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True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Significant night temperature (4-12-2011)

Pinlaung	(5° C)
Haka	(7° C)

Curriculum Vitae of H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. MNA

Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, was born on 28 September, 1947 at Tungipara under Gopalganj district. She is the eldest of five children of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of independent Bangladesh.

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Central committee meets for Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—The first meeting of the central committee for organizing Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium 2011 took place at Mani Yadana Jade Hall of Myanma Gems Museum here today.

The meeting was attended by members of panel of patrons of the central committee Union Ministers, vice-chairmen deputy ministers, committee members, Myanmar gems entrepreneurs and others.

Patron of the central committee Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik called for making efforts to ensure the successful holding of the mid-year gems emporium like the previous ones. Next, those present also took part in the round of discussion.

Later, the Union Minister gave a concluding remark confirming that the mid-year gems emporium will be held in the last week of December.

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Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addresses first meeting of central committee for organizing Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium 2011.—MNA



The twin telescopes at Keck Observatory in Hawaii.

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Opening of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 30 Nov, 2011.

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Manchester rivals United and City have 10 players between them on the shortlist.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strengthen bilateral friendship through economic cooperation

President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met a goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr. Mikhail V. Myasnikovich of the Republic of Belarus at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Residence on 2 December.

It was the first ever visit that the Belarusian Prime Minister paid to Myanmar, and matters related to bilateral cooperation and mutual interest were discussed. The Prime Minister revealed that although Belarus is geographically far away from Myanmar, it cannot affect the bilateral friendship. Belarus will cooperate with Myanmar in all sectors such as education and trade, he discussed.

President U Thein Sein on his part said Myanmar is making cooperative efforts by inviting investments from neighbouring countries. And now, China, Japan and Republic of Korea are planning to invest in deep-sea port and other businesses.

Seventy percent of the country's population live in rural areas. So, many more job opportunities are needed to reduce the poverty rate of the country and investments are welcomed in agro-based businesses and meat and fish sector, said the President.

As Belarus has a large number of geologists, cooperation can be made in geological projects in Myanmar. It is also hoped that Myanmar will cooperate with Belarus in auto industry, agricultural sector, tourism industry and education sector, noted the Belarusian Prime Minister.

All in all, bilateral discussions on inviting investments not only from the government ministries but also from private sector of Belarus, manufacturing commodities on a cooperative basis to export to the neighbouring countries and promoting bilateral trade will facilitate Myanmar's economic development and further enhance the mutual friendship.

102nd blood donation



MAWLAMYINE, 4 Dec—U San Maung Myint, IUJ Alumni Ambassador, who had been working for the BAJ (Bridge Asia Japan), which is

Implementation Partner of UNHCR in Mawlamyine as Deputy Program manager (Mon State, Kayin State and Taninthayi Region) has voluntarily donated his blood as 102nd time at the Blood Bank in Mawlamyine General Hospital on 8-11-2011. He was conferred Medal of Commendation for Excellent Performance in Social Field (First Class) by the State on her Independence Day, 4-1-2002. He has been

Tun Foundation Bank opens Best Paintings of the Year 2011

YANGON, 4 Dec—A ceremony to open the Best Paintings of the Year 2011 organized by Tun Foundation Bank was held at the Myanmar Banks Association (Yankin) in Yankin Township this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the show.

Chairman of the bank Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Thein Tun and Vice-Chairman U Saw Hlaing, on behalf of the chairman of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon made speeches.

The Region Chief Minister and party viewed the paintings.

Union FM felicitates Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

A total of 348 works of 259 artists are being displayed at the hall up to 8 December when the prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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Model plots of monsoon paddy harvested in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 4 Dec—A ceremony to harvest monsoon paddy was held in Htechaung, N w a y a y g y a w Nyaunglan and Phuhti village-tracts in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 15 November.

District and township level departmental officials and local farmers attended the paddy harvesting.

In measuring production of paddy per acre on model plots for Hsinthwelat paddy plantations, paddy farm of U Tun Myint of



Officials seen at preparations for harvesting paddy on model plot in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MYANMA ALIN

Htechaung Village-tract produced 61.30 baskets of paddy per acre, that of farmer Daw Khin Kyi

of Phuhti Village-tract, 73.41 baskets of paddy per acre and that of farmer U Lon Cho of

N w a y a y g y a w Nyaunglan Village-tract, 79.57 baskets per acre.

Myanma Alin

Entries invited for SEA Games song competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Entries were invited for three genres of song to be used in XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar in 2013.

The theme song must cover the whole

donating his blood since he was final year student in the Institute of Economics, Yangon in 1976 as well as he donated blood for 24 times during his study in Japan within a couple of years to show his appreciation and gratitude to the Japanese people in stead of the university and some Japanese companies, who provided him scholarship including stipend, which could not be measured in terms of money and not be expressed in words. He is eager to do for the benefits of others before

event with added essence of Myanmar's beauty within the time limit between four and five minutes in Myanmar or English.

The dance music genre must be a modern song in Myanmar or

he goes as he firmly believes that nobody can bring anything when expired regardless of religion. He has been leading a group to organize the students and staff to become blood donor at least one since he was a tutor at the Department of Secretarial Practice in the Regional College No. 3 in Yangon in 1978. He is happy and enjoys help in the evening of life to the people from all walks of life especially those, who are vulnerable and needy as long as he still enables to do so.

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English and the time limit is the same with theme song.

The marching song could be melody alone or song with lyrics and the time limit is from three to four minutes.

The competitors will have to attach signed admission that they create the songs by themselves.

The entries must be submitted in Audio CD, with complete sample melody, most approximate tempo,

chord frame and beating and lyric composition.

Application forms are available at Mass Sports and Education Division, Kyaikkasan Grounds, Yangon. The entries must be submitted to the division not later than 31 December. Selected songs will be awarded K 2 million and the Ministry of Sports will assume responsibility for the selected songs.

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Talks on traffic rules given

YANGON, 4 Dec—Head of No. 1 Traffic Region Police Captain Myint Kyi and party of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Force gave educative talks on traffic rules to chairmen of bus lines, inspection team members, drivers and bus conductors, totaling 52 of Branch 4 of All Private Bus Line Control Committee in Insein on 29 November.

Likewise, SIP Than Zaw Htaik of No. 4 Traffic Region also gave talks on traffic rules to 176 owners and bus workers at Yangon Region APBCC on 28 November.—MNA



Afghan police officers walk past the outside of a clinic, damaged by an explosion in Mohammad Agha, Logar south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 2 Dec, 2011. Afghan and NATO officials say a suicide bomber detonated a truck full of explosives outside a combat outpost in eastern Afghanistan, killing one person and wounding five people.

INTERNET

Three NATO troops killed by bomb in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 Dec— Three troops from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed by a roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan Saturday, officials said.

ISAF did not say which country the dead troops were from or give further details of the incident, in line with policy.

There are around 140,000 international troops in Afghanistan fighting a Taliban-led militancy, 100,000 of them from the United States.

“Three International Security Assistance

Force members died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” a spokesman for the NATO-led ISAF said.

Many of the decade-long Afghan war’s worst fighting takes place in eastern Afghanistan, which is close to the border with Pakistan.

Pakistan closed its supply routes to NATO forces in Afghanistan after 24 Pakistani soldiers were killed by a NATO air strike last Saturday close to the

mountainous, porous border, provoking a major diplomatic row between Islamabad and Washington. The latest incident takes to 542 the number of coalition troops killed in Afghanistan this year.

A total of 711 foreign troops were killed in Afghanistan last year, the highest annual total yet in the decade-long war triggered by a US-led invasion in 2001 which ousted the Taliban from power.—*Internet*

Three killed in building collapse in Indian capital

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec—At least three people were killed, one injured while a few others feared trapped when a four-story building collapsed in the western part of the Indian capital on Saturday, said police.

The incident happened at 11:30 am while some construction was going on in the basement of the building. Rescuers tried to bring out all

those trapped inside the building.

Three people were declared brought dead after they were rushed to a nearby hospital.

“Three persons, including two women, were brought dead while a man is undergoing treatment,” Praveena Goel, Deputy Medical Superintendent of the hospital, told media.

Xinhua



Emergency medical personnel tend to injured fans under Boone Pickens Stadium following Oklahoma State’s 44-10 win over rival Oklahoma in an NCAA college football game in Stillwater, Okla, on 3 Dec, 2011. Fans were injured during the course of celebrating, which included running onto the field and tearing down goal posts.—INTERNET



Shoppers rest inside a Shopping Mall built with pop-up shipping containers in central Christchurch, New Zealand, on 3 Dec, 2011. Twenty-seven shops and cafes have been built from 64 converted shipping containers in the mall, which became the first part of the city’s red zone to open for business since the 22 Feb quake which killed 181 people.—XINHUA

Texas drought leaves heartbreaking toll of abandoned horses

SAN ANTONIO, 4 Dec—The yearlong Texas drought is taking a heartbreaking toll on horses and donkeys, thousands of which have been abandoned by owners who can no longer afford the skyrocketing price of the hay needed to feed them.

“We get 20 to 40 calls a week that horses are alongside the road and left; nobody’s claimed them,” Richard Fincher of Safe Haven Equine Rescue in Gilmer, in east Texas, told Reuters. “Sheriffs are calling us all the time.” Before this year, he would get more like three or four calls a week, he said. The problem, according to Dennis Sigler, a horse specialist at Texas A&M University, is that the drought has dried up the hay fields, leaving horse owners having to pay double or triple the prices they are used to paying for hay, if they can find hay at all.

“The price of hay and feed today is at levels we have never experienced before because of the drought,” Sigler said. “In addition to that, pastures are short, and folks who have horses on pasture have no grass for their horses. There is just no market for horses this year.”—Reuters



This undated handout image, obtained by Reuters on 3 Dec, 2011, shows an abandoned, malnourished horse in Texas at the Safe Equine Rescue in Gilmer, Texas.

INTERNET

Five killed in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—Gun and bomb attacks in Iraq killed five people, including an army brigadier general, and wounded three others on Saturday, security officials said. Unknown gunmen shot dead army Brigadier General Fadhel al-Azul and his wife in the Urr neighbourhood in northern Baghdad, an interior ministry official said.

