Daw Aye May of Hmawby and 762 jewellery items by other well-wishers.

The donations from 2 December to 6 pm today amounted to K 231,415,080, jewellery worth K 94,305,600, US\$ 3,704, S\$ 173 and Euro 25.—MNA

Mid-year Gems Emporium this month

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2011 will be held here this month, selling out jade, gems and pearl lots, both through tender and competitive bidding systems.

National gems entrepreneurs will have to grab their chances to sell gems, with floor prices fixed and booths prepared. The gems for sale are to be accepted between 29 November and 7 December.

Central Committee for Holding Myanmar Gems Emporium, Myanmar Gems Enterprise (Nay Pyi Taw), Myanmar Pearl Enterprise (Nay Pyi Taw), MGE (Yangon Branch), gems mining camp (Mogok, Mongshu), and jade mining camp (Lonkhin, Mandalay, Myitkyina, Hkamti, Mohnyin) were recommended as contact points for further details by the central committee.

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General Min Aung Hlaing visits Si Wei factory under Xi Nan electronic research department

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Accompanied by Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office and Myanmar Military Attaché Col Tint Wai, Director-General Maj-Gen Qian Lihua of the Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Liberation Army of China and Chinese Military Attaché Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing visited Si Wei Factory at the Xi Nan Electronic Research Department in Chengdu yesterday morning.

They were welcomed by CETC International Co Ltd Chairman Mr Yan Lijin and officials. Officials conducted the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party round the Xi Nan electronic vehicles displayed at the company.

At the hall, the Chairman of the CETC



International Co Ltd explained facts about Si Wei factory. When the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services asked what he wanted to know, the head of the Southwest Research the Factory Manager and officials replied to the queries. Next, they exchanged gifts.

The Chairman of the CETC International Co Ltd hosted a luncheon to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party.—MNA

CETC International Co Ltd Chairman Mr Yan Lijin explains matters relating to Si Wei factory to Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and party.—MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing attends dinner hosted by Commander of Chengdu Military Region



Commander of Chengdu Military Region Gen Li Shi Ming hosts dinner to Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Commander of Chengdu Military Region Gen Li Shi Ming of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China hosted a dinner to the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing at Wang Jiang Hotel in Chengdu on 1 December evening.

Also present at the dinner were 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,

senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office and Myanmar Military Attaché to China Col Tint Wai and officials.

The Commander of Chengdu Military Region was accompanied by Chief of Staff of Chengdu Military Region Lt-Gen Ah Hu Shen, Deputy Chief of Staff of Chengdu Military Region Maj-Gen Zeng Ran, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of the PLA Maj-Gen Qian Lihua, Head of Office of the Chengdu Military Region Sr Col Li Zhe Hong, Head of Operations Sr Col Chao Jun Chang, Head of Intelligence Department Sr Col Li Don Fang, Head of Training Department Sr Col Tao Yong, Head of Propagation Department Zhao Zhong and Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr Col Xiong Shao Wei.

First, General Min Aung Hlaing and party were cordially welcomed by Commander of Chengdu Military Region Gen Li Shi Ming and Chief of Staff of Chengdu Military Region Lt-Gen Ah Hu Shen.

At the dinner, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Commander of Chengdu Military Region Gen Li Shi Ming proposed a toast each and had dinner together.

During the dinner, Combating Flag Cultural Troupe of the PLA performed dances and songs.

After the dinner, General Min Aung Hlaing presented cash awards to the entertainment group and had documentary photo taken.

Later, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Commander of Chengdu Military Region exchanged gifts.

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Thirty-five Bangladesh citizen prisoners from Myanmar jails granted amnesty, exiled

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Thirty-five Bangladesh citizen prisoners serving prison terms at jails in Myanmar on 1 December were granted amnesty and exiled as a gesture of hailing the State visit to Myanmar of Bangladesh Prime

Minister in the near future, at the request of the government of Bangladesh and for the sake of friendly ties and relations between the two countries and considering their personal affairs.

MNA

C-in-C meets staff families, students in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, on his good-will visit to China, met staff families of the embassy and military attaché's office and students in Beijing of the People's Republic of China at Kuntai Royal Hotel on 28 November.

The Commander-in-Chief received respect paid in Myanmar traditional way by the staff families and students.

He then gave away cash assistance, gifts and foods to the staff families and students.

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Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov delivering speech at the opening ceremony.

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In addition, arrangements are being made to enact new laws and regulations. Monetary matters relating to trade and investments are also under review to bring more benefits to businesses.

Potential investors are being invited to invest in various sectors. In the energy sector, the Ministry of Energy of Myanmar has opened opportunities for foreign investors in Upstream and Downstream sectors in oil and gas industry.

We note that minerals are included among the main exports of Belarus. Since Myanmar is endowed with rich mineral resources, we are willing to enter discussion on technical cooperation matters for exploration of rare minerals.

In this connection, I would also like to stress that cooperative opportunities exist for the application of new technologies to carry out scientific research in the agricultural sector and

agriculture and food production.

Currently, 454 companies from 31 countries have made investments in Myanmar amounting to US\$ 36.07 billion and investments are expected to increase further.

I would like to state that neighbouring countries and Asian countries are the main trading partners of Myanmar. Therefore, efforts are being made to increase trade with European countries and Myanmar would also like to increase exports to Belarus. Furthermore, we would like to invite businessmen and entrepreneurs from Belarus to come and invest in Myanmar.

After that, the Belarusian Prime Minister delivered an address. He said:

We of two nations have introduced ourselves. This year, the volume of foreign trade between Belarus and Myanmar grew ten times. But I am sure we have just

embarked on a long journey. The potential of growth of trade turnover between our countries that we can reach over the next few years is fifty times as high.

We have come to offer you mutually beneficial projects in the spheres of agriculture, industry, science and technology. In our cooperation, we can prioritize agricultural projects.

Belarus is among the

leading world producers of competitive agricultural machinery. Myanmar has long since been one of the most educated countries in the region. We suggest establishing in Myanmar the Centre of Agriculture and Agricultural Machinery Construction to introduce cutting-edge technologies in practice.

Belarus is the world's largest producer of potash fertilizers. Belarus actively participates in industrializing many countries. Your country's industrial growth will be powered by agricultural machinery construction and mining industry. We suggest to jointly establish in Myanmar the production of tractors, automobiles and municipal machines. The head of the Belarusian tractor-building company is eager to organize the work with Myanmar without delay.

We are interested in turn-key engineering projects in oil sector, power industry, design and

construction of grids and energy infrastructure. Without intermedialaries will Belarusian producers deliver to Myanmar diesel generators, transformers and other equipment.

I invite the interested companies of Myanmar to take part in "Recreation" and "Tourist Business" annual exhibitions held in Minsk. Belarus welcomes Myanmar's economic progress, and I am confident that bilateral cooperation will foster a sustained economic growth of our countries.

Then, the opening of the First Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum came to an end.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President together with the visiting Belarusian Prime Minister viewed round the foodstuffs, consumer goods and industrial products manufactured by Belarus displayed at the hall.

Next, Chairman of the Belarusian State Science

and Technology Council Mr Igor Voytov delivered an opening address and President of the Belarusian CCI Mr Myatikov Mikhail spoke words of thanks.

Adviser to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Daw Mya Thuza discussed current investment of Myanmar, Director-General U Khin Maung Lay of Ministry of Commerce the trade, and Vice-President of RUMFCCI U Maung Maung Lay, economic opportunities.

At 10.20 am, the visiting Prime Minister met the media at Signing Room of MICC and explained manufacturing of products in Belarus, trade promotion between the two countries, agro-based industries, meat and fish production, rubber related industries, factories for beans and pulses, mining, investment in energy sector and cooperation in investment of private sector.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov view foodstuff produced by Belarus and displayed at Myanmar Convention Centre.

MNA



Myanmar ties Belarus with bilateral agreements

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, a Belarusian delegation led by Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, paid an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 1 to 3 December, 2011.

During the visit, the following joint statement is issued today.

The full text of the joint statement is as follows:

Joint Statement on the visit of Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

(1) At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, Dr. Mikhail

V. Myasnikov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, paid an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 1-3 December, 2011.

(2) During the visit, Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov held talks with President U Thein Sein. He also called on Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Amotha Hluttaw.

(3) The meetings were held in a warm and friendly atmosphere. A detailed and constructive exchange of opinions on the current status and prospect for development of bilateral relations, and regional and international issues of mutual concerns took place.

(4) During the visit, the following bilateral agreements were signed:

- The Agreement between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus on Trade and Economic Cooperation.
- The Agreement between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus on Visa Exemption for the Holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports.
- The Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus on cooperation in the agricultural field.

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Belarusian Prime Minister wraps up goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov and wife and entourage arriving for goodwill visit in Myanmar returned from Nay Pyi Taw by air this afternoon.

The visiting Belarusian Prime Minister and wife and party were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar

Ambassador to Belarus U Min Thein and officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife see off Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov and wife and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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(d) The Agreement on cooperation between the Ministry of Education of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus.

(e) The Agreement on Cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

(5) The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus reached mutual understanding and decided to intensify dialogue and cooperation in the following areas:

Bilateral Relations

(6) The two sides were pleased to note efficiency of contacts in the last 12 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations and confirmed their readiness to further political dialogue based on the principles of mutual respect and equality. The two sides observed that the existing potential of cooperation remains untapped and they agreed to organize an exchange of high level visits on a regular basis in order to strengthen the political foundation of the whole range of their bilateral relations.

(7) The two sides shared an opinion that building a comprehensive legal basis will promote the dynamic development of their relations in all areas and they agreed to give the utmost encouragement to the development and adoption of bilateral agreements.

Inter-Parliamentary Relations

(8) The two sides will welcome intensification of direct contacts between the parliaments of both countries, which are considered to be an important area of bilateral cooperation.

(9) An agreement was reached to establish a parliamentary dialogue both on the bilateral basis and within the framework of international organizations by exchanging visits, setting up country friendship groups, signing an agreement on inter-parliamentary cooperation and by arranging regular exchange of information about the laws in the process of elaboration or adoption or already in force.

(10) The two sides appreciate the contribution that the law-makers of both countries would make towards the building of legal basis for the bilateral relations.

Industrial Cooperation

(11) The two sides consider that development of industrial cooperation between the two countries as a promising area of bilateral collaboration. The Ministries concerned and enterprises from Myanmar and Belarus

will study the possibility of setting-up assembly lines for Belarusian tractors, agricultural machinery and engines in Myanmar.

(12) At the initial stage, Belarus will supply tractors of the Minsk Tractor Works (MTZ) and trucks of the Minsk Automobile Plant (MAZ), equipped with engines of the Minsk Engine Plant (MMZ), to Myanmar.

Mining and Energy

(13) The two sides agreed to study the possibility of importing Belarusian Belaz mine trucks into Myanmar and exporting non-ferrous metals and plywood to Belarus.

(14) The two sides agreed to develop cooperation in the field of oil, gas and mineral resources prospecting and exploration.

Trade and Economic Cooperation

(15) The two sides share a common view that the concentration of efforts aimed at implementing concrete projects in trade and economic sphere will make it possible to reach tangible results.

(16) The two sides discussed the prospects of cooperation in the area of agriculture and concluded that there are good opportunities for exporting legumes, vegetables, rice, fish and other marine products from Myanmar to Belarus.

(17) The two sides expressed confidence that trade and economic cooperation, based on equality and mutual benefit, will create favourable conditions for the development of trade, promotion of investment and exchange of technologies and they welcomed the setting-up of the Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on Trade and Economic Cooperation.

(18) The two sides agreed to appoint respective members of the Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation within the next three months and to finalize the agenda of the first session of the Commission as well as its time and venue through diplomatic channels.

(19) The two sides agreed that during the first session of the Joint Commission, they will discuss the issues of cooperation in the areas of finance, energy, innovations, information and telecommunications as well as in other areas of common interest.

(20) The two sides agreed to jointly work out arrangements for the supply of Belarusian products on the terms of international leasing with the participation of JSC "Promagroleasing" and the "Dynasty" Group of Companies.

Education

(21) Firmly resolved to strengthen friendly relations between Myanmar and Belarus, they agreed to develop

cooperation in the area of education and to mutually encourage and maintain direct links between educational establishments of the two countries. They would cooperate in personnel training as well as exchange of students, researchers and experts.

Science and Technology

(22) The two sides noted the importance of developing cooperation in scientific and technical sphere and agreed to sign an agreement on scientific and technical cooperation.

Agriculture

(23) The two sides agreed to join efforts in order to set up a theoretical and practical centre for agricultural mechanization in Myanmar.

(24) The two sides agreed to consider an opportunity of supplying Belarusian potash fertilizer to Myanmar on a long-term basis in order to boost crop yield.

Inter-Sectoral Dialogues

(25) The two sides will encourage holding of inter-sectoral dialogues for the implementation of the agreements reached and the documents signed during the visit.

Exchange of views on regional and international issues

(26) The two sides considered that the international situation is still volatile and modern challenges and security threats are of global character while peace and sustainable development are still the main challenge facing humanity. These challenges can only be solved by global joint efforts based on the principles of international law.

(27) The two sides shared the view that interference in the internal affairs of a state, imposition of social, political and economic model of development against the will of the people and the use of double standard policies posed threat to the security of a nation.

(28) Belarus welcomes the decision by the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN that Myanmar to take the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014.

(29) Belarus respects the path of social, economic and political development chosen by the leadership and the people of Myanmar, and welcomes and supports the democratic transformation in the country.

(30) HE. Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, expressed his gratitude to HE U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the warm welcome and generous hospitality accorded to the Belarusian Delegation during their visit to Myanmar.

This Joint Statement was issued in Nay Pyi Taw on the 3rd December 2011.

MNA

Indian skies safe despite 'fake' pilots, says regulator

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec—It began with a dangerous landing and has resulted in 16 pilots being sacked. India's fake flying licence scam proved a severe challenge for the country's airline safety regulator.

But in an interview with *AFP*, the head of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said a crackdown on pilots that involved surprise and random checks had successfully identified the fraudsters.

"Now we are doing thorough checks of all the licences that are being issued. We have left the scandal behind us," said EK Bharat Bhushan. "We



will do whatever it takes to clean up the entire system."

He also said Indian skies were safe despite the evidence of qualification fraud — a problem found in other sensitive sectors in corruption-plagued India, including medicine.

"It is certainly not unsafe to fly with an Indian

carrier," he said. "If you look at our records, it's not bad. There haven't been a lot of accidents.

"We maintain close surveillance over both airplanes and airports."

But questions remain over whether the under-resourced DGCA is capable of probing deep

File photo of Air India, Jet Airways and Spicejet aircraft. —INTERNET

enough into a problem that has caused profound anxiety for travellers in India. The fake licence scam came to light after a pilot with the private airline IndiGo landed her Airbus aircraft on the nose wheel instead of the rear wheels in March this year.

Internet

Mass electrocution kills 140 flamingos in India

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec—Nearly 140 greater flamingos were killed in a wildlife sanctuary in western India when they were startled and flew into a string of high tension power lines, a forest official said Friday.

Tens of thousands of flamingos turn the flat, warm marshes of the Khadir Region of Gujarat State into a sea of pink every year when they fly in from Siberia to breed.

This year, their numbers were unusually high, with around 500,000 birds making the migratory flight from Siberia, district chief conservator of forests DK Sharma told *AFP*.

Sharma said the mass electrocution took place some 12 days ago, when a large flock of flamingos was startled at night by the noise of a vehicle.

"The entire flock took off. Many of them flew straight into the electric wires and 139 were killed instantly," he said.

SK Nanda, a senior official in the Gujarat Forests and Environment Department, said a feasibility study had been ordered into the possibility of insulating the cables or having them moved underground.

Internet



File photo of a flock of Greater Flamingoes in India.—INTERNET

219-pound boy shows growing problem of extreme obesity

CLEVELAND, 3 Dec—The case of a 219-pound 8-year-old boy taken from his mother for health reasons spotlights a problem that has almost tripled in the US in the last 30 years — cases of extreme child obesity.

"Not only do we have a higher percentage of kids who are obese but a higher percentage of children who are severely obese," said Dr Garry Sigman, director of adolescent medicine and associate professor of pediatrics at Loyola University Medical Centre near Chicago, in an interview with *Reuters*. According to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 17 percent or 12.5 million of children

and adolescents aged 2 to 19 years are obese, as opposed to merely overweight. Obesity in children is defined by the CDC as having a body mass index (BMI) at or above the 95th percentile for children of the same age and sex. "Overweight" is defined as a BMI at or above the 85th percentile.

About 2 million US children have a BMI at or beyond the 99th percentile, according to a July article on childhood obesity in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, co-authored by Harvard University child obesity expert Dr David S Ludwig.

Reuters

Hong Kong police seek two over deadly market blaze



A man is rescued by firefighters at the scene of a burning residential tower in Hong Kong in November 2011.—INTERNET

HONG KONG, 3 Dec—Hong Kong police said Friday they are seeking two men seen at a popular tourist market shortly before a blaze broke out that left nine people dead and highlighted the city's deepening housing crisis.

A spokesman said police wanted to interview two men spotted on CCTV

footage as they "walked by the scene prior to the breakout of the fire" in the Ladies' Market of Kowloon District before dawn on Wednesday. Firefighters said the blaze erupted simultaneously at both ends of the market, a popular place for locals and tourists to look for cheap deals on everything from curtains to clothes and mobile phone accessories.

Flames and deadly smoke quickly engulfed the narrow street and leapt into tightly packed residential apartments above, catching people in their sleep. Residents reportedly heard an argument in the street before the fire erupted.

Many of the victims died in a single stairwell that appeared to have been blocked, raising questions about the enforcement of fire regulations in the autonomous southern Chinese City of seven million people.

"We are now reviewing very seriously how additional measures could be adopted to enhance the management and public safety of these street stalls and to protect the rights of residents nearby," Chief Secretary Stephen Lam said.—*Internet*

British zoo welcomes giant pandas from China

EDINBURGH, 3 Dec—Two giant pandas are set to arrive at Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland on Sunday on a eagerly anticipated ten-year loan from China, agreed after years of high-level political and diplomatic negotiations.

Yang Guang (Sunshine) and Tian Tian (Sweetie) are a breeding pair and the zoo is hoping Tian Tian will give birth to cubs during her stay.

The pandas, which were both born in 2003 and have been living in Sichuan Province, will fly to Edinburgh on a Boeing 777 freighter courtesy of FedEx.

They will spend a couple of weeks settling in before being put on public display, and the zoo has already reported a huge spike in ticket sales.

Edinburgh Zoo is paying about \$1 million (750,000 euros) a year to the Chinese authorities for the pandas, the first in Britain for 17 years.

It has built two separate enclosures for the visitors, which are quite solitary, although they will be linked by a passageway dubbed the 'tunnel of love' in anticipation of their hoped-for mating.

Each area contains an indoor section and a large outdoor enclosure, comprising lots of plants, trees, a pond and somewhere for them to shelter from the sun, a spokeswoman for the zoo said.

The pandas are expected to eat 20 three-metre long bamboo stems a day between them, at a cost of up to £70,000 a year, choosing from 25 different varieties, most of them imported from the Netherlands. As of 16 December, visitors to the zoo will be able to look in on the outdoor enclosure, while "panda-cams" placed at strategic locations will allow Internet users to watch the movements of Yang Guang during daylight hours.

Internet



Two pandas eat bamboo in Chengdu, the capital of China's southwestern province of Sichuan in November 2011.—INTERNET

Massive spending cut expected in Spanish autonomous community

MADRID, 3 Dec—The Spanish autonomous community of Castilla-La Mancha would face massive spending cut, Dolores de Cospedal, the president of Castilla-La Mancha said on Friday. The austerity measures include pay cuts of an average of 3 percent for Castilla-La Mancha's 70,000 public employees, coupled with an increase in the working week from 35 to 37.5 hours, said Dolores de Cospedal.

Speaking at a Press conference from the Presidential office in Castilla-La Mancha, Dolores de Cospedal said that the measures would save around 350 million euros (472.5 million US dollars).

Castilla-La Mancha will also say goodbye to free school textbooks and some free transport services for pensioners on low incomes, while international cooperation aid is also being cut. "Sweat today will help avoid tears tomorrow," said Dolores de Cospedal, who held that the measures were needed to avoid the "total collapse" of social services and that the entry of private management into the public health service would not affect services to patients.

Dolores de Cospedal is also the General Secretary of the PP, which was elected to power in Spain with 186 of the 350 seats in Congress last month.—Xinhua



Visitors look at house models during a real estate expo in Shanghai. Home prices dropped 0.28 percent month-on-month in November, following a decline of 0.23 percent in October.—XINHUA



A visitor snaps frames at a booth where Volkswagen's new hybrid model "Cross Coupe" is on display during Tokyo Motor Show in Tokyo, on 2 Dec, 2011.—INTERNET

Honda announces global recall for air bag problems

TOKYO, 3 Dec—Honda Motor Co is recalling 304,000 vehicles globally for air bags that may inflate with too much pressure in a crash, send metal and plastic pieces flying and cause injuries or deaths.

Honda said there have been 20 accidents so far related to the problem, including two deaths in the US in 2009.

The Japanese automaker announced the recall Friday, which affects the Accord, Civic, Odyssey, Pilot, CR-V and other models manufactured in 2001 and 2002. The recall spans 273,000 vehicles in the US, some 27,000 in Canada, nearly 2,000 vehicles in Japan and another 2,000 in other countries. It affects 359 vehicles in Europe — 200 in Germany, 158 in Israel and one in Britain, according to Honda.

The latest recall is an expansion of recalls for the same problem in 2008, and again carried out in 2009, as well as last year.

It now covers about 2 million vehicles worldwide, according to Tokyo-based Honda.

Honda spokesman Hajime Kaneko said the cause for the latest recall was the use of incorrect material in the chemical used to deploy the air bags.

The initial cause of the recall was excessive moisture in the inflator propellant, which is part of what inflates the air bag.

Internet



A woman sells Christmas decorations in her shop at the International Trade City in Yiwu, Zhejiang Province. Yiwu is a leading symbol of China's market economy and also a place where traders and tourists flock for bargains.—INTERNET

GM to recall 993 vehicles in China

BEIJING, 3 Dec—US automaker General Motors Co and its Chinese joint venture Shanghai GM will recall 993 vehicles in China, the country's consumer quality watchdog said Friday. The vehicles being recalled include 124 Opel Antara SUVs and 869 Chevrolet Captiva SUVs, which were all manufactured between 26 Aug and 15 Sept, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) said in an online statement.

In reports submitted to the AQSIQ, the automakers said a faulty joint in the vehicles' fuel tank filler tubes may cause the tubes to become disconnected, with oil leaks possible in extreme situations. The automakers said they will notify customers about the recall and replace affected cars with new oil tanks.—Xinhua

Denmark to greatly enhance export to emerging markets

COPENHAGEN, 3 Dec—Denmark will ramp-up economic relations with emerging markets as trade with developed economies stagnates, Danish Minister for Trade and Investment Pia Olsen Dyhr said here Friday. "We need a long-term view when it comes to exports. We cannot just rely on our near markets, especially not at the moment where we can see our near markets decreasing," she told a news briefing at the International Press Centre.

Some 70 percent of Danish exports currently go to 'near markets' in Europe, such as Sweden, Germany and Britain, while 7 percent go to the US, the next biggest export destination outside the EU. In comparison, exports to BRIC countries, namely Brazil, Russia, India and



Bull rider Chandler Bowns rides Let's Play during the first go-round of the National Finals Rodeo on 1 Dec, 2011, in Las Vegas.

INTERNET

China, contributed only 5 percent of Denmark's overall exports, according to 2009 data from Denmark's Foreign Ministry.

But as demand in the EU and the US declines as a result of low economic growth and sovereign debt problems, emerging markets look increasingly attractive.

The Confederation of Danish Industry says Denmark's total exports to emerging economies could rise 14 percent by 2030, with exports to China comprising nine percent of the total. "It is not only to Brazil, Russia, India and China, but also the next eleven growth economies. We have to expand exports to these markets to ensure Danish GDP growth in the long term," Dyhr said.—Xinhua

Vietnam attracts \$12.7b from FDI so far this year

HANOI, 3 Dec—Vietnam attracted nearly 12.7 billion US dollars from foreign direct investment (FDI) as of 20 November, a decrease of 16.2 percent year-on-year, according to the General Statistics Office on Friday.

Of the figure, new registered capital was 9.9 billion US dollars from 9,919 newly-licensed projects, and nearly 2.8 billion US dollars from 324 expanded projects. Manufacturing

accounted the most, with 6.2 billion US dollars, followed by the electricity, gas and water sector with nearly 2.5 billion US dollars, and construction with 1.1 billion US dollars.

In the first 11 months, 48 cities and provinces attracted new FDI projects, of which Hai Duong Province took the lead with 2.5 billion US dollars (25.2 percent of the total), followed by southern Ho Chi Minh City with 1.9

billion US dollars (19.4 percent), and Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province with 880.8 million US dollars.

China's Hong Kong took the lead among foreign investors in Vietnam during the period, with 44 new projects and newly-registered capital of 2.9 billion US dollars, followed by Japan with 172 projects and 1.6 billion US dollars, and Singapore with 86 projects and 1.43 billion US dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11025)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11025) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.12.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Woman admits trying to poison daughters

BRISBANE, 3 Dec — A 42-year-old woman who tried to drug her two daughters has been given a suspended sentence by a Brisbane judge. The woman, who cannot be named, pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court to two counts of administering a poison with intent to harm and one of common assault.

Prosecutor Todd Fuller told the court the woman made a concoction of painkillers and soft drink at her Mount Ommaney home in January 2009. She then gave it to her daughters then aged seven and 11, telling them they would "sleep for a very long time".

Her lawyer Simon Lewis said the woman had been under significant stress due to an acrimonious divorce, but her life was now stable and she enjoyed a good relationship with her daughters. Acting Justice Julie Dick sentenced her to 18 months in jail, but wholly suspended the term.— *Internet*

Elizabeth Taylor jewellery goes on view before sale

A Bulgari emerald and diamond necklace owned by actress Elizabeth Taylor.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 3 Dec — The actress, who died in March aged 79, had seven husbands during her glamorous life, countless admirers and a passion for jewellery.

The exhibition at Christie's auction house in Manhattan is the last stop on a world tour highlighting Taylor's treasures and the first and last time that the entire collection is gathered in one place.

Thousands of people have already bought tickets to the 10-day public viewing, starting Saturday.

The auction will then run from 13-16 Decem-

ber, offering pieces like the 33.19 carat "Elizabeth Taylor Diamond" given to her by husband Richard Burton in 1968, and estimated to sell for between \$2.5 million and \$3.5 million dollars. Running concurrently with the live auction at Christie's will be an internet-only sale of nearly 1,000 items such as jewellery and accessories like designer handbags. Christie's estimates total sales of up to \$50 million (£31.8 million).

Internet

Angry farmers dump deadly cobras on tax office floor

LUCKNOW, 3 Dec — Two farmers, including a snake charmer, were so angry at tax officials in northern India that they dumped dozens of snakes, including four deadly cobras, on the floor of the tax office, *The Guardian* reports. The snake charmer says the farmers on Tuesday were protesting alleged demands for bribes by officials in exchange for tax records in Basti, 185 miles southeast of Lucknow, the British newspaper says.

"Snakes started climbing up the tables and chairs," said a local official, Ramsukh Sharma, according to the newspaper.— *Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1158)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1158) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.12.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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China Eastern Airlines has promised to cooperate with the investigation.— INTERNET

China Eastern Airlines to improve pilots' English

SHANGHAI, 3 Dec — China Eastern Airlines has vowed to improve its pilots' English amid claims a plane took off without clearance from air traffic controllers in Japan. On Monday the Shanghai-bound plane took to the skies after apparently being told to stay on the runway and then to abort take-off at Osaka airport.

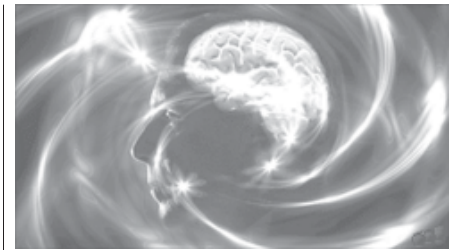
The plane landed safely in Shanghai later. The airline says it is co-operating with Japan's investigation. It says it will also "regulate our flight crews' English communications".

Flight MU516, with 245 people on board, was due to fly from Osaka's Kansai International Airport to Shanghai. As air traffic controllers were talking to an approaching helicopter they

told the plane to halt on the runway, *Kyodo* news agency reports. But the Airbus A330 began to take off instead and disobeyed further instructions to abort, *Kyodo* reported. Japan's Transport Ministry says that although the plane had enough room between itself and other aircraft nearby, the pilot might have broken the country's aviation laws.— *Internet*

Chicken liver food poisoning link

LONDON, 3 Dec — Over 90% of cases of a common form of food poisoning seen this year were due to people eating undercooked chicken liver pate, often at weddings, infection experts have said. The Health Protection Agency (HPA) analysed 18 outbreaks of *Campylobacter* in 2011



Researchers say people should be looking out for five signs of a stroke.—INTERNET

Leicester research uncovers stroke symptoms

LEICESTER, 3 Dec — Researchers in Leicester say they have uncovered two more symptoms that might indicate someone is having a stroke. A project by the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust found leg weakness and loss of vision were strong indicators to look out for. A recent NHS campaign advised people to check if a patient's face had fallen to one side, if they could raise both arms or had slurred speech. Professor Ross Naylor said people should look out for five signs.

"The [NHS] FAST campaign was very successful, but it's important that people know leg weakness and loss of vision are also signs to look out for. "It's my fear that many people may not be aware that anyone experiencing one or both of these additional signs, on their own or with one of the already recognised symp-

toms, may be an indicator that they or a loved one is having a stroke and should also seek urgent medical advice," Professor Naylor said.

Simon Cook, head of operations for the Stroke Association East Midlands, said the FAST test was useful because it was easy to remember for most people.— *Internet*

Baby among 18 killed in van crash

JOHANNESBURG, 3 Dec — A crash involving a van and a lorry in eastern South Africa killed all 18 people aboard the two vehicles, including a baby.

Transport minister Sibusiso Ndebele said the driver of the van, which was carrying passengers from Mozambique to Johannesburg, veered from his lane on Thursday.— *Internet*

across England. In all, 443 people became unwell and one had to be hospitalized. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has reminded caterers to cook poultry livers to prevent infection.

Campylobacter is the most common cause of bacterial food poisoning in Britain - there were esti-

mated to have been more than 600,000 cases in 2010 in England and Wales. Symptoms include diarrhoea, stomach pains and cramps, fever, and generally feeling unwell. Most people are only ill for a few days. In 2008 there were just three outbreaks linked to undercooked chicken liver pate, but that rose to nine in 2009 and 14 in 2010.

Poultry livers carry a particularly high risk of *Campylobacter* as the bacteria can be present throughout the liver, not just the surface as is the case for other poultry meat, and may remain a source of infection if they are not cooked sufficiently.

Internet



Chicken liver pate is a popular dish at weddings.

INTERNET

US professor is dumpster-diving urban Robin Hood



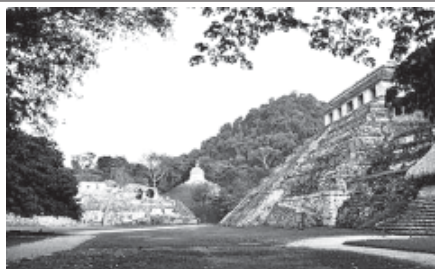
Jeff Ferrell, a professor of sociology at Texas Christian University, is pictured in his shop where he has organized thousands of useful but discarded items he has collected from dumpsters in Fort Worth, Texas on 30 Nov, 2011.

University professor Jeff Ferrell is something of a US urban Robin Hood, although what he gives away is not

stolen but the result of dumpster diving. The Texas Christian University (TCU) professor of sociology sifts through dumpsters and gives the vast majority of what he finds to the needy or to friends.

He has also managed to furnish his living room with what is left, filled a tool shed with a collection of everything from screws to power tools and never pays for a bar of soap or office supplies.

Ferrell, 57, has been known to give scrounged food to friends, in the form of prepackaged, never-opened cocktail nuts. And because he gathers the goods on a bicycle, most of his finds are from dumpsters near his home.



A general view shows the exterior of the tomb of a Mayan ruler at the ruins of the Mayan City of Palenque in the hills of the southern Mexican state of Chiapas in this undated handout photo by the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) released on 23 June, 2011.

Mayans never predicted world to end in 2012

If you are worried the world will end next year based on the Mayan calendar, relax: the end of time is still far off.

So say Mayan experts

who want to dispel any belief that the ancient Mayans predicted a world apocalypse next year.

The Mayan calendar marks the end of a 5,126 year old cycle around 12 December, 2012 which should bring the return of Bolon Yokte, a Mayan god associated with war and creation.

Author Jose Arguelles called the date "the ending of time as we know it" in a 1987 book that spawned an army of

Mayan theorists, whose speculations on a cataclysmic end abound online. But specialists meeting at this ancient Mayan city in southern Mexico say it merely marks the termination of one period of creation and the beginning of another.

More than \$100,000 dropped by courier van

Police in Pennsylvania said the back doors of a bank courier van came open in transit, scattering more than \$100,000 cash to the winds.

Upper St Clair Police Lt James Englert said the driver of the van, owned by Fidelity Courier Services of Sharon, Pa, was flagged down by a motorist Wednesday near the intersection of Route 19 and Boyce Road. Police said motorists had pulled over

to collect the flying bills, *the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported. Englert said officers were able to recover about \$400, but cash totaling "well into six figures" remained missing Wednesday night.

Police said people who collected the cash and failed to return it could face theft charges.

"This is not a free-for-all situation," Englert said. "Obviously, this money is ... bank property."



Marilyn Monroe's unseen 3D photos set to rake in 57 pound at auction

LONDON, 3 Dec—Marilyn Monroe's unseen photographs showing the legendary screen icon living the high life at an exclusive celeb party are set to go under the hammer.

The images, which are valued at a staggering 57,000 pounds were

clicked by amateur photographer Lani Carlson in San Diego in 1952.

Carlson was working as a sound engineer at legendary crooner Ray Anthony's launch party for the hit song 'Marilyn', which was written by Ervin Drake and Jimmy



Marilyn Monroe poses next to a helicopter as she arrives at legendary crooner Ray Anthony's party. INTERNET

Shirl. As the show stopping Marilyn descended in a helicopter, the amateur snapper quickly used his new state-of-the-art camera to take these amazing images.—*Internet*

I don't need Spice Girls reunion

LONDON, 3 Dec—Former Spice Girls singer Mel C says she doesn't "need" a reunion of the band.

The 37-year-old released her fifth solo album, "The Sea", earlier this year and says that she will rather concentrate on that than going back to the girl group, who are



Mel C

rumoured to be getting back together to perform at the London 2012 summer Olympics. "I don't need that (reunion). Sure, it was

great being on stage again with Victoria (Beckham), Emma (Bunton), Mel (B) and Geri (Halliwell) in 2007. But at the moment we don't have any further plans. I'd rather focus on my solo career. Then I don't need to compromise," contact-music.com quoted the 37-year-old as saying.—*Internet*

Paisley to hang with Urban after his vocal surgery



In this 16 June, 2009 file photo, Brad Paisley, left, and Keith Urban accept the Collaborative Video of the Year Award at the CMT Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

INTERNET

NASHVILLE, 3 Dec—No one has spoken to Keith Urban since his surgery last week to remove a polyp on his vocal cord. That's because the country star is on complete vocal rest for the next couple of weeks. Friend Brad Paisley has checked in with Urban, and they have plans to hang out while Urban recovers.

"We're big guitar junkies, and we wanted to get together and maybe go through some amplifiers and go through some gear," said Paisley before the CMT Artists of the Year taping on Tuesday in Nashville.—*Internet*

Big star awards on New Year's eve

MUMBAI, 3 Dec—Reliance Broadcast Network Ltd and Star India Pvt Ltd today announced the 2nd edition of the BIG Star Entertainment Awards 2011 on new year's eve.

The BIG Star Entertainment Awards seek to establish a unique platform that gives audiences the opportunity to nominate and vote for

their favourite entertainers across the genres of Television, Sports, Films, Music and Dance.

Salman Khan, Priyanka Chopra, Jacqueline Fernandez, and Bret Lee are some of the stars that promise to shine down and ensure the best ever usher-in to the New Year! The award will see talent being judged by the

audience, right from nominations to announcing the final winners—ensuring transparency and fair play as the power to vote rests with the audiences.

The complete show will have theme around honouring the biggest entertainers across the strongest emotions of the viewers & listeners.

Internet

Tom Cruise lands in India on 'Mission Impossible 4'

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec—Hollywood star Tom Cruise, who is on a worldwide promotional tour of his much-awaited film "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol", landed here early Saturday.

The 49-year-old arrived here at 6 am and headed straight to the Leela Palace, Chanakyapuri.

He is staying at the hotel's exquisite Maharaja Suite, which has a personal gym, jacuzzi



Cast members Paula Patton (L) and Tom Cruise pose at a promotional event for their latest film "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol" in Tokyo on 1 Dec, 2011.—INTERNET

and is one of the most expensive suites in the country, said sources.

Cruise, who features as intelligence agent Ethan Hunt in the popular film franchise, will go to Agra, accompanied by Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor, who has a role in the latest "Mission Impossible" movie.

Internet

Andre Villas-Boassays Chelsea's form against the top teams has not been good enough

LONDON, 3 Dec—Chelsea's under-fire manager Andre Villas-Boas has conceded that the form his side has exhibited against the big teams "has not been good enough." The Blues have lost to Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool this season, with their second defeat to the latter coming in the League Cup on Tuesday. Villas-Boas has been criticised recently for Chelsea's slump in form and the team's next few games could prove vital in its chances of winning a trophy come the end of this season.

Chelsea travels to Newcastle on Saturday to face Alan Pardew's side, which has lost only one of its last eight games, before facing Valencia in a crucial Champions League tie at Stamford Bridge. "Our form against the top teams has not been good enough. Valencia [is] life and death for both clubs," the Portuguese manager told

reporters. "I don't think confidence is at crisis point, we just have to pull ourselves together. We can only work hard and believe we can revert the situation. "It's only a crisis at the end of a season when you look at how many trophies you have won."

Internet



Chelsea's manager Andre Villas-Boas



Chelsea's Ivorian striker Didier Drogba celebrates scoring the opening goal of the English Premier League football match between Newcastle United and Chelsea at Sports Direct Arena in Newcastle, north-east England on 3 Dec, 2011.

INTERNET

United youngsters' European adventure

LONDON, 3 Dec—Manchester United's youngsters are off to Belgium to take part in the Premier League Christmas Truce Tournament in Ypres. The unique football festival will bring together youth teams from Belgium, France and Germany.

They will be commemorating the often told World War I story of soldiers playing football on Christmas Day in 1914. The tournament takes place on 3/4 December 2011 at the home of Belgian club KVK Ieper. Manchester United's Under-12s will be joined by Racing Genk, RC Lens and Borussia Dortmund, who will play in a round-robin tournament before a final and third-place play-off on Sunday.

The tournament has two key objectives: education and player development. World War I is often part of the curriculum for Year Seven children in England and so this will be a unique and valuable learning experience. The boys will be recognising the role of professional football players in World War I and commemorate their sacrifice.—Internet



Manchester United's Academy Director Brian McClair

International Sports

Woods builds a big lead at Chevron

THOUSAND OAKS, 3 Dec—Tiger Woods knows he's playing better than he has in the last two years, and he has the leaderboard to prove it. Woods hit a half-dozen extraordinary shots Friday in the Chevron World Challenge on his way to a 5-under 67, giving him a

three-shot lead over Matt Kuchar and K.J. Choi going into the weekend at Sherwood Country Club. It was the second straight tournament that Woods had the 36-hole lead. Three weeks ago at the Australian Open, he was one shot ahead until a 75 in the third round. Woods wound up in third place at The Lakes, his best finish of the year.

With each round, it looks as though his best might not be too far behind. Woods had two eagles, and nearly had a third with a flop shot from behind the 13th green that he was still talking about long after his round. Not even a double bogey on the par-3 15th hole when a gust knocked his ball into the water could keep him from a comfortable lead after two rounds.

Internet



Tiger Woods tees off on the second hole during the second round of the Chevron World Challenge PGA golf tournament in Thousand Oaks, California on 2 Dec, 2011.—INTERNET

Chelsea routs Newcastle 3-0 in Premier League

LONDON, 3 Dec—Didier Drogba's first-half header and late strikes by forwards Salomon Kalou and Daniel Sturridge earned Chelsea a 3-0 win over Newcastle in the Premier League on Saturday, lifting the team into the top four and maintaining its title challenge.

Drogba capped a dominant first-half showing by the visitors by meeting Juan Mata's cross with a powerful finish in the 38th minute, before Kalou and Sturridge wrapped up victory in the final few

minutes.

Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard had a penalty saved in the 13th but Newcastle will still count themselves unlucky after hitting the woodwork three times,

twice through Demba Ba.

Chelsea defender David Luiz also could easily have been dismissed for a professional foul in the fourth minute.—Internet

Spain on course for Davis Cup win after singles wins

MADRID, 3 Dec — Spain are just one win away from winning tennis' Davis Cup for the fifth time after Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer won the first two singles rubbers of the final on Friday.

Victory for Feliciano Lopez and Juan Carlos Verdasco in Saturday's doubles will assure Spain defeat Argentina and render Sunday's last two singles games unnecessary. Rafael Nadal got the Spanish off to a flying start as he swept to a straight sets win of 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 against Juan Monaco.

Cheered on by a parti-

san crowd of over 27,000, Nadal looked to have totally recovered from the poor form which affected him in the recent Masters Cup as he dominated from start to finish. David Ferrer also had a positive start in the second singles rubber of the day, taking the first set 6-4 against Juan Martin del Potro. As expected the Spanish looked perfectly at home on the very slow beaten clay surface that had been prepared in the Estadio de la Cartuja.

Internet

Del Bosque warns of Italian threat in

Euro 2012

MADRID, 3 Dec—Spain coach Vicente del Bosque was cautious about his side's chances of success in the 2012 European Championship after the draw was held in Kiev on Friday. Spain travel to the competition, which will be held in Poland and the Ukraine as defending European and world champions and with a 100 percent record from qualifying, but will have to face Italy, the Republic of Ireland and Croatia in a complicated Group stage.

Reflecting on the luck of the draw for the website of sports paper, diario Marca afterwards, Del Bosque warned that Spain would have to work hard to reach the knockout stages. "It is going to be difficult, there are 16 strong rivals in the competition and each of them has their own particular difficulty," said Del Bosque, who admitted he was pleased Spain had missed being drawn against the powerful German side.—Internet

Australia's Kennedy leads New Zealand Open by 3

CHRISTCHURCH, 3 Dec—Australian Brad Kennedy will take a three-shot lead into the final round of the New Zealand Open after his 4-under 68 in the third round Saturday maintained his bid for a start-to-finish win. Kennedy had eight birdies and four bogeys on Saturday as he broke out of a three-way tie for the overnight lead. He had a 54-hole total of 9-under 207. New Zealander Josh Geary shot 71 to be 6-under after three rounds. The other overnight leader, Austral-

ian veteran Craig Parry, had a 73 to fall back into a three-way tie for fourth. Australia's Terry Pildarkis shot 69 to move into sole possession of third place at 5-under.

Internet



Australian Brad Kennedy

Ronaldo, Portugal land in Euro 'Group of Death'

LISBON, 3 Dec — If Cristiano Ronaldo is finally going to end his wait for a major international trophy, he will have to do it the hard way. Ronaldo, widely considered to be the best player in Europe and second best in the world behind Lionel Messi, saw his Portugal side landed in the dreaded "Group of Death" when

the Euro 2012 draw was made on Friday. Portugal, which also drew into the toughest group at last year's World Cup, is paired with Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands, and faces an uphill task just to qualify for the tournament's knockout stage in Poland and Ukraine next summer.

While every tourna-

ment has its own "Group of Death," a term coined two decades ago to describe the most difficult pool at every major soccer event, Group B this time around could be the toughest ever seen. The Netherlands was a top seed going into the draw after reaching the 2010 World Cup final, but received little reward for that status.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (4-12-2011) (Sunday)

	Transmissions	Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(4-12-11 09:30 am ~ 5-12-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

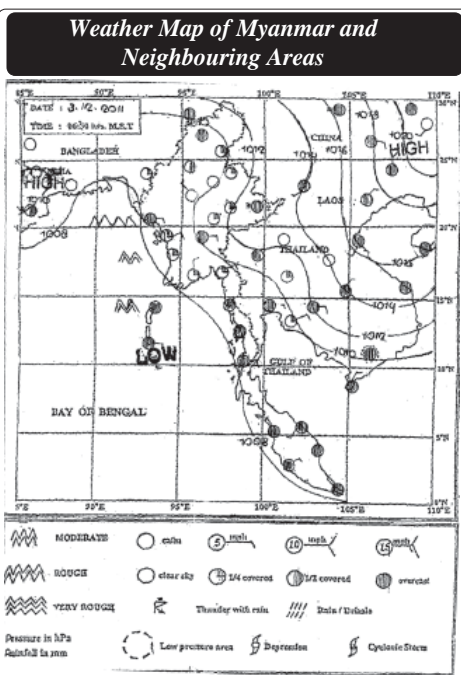
- * Opening
- * News
- * Travelling to Shan Plateau (Htan San Cave & Mwetaw Kakku Pagoda)
- * News
- * Sour Fish Soup with Drumstick
- * News
- * Current Affair "Sime Darby Healthcare"
- * Musics Gallery
- * News

- * Beauty of Taung Tha Man Lake & Booming Business

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- * News
- * AGE Transformer Industry
- * News
- * Casting A Glance at the Past
- * Record Album
- * News
- * The Eldest Woman On Earth?
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Shwe Bo Township Bearing Five Names (I)
- * Myanmar Movies "Our Folk"



Sunday, 4 December View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am

- 6. Health Programme 8:00 am
- 7. (38) Phyar Mingalar 8:15 am
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 8:25 am
- 9. Documentary 8:40 am
- 10. International News 8:45 am
- 11. Musical Programme 11:00 am
 1. Martial Song 11:10 am
 2. Musical Programme 11:20 am
- 3. Round Up Of The Week's International News 11:30 am
- 4. TV Drama Series 12:20 pm
- 5. Documentary 12:35 pm
- 6. Teleplay 1:45 pm

- 7. Joint Performance by State Tradition Orchestra 2:15 pm
- 8. Composer's Choice 2:30 pm
- 9. One Village & One Product 2:45 pm
- 10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2:55 pm
- 11. International News 4:00 pm
 1. Martial Song 4:10 pm
 2. Musical Programme 4:20 pm
 3. Song Of National Races 4:30 pm
 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year

- (Zoology) 4:45 pm
- 5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit 4:50 pm
- 6. Teleplay 5:20 pm
- 7. Sing & Enjoy 6:00 pm
- 8. Evening News 6:15 pm
- 9. Weather Report 6:20 pm
- 10. Cartoon Series 6:40 pm
- 11. Tamyethnar Takwetser 7:00 pm
- 12. Music Series 7:25 pm
- 13. Documentary 8:00 pm
- 14. News 15. International News 16. Weather Report 17. Cartoon Series 18. TV Drama Series

Weather forecast for 4th December, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	35/95	12/54	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	36/97	20/68	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	18/64	07/45	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/86	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
7	Taninthayi	35/95	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
8	Bago	32/90	20/68	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	32/90	20/68	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	32/90	18/64	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	34/93	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	25/77	12/54	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	27/81	11/52	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	14/57	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	18/64	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	18/64	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Pindaung (5°C) and Heho and Haka (7°C) each.

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely atimes Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in coastal areas.

Leverkusen down Hoffenheim 2-0 at German Bundesliga

BERLIN, 3 Dec— Leverkusen sealed three points in a one sided affair as harmless Hoffenheim was absolutely unable to threat "Werkself" defence at the 15th game day opener on Friday at BayArena.

Both sides staged an evenly balanced start but as the match progressed Leverkusen took over to smooth the way for the victory at the 10th minute as striker Eren Derdiyok headed home a follow up shot from very close distance to stun the guests. From now on the "Werkself" dominated the match but they failed to extend their lead against inoffensive Hoffenheim.

79th minute in where Leverkusen midfielder Sidney Sam over lobbed Hoffenheim goalkeeper Tom Starke to wrap the seventh win of the

season. Leverkusen stays on 6th position with 25 points while Hoffenheim slips from 9th to 10th position with 18 points. *Xinhua*

Daw Tin Mu Thwe (Aimee Thwe) Aged 91 years M.A. (University of Maryland) (Retired Assistant Lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy, Yangon University)

Daw Tin Mu Thwe of No 98(C) Inya Road, Kamayut Township, youngest daughter of (Retired Deputy Commissioner U Ba Thwe and Kin Ma Gyi), daughter-in-law of (former President of Union of Myanmar, Dr Ba U and Daw Daw Aye), wife of [U Myint U (Advocate)]. Beloved mother of (Dr. Aung Gyi)-Daw Poe Phyu and grandmother of Ma Poe Wut Yee Aung Gyi (Debbie) (NOVA University, USA). Passed away peacefully on Friday (2.12.2011) at Asia Royal Clinic and will be cremated at Yayway Cemetery on Tuesday (6-12-2011) at 10:00 am.

Bereaved family

MoU on establishment of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus signed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich attended a ceremony to sign an MoU on the establishment of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus held at Myanmar International Convention Centre here at 9 am today.

Present at the ceremony together with the Vice-President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu. Together with the Belarusian goodwill delegation led by the Belarusian Prime Minister was the Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar.

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and Minsk Executive Committee Chairman Mr Nikolai LADUTSKO signed the MoU on establishment of friendship and cooperation between Nay Pyi Taw of



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Belarusian Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich attend signing ceremony of MoU on the establishment of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus.—MNA

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Minsk of the Republic of Belarus and exchanged the documents in the presence of the Vice-President and the Belarusian Prime Minister.—MNA

Initial peace agreement inked between state level peace group and RCSS/SSA



Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu cordially shakes hands with Leader of RCSS/SSA Peace Group U Sai Lu after signing initial agreement between state level peace group from Shan State Government and RCSS/SSA.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec —A ceremony to sign an initial agreement between the state level peace group from the Shan State Government and RCSS/SSA in order to build peace at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place at Taunggyi Hotel in Shan State yesterday. Present at the ceremony were leader of Union level peace group Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu, General Staff Officer (Grade-1) of Triangle Region Command Lt-Col Zaw Tun Myint, State Advocate General U Maung Maung and officials and U Sai Lu of RCSS/SSA peace group and leading members of the Shan State Army.

First, the initial agreement was signed in the presence of Union Ministers U Aung Min and U Khin Maung Soe and Lt-Col Zaw Tun Myint and they exchanged gifts.

Next, State Minister Col Aung Thu and U Sai Lu of RCSS/SSA Peace group exchanged the documents and had a documentary photo taken together with the Union Ministers.—MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing visits Si Wei factory under Xi Nan electronic research department



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Significant night temperature (3-12-2011)

Pinlaung	(5°C)
Heho	(7°C)
Haka	(7°C) each