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## All the national people to live together in the Union forever Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses meeting for Organizing Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec - A coordination meeting of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day for 2012 took place at the Union Government Office here at 3 pm today with an address by Chairman of the central committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

It was also attended by the central committee members and others. Delivering an opening speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said preparations are to be made to celebrate the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence

Day, which falls on 4 January 2012, across the nation by forming necessary subcommittees. As the celebration of the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day will be the very first Independence Day celebrations in the time of the new government, it needs not only to be more significant than the previous ones but to be in conformity with the objectives of the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day.

The objectives are "All the national people to live together in the Union forever in weal or woe; All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegra-

tion of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty; All the national people to harmoniously make all-out efforts for development of socioeconomic life of the people, reducing of poverty rate and ensuring the firm and clean executive pillar in building up a modern, developed democratic new nation; and All the national people to consciously cooperate in promoting genuine democratic practice and ensuring the rule of law, national reconsolidation and eternal peace."

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham went on to say that there are seven more subcommittees to be formed un-

der the central committee. They are State Flag Hoisting and State Flag Saluting Organizing Subcommittee, Independence Day Reception and Dinner Organizing Subcommittee, Security Subcommittee, Information Subcommittee, the Subcommittee for Compiling the President's Message on Independence Day, Health Subcommittee and Sports and Games Organizing Subcommittees.

Chairmen and members have been chosen for all subcommittees and they will be assigned duties.

All the subcommittees are to coordinate with each other in implementing their

tasks. They are to report to the central committee if there is any difficulty and to accomplish their tasks.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham then highlighted the importance of security in celebrating the Independence Day anniversary. The security subcommittee itself needs to draw a security plan based on today's time and circumstance.

Then, he invited those from various ministries to make discussion so that the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day can be celebrated on a grand scale in accordance with the national objectives.

Afterwards, the secretary of the central committee director-general of the Union Government Office reported on formation of subcommittees and duty assignments. Next, the subcommittees reported on their respective tasks and preparations. This was followed by a general round of discussions.

In giving a concluding remark, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said all the subcommittees are to shoulder their duties conscientiously and to cooperate in successfully celebrating the Independence Day anniversary on a grand scale.

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### Our Three Main National Causes

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



*Chairman of the central committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivering address at coordination meeting of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day for 2012.*

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### Tatmadaw Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The 50<sup>th</sup> Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued its second-round matches today.

At today's events, Eastern Command Team played a goalless draw with Tatmadaw (Navy) Team at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 1, and at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 2, Yangon Command beat No. 88 Light Infantry Division 7-0.

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### Myanmar, foreigner boxers to meet in Dagon Shweaunglan Award Tourney

YANGON, 9 Dec—The Myanmar Traditional Boxing Challenge Dagon Shweaunglan Award Tournament 2011 will continue for its quarterfinals on 11 December and semifinals on 18 December. The final matches will be held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township,

here, at 2 pm on 8 January 2012.

Famous Myanmar traditional boxers and foreigner boxers from Thailand, Armenia and Russia will participate in the open class, first class, second class boxing events of the Dagon Shweaunglan Award Tournament.

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### Indian hospital fire kills 61



*Fire officials rescue a patient from the window of a nursing home after it caught fire in Kolkata, India, on 9 Dec, 2011.*

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**Developing Myanmar traditional medicine**

In the field of Myanmar traditional medicine there is a saying that goes 'All flora is medicinal.' So, such medicinal plants are called herbal plants by traditional medicine practitioners.

All plants have their own potency. They have a certain kind of taste – hot, spicy, bitter, sweet, cool, or sour. Depending on such tastes, fruits, leaves, barks and roots of trees and plants are used as traditional medicine.

The Myanmar traditional medicine world sees that the human body is formed with the four elements. Those elements always change and decompose. So, traditional medicine practitioners try to cure diseases coping with the four elements.