And a liquor shop near Camp Rashid in central Baghdad was bombed, wounding three people, the official said. Two people were killed when unknown gunmen stormed a house in the southern part of the north Iraq City of Mosul, a first lieutenant in the Mosul police said. And another person was shot dead by gunmen in a nearby area of Mosul, the officer said. Violence has declined in Iraq since its peak in 2006 and 2007, but attacks remain common. A total of 187 people were killed in November, according to official figures.—*Internet*

First significant snow of winter to hit central US

AUSTIN (TEX), 4 Dec—Up to 12 inches of snow was expected to fall in parts of Colorado and New Mexico on Saturday as a storm system moved through the central US, bringing what forecasters said would be the first significant snow of the season to the region.

From New Mexico to the Great Lakes, the storm that brought damaging winds to Western states and several inches of snow

to the Rockies on Friday is set to drop four to seven inches of snow in other states in the region, including Nebraska and Kansas, according to forecasters.

Sioux City, Iowa was expecting up to five inches of snow by the end of the day, and police were already reporting more than a dozen car crashes on Saturday afternoon due to the slick roads. In Omaha, Neb, the first significant snowfall of the season coincided with Saturday’s college soccer playoff game featuring the hometown Creighton University and a team from a place where it snows about once every two decades or so: the University of South Florida in Tampa.—*Reuters*

Abusive boss may harm workers' home life, too

NEW YORK, 4 Dec— Having an abusive boss can do more than ruin your workday, it can also harm your family life, new research suggests.

The study, published online and in the winter issue of the journal *Personnel Psychology*, included 280 full-time employees and their partners who completed online surveys.

The Baylor University researchers found that the stress and tension an abusive boss causes an employee also affects the worker's partner, their relationship and the rest of the family.

However, the longer the employee-partner relationship, the less effect the abusive boss had on the family. The researchers also found that having more children at home meant greater family satisfaction for the employee.

"These findings have important implications for organizations and their managers. The evidence highlights the need for organizations to send an unequivocal message to those in supervisory positions that these hostile and harmful behaviors will not be tolerated," study author Dawn Carlson, a

professor of management and chair of organizational development at the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor, said in a university news release.

Abuse by a boss may include tantrums, rudeness, public criticism and inconsiderate action, the study authors pointed out.

"It may be that as supervisor abuse heightens tension in the relationship, the employee is less motivated or able to engage in positive interactions with the partner and other family members," study co-author Merideth Ferguson, an assistant professor of

management and entrepreneurship, said in the news release.

Businesses and other organizations should encourage workers to use employee assistance programmes or other resources, such as counseling and stress management, to find ways to reduce the impact an abusive boss has on the family, the study authors said.—*Internet*



A malaria-infected baby lies in the main hospital in Juba, South Sudan. European scientists say they have identified a new way by which the malaria parasite survives in human blood, a finding that marks the latest laboratory advance against the disease.—*INTERNET*

Epileptic seizures may worsen during menstrual cycle

BALTIMORE, 4 Dec— Seizures among women of childbearing age with epilepsy may worsen during menstruation or ovulation, researchers have found. In the study, investigators at the Comprehensive Epilepsy Centre at the University of California, Irvine, examined the trend of seizures associated with menstrual cycles (called "catamenial" seizures) among a group of women aged 19 to 50.

The study participants responded to a questionnaire about the worsening of their seizures during their menstrual cycle, and the researchers used these responses as well as the women's monthly seizure calendars to identify those with catamenial seizures.

Among the women with catamenial seizures, the investigators examined the type of epilepsy they had, the frequency of their seizures, their response to

medications as well as neuroimaging findings and seizures during pregnancy, according to a news release from the American Epilepsy Society.

Two-thirds of the women with catamenial epilepsy had a diagnosis of partial epilepsy. The rest had primary generalized epilepsy. Meanwhile, about 75 percent of the women with catamenial epilepsy had medically refractory seizures — which means they're resistant to treatment. The rate was twice that of their peers with epilepsy who did not have catamenial seizures.

Internet

SAP offers \$3.4 billion for SuccessFactors



Shareholders arrive for the German software group SAP general shareholder assembly in Mannheim, 25 May, 2011.—*INTERNET*

BERLIN, 4 Dec— Germany's SAP announced a \$3.4 billion cash deal to buy US web-based software company SuccessFactors, joining the scramble among technology firms to offer cloud-computing services to businesses.

SAP said on Saturday it would pay \$40 per share for SuccessFactors, a premium of 52 percent over both its Friday closing price and the one-month volume-weighted average price, making it expensive for any rival bidder that might want to put in a counterbid.

Paul Hamerman, an analyst at technology research group Forrester, said SAP was paying a substantial premium to acquire SuccessFactors but its own cloud strategy had been lagging.

"By acquiring

SuccessFactors, SAP puts itself into a much stronger competitive position in human resources applications and reaffirms its commitment to software-as-a-service as a key business model," he said.

SAP has slowly begun to gain traction with its Business by Design software aimed at mid-sized companies. It reiterated on Saturday that it aims to have around 1,000 customers there by year-end.

"While our growth remains primarily organic, where we can innovate faster with acquisitions, we take action. In this case, to become a cloud powerhouse," SAP co-CEO Bill McDermott told a hastily arranged conference call with journalists and analysts.

The move means SAP can beat its target

of generating 20 billion euros (\$26.9 billion) in revenue by 2015 while maintaining its 35 percent margin goal, company officials said. The SuccessFactors deal is more about generating top-line growth than wringing out cost synergies, they said.—*Internet*

Aggressive labour stance threatens Pilbara expansion: Rio Tinto

SYDNEY, 4 Dec— Rio Tinto chief executive Tom Albanese said an "aggressive" stance by unions, high labour costs and a potential downturn in world prices threaten plans for vast expansion of its key Australian iron

ore operations. "Our Pilbara business is designed to operate well and stay profitable in the 120 range," Albanese told *Inside Business*. "Again, what we have to do is we have to control cost pressure. I

think the one thing I'm concerned about is that our cost pressures in the Pilbara, our cost pressures in Australia are quite a bit higher than cost pressures anywhere else in the world."

Albanese said there were plans to expand production in the Pilbara and he would like to see it expand even beyond 450 million tons, but "all the other pieces have to be in place."

The Rio Tinto chief also said he would be lobbying the Canadian government and Saskatchewan provincial government to ensure Rio Tinto was the operator of the planned Roughrider uranium project following its C\$654 million (\$643 million) takeover of Hathor.

Reuters

Rio Tinto Chief Executive Officer Tom Albanese addresses the forum "Africa: Reshaping Partnerships for Sustainable Growth" at a pre-summit business forum ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in Perth 26 Oct, 2011.

INTERNET



Participants in red ponchos walk out of a basketball arena to a field before attempting to assemble the world's largest human AIDS ribbon on World AIDS Day at Coppin State University in Baltimore, on 1 Dec, 2011. Organizers estimated that 1,000 people participated in the event, short of their goal of 4,000.

INTERNET

Survey: Most young adults go online for 'no particular reason'

Tech

NEW YORK, 4 Dec— According to a recently released study conducted by the Pew Research Centre's Internet & American Life Project, young adults between the ages of 18 to 29 are the most likely to go online just to "have fun or pass the time". While 81 percent claim to have gone online to have fun on occasion, over half of these young adults claimed to have hopped online for that reason within 24 hours prior to the survey. According to further findings, people are less

likely to access the Internet for fun as age increases. For instance, less than a fourth of people ages 65 and older use the Internet for entertainment purposes.

Across all ages, approximately 58 percent of respondents claim to use the Internet for "fun or pass the time" occasionally and 34 percent claim to have gotten online for that purpose during the previous day to the survey. The survey was conducted with 2,260 adults ages 18 and over between July

2011 and August 2011. Compared to the same questions in previous years, the amount of people going online for entertainment purposes is higher than 2009 numbers and significantly higher than figures recorded approximately six years ago. The wording of the questions didn't define any specific activity when on the Internet, only that the activity would have to be considered "fun".

While it's clear that the Internet has become a stronger competitor for the attention of Americans

over the past decade, Pew Research believes that the line between Internet usage and getting online to consume traditional forms of media has become "fuzzy". For instance, anyone with a computer or tablet can access online television programs through services like Hulu Plus and Netflix, music through services like Pandora and books through services like Amazon. However, social networking is a large contributor to the growth in online use over the past five years.

This article was originally posted on Digital Trends.

Internet



A salesman arranges a BlackBerry mobile phone inside a display box at a showroom in the western Indian City of Ahmedabad 13 October, 2011.—INTERNET

Science

Low-cost solar heating material found

CHITTOOR (India), 4 Dec— Researchers in India say they've come up with an inexpensive material that can store heat energy from the sun during the day and release it slowly overnight.

The material based on paraffin wax and stearic acid — a fat commonly used to make soap — could help provide warmth in homes in sunny parts of the world that get very cold at night, without the need to burn wood or fossil fuels, an article in the International Journal of Renewable Energy Technology said.

Researchers say a class of material known as phase change materials can store a large amount of heat in a small volume and then release it as they change phase from solid to liquid at certain temperatures.

Heated by the sun, the mixture of paraffin wax — which melts at about 98 degrees F — and stearic acid becomes entirely liquid.

However, as it solidifies when temperatures drop it slowly releases the stored heat.

The team has tested 1 1/2-inch spherical capsules containing a blend of paraffin and stearic acid that can be floated on the top of water in a tank.—INTERNET

Yahoo shuts down The Projector and The Set blogs

Tech

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec— Yahoo is letting The Projector and The Set flicker out and die, the movie and television blogs acknowledged on Twitter Friday.

"As was just announced, Yahoo has decided to let @YahooProjector shuffle off this mortal coil. It's a damn shame: We were having such fun," Will Leitch, the site's co-editor, tweeted.

The Set tweeted similar news. Both sites

said that a number of blogs will be closing as well.

It was not immediately clear what other blogs will join the two fansites in the blogosphere in the sky.

The Projector is a co-production between Leitch and Tim Grierson. The Set is run by Lindsay Robertson and Tara Ariano.

Both sites feature reviews, news items and film clips, written with a fun and semi-autobiographical flare. The two

sets of editors are friends, according to the sites.

"We're obviously quite sad about this: We were having so much fun, something we sometimes fear is lacking in movie writing," The Projector editors tweeted on the site's Twitter feed.

They said they would be busy screen-grabbing old reviews, so they don't disappear along with the site.—INTERNET



Momoge National Nature Reserve is located in Zhenlai County, Baicheng City, Jilin Province and takes up 144,000 hectares in total, including more than 80% wetland. It is the largest wetland reserve in Jilin Province. It is one of reserves with the most crane species in the nation.—XINHUA

Study sees climate change's impact on animals

GARDINER, 4 Dec—A study of gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park could yield a method to predict how animals will respond to climate change, US and British scientists say.

Researchers say data from the study could help determine which species are better able to cope with climate change and which might be at risk of extinction.

"We now have the tools to determine how wolves would react to climate change," study leader Tim Coulson, a professor of life sciences at Imperial College London, told *The Guardian* newspaper.

"With any luck, in the future we can apply the methods developed from the wolves down to small mites or to large herbivores." The study collected data on the wolves' responses to a changing environment, including population numbers, genetics, body size, and the timing of events in the animals' life cycle such as when they first have pups.

A new computer model developed in the study allows researchers to study how animals react to climate change both in terms of behavior and genetics, Coulson said.

It would have applications far beyond wolf populations, he said.

"In reality we can apply the methods we developed across a range of animals and behaviors." Internet

Astronomers Discover 18 Huge New Alien Planets

Science

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec— Astronomers have found 18 new alien planets, all of them Jupiter-size gas giants that circle stars bigger than our sun, a new study reports.

The discoveries increase the number of known planets orbiting

massive stars by 50 percent.

The exoplanet bounty should also help astronomers better understand how giant planets form and grow in nascent alien solar systems, researchers said.

The haul comes just a

few months after a different team of researchers announced the discovery of 50 newfound alien worlds, including one rocky planet that could be a good candidate for life. The list of known alien planets is now well over 700 and climbing fast.—INTERNET



The twin telescopes at Keck Observatory in Hawaii. The astronomers used Keck to discover 18 new Jupiter-like planets orbiting massive stars.—INTERNET

Indonesia releases Australian drug teen

SYDNEY, 4 Dec— Indonesia on Sunday released a 14-year-old Australian boy convicted of drug possession on the resort island of Bali after two months in detention.

A high school student from a coastal area north of Sydney, the teen has been the focus of intense negotiations involving Canberra's Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and other Australian officials lobbying for his release.

The boy admitted to carrying 6.9 grams (quarter of an ounce) of marijuana when he was arrested on 4 October in the tourist area of Kuta, where he was on holiday

with his parents. "Earlier, the process of taking fingerprints... processing release documentation, taking photographs was completed," Bali's Kerobokan prison chief Siswanto told reporters.

"He is now free and we have released him," he said, adding he had told the boy not to repeat his actions. A district court on 25 November handed the teenager a two-month jail sentence for marijuana possession, deducting the eight weeks he had already spent in detention.

The boy had been held at an immigration detention centre in

Jimbaran but made a brief stop at Kerobokan prison Sunday to get his fingerprints taken and paperwork finalised before he is handed to immigration authorities at Denpasar airport for deportation.

Internet

Australian teenager, seen here (wearing balaclava) being escorted by security personnel as his father (L) waits inside a holding cell of a car after his trial at Denpasar court in Bali, on 25 Nov.

INTERNET



Philippines struggles with AIDS

MANILA, 4 Dec—The Philippines is struggling to deal with a worsening HIV-AIDS problem, with far too little money being spent on reversing a steady rise in infection rates, health experts warn.

The government will have to prioritise its funding to concentrate on helping the most at-risk communities as it faces a budget shortfall of up to \$370 million over the next five years, health department assistant secretary Eric Tayag said.

"If we only have so much, we have to prioritise the scope of our programmes, choosing the target populations, choosing the specific areas," Tayag said.

"It is a race against time because the more cases there are, the more different kinds of financial support are needed in the long run."

The number of HIV/AIDS cases detected in the Philippines — which has a population of 94 million people — is still relatively small with only 7,884 cases recorded since 1984.

But the Philippines is one of only seven countries listed by UNAIDS (the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) to have suffered rising infection rates in 2010.

And more than 1,800 cases have already been reported in the first 10 months of this year, exceeding the 1,591 cases reported for all of 2010, according to government data.

Tayag said the government estimated it needed 35 billion pesos (\$810 million) to carry out HIV-prevention programmes from 2011 to 2016.

However the health department had only identified foreign and local sources for 19 billion pesos (\$440 million), leaving a projected shortfall of 16 billion pesos (\$370 million).

The funding crunch is expected to hit hardest when the current "round" of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria runs out in November next year, said Maria Teresa Bagasao, country director of UNAIDS.

Internet



A vendor sits next to a world AIDS day poster displayed in front of the World Health Organization (WHO) regional office in Manila on 1 December.

INTERNET

High winds leave thousands without power in California



Residents look at slabs of the broken concrete pavement and uprooted eucalyptus trees after a heavy wind storm in the morning at Highland Park in Los Angeles, California on 1 December, 2011.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec— High winds returned to the Los Angeles area early on Saturday as over 100,000 homes and businesses lost power, due to fallen trees and other damage from an ongoing windstorm. Southern California Edison said that at mid-afternoon it still had 73,600 customers affected by the outages, which were mainly concentrated along the San Gabriel Valley foothills east

of Pasadena. The area saw "near hurricane force winds" that caused flying debris to knock over power poles, said Edison spokesman Gil Alexander. Unusually powerful winds first began striking the Los Angeles region on Wednesday night, in a storm that has raised concern among local fire departments about potential wildfires igniting and spreading at

lightning speed.

By mid-morning on Saturday, wind gusts of 73 miles per hour were clocked atop a mountain near Acton, 30 miles northeast of Los Angeles, according to automated weather stations. At other places of high elevation closer to the metropolis, wind speeds in the 35 mph to 45 mph range were more common.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department staged 290 additional firefighters to wildfire-prone areas.—Reuters

Small plane lands on Fla highway, no one injured

JACKSONVILLE, 4 Dec—The Florida Highway Patrol says a small, private plane developed engine trouble over Jacksonville and made an emergency landing on an interstate highway.

The Florida Times-Union reports that no one was injured when the plane touched down before 10 pm Saturday on the southbound side of Interstate 295 near Interstate 95. Two people were onboard the plane.

State troopers are investigating and working to remove the aircraft from the roadway.

Internet



Workers check the rubble of a bus after an accident in Milagres, Brazil's Bahia state, on 3 Dec, 2011. Brazilian authorities said a tractor-trailer slammed into the bus carrying sugarcane cutters, killing at least 33 people and injuring 13 after the truck driver lost control as he was rounding a corner and heading down a hill early Saturday.—INTERNET

L American leaders wrap up founding summit of new regional bloc

CARACAS, 4 Dec— Leaders from 33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean on Saturday concluded the two-day founding summit of a new regional bloc aimed to boost integration and economic development.

With the notable exclusion of the United

States and Canada, members of the newly-formed the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, or CELAC, approved the Declaration of Caracas and 22 other document that call for promoting regional integration in politics, economy and culture, and realizing

common regional development.

Calling the approval of the documents "a great success," Venezuelan President and summit host Hugo Chavez said a decision-making mechanism would be evaluated during the first year after the bloc's inception.

Other documents

adopted at the Caracas summit covered the issues of the US embargo on Cuba, social inclusion, food security, counter-terrorism and drug trafficking. The leaders also vowed to take advantage of their cooperation potential in raw material, energy, water and other natural resources that are deemed necessary for regional development.

Xinhua



Visitors shop at the stand of Colombia during the International Charity Bazaar, which is organized by United Nations Women Guild Vienna, in Austrian capital Vienna on 3 Dec, 2011.—XINHUA

Heavy rains flood Boon Keng Road

SINGAPORE, 4 Dec—Bad weather on Saturday caused some flooding at Boon Keng Road.

A tree also fell at the junction of Aljunied Road and MacPherson Road.

Workers were busy clearing the tree, which fell onto the pavement beside a bus lane.

The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) received a call about the incident on Saturday afternoon, and sent personnel to the area. SCDF said no one was injured. National Water Agency PUB said there were no other incidents of flash flooding on Saturday.—Internet



Ugandan works on space project from mother's backyard

KAMPALA, 4 Dec—Chris Nsamba says that at one time or another every successful scientist has been called a madman, and some think he is crazy about working to send the first Ugandan into space — from the backyard of his mother's home.

"People around here used to come and see and say he was mad, but they come back now and are impressed," Nsamba's mother, Sarah Lugwama, told AFP, waving towards a group of eight volunteers sanding the left wing of the hulking craft parked under a jackfruit tree in the garden.

The craft named the African Skyhawk, which looks like a bulky glider with a wingspan of 10 metres (33 feet), will reach into the earth's outer atmosphere,

says Nsamba, the founder of the African Space Research Programme.

After an intrepid pilot and a navigator have tested the craft sometime next year, Nsamba explains, the next step will be to look beyond the earth's atmosphere.

"Within five years we will have launched a probe into space and within a decade we will put a man in space," says

Nsamba, 26, an amateur aeronautical engineer, as he leans against the wing of the Skyhawk.

But for Nsamba, and his impoverished homeland, there is still a long way to go before they can think of reaching the cosmos.

Internet

Founder of the African Space Research Programme, Chris Nsamba, leans against the wing of the African Skyhawk in the Kampala suburb of Ntinda. He is working to send the first Ugandan into space — from the backyard of his mother's home.

INTERNET



Blast in bus parked near UK embassy in Bahrain

MANAMA, 4 Dec—A blast hit a bus Sunday near the British embassy in the Bahraini capital of Manama, the interior ministry said.

The blast happened early in the morning in a minibus parked near the embassy, with no casualty reported.

Hundreds of Shi'ites were taking part in a religious procession in the area when the blast occurred, sources told Xinhua.

The security authorities have cordoned off the area and are investigating the incident, the ministry said.

The blast came one day after reports by the British media that former Assistant Commissioner at London's Metropolitan Police John Yates was appointed by Bahrain to help its interior ministry's security forces.

On 17 March, 2010, unidentified men hurled Molotov Cocktails at the British embassy compound in Manama.

Xinhua



People march along Kurfuerstendamm street during an event to show love and care for HIV and AIDS carriers in Berlin, Germany, on 30 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

One dead, four missing after ship sinks off east China

FUZHOU, 4 Dec—Rescuers have retrieved one body and are searching for the rest four missing people after a ship sank off east China's Fujian Province.

The ship with 22 people on board sank around 3:00 am Sunday near Pingtan of Fujian, and 17 people had been rescued by 9:30 am, rescuers said.

The ship is registered in Shandong Province.

Xinhua

Chicken price, demand go down due to bird flu alert in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 3 Dec—Chicken prices took a beating in Nepali capital after institutions like schools and security agencies stayed away from chicken products following a new bird flu alert.

According to Saturday's *Republica* report, these institutions are major consumers of chicken in the capital of Kathmandu. The fall in price was within the range of 30 percent. Schools were the first to put a ban on chicken meat.

Private boarding schools in Kathmandu Valley have already suspended serving chicken items. These schools have also restricted their canteens from selling items made with chicken meat.

The Nepali Army has issued a circular directing its troops not to purchase chicken meat. The army usually includes mutton and chicken items in its menu.

However, Ramindra Chhetri, spokesperson of the Nepal Army, refuted the claim saying the circular was on "preventive measures that army personnel should adopt to avoid getting infected by the disease".

According to sources, Nepali Police has also alerted its personnel about bird flu virus even though it has not asked its staff to completely stop eating chicken meat.

"Consumers fear to eat chicken meat despite

the fact that bird flu viruses are killed if cooked properly," said Junga Bahadur BC, chairman of Chicken Retailers Association. "This fear has brought down the demand of chicken in the cold stores by around 60 percent."

The latest strain of bird flu virus was detected in a slum along the Manahara river bank in Bhaktapur on Monday. To prevent the virus from spreading, all the poultry birds in the area were killed. However, consumers are still fearing that the disease may spread out.—Xinhua



Guests attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of a branch office of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), in Phnom Penh, Capital of Cambodia, on 30 Nov, 2011. China's Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), on Wednesday officially opened its branch in Phnom Penh, aimed at cementing Sino-Cambodian economic and trade cooperation.—XINHUA

Curriculum Vitae...

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Sheikh Hasina graduated from the University of Dhaka in 1973. She actively participated in all the mass movements since her student life. She ran for the parliamentary election held in 1986, representing the Bangladesh Awami League Party and won three seats. Following the election of 1991, Sheikh Hasina became Leader of the Opposition in the country's Fifth Parliament, and steered all the political parties in the parliament towards changing the Presidential system into the Parliamentary one.

In the Parliamentary election held on 12 June 1996, Bangladesh Awami League emerged as the majority party and she assumed the office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 23 June 1996. After becoming Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina adopted a number of pragmatic policies for overall development of the nation including poverty alleviation.

Sheikh Hasina was conferred Degree of Doctor of Law by the Boston University of the USA, Honorary Doctor of Law by the Waseda University of Japan, Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Liberal Arts by University of Abertay Dundee of the United Kingdom, Honorary Degree of Desikottama (Doctor of Literature, Honoris Causa) by Visva-Bharati

University of West Bengal, India, Degree of Doctor of Law, Honoris Causa by the Australian National University of Australia, Doctor of Laws by Dhaka University of Bangladesh, Honorary Doctorate Degree (Doctor Honoris Causa) by the World famous Catholic University of Brussels, Belgium; Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by the Bridgeport University, USA.

Sheikh Hasina has also been awarded UNESCO's Houphouët-Biogny Peace Prize; prestigious Pearl S. Buck Award '99 by Randolph Macon Women's College of USA; the prestigious CERES' medal by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); 'Mother Teresa Award' by the All India Peace Council; 'M K Gandhi Award' by the Mahatma M K Gandhi Foundation of Oslo, Norway.

Under her leadership, her party Bangladesh Awami League led a grand alliance to win a landslide victory in the 9th Parliament Election on 29 December 2008 with 262 seats out of 299 in the National Parliament.

Sheikh Hasina took oath as Prime Minister of Bangladesh at a ceremony held at Banghabhaban on 06 January 2009. She is married having one son and one daughter.

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Buddha Tooth Relic...

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and devotees: K 150,000 by Maj Tun Zaw Myint (Retd) of Religious Affairs Department +Daw Nwe Ni Ohn and their children and K 100,000 by U Kyaw Thu Zaw (Deputy Commissioner, Yangon West District)+Daw Myint Myint Kyi.

Today's donations of gems and jewels were 806 pieces of various gems and jewels including one platinum locket with 84 diamonds and one jade locket with 16 diamonds worth K 5,250,000 by Dr Ni Nyunt from Inya Road; two gold bracelets, one gold bracelet with 21 pieces of white gem stones, five jade gold buttons, one pearl necklace, one ring with 26 diamonds and one pearl worth K 2,428,000

by U Oo Myint+Daw Khin Mya Ei and family of Yangon: one gold bracelet with 32 pieces of emerald and 15 diamonds and one gold ring with 42 pieces of ruby worth K 2,095,000 by Daw Khin Kyaing Tun and family of Mayangon Township; K 10000 and one gold ring with one piece of jade and one diamond, one gold ring with 7 pieces of ruby and one gold ring with 12 pieces of emerald and diamond and one gold locket with 31 pieces of ruby worth K 1,539,000 by U Thein Aung+Daw Mya Thada and family of Yangon; one gold locket with black pearl, one set of gold earrings with 8 diamonds each, one gold neck chain with 45 pieces of emerald and two gold earrings

worth K 1,435,000 by Daw Khin May and family from Insein Phawtkan; five gold bracelets worth K 899,000 by U Aye Chit+Daw Ni Ni and family from in Mayangon; one gold ring with 20 diamonds worth K 700,000 by U Wai Lin+Daw Aye Chan Cheint and daughter May Madi from Thuwunna; one set of gold earrings with 2 pieces of jade and one piece of white gem stone and one gold ring with eight pieces of white gem stones worth K 114,000 by Daw Ye Ye Lwin (Pazundaung Township IPRD) Daughter Hayman Family. Up to 3 December evening, K 143,565,565 of cash donations, gems and jewels worth K 97,732,500, US\$ 5444 and \$ 517 were donated.

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Tasks of MCWA explained

YANGON, 4 Dec—Taninthayi Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the ceremony to explain tasks of the association at Khamaukkyi Sub-township of Kawthoung District on 29 November.

Chairperson of Taninthayi Region MCWSC Daw Aye Aye Myint

explained tasks of the association.

The association donated stationery to students of Khamaukkyi BEHS and gifts to five older persons.

They also donated stationery to No.5 Monastic Education School in Maliwan Village of Kawthoung Township and books and cash to the village library in 10th-mile Village.—MNA

Sugar mills inaugurated in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—No.5 Sugar Mill (Myohla) that can crush 1600 tons of sugarcane per day was inaugurated in 2011-2012 sugarcane season in Myohla, Bago Region, this morning.

Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe, International Gateways Group Co CEO Dr Naing Tun Aung and Executive director Daw Wai Wai Yin formally opened the sugar mill.

Next, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint

Hlaing and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, Region Minister U Tin Soe and officials observed the operation of the mill and production process.

No.5 Sugar Mill (Myohla) has been hired to International Gateways Group Co with a BOT system by the State. The mill started operation under the leadership of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and is estimated to crush 60642 tons of sugarcane and produce 5610 tons of sugar in 2011-2012

sugarcane season.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party attended the opening of No.6 Sugar Mill (Yedashe) that can crush 1200 tons of sugarcane per day. The sugar mill has been hired to Delicious Food Co Ltd with a BOT system. It is estimated to crush 60000 tons of sugarcane and produce 5100 tons of sugar. Plans are under way to crush about 60000 tons of sugar cane this year and to double the amount of sugar for the coming season.

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Union Health Minister receives guests of Asia Pacific Operation Smile, Relief International



Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Regional Programs Director Ms Margot Neufeld of Asia Pacific Operation Smile.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Regional Programs Director Ms Margot Neufeld of Asia Pacific Operation Smile at 5 pm and Country Director Mr Paolo Cerati of Relief International at 5.30 pm on 1 December.

In meeting with the Regional Programs Director of Asia Pacific Operation Smile, they discussed surgical operations for cleft lip and palate patients, trainings for treatment of emergency injuries, proficiency course for doctors and nurses

of operation theatre and donation of medicine and medical equipment.

Likewise, the Union minister had a discussion with Relief International on health development of mothers and infants, nutritious development tasks, and giving of health care service in natural disasters.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department and officials.—MNA

Mid-year Gems Emporium this month

NAY PYI TAW, 4 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 system.

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 till 10 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 and Mohnyin) were recommended as contact points for further details by the central committee.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye on 25 November inspected construction of a two-storey building at Shwepyiaye Basic Education High School (Branch) in Homalin Township.

While in Homalin, he presented Sky Net TV receiver for the village and publications to village library, and then inspected maintenance of the bank at Chindwin River in Phaungpyin.

At Phaungpyin gymnasium, he met departmental personnel and local people.

On 26 November, he met departmental officials and social organization members at Phaungpyin Township General Administration Department.

He viewed Phaungpyin Hospital (25-bed) built by Tin Win Tun Co.

At Kanhtoogyang Village Basic

Education Post-Primary School, he presented school uniforms, Sony cassette, exercise books, publications and U Myo Lay (Aung Mya Than ship family) K 500,000 to the funds of the school.

The Chief Minister looked into progress of new school building at Kindat BEHS (Branch) in Mawlaik Township and presented 100 bags of cement for construction of school building at BEPS in Mawlaikgale Village.

On 27 November morning, the Chief Minister provided 100 bags of cement to Mawlaik BEHS No. 1 after inspecting progress of the new building.

He attended the new school building at Hsingaung Village BEPS in Kalewa Township.

In the evening, he met departmental officials and local people at Chindwin Myittha Hall in Kalewa.—MNA

12th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference

7th and 8th December, 2011

Meeting Hall of Ministry of Health
Nay Pyi Taw

Police member killed, four innocent people...

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An explosion from supposed sound mine occurred between transformer and brick fence in front of Muse 105-mile Trade Zone Mongyu Police Outpost at about 6.35 pm. Two police members were injured and the brick fence was slightly damaged. Authorities concerned are handling security affairs and the trade zone is operating regularly.

One mine explosion one foot from department-owned Van (white) parked in front of Myitkyina District Planning Office at the corner of Tatkon-Sanpya road and Duwa Road in Eden area of Tatkon ward in Myitkyina, destroying the engine of the car and tearing 14 windowpanes of the office. No one was injured in the blast.

KIA's destructive acts undermining the stability in Kachin State and targeted to spread panic in public concerned the local people who prefer peace.

Placards with the names of local people were stuck on 26 lampposts on Shwethalyaung Pagoda Theatre Road and BEHS-2 School Road (Bahtoo Road) in East ward of Mohnyin as a gesture of

demonstrating the genuine desire of local people. The placards say: "Want eternal peace? Declare ceasefire and return to negotiation table", "Do not take advantage of generosity of the State. Local people will no more be patient (at all)", "Consider equality and stability of the entire races in Kachin State rather than the opportunity of only a single race."

"Open letter to KIO" with the names of innocent people was found on the road near Momaik Market. The letter says, "It was learnt that KIO released letter of condolence saying it offered its sympathy towards families of victims of 10 dead persons and 23 injured persons in the bomb blast in Myitkyina on 13 November. The people know the truth that KIA planned the blasts and a series of blasts starting from Myitsonsone bomb explosion and happened in downtowns and on railroads were carried out by KIA-trained terrorists. KIA's murderous policy including the killings of many people including innocent children is condemned. It is requested to take effective actions against KIA which is triggering explosions."

MNA



Self-reliant Ngwelayaung Library was opened in Shwedah Nyaunghtauk Village in Yamethin Township on 19 November. Departmental officials formally open the 28 feet long, 17 feet wide and 15 feet high library.—MYANMA ALIN

Hsin Akari-3 brings all smiles to Mohnyin farmers' faces

Hsin Akari-3 quality paddy strain becomes one of the likes of farmers in Mohnyin Township as it thrives on the soil and under the atmosphere of Kachin State. Despite unfavourable and extreme weather in this year's monsoon paddy harvest, Hsin Akari-3 quality paddy fields remained unbeaten and continued to increase per-acre yield.

Farmer Ma Cho Myint of Nantpot village who sown Hsin Akari-3 paddy strains on her land shares her joy of "bumper harvest despite the irritation of

hailstorm." Farmer U Win Maung of Mayangon village raises two thumbs up saying, "135 baskets were yielded per acre." He cultivated Hsin Akari-3 monsoon paddy in his farm scientifically. Farmer U Ba Khaing of Nantsawlaw village recalls, "Hsin Akari-3 paddy strains were bought from Agricultural Research Farm in Mohnyin Township." He goes on with numbers, "As a quality strain, it gave 85 per cent output on average. As it has increased from 60 per cent, my family enjoys an economic

By Myo Aung
(Mohnyin)

boost. It is my own story."

In earlier harvest, the price for one basket of Hsin Akari-3 paddy was K 2500. Now, it is K 3000 in the market, letting farmers undoubtedly wearing smiles.

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Encouraging
Hsin Akari-3
paddy field
awaiting the
harvest.



Entries invited for December mass sports activities commemorative photo, article, short story contests

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Every December is designed as the month of mass sports activities as health and fitness of the entire nation matter. Mass walk activities and sports events will be held in Saturdays of this December.

Commemorative photo, article and short story contests will be organized. For short story contest, entry must be between five and eight

foolscap pages, with the message to uplift health and fitness of the people and Myanmar sports standards.

The article entry under preferred title is limited to be between four and six foolscap pages.

Contestants of colour photo contest will have a chance to submit unlimited number of 10"x12" entries, but have to necessarily capture the scene of December mass sports activities.

Entries are to be submitted to Holding Committee, Mass Sports and Education Division, Kyaikkasan Grounds, Yangon (Ph: 01-400431, 400892), not later than 12 January 2012.

First, second, third and consolation prize winners will be presented handsome prizes. The prize presentation ceremony will be announced in advance.—MNA

Web helps Bangkok's flood-hit pets find relief

BANGKOK, 4 Dec—When the floodwaters came up to her chin, Karuna Leuangleekpai knew she had to abandon her house on the outskirts of Bangkok. But she had no idea what to do with her seven dogs.

Through Facebook, she heard about a flood evacuation shelter for pets run by veterinary student volunteers in the capital, so she crammed her soaking wet dogs into her car and went to seek help.

"The water was above my head when we left the house — the dogs were swimming around. That was over a month ago and my house is still underwater," Karuna said.

"I'm glad to have found this shelter for them — I'm staying with a friend in her apartment but there's no way my dogs could have fitted in too."

Three months of unusually heavy monsoon rains have inundated large

swathes of Thailand, killing more than 650 people and affecting the homes and livelihoods of millions.

But it is not just humans who have been suffering during the kingdom's worst floods in half a century — tens of thousands of pets and stray cats and dogs have also been stranded as water levels rise. Their plight has prompted an outpouring of sympathy from city residents, who have mobilised using Facebook and Twitter to set up animal shelters, organize "pet rescue" patrols and provide free medical care to flood-hit pets.

"We knew that the floods would make it hard for owners to care for their pets and we felt we had to help," said veterinary student Mataya Tawechart, adding that the animal shelter was set up and run by students and volunteers.

Internet



Local residents are seen here salvaging their belongings as their dog sits on top of the improvised float, in suburban Bangkok, in October.
INTERNET

Old theory could help in noise protection

SYDNEY, 4 Dec—A relook at a 150-year-old theory could open the way to better noise protection.

Andrew Bell from the Research School of Biology, Australian National University (ANU), says the long-discarded 'pressure theory' could be the answer to protecting people from

damagingly loud sound levels. "Hearing loss used to be called 'blacksmith's disease'. In the modern age, it might come to be called MP3 disease," said Bell, the *Journal of Hearing Science* reports.

The middle ear consists of three tiny bones and two miniature muscles

which tense up to protect the ear from loud sounds, according to an ANU statement.

Bell said these bones and muscles work together as a tiny pump, raising the pressure of the fluid in the inner ear - like pushing a cork into a bottle of water.

Internet

Ohio sets tentative date to test 6 exotic animals



This file photo was previously provided by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and shows one of three leopards that were captured by authorities last month, a day after their owner released dozens of wild animals and then killed himself near Zanesville, Ohio.

INTERNET

COLUMBUS (Ohio), 4 Dec—The Ohio Department of Agriculture tentatively plans to begin medical tests 15 Dec on three leopards, two primates and a young grizzly bear kept at a zoo since their owner released dozens of exotic animals at his farm and killed himself, a department spokeswoman said Friday.

The Columbus Zoo has cared for the animals since Terry Thompson released them at his farm near Zanesville in October and set off a hunt by authorities who fatally shot four dozen animals, including rare Bengal tigers, lions and bears.

The state ordered that the surviving animals be kept under quarantine amid officials' concerns about reports that may have been kept in unsanitary conditions and exposed to disease.

Zoo and state officials have been trying to determine whether the animals are healthy enough to be tested for diseases and whether they're strong enough to survive if they are anesthetized to have blood drawn for testing.

The animals have been eating well and their health has appeared to improve, so officials set the tentative date to begin testing, Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Erica Pitchford said. The animals may undergo physical exams, X-rays, blood sampling and other types of tests to evaluate their health, she said.

Thompson's widow has appealed the quarantine order that prevents the zoo from releasing the animals until it's clear they're free of dangerous diseases.

Lawyers on both sides have not yet set a date to present their arguments to a hearing officer. The officer, an attorney not employed by the department, would make a determination to be reviewed by the department's director.—Internet

Death toll from bridge collapse in Indonesia increases to 21

JAKARTA, 4 Dec—Death toll from bridge collapse in Indonesia's East Kalimantan Province has increased to 21, a Press statement from the National Agency of Disaster Mitigation (BNPB) said here on Saturday.

"On 08:45 Jakarta Time (0145 GMT), we found another victim of the collapsed bridge, making the total number of fatalities becomes 21," said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, head of the Centre of Data, Information and Public Relation at BNPB in the statement. The country's largest news portal detik.com reported that 22 people have been scrutinized as witnesses in the accident. However, police have not pointed any suspect yet. The bridge collapsed last Saturday, at least 19 people are still missing.

Xinhua



Rescuers hunted for survivors on last Sunday after a busy bridge spanning the Mahakam river in Indonesia's Borneo island collapsed, killing four people and injuring 19 others, according to officials. A public bus, cars and motorcycles plunged into Mahakam river in Kutai Kartanegara District after the 720 m long structure collapsed on last Saturday.

INTERNET

Britain postpones high-speed rail decision

LONDON, 4 Dec—The government has postponed until January a decision on building a new 32 billion pound high-speed rail network so as to consider measures to reduce the impact on those living nearby and the environment, media reported on Saturday.

A decision had been expected by the end of the year, but the media reports said the decision had been delayed to consider the construction of a 500 million pound tunnel to reduce the proposed network's environmental impact.

"The important thing is to make the right decision, even if that means a delay of a few parliamentary days," a Department for Transport spokeswoman

said. She confirmed the tunnel proposal but dismissed as speculation reports of its cost.

The proposed 400 km per hour line connecting London with major cities to the north has run into angry opposition from people living near the route — many of them supporters of David Cameron's Conservative Party worried about the impact on their homes and the countryside.

The government's proposal is for a new Y-shaped high-speed rail network. The initial phase would connect London and Birmingham by 2026, reducing journey times to 49 minutes from 84. Lines to Manchester and Leeds would open by 2033.—Internet



A train passes through Potters Bar rail station at Potters Bar in south east England on 13 May, 2011.

INTERNET

China puts more money in renewable energy resources than other countries

NANNING, 4 Dec—China has become the world's biggest investor in renewable energy sources, said a senior environmental official on Saturday during a forum held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.

China invested over 300 billion yuan (47.31 billion US dollars) in renewable energy sources in 2010, outranking every other country, said Wang Yuqing, deputy director of the Committee of Population, Resources and Environment of the CPPCC National Committee.

The official of China's top advisory body estimated that more

than 3,000 billion yuan (473.1 billion US dollars) would be poured into industries related to environmental protection from 2011 to 2015.

Issues relating to the environment and resources are becoming more urgent in China, as the world's second-largest economy is currently on its fast track to industrialization, said Wang, who is also the president of the Chinese Society For Environmental Sciences.

The Chinese's government is now fully aware that China must develop its economy in a green way, and is striving to nurture green industries, Wang added.—Xinhua



A Boeing 787 Dreamliner lands on the Beijing Capital International Airport, Beijing, China, on 4 Dec, 2011. The Boeing 787 Dreamliner arrived here Sunday, kicking off its six-month tour exhibition worldwide.—XINHUA

China Radio International celebrates 70th founding anniversary

BEIJING, 4 Dec—A ceremony was held here on Saturday to celebrate the 70th founding anniversary of the state-run China Radio International (CRI), the country's only radio with world service.

The event was attended by more than 700 people, including the country's major publicity officials, leaders of top news organizations, foreign diplomats and representatives of overseas listeners.

Li Changchun, a member of the Standing



The Assembly Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of CRI (China Radio International) is held in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Dec, 2011.—XINHUA

Committee of the China (CPC) Central Political Bureau of the Communist Party of

in a congratulation letter, urging the station to build a world first-rate broadcaster with increasing global influence.

Li urged CRI to create favourable international opinions about China and constantly boost China's soft power by further enhancing its news coverage.

Liu Yunshan, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Party's publicity department, said at the ceremony that CRI should further introduce China to the outside world with enhanced communications skills.—Internet

Women are the ultimate multitaskers

TEL AVIV, 4 Dec—Women are the ultimate multitaskers, Israeli and US researchers say, and the emotional experience of multitasking is very different for mothers and fathers. Lead author Shira Offer, an assistant professor at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, said not only are working mothers multitasking more frequently than working fathers, but their multitasking experience is more negative.

The study, published in the *American Sociological Review*, found working mothers spend about 10 more hours per week multitasking than do working fathers — 48.3 hours per week for moms compared to 38.9 for dads. "This suggests that working mothers are doing two activities at once more than two-fifths of the time they are awake, while working fathers are multitasking more than one-third of their waking hours," study co-author Barbara Schneider of Michigan State University, said in a statement. The study authors said an even bigger issue than the time discrepancy is the difference in the way multitasking makes working mothers and fathers feel.

Internet

More oil pollution expected from cargo ship grounded off New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 4 Dec—More oil from a cargo ship that has been grounded on a New Zealand reef for two months is expected to wash up on the country's beaches after the wreck was battered by recent strong swells, shipping authority officials said Sunday.

The oil had slowly

leaked from the duct keel, a system of pipes running along the bottom of the ship, since the Liberian-flagged Rena grounded and had probably been exposed to sea water for some time, a Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) official told the *Fairfax* news organization.

MNZ national on scene commander Mick

Courtneil said salvors working on the Rena Saturday saw blobs of oil floating from the wreck, which has been stuck on the Astrolabe Reef, 12 nautical miles off the east of the North Island, since 5 Oct. "We followed this up with two observation flights and our team estimates a small amount — perhaps half a tonne—

of weathered oil has been released, probably from the duct keel," he said.

Courtneil said oil spill response teams would be on standby on beaches in the Bay of Plenty region to clean it up over the coming days.

Strong winds were forecast again Sunday and the swell was predicted to reach up to three meters early Monday, but weather was set to ease in the area mid-week.—Xinhua

President Barack Obama listens while touring a building under construction in Washington, on 2 Dec, 2011, part of his Better Building Initiative to promote energy efficient buildings. INTERNET



Li Jingyu makes a paper-cut with a dragon pattern at his home in Beijing, China, on 2 Dec, 2011. Li created the paper-cut to greet the coming 2012, which is the Year of Dragon in the Chinese lunar calendar. XINHUA

Indonesia cracks down on separatists in Papua

JAYAPURA, (Indonesia), 4 Dec—Security forces say they are hunting separatist rebels in Indonesia's restive Papua Province after two police were killed in an attack.

National police spokesman Maj Gen Saud Usman Nasution says hundreds of troops have

been deployed in the separatist stronghold of Puncak Jaya since the attack Saturday on paramilitary police.

Last month, two suspected rebels grabbed a gun from a police chief at an airport in Puncak Jaya and shot him dead.

Papua, a former Dutch

colony in the western part of New Guinea, was incorporated into Indonesia in 1969 after a UN-sponsored ballot. A small, poorly armed separatist group known as the Free Papua Movement has battled for independence since then.

Internet



KanBawZa Bank Headoffice
Yangon
(For Local Only)

Post : Assistant Manager (40) positions

Qualification

- Any gender
- Age between 25-40 years old
- Master's Degree holders
- M/Com/M.Econ(stats)/M.Econ(Eco)/MBA/M.Act/M.A(English)/B.Com (CPA)

Requirement

- Myanmar Nationality Only
- Fair command of English
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'Lost' Rembrandt self-portrait revealed



The self-portrait is hidden under this image of an old man, attributed to Rembrandt.

INTERNET

AMSTERDAM, 4 Dec — An unfinished self-portrait by the Dutch master Rembrandt has been discovered under another painting using advanced scientific techniques. No detail is visible in the face, but experts say it matches a reproductive print from 1633 that has an inscription saying it is by

Rembrandt. X-ray scanning was used to detect the pigments in hidden layers of paint. A leading expert on Rembrandt said he was convinced of its authenticity based on similarities in painting style. The unfinished self-portrait was discovered under another panel said to be by the master - Old Man with a Beard. Art historian Ernst van de Wetering, head of the Rembrandt Research Project, said there were key technical similarities in painting style between the self-portrait and authenticated works by Rembrandt that date to the 1630s. There is also a copy of the painting that must have been made by one of the pupils in the artist's studio. The self-portrait was revealed when the painting was scanned at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York and the ESRF light source in Grenoble, France.

Internet



A known portrait of Rembrandt (L) with the newly uncovered painting (R).— INTERNET

Hong Kong wife wins \$154 million divorce settlement

HONG KONG, 4 Dec — A Hong Kong judge ordered a wealthy real estate mogul to pay his former wife \$154 million in one of the city's largest divorce settlements. The divorce award translates to HK \$1.2 billion and dwarfs famous settlements in other countries. In comparison, Paul McCartney was ordered to pay Heather Mills almost \$50 million three years ago. Court documents released Thursday detailed a breakdown of the ruling.

It includes a home in the city worth HK \$250 million, a London residence valued at HK \$30.5 million and HK \$2.5 million to buy two cars. Samathur Li Kin-kan and his wife, Florence Tsang Chiu-wing, married in 2000 and separated in 2008, according to court documents. —Internet

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People view crystal glass artworks of dragon at a crystal glass artwork show in Shanghai, east China, on 2 Dec, 2011. The exhibition displayed 40 pieces of crystal glass artworks in the theme of dragon to greet the coming 2012, which is the Year of Dragon in Chinese lunar calendar. — XINHUA

Survey shows one in 10 US mobile phone users having an iPhone

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Dec — About one in 10 mobile phone subscribers in the United States is now using an Apple iPhone, said a new survey released

on Friday. Latest survey results from research firm comScore showed that for the three-month period ending in October, Apple remained the No. 4 handset maker in the US with its share of mobile subscribers rising to 10.8 percent from 9.5 percent in the previous three months.

Among the top five mobile phone brands in the US market, Apple is the only one that saw its market share increase in the quarter, according to the survey. Samsung was still the top handset manufacturer with 25.5 percent of US mobile subscribers, followed by LG and Motorola taking the second and third place with 20.6 percent and 13.6 percent of share respectively. Research in Motion (RIM), maker of Blackberry, ranked No. 5 with a share of 6.6 percent. —Internet

WHO issues Europe measles warning

LONDON, 4 Dec — European countries need to act now to tackle measles outbreaks, the World Health Organization warns. The WHO report says there were over 26,000 measles cases in 36 European countries from January to October 2011. Western European countries reported 83% of those cases, with 14,000 in France alone. In England and Wales, there were just under 1,000 confirmed measles cases in that period — compared with just 374 in the whole of 2010.



Measles is usually a mild illness - but can be fatal. — INTERNET

hospitalisations. France has now launched a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about the need for MMR vaccination. Jean-Yves Grall, the Director-General for Health in France, said:

Internet

Altogether, measles outbreaks in Europe have caused nine deaths, including six in France, and 7,288

US returns smuggled dinosaur egg fossils to China

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec — Twenty-two rare dinosaur egg fossils that were smuggled to the United States were turned over to China on Thursday. The 22 fossilized dinosaur eggs, each 65 million years old, are so well preserved that the remains of the dinosaur embryos are still visible inside 19 of them. This is the third time the US government has returned smuggled fossils to the Chinese government since 2009," said Qiu

Shaofang, Consul General of China in Los Angeles.

The fossils had been unearthed in Nanping Basin, South China's Guangdong province, and the dinosaur is called Oviraptor dating from the Cretaceous period, Jia Yueming, curator of the Geological Museum of China told Xinhua. In 2007, agents of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) seized the fossilized dinosaur eggs. —Xinhua

Drought traps ships on Danube

PRAGUE, 4 Dec — The waters on the Danube are so low that 100 loaded ships are stuck near the Hungarian border, blocked by sand bars.

The drought is highly unusual for this time of year.

For traffic to resume water levels would have to rise by at least 50cm, but no rain is forecast.

November was the driest in the Czech Republic since 1775 when records began.

Internet

Florida teen detained by TSA for design on her purse



Vanessa Gibbs holds her infamous "purse gun".

It's not unusual for 17-year-old to find themselves in hot water with the fashion police. But on a flight from Virginia to Florida, Vanessa Gibbs found herself detained by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) over the appearance of her purse.

And just to be clear, it wasn't the content inside the purse that the TSA objected to. No, agency officials took exception with the design of a gun on Gibbs' handbag.

"It's my style, it's camouflage, it has an old western gun on it," Gibbs told News4Jax.com. Gibbs didn't run into any trouble while travelling north from Jacksonville International Airport. But on her way back home, TSA officials at Norfolk International Airport pulled her aside.

"She was like, 'This is a federal offense because it's in the shape of a gun,'" Gibbs said. "I'm like, 'But it's a design on a purse. How is it a federal offense?'"

After TSA agents figured out the gun was a fake, Gibbs said, they told her to check the bag or turn it over. By the time security wrapped up the inspection, the pregnant teen missed her flight, and Southwest Airlines sent her to Orlando instead.

Flying squirrels invade hospital emergency room for second time in two weeks

Most people spend their time in the hospital plotting their escape. It turns out that squirrels aren't all that different.

At around 10 pm on Tuesday night, a flying squirrel managed to trap itself inside the



emergency room at New Jersey's Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Now an ordinary squirrel in this position might just hide in a corner and make a quick dash for the nearest exit. But

this gifted flying rodent repeatedly launched itself from an 8-foot-high wall-mounted lamp, in order to avoid firefighters from the Rahway Fire Department.

"It would climb up on a light and would jump off and glide," said fire department spokesman Capt Ted Padavano.

World's largest insect discovered in New Zealand



The world's largest insect

This is not good news for entomophobia sufferers. A former park ranger traveling in New Zealand has stumbled across the world's largest insect, a Weta Bug, with a wing span of seven inches and the weight of three mice.

"Three of us walked the trails of this small island for two nights scanning the vegetation for a giant

weta," said Mark Moffett, 55. "We spent many hours with no luck finding any at all, before we saw her up in a tree. The giant Weta is the largest insect in the world, and this is the biggest one ever found."

Most people would have recoiled at such a find—but Moffett held the giant insect in the palm of his hand and even fed it a carrot.

"She enjoyed the carrot so much she seemed to ignore the fact she was resting on our hands and carried on munching away," Moffett said. "She would have finished the carrot very quickly, but this is an extremely endangered species and we didn't want to risk indigestion."

News Album

Swift, Minaj get Billboard honour, talk Grammy nods

NEW YORK, 4 Dec—Taylor Swift doesn't think the Recording Academy is mean. Though she won the Grammy for album of the year in 2010, she's not sad her latest multiplatinum effort isn't up for the honour this time around.

"I got three nominations. I was just so excited," she said Friday, before she was honoured as Billboard's "Woman of the Year." Among the Swift achievements that led to her Billboard honour was the best-selling performance of her third album



Woman of the Year award honouree singer Taylor Swift attends the 6th annual Billboard Women In Music event at Capitale on 2 Dec, 2011 in New York.—INTERNET

"Speak Now," which has sold more than 3.7 million copies and generated hits like "Mine" and "Mean."

There was some surprise when the critically acclaimed album wasn't among the overall best album nominees when the Grammy nominations were revealed Wednesday, but Swift says she's excited by her nominations, which include best country album and two for "Mean," in which she answers her critics and challenges bullies.

INTERNET



Lady Gaga arrives to promote the Gaga Workshop containing Lady Gaga-themed holiday gifts at Barneys in New York City on 21 Nov, 2011. INTERNET

Gaga's new video has biographical flavour

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec—Lady Gaga declares in her new video she aimed for the top because she had "nothing to lose."

"I'm gonna be a star," she vows in the opening minutes of the homage to her danceable new single now available on the Internet. "You know why?

Because I have nothing to lose."

The video of "Marry the Night" runs a relatively epic 13 minutes and reflects the moment in Gaga's life a few years ago when she was dropped by her record label Island Def Jam.

Celebritology.com said "Marry the Night" features Gaga in scenes as a ballerina and as a French-speaking artist who reacts to a dire phone call from a "director" by trashing her apartment.

INTERNET

Streep, tipped for glory, says Oscars still matter

LONDON, 4 Dec—She has been nominated for an Academy Award 16 times, a record for any performer, and won twice, but to Meryl Streep, the golden statuette still matters.

The 62-year-old first attended the annual awards ceremony as a contender more than 30 years ago, when she was up for a supporting role honour in "The Deer Hunter". The following year she won that honour for "Kramer vs Kramer" and scooped the best actress prize with the 1982 Holocaust film "Sophie's Choice".

Since then Streep has been back as a nominee 12 times, each time leaving empty-handed. Now the "Devil Wears Prada" star is a frontrunner again for her portrayal of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady".

Asked in an interview on Thursday if she still cared about the Oscars, she replied: "Sadly it still matters. It's so exciting, it really is. I remember the first time I went and (Laurence) Olivier was here and I was next to Gregory Peck and Bette Davis was behind me," Streep told BBC Radio.

INTERNET



Actress Meryl Streep arrives for the premiere of her movie "The Iron Lady" in Washington, on 29 Nov, 2011. INTERNET

Winehouse father finds posthumous new album painful



Mitch Winehouse, the father of deceased British singer Amy Winehouse, arrives at Golders Green Crematorium in London on 26 July, 2011. INTERNET

LONDON, 4 Dec—Amy Winehouse's posthumous new album "Lioness: Hidden Treasures" hits stores on Monday, but the one fan who will find it hardest to listen is her father.

Mitch Winehouse, who has set up a charity in his daughter's name after she died in July aged 27, heard the collection of 12 songs recorded from as early as 2002, a year before the release

of her debut album "Frank." But he said the experience had been "difficult," with the memories of the late chart topper still raw.

"We were finding it difficult to listen to Amy's music, but we had to listen to it because if it wasn't up to scratch we wouldn't have allowed it to go out," Mitch told Reuters in a recent interview.

INTERNET



Man Utd's Phil Jones scores his first Barclays Premier League goal to secure victory.— INTERNET
Jones secures Man Utd win at Villa

LONDON, 4 Dec — Champions Manchester United kept up the pressure on leaders Manchester City at the top of the Barclays Premier League by winning at Aston Villa.

In a first half that was overshadowed by injuries to United's Javier Hernandez and Villa keeper Shay Given, the visitors went in front when Phil Jones volleyed in Nani's left-wing cross, the teenager's first goal in senior football.

Villa improved in the second half and James Collins and Emile Heskey both went close, while Wayne Rooney fired over late on for United as Sir Alex Ferguson's side clung on to earn all three points.

Internet

EA SPORTS PPI Top 5

Rank	Name	Club	Score
1	Florent Malouda	Chelsea	661
2	Dimitar Berbatov	Man Utd	583
3	Dirk Kuyt	Liverpool	563
4	Nemanja Vidic	Man Utd	551
5	Carlos Tevez	Man City	541

Balotelli talented yet a little crazy, says youth coach

ROME, 4 Dec — Mario Balotelli is as talented as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, but he is a little crazy, the Manchester City striker's former Inter youth team coach said. "Balotelli is a particular character. He has a big football potential but he is not an easy guy," explained current non Goal.com. "When he was young, he had a lot of problem, family problems. Sometimes he is crazy, but he is also positive for play. He can do what he wants. There are some players during the



Mario Balotelli

training session, who are fantastic but during the official match, they are not good. Mario is the contrary.

"If you see him during training session, he doesn't want to work sometimes. But when he plays, he wants to play to always win. This is his capacity. I think he needs time and experience to complete his mind. Like I mentioned, he is one of the most important examples of talent in football. —*Internet*

Risk backfired, concedes Ranieri

ROME, 4 Dec — Inter head coach Claudio Ranieri conceded that his tactic risk backfired as his side lost to Udinese 1-0 at home on Saturday. "Obviously we wanted another result. We pushed and tried to put Udinese under pressure, but they are so good at letting you tire yourself out and hitting you on the counter. Compliments to Udinese, we have to roll our sleeves up and work harder," Ranieri was quoted by football-italia.net as saying. Inter have now gone six consecutive San Siro games without any of their strikers on target.

"A striker lives for a goal and not getting it does



Inter head coach Claudio Ranieri

slowly become a weight, but these are moments that every forward goes through. We've got to let them stay calm and clear-headed. They fought hard and the ball didn't want to go in," the former Chelsea manager said. Ranieri had stated Inter could win the Scudetto this season, but concedes that's a dream too far now.

"It's certainly not the luckiest campaign in Inter's history! We won't get sucked into self-pity, though. It could've been the turning point of our campaign to give us the confidence we needed, but instead we have to work even harder. "Now we just have to keep quiet, work and let the other teams have their season while we have ours. If we drift away from the Scudetto race, then there are other very prestigious ones still up for grabs. I think positive," he said.—*Xinhua*

Barclays Premier League stars on FIFA shortlist

LONDON, 4 Dec—A total of 18 Barclays Premier League players have been shortlisted for the FIFA FIFPro World XI 2011.

The shortlist of 55 players includes six from champions Manchester United: Patrice Evra, Rio Ferdinand, Nemanja Vidic, Nani, Wayne Rooney and the now-retired Edwin van der Sar. Chelsea's Ashley Cole, David Luiz, John Terry, Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba are nominated, along with Manchester City quartet Vincent Kompany, David Silva, Yaya Toure and Sergio Aguero. Tottenham's Gareth Bale, Liverpool's Luis Suarez and Arsenal's Robin van Persie are also on the shortlist.

The nominations are made in a secret ballot by the 50,000 professional



Manchester rivals United and City have 10 players between them on the shortlist.—INTERNET

footballers belonging to the players' unions across the world that form FIFPro. Each player chose a World XI for 2011, made up of the best four defenders, three midfielders, three forwards and goalkeeper. The results will be revealed at the FIFA Ballon d'Or in Zurich on 9th January 2012.—*Internet*

International Sports

Williams sisters win doubles in Milan exhibition

MILAN, 4 Dec—Francesca Schiavone defeated both Venus and Serena Williams in singles on Saturday before they rallied to win the doubles in an exhibition in Milan. Schiavone defeated Venus 7-5, 7-3, then countered a strong comeback from Serena to defeat the younger sibling 7-3, 8-10, 8-6. Flavia Pennetta also beat Venus, whose strap broke on her dress before a sellout crowd of 11,000. Venus dashed off the court and returned in her third outfit of the event. She also brought popcorn to share with Pennetta, who won 7-6, 7-2.

Serena defeated Pennetta 6-8, 7-3,

7-3 before the Williams sisters won the doubles 3-7, 8-6, 8-6. The Italian pair delighted the crowd in the warmth by dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." —*Internet*



Venus Williams, left, and her sister Serena, of the United States, celebrate after winning a point during an exhibition doubles tennis match against Italy's Flavia Pennetta and Francesca Schiavone, in Milan, Italy, on Saturday.
 INTERNET

Real Madrid players celebrate after they make a score in competitions with Sporting Gijon, on 3 Dec, 2011.

XINHUA

Bayern Munich regain top position at German soccer league

BERLIN, 4 Dec— Munich opened a one-point lead at the top. Bayern Munich went back to the top of the German first division soccer league on Saturday with an impressive 4-1 win over 10-man Werder Bremen and replaced defending champions Dortmund who were held 1-1 at Moenchengladbach. France star Franck Ribery scored two superb individual goals, while Dutch winger Arjen Robben converted two penalties as

Munich opened a one-point lead at the top. Bremen midfielder Aaron Hunt was sent off 10 minutes from time after being shown a straight red card following a foul on Germany star Toni Kroos.

"For Bayern, it was of paramount importance that we got back to the top of the table. Everyone worked hard to get back when they needed to," said coach Jupp Heynckes.

Xinhua

Real Madrid claim 14th straight win

MADRID, 4 Dec—Real Madrid chalked up their 14th straight win in all competitions as they enjoyed a hard-fought but ultimately comfortable 3-0 victory against Sporting Gijon. The balance in a physical first half was tipped 10 minutes before the break when Angel de Maria robbed Sporting full back Damien Suarez before fooling keeper Juan Pablo on his near post. Juan Pablo was expecting a cross, but De Maria scored with a clever finish with the outside of his left foot.

Sporting tried to get back into the game in the second half, but although the home side worked hard they failed to create clear cut chances to draw level and they were punished again on 64

minutes when De Maria fed Cristiano Ronaldo. Ronaldo took the ball past Juan Pablo and rolled into an the empty net. Marcelo made it 3-0 with a left foot shot in injury time. If that result intimidated FC Barcelona, who kicked off straight afterwards, the Catalans didn't show it against Levante as they cruised to a 5-0 win.—*Xinhua*



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (5-12-2011) (Monday)

	<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(5-12-11 09:30 am ~ 6-12-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

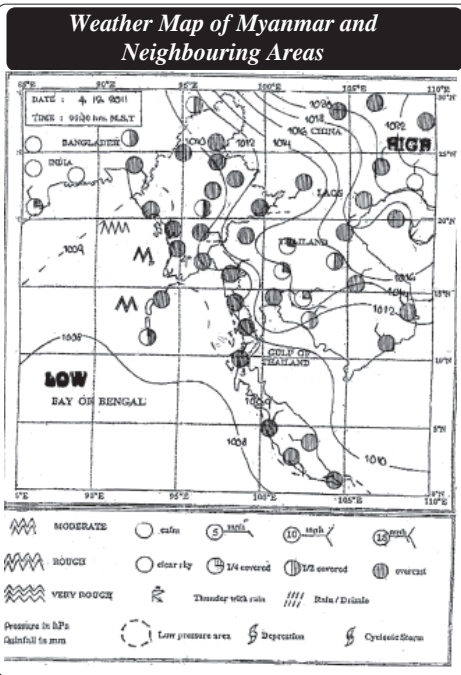
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- * News
- * Enjoy Rakhine Traditional Food in Yangon
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie Impact "Hundred of Relatives and Siblings"
- * Musics Gallery
- * News
- * Amazing Interior Decoration
- * Mother of Pearl Arts and Handicrafts
- * News
- * Shwe U Min Natural Cave in Kalaw
- * Myanmar Movies "The True Love"



Monday, 5 December View on today

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

- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
7. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:20 am
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am
9. Dance Of National Races
- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
3. Myanmar

- Traditional Cultural Performings Art Competitions
- 4:30 pm
4. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Chemistry)
- 4:55 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
7. Myanmar Language
- 5:15 pm
8. Musical Programme
- (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:25 pm
9. Documentary
- 5:30 pm
10. Myanmar Idol
- 6:00 pm
11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
13. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. World's Stars
19. TV Drama Series
20. India Drama Series

Weather forecast for 5th December, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/Stater	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	25/77	13/55	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	26/79	11/52	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
3	Kayin	33/91	20/68	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	17/63	06/43	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/77	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
7	Taninthyai	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
8	Bago	31/88	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
9	Magway	30/86	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
10	Mandalay	30/86	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
11	Mon	32/90	21/70	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	33/91	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
13	Rakhine	29/84	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	22/72	11/52	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	26/79	10/50	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	22/72	13/55	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/86	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthyai Regions, Rakhine States, isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Regions, Kachin State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Pinalung (5°C) and Haka (7°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Taunggok (0.32) inch and Manaung (0.24) inch.

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely attimes off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Gorillas, tigers at risk due to climate change

DURBAN, 4 Dec- Several animals species including gorillas in Rwanda and tigers in Bangladesh could risk extinction if the impact of climate change and extreme weather on their habitats is not addressed, a UN report showed on Sunday.

Launched on the sidelines of global climate negotiations in Durban, the report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization shows how higher temperatures, the rise in sea levels deforestation and excessive land use have damaged the habitats if certain species, especially in Africa. "Many ecosystem have already been stressed by increasing population, historical and recent deforestation,

unustainable management practices and even invasive species," Eduardo Rojas-Briales, assistant director general at the FAO's forestry department, said at the launch of the report.

The most affected areas include mountains, isolated islands and coastal areas, which limit the possibilities for animals to migrate elsewhere and create new habitats.

MNA/Reuters

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

Buddha Tooth Relic being kept for 13th day in Ygn for public obeisance



Pilgrims in the queue to pay homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Dec—The Buddha Tooth Relic from the People's Republic of China has been kept for the 13th day today in Maha Pasana Cave here, packed with pilgrims including members of the Sangha.

As today was a public holiday, pilgrims from various regions as well as locals numbering 74077 paid homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic, from 6 am to 6 pm.

At Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall, one of the donation centres, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein and responsible persons today accepted cash donated by 289 well-wishers including K 1,010,000 by U Kyaw Htut and family of South Oakkalapa Township in memory of the siblings from both sides; K 1.1 million by U Thein Maung+Daw Pa Pa of Konzaydan Street in Pabedan Township; K 0.9 million by the trainees from Phaunggyi CICS special refresher course No.78; K 1 million by U Zaw Lay Myint+Daw Thi Thi Khaing and sons Maung Zaw Lin Htet and Maung Kaung Sithu from Mandalay; K 500,000 each by U Ohn Myint+Daw Win Win Swe family of Yangon, patrons, executive members, staff and patients from U Hla Tun (Hospice Cancer Foundation) and Daw San San Oo of Sangyoung Township in memory of late Capt Thein Shwe (Retd), mother Daw Aye Aye and son U Sein Lwin; K 300,000 by Daw Nan Kham Mai and family of Hline Township; K 505,000 by Daw Cherry Shwe (Wahyeik Store) of South Oakkalapa Township; K 300,000 each by U Win Zaw+Thudhamma Theingi Daw San Shin and son Ko Chan Aye Po and family from Hinhada and U Tin Kwi and family from Bayintnaung Brokerage in Mayangon Township; K 220,000 by Bhaddanta Asabha from Ledi Vipassana Monastery (See page 8)

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—A police member was killed and four civilians and two other police members injured in three explosions, one KIA-ignited burning, one killing of security force member in Kachin State and Shan State (North) yesterday.

A 30-member KIA group ordered two backhoes and one bulldozer of Yuzana Company stopped by the roadside at orange plantation on Ledo road between Myitkyina and Tanai nine miles from Namti village of Mogaung Township at about 3.30 am and burned down all three vehicles. The estimated amount of loss is K 360 million.

An explosion occurred when a passenger of a bus plying from Phakant to Mogaung hit the fuse of a mine planted by KIA while the bus was parked near Hoinwun bridge on Karmaing-Maubin Road in Phakant Township at 11 am. Four injured passengers were admitted to Karmaing Station Hospital and then referred to Myitkyina Hospital.

Two police members left Manhero Police Station by motorcycle at about 12.20 pm to buy chewing betel. Of them, Police Sergeant Myint Lwin stayed behind at the betel shop. According to tip off that a person was found dead under a motorcycle near Naunghsai and Teinkha villages at 3.15 pm, the commander of the police station and party rushed to the scene, only to find Police Sergeant Myint Lwin died with gunshot at forehead. One pistol bullet shell was found at a place eight-ft from the scene. (See page 9)

Police member killed, four innocent people and two police members injured in KIA destructive acts Local people call for peace, condemn KIA



Photo shows destroyed vehicle due to bomb blast in Tatkon Ward in Myitkyina.

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Self-reliant Ngwelayaung Library was opened in Shwedah Nyaunghtauk Village in Yamethin Township on 19 November.

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Local residents are seen here salvaging their belongings as their dog sits on top of the improvised float, in suburban Bangkok, in October.

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