In ancient times, humans seemed to have made and used traditional medicine on their own. At that time, there was no modern medicine. With the development of science, modern medicine emerged thanks to the experiment and research of medical researchers. Western medicine and traditional medicine originate from different sources and they have different potencies. Modern Western medicine can cure diseases quickly and effectively. But its long-term use can trigger side effects. Traditional medicine is good in long-term use. It can also cure diseases so it has won the public trust and reliance.

Myanmar traditional medicine could not have been administered by injection. But today, Myanmar traditional medicines have been made in the form of syrup, tablet and pill. As traditional medicines have been produced scientifically and met with set standard, their penetration of market has become successful. Some Myanmar traditional medicines are trying to penetrate not only the domestic market but also the global one.

For the development of Myanmar traditional medicine, measures have been taken to form traditional medicine practitioners association, to conduct courses on producing high standard traditional medicines, to hold seminars, workshops and conferences, to implement emergency Myanmar traditional medicine kit project, to establish herbal gardens across the nation and to open traditional medical hospitals and centres in states and regions.

Overall, it is heartening to see that Myanmar traditional medicine has improved its standard and penetrate the global market.

**MNHRC to stress commitment to effectively fulfil its mandate of promoting and protecting human rights and to contribute to democratization process of country to the best of its capacity**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec—The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued a Statement on International Human Rights Day today.

The full text of the Statement is as follows:-

**Statement by Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on International Human Rights Day, 10 December 2011**

1. The atrocities committed during the Second World War and resultant large-scale violations of human rights shocked and galvanized the world community into embarking on serious efforts to create a world organization "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war". These efforts led to the creation of the United Nations Organization. The provisions set out in Article 55 of the United Nations Charter include "universal respect for, and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all". The efforts of the international community to realize this purpose of the Charter resulted in the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

2. Myanmar, which became the 58<sup>th</sup> member of the United Nations in April, 1948, voted for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights when it was adopted at the United Nations General Assembly held in Paris on 10 December 1948, the date which has now become known as International Human Rights Day. The Declaration constitutes a common standard of achievement for all peoples and nations. In other words, the human rights standards set in the Declaration are to be achieved by all nations. Its adoption was the very first step in the common efforts of the international community to set standards and norms in promotion and protection of human rights. Accordingly, it is the source of inspiration and has been the basis for drawing up two important instruments on human rights; namely the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and other existing international rights instruments. In addition, many nations of the world use the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as basis for human rights provisions in their respective constitutions. The Constitution adopted on 29 May, 2008 overwhelmingly by the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar also enshrines these fundamental human rights.

3. Since the adoption of the Declaration, the international community has relentlessly taken steps to establish a global system of human rights protection. In doing so it has always supported and encouraged the establishment of national human rights institutions (NHRIs) for they can serve as national monitoring system concerning violations of human rights and can advise the competent authorities in seeking remedies to them in disseminating human rights information. Those states committed to human rights established national human rights infrastructure, including national human rights institutions, to promote and protect human rights.

4. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, which is also national human rights institution, was established on 5 September 2011, by Notification No. 34/2011 of the Government of the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar with a view to promoting and safeguarding the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution. It is the first national level human rights body in Myanmar and the fifth of its kind in ASEAN. It was formed on the basis of Paris Principles, with fifteen experienced retired officials from different professions and various national races as members.

5. The Commission held its inaugural meeting on 12 September and has been functioning in full swing since then. Regarding protection of human rights, an announcement was made on 4 October for accepting complaints on violations of human rights. The complaints received are being examined with the utmost sensitivity on a daily basis.

6. Concerning promotion of human rights, the Commission is trying to set up contact with the relevant organizations inside and outside the country. It has received a delegation from Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Sweden, which has been arranging human rights training, courses for over ten years and offers institutional support to a wide range of human rights institutions in developing countries. The Commission was actively engaged in organizing a Human Rights Seminar for officials of the Myanmar Government on 14-15 November by the Regional Office for Southeast Asia, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Bangkok. The success of the Seminar received encouraging responses from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, when she said that these officials, many of them from an emerging younger generation, were very positive, interested and energized. At present, the Commission is planning to organize another workshop on awareness of child rights and human rights education in January 2012 in cooperation with UNICEF in Myanmar. Plans are also underway to organize a similar workshop with special focus on national human rights institutions (NHRIs) in February 2012. In late November, under the sponsorship of UNICEF, Yangon, five members of the Commission visited the Philippines to study its national infrastructure for human rights promotion and protection, including the Philippines Commission on Human Rights.

7. During three months after establishment, the Commission has finished drawing up its draft rules of procedure and draft complaint and investigation procedure.

8. National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) are an integral part of a democratic society. As such, on this important occasion of the anniversary of human rights, the Commission would like to stress its commitment to effectively fulfil its mandate of promoting and protecting human rights and to contribute to the democratization process of the country to the best of its capacity.

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Yangon

**Development of agricultural sector in Myanmar emphasized**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Hao Jian of State Development Investment Cooperation (SDIC) of the People's Republic of China at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

They discussed development of agricultural sector.

Their discussions emphasized undertaking for development of agricultural sector in Myanmar in line with rules and regulations of the Myanmar Investment Commission and steps of the company for strengthening of long-term investment.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises.—MNA

## NATO, Russia say still no agreement on missiles

BRUSSELS, 9 Dec— Russia and NATO remain deadlocked on a long-running dispute over the alliance's plan for a missile shield for Europe, officials said Thursday, and Russia warned that time was running out for an agreement.

NATO's Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen reported no progress toward a deal on the contentious issue, following a key discussion among alliance foreign ministers and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that came amid political turmoil in Russia and tart criticism of the United States.

Fogh Rasmussen rejected Russian criticism that NATO is ignoring its concerns that the planned missile system might one day be turned on Russia. He said discussions with Russia will continue and he expressed optimism for an initial deal before NATO's next global summit, in Chicago in May 2012.

"We listen, and we have listened today," Fogh Rasmussen told journalists after the meeting with Lavrov at NATO headquarters.

Lavrov, who speaks perfect English, spoke in clipped Russian immediately after Rasmussen.

"Unfortunately our partners are not yet ready for cooperation on missile defence," Lavrov said. He left the door open for more talks, "provided that legitimate concerns of all parties are taken into consideration."

Russia has insisted on a treaty that would



*Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks during a media conference after a meeting of NATO foreign ministers at NATO headquarters in Brussels on 8 Dec, 2011. NATO's foreign ministers, in a two-day meeting, will review progress in Afghanistan, plans for a missile defence system, and troubles in Kosovo.*

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be binding on the United States and its allies, guaranteeing that the anti-missile system would in no way threaten Russia's own ballistic missiles. The US has said it's willing to adopt a nonbinding written agreement, but that a treaty is unworkable.

"No ally within NATO is going to give any other country outside the alliance a veto over whether NATO protects itself by building a missile defence system against threats we perceive are the most salient," US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said.

Internet

*Pakistani policemen look at the burning NATO supply oil tankers and goods trucks at a terminal in Quetta, southwest Pakistan, on 8 Dec, 2011. At least 30 NATO oil tankers caught fire following a rocket attack on an oil tanker terminal here on Thursday, reported local Urdu TV Express.*

XINHUA



## 30 NATO oil tankers torched in rocket attack in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 Dec—At least 30 NATO oil tankers and containers were torched following a rocket attack on a container terminal near Quetta of southwestern Pakistan on Thursday night, reported PTV, a government-run television in Pakistan.

According to the local media reports, some unknown people attacked a private container terminal with rockets at the Kharot Abad area, a place close to the west of Quetta, capital of Balochistan province in southwestern Pakistan. More

than 35 NATO oil tankers and containers were parked at the terminal when the attack occurred, said local media reports, adding that firing also followed the rocket attack.

No one was killed or injured in the attack, but many NATO oil tankers and containers caught fire following the attack, said the reports. Six fire engines have been dispatched to the site after the attack was reported. However, fire fighters were unable to bring the huge fire under control, said the reports. No group has claimed the responsibility for the

attack yet. Thursday night's attack on NATO supply convoys is the most serious of its kind in the country since the 26 Nov NATO cross-border strike at two army border checkpoints in Pakistan. Thousands of NATO supply convoys have been stranded in Pakistan following the Pakistani government's decision to block the NATO supply lines via Pakistan in retaliation for the NATO air strike which killed 24 Pakistani troops and wounded 13 others.

Xinhua

## Indian hospital fire kills 61

KOLKATA, (India), 9 Dec—A top Indian official says 61 people have been killed in a fire at a hospital in the eastern Indian City of Kolkata.

The fire erupted in the basement of the hospital early Friday morning.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has told reporters that 61 bodies were recovered from the hospital by early afternoon.—Internet



*Fire officials rescue a patient from the window of a nursing home after it caught fire in Kolkata, India, on 9 Dec, 2011. The fire swept through a multistory nursing home in eastern India early Friday, trapping many elderly residents in the smoke-filled building, an official said.*

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## Mudslide collapses on bus in Colombia, six dead

BOGOTA, (Colombia), 9 Dec—A hillside loosened by heavy rains collapsed on a bus, killing five adults and a boy, Colombian officials said Thursday.

One of the victims managed to call for help by cellphone and told relatives she was trapped before she died, said Cesar Uruena, rescue director for the Colombian Red Cross.

The five other victims of the accident Wednesday night included a police officer and the bus driver and his young son, Uruena said.

At least four other people were slightly injured when the mudslide partially buried the bus about 200 miles (320 kilometres) northeast of the capital, Bogota.

Officials said heavy rains have flooded

about 3,500 homes south of Bogota, with waters up to 5 feet (1.5 metres) deep in places. Some people refused to leave flooded homes, while others moved to higher ground carrying belongings while wading knee-deep through floodwaters.

Mayor Clara Lopez said the flooding was "10 times worse" than floods seen last year.

Rains in Colombia since 1 Sept have caused at least 140 deaths, including those who died in the bus Wednesday night.

Internet



*Fire fighters evacuate residents from a flooded neighbourhood in the Bosa District of Bogota, Colombia, on 8 Dec, 2011. Officials say flooding caused by the heavy rains has forced 3,500 families from homes near Bogota.—INTERNET*

## British soldier killed by Afghanistan IED blast

LONDON, 9 Dec—A soldier died in a British hospital Thursday after being fatally wounded by an improvised explosive device in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence announced.

The soldier's death brought to 391 the number of British troops killed since operations in Afghanistan began in October 2001. Of these, at least 347 were killed in combat.

He is the 43rd to die this year, making 2011 the fourth-worst year for British troop fatalities in Afghanistan.

The soldier, from 35 Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, was on a reconnaissance task in the Nahr-e Saraj

region of central Helmand Province on Tuesday when he was caught in the IED blast. He was evacuated to Camp Bastion, the main British forces base in Afghanistan, and then flown to a specialist military hospital unit in Birmingham, central England.

He died in the facility surrounded by his family.

Britain has around 9,500 troops in Afghanistan, making it the second-largest contributor to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force after the United States.

They are based in central Helmand, battling Taleban militants and training local security forces.—Internet

*A soldier aims his weapon during a patrol in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. A soldier died in a British hospital Thursday after being fatally wounded by an improvised explosive device in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence announced.*

INTERNET



## Blast kills three soldiers in Pakistan

KARACHI, (Pakistan), 9 Dec—A police official says a roadside bomb hit a vehicle carrying paramilitary soldiers in Pakistan's southwestern city of Karachi, killing three of them.

Akram Naeem says the bomb contained around 11 pounds (5 kilograms) of explosives and was planted along a road near an army cantonment. The blast Friday morning also wounded four soldiers.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Islamist militants, including the Pakistani Taleban and their allies, have carried out many such bombings throughout the country.

Karachi also experiences frequent violence caused by power struggles between gangs allegedly connected to the city's main political parties.

Internet

**Health**



*A pregnant woman, who is surviving on maize and cactus fruits, is pictured on 5 December at the Doro refugee camp, about 40 kilometres from the border in South Sudan's Upper Nile state. On average 1,000 people arrive at the Doro refugee camp from Sudan's Blue Nile State each day.*

INTERNET

**Hunger and disease stalk Sudan's Blue Nile refugees**

DORO, 9 Dec—Shuffling in the dust among scrawny dogs and pot-bellied children, Kumke Lete wishes she could make it back across the border to Sudan's war-torn Blue Nile state to bring food to Doro refugee camp.

"For those that are able to go, they go. For people like me, I cannot go that distance," she said of the treacherous four-day round trip to the family farm, to bring enough grain to feed her seven children for two days.

Lete's family abandoned their home in Jindi a

month ago when she said an Antonov plane "roared" over the village, unleashing its bombs on the camp. "We are scared to go back, but... if we stay here we die of hunger," she said.

Lete's family is one of hundreds that walked for days to reach Doro, near the town of Bunj, about 40 kilometres (26 miles) from the border in South Sudan's Upper Nile state, where on average 1,000 people arrive every day.

With their meagre possessions dotted in bushes used for shelter, families say they fled with almost nothing

or left essentials such as blankets and mosquitos nets along the way because they were so tired.

Tens of thousands have fled Sudan's Blue Nile state since the conflict erupted there in September between government forces and fighters aligned to the ex-southern rebels turned ruling party of newly independent South Sudan.

The United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) has registered more than 21,000 refugees in Doro alone and says at least 5,000 more will arrive this week.—*Internet*

**Bone drug boosts breast cancer survival**

SAN ANTONIO, 9 Dec—Doctors were mostly hoping to prevent complications and relapses when they gave young women a medicine to keep their bones strong during breast cancer treatment. Seven years later, they found it did more than that: The bone drug improved survival, as much as many chemotherapies do.

The study found a 37 percent lower risk of death among women who received the bone drug, Zometa. In absolute terms, it meant that 4 to 5 more women out of every 100 were alive seven years later.

It's especially impressive considering that the women took the drug, given as an infusion every six months, for only three years.

"The benefit persists" long after treatment ends, said study leader Dr Michael Gnant of Austria's Medical University of Vienna. He presented the research this week at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.

*Internet*

**Many chemicals unproven to raise breast cancer risk**

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—Women who want to reduce their risk of breast cancer may have heard they should avoid exposure to industrial chemicals but scientific evidence has so far not proven a direct link, said a US group Wednesday.

The review of existing studies by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), part of the US National Academies of Science, sought to separate the myth from the reality when it comes to what has

and has not—been shown to increase risk.

For instance, doctors know that drinking alcohol, hormone therapy that combines estrogen and progesterone, too much exposure to ionizing radiation from CT scans, and being overweight after menopause are all proven risk factors in breast cancer.

But they are less certain about things like secondhand smoke, breathing in auto exhaust or exposure to

chemicals such as benzene, found in crude oil and pesticides, and bisphenol A (BPA) which is used in plastics and sealants.

"Multiple well-designed studies consistently have failed to show increased breast cancer risk for two environmental exposures—personal use of hair dyes and non-ionizing radiation (emitted by microwave ovens and other electrical devices)," said the report.

*Internet*



*A doctor examines breast x-rays in 2001 in Arcueil. Women who want to reduce their risk of breast cancer may have heard they should avoid exposure to industrial chemicals but scientific evidence has so far not proven a direct link, said a US group Wednesday.*

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**Business**



*People wait to be interviewed during the Chase Bank Veterans Day job fair in Phoenix, on 11 November, 2011.—INTERNET*

**Jobless claims at 9-month low as recovery quickens**

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped to a nine-month low last week, suggesting the labor market's recovery was gaining momentum.

The picture of an economy gathering strength was further enhanced by other data on Thursday showing wholesale inventories in October rose by the most in five months, a sign businesses were rebuilding depleted inventories.

"The recovery is picking up some momentum. We still have a long ways to go, but this is very consistent with a recovery that has shown a little bit more resilience in the second half of the year," said Paul Ballew, chief economist at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio.

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits fell 23,000 to 381,000, the Labour Department said, the lowest since late February. Economists had expected a smaller fall to 395,000.

The report, coming after data last week showed a rise in hiring and a sharp drop in the unemployment rate to a 2-1/2-year low, implied further improvement in a sector that has been the Achilles heel of the US recovery. It was the latest sign of an acceleration in economic growth from the third quarter's tepid 2 percent annual pace.—*Reuters*

**Toyota cuts full-year profit forecast by 54%**

TOKYO, 9 Dec—Toyota Friday slashed its full-year net profit forecast by more than half as Japan's biggest automaker grapples with a strong yen, the impact of the March earthquake and record flooding in Thailand.

The company cut its outlook to 180 billion yen (\$2.3 billion), well down from its estimate in August of a 390 billion yen net profit, which was pared after the Thai floods forced plant closures and caused supply-chain problems.

The latest net profit forecast is well down from Toyota's net earnings of 408.1 billion yen in the last

fiscal year ended March 2011.

The company also slashed its global vehicle sales forecast to 7.32 million units for the year ended March 2012, down from 7.56 million forecast in August.

The auto giant's annual revenue would be 18.20 trillion yen this year, down from a 19.00 trillion yen earlier forecast, and the 18.99 trillion in revenue during the last fiscal year, Toyota said.

Operating profit would come in at 200 billion yen, less than half the 450 billion yen predicted earlier this year, it said.

The car giant, like rival

Honda, had withdrawn its earlier full-year forecasts as Thailand's worst flooding in decades forced plant closures, undermining efforts to recover from the impact of Japan's March disasters.

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*Visitors walk past Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablets on display at a registration desk at the headquarters of South Korean mobile carrier KT in Seoul on 13 October, 2011.—INTERNET*



**Samsung wins round in long legal fight with Apple**

SYDNEY/SEOUL, 9 Dec—Samsung Electronics Co won a round of its bruising global patent fight with Apple Inc on Friday when an Australian court lifted a ban on the sale of its Galaxy tablet computer in

time for the busy Christmas shopping season.

But the South Korean firm's triumph in a Sydney courtroom was tempered by a setback the previous day in Paris, where another court rejected its bid to block sales of Apple's iPhone 4S in France.

Apple and Samsung have been embroiled in some 30 legal cases in 10 countries since April, as they jostle for the top spot in the booming smartphone and tablet markets. The Australian High Court ruling allows Samsung to offer the device to Australian shoppers for the final weeks of

the key Christmas shopping season and came a week after a US court denied Apple's plea to ban Galaxy phones and tablets in the country.

Apple on Thursday appealed against the US decision, which deprived the iPhone and iPad maker of crucial leverage. In France, Samsung's bid to impose a preliminary sales ban on the iPhone 4S was rejected. Calling the request out of proportion, the court also ordered Samsung to pay 100,000 euros (\$133,900) of Apple's legal fees, according to the decision.—*Reuters*

## Evernote and Flipboard release cool new apps for iPhone

**Technology**

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Dec— Note-taking application maker Evernote and social magazine app maker Flipboard announced the launch of new mobile applications for the iPhone on the first day of European internet conference LeWeb.

Flipboard CEO Mike McCue was at the conference to show off the company's latest achievements: a made-for-iPhone version of its popular Flipboard iPad app and a new feature called Cover Stories.

"Think of Cover Stories as the feed to check when you're in line at the coffee shop, commuting on the train or just hanging out at home," said Flipboard in a December 7 blog post. "It contains a constantly updated selection of interesting articles and photos being shared with you

right now." Like its iPad predecessor, Flipboard for the iPhone aggregates feeds from your social networks, favorite publications and photo sharing sites, and presents them in a visually engaging, iPhone-sized magazine.

More than 4.5 million people — that's one in ten iPad owners — have already downloaded the Flipboard iPad app.

Evernote CEO Phil Libin took the wraps off two new iOS apps at LeWeb: the Evernote Hello App and the Evernote Food app.

Evernote Hello is designed to help you remember people. It does this by storing contact details, but more importantly by linking the when, where and who with the person's name.

*Internet*



Flipboard for iPhone featuring Cover Stories.—INTERNET

## Four decades of sea ice decline in Canada

**Science**

OTTAWA, 9 Dec—Researchers in Canada say the average area covered by sea ice during summer has declined for four decades in all nine sea ice regions in the country's North.

The largest declines occurred in the Northern Labrador Sea where sea ice decreased at a rate of almost 600 square miles or 17 percent per decade, a release from Statistics Canada said Thursday.

Other areas with significant declines per decade were the Hudson Strait, down 16 percent per decade, Davis Strait down 14 percent, Hudson Bay down 11 percent and Baffin Bay down 10 percent, the release said.

Sea ice area also reportedly declined in two of three northern shipping route regions not normally navigable because of ice cover: the Arctic Bridge route and the southern route of the Northwest Passage.

The Northwest Passage links the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Arctic Bridge extends across the top of Hudson Bay into Hudson Strait and links North American markets to European and Asian markets.—INTERNET



Scientists tread carefully through a seemingly endless landscape of ice, sea, and meltwater in the Canada Basin of the Arctic on 22 July, 2005.—INTERNET



This is an artist's impression of the yard-long super predator Anomalocaris.

**INTERNET**

## Ancient super predator had acute vision

**Science**

ADELAIDE, 9 Dec—The world's first super predator at the top of Earth's first food chain had remarkable vision, Australian paleontologists say.

Researchers at the South Australian Museum and University of Adelaide were part of a study of exceptionally well preserved fossil eyes of the fearsome Anomalocaris, the apex predator in the Cambrian ocean from over 500 million years ago, a university release reported Wednesday.

The creature — 3 feet long, with formidable grasping claws at the front of its head and a circular mouth with razor-sharp serrations — had highly acute vision, rivaling or exceeding that of most living insects and crustaceans, the scientists said.

The fossilized multifaceted compound eyes — similar to those found in flies and crabs — are among the largest ever to have existed, they said, with each eye more than an inch long and containing over 16,000 lenses.

The number of lenses and other aspects of the design of the eyes suggest Anomalocaris would have seen its world with exceptional clarity while hunting in well-lit waters, researchers said.—INTERNET

## Study shows rats nice, not naughty

**Science**

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—New experiments show rats demonstrating compassion and helping other rodents. It is a trait some scientists thought was reserved only for humans and higher primates.

And it is certainly not the sneaky, selfish rap that goes with calling someone a dirty rat.

In repeated tests, rats freed another trapped rat in their cage, even when yummy chocolate served as a tempting distraction. Twenty-three of the 30 rats opened the trap by pushing in a door.

The rats could have gobbled the chocolate before freeing their partners, but often didn't, choosing to help and share the goodies.

"Basically they told us (freeing another rat) is as important as eating chocolate," said study author Peggy Mason of the University of Chicago. "That's a very striking thing."

In some cases, the rats first took the chocolate chips out of a container, but didn't eat them, then freed the other rat and shared "almost as if they were serving them chocolate," Mason said.

The research is reported in Thursday's journal *Science*.

Also, females showed more consistent empathy than males, Mason said. All six females freed their trapped partner; 17 of the 24

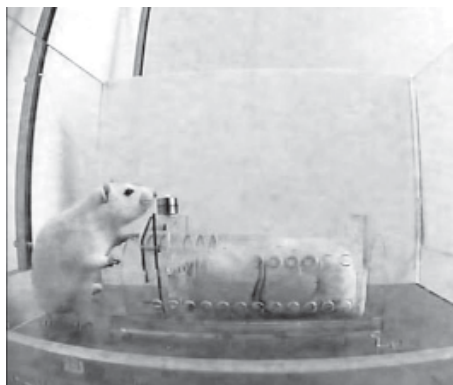
males did so. This confirms other studies that show females demonstrating more pro-social behaviour than males, she said.

There were days when the male rats took the day off from helping their trapped

partner, but the females never did, she said.

Jeff Mogil at McGill University in Canada, who was not part of the study, said it was a tad surprising but even more convincing.

*Internet*



This undated handout photo provided by the journal *Science* shows the presence of a rat trapped in a restrainer elicits focused activity from his cagemate, leading eventually to door-opening and consequent liberation of the trapped rat. Rats, despite their selfish reputation, don't act like, well, rats, new experiments show.

**INTERNET**

## Google debuts digital magazine for mobile devices

**Technology**

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Dec—Google is joining a crowd of companies packaging digital content in a magazine-like format for mobile devices. The Internet search leader released its version, called "Currents," Thursday. It works on smartphones and computer tablets running on Google's Android software, as well as Apple Inc's operating system and its iPhone and iPad.

Currents is late to the competition. It will be trying to catch up to Flipboard, one of the most popular applications on the iPad, and Zite, which is owned by Time Warner Inc's CNN. Yahoo Inc released a similar product called Livestand last month. Google Inc says more than 150 publishers have agreed to provide material to Currents.—INTERNET

## Polar bears turning cannibals in lean time

**Science**

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Dec—Cannibalism is increasing among polar bears trapped on land in the arctic without food due to the loss of sea ice from global warming, wildlife experts say. Environmental photojournalist Jenny Ross has captured an image of an adult polar bear dragging the body of a cub it had just killed across the Arctic ice in the far north of Norway. Polar bears, which normally hunt seals, will seek out other sources of food, even their own kind, in lean times, she said.

"This type of intraspecific predation has always occurred to some extent," she told the BBC.

"However, there are increasing numbers of

observations of it occurring, particularly on land where polar bears are trapped ashore, completely food-deprived for extended periods of time due to the loss of sea ice as a result of climate change."

Without sea ice as a platform from which to hunt seals, bears have gone looking for alternative sources of food, Ross said.

"Predating another bear is a way to get food; it's probably a relatively easy way for a big adult male," she said. "And it seems that because of the circumstances of the loss of sea ice — that kind of behavior may be becoming more common."

*Internet*



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**INTERNET**

## More drivers texting at wheel, despite state bans

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—For all the criticism and new legal bans, texting by drivers just keeps increasing, especially among younger motorists.

About half of American drivers between 21 and 24 say they've thumbed messages or emailed from the driver's seat.



*In this 20 Sept, 2011 file photo, a phone is held in a car in Brunswick, Maine. Texting while driving increased 50 percent last year and two out of 10 drivers say they've sent text messages or emails while behind the wheel despite a rush by states to ban the practice, the National Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday.*

INTERNET

And what's more, many drivers don't think it's dangerous when they do it—only when others do. A national survey, the first government study of its kind on distracted driving, and other data released Thursday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration underscore the difficulty authorities face in discouraging texting and cellphone talking while driving.

At any given moment last year on America's streets and highways, nearly one in every 100 car drivers was texting, emailing, surfing the Web or otherwise using a hand-held electronic device, the safety administration said. And those activities spiked 50 percent over the previous year, even as states rush to ban the practices. Last month, Pennsylvania became the 35th state to forbid texting while driving.

In 2010 there were an estimated 3,092 deaths in crashes affected by a wide range of driver distractions, from eating meals to thumbing email, the safety administration said. That number was derived using a new methodology aimed at getting a more precise picture of distracted driving deaths and can't be compared to tallies from previous years, officials said.

The agency also takes an annual snapshot of drivers' behavior behind the wheel by staking out intersections to count people using cellphones and other devices, as well as other distracting behaviour.

While electronic gadgets are in ever greater use by drivers, motorists are deeply conflicted about it, a NHTSA survey of over 6,000 drivers found.—Internet

## EPA theorizes fracking-pollution link

CHEYENNE, 9 Dec—The US Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday for the first time that fracking—a controversial method of improving the productivity of oil and gas wells—may be to blame for causing groundwater pollution.

The draft finding could have significant implications while states try to determine how to regulate the process. Environmentalists characterized the report as a significant development though it met immediate criticism from the oil and gas industry and a US senator.

The practice is called hydraulic fracturing and involves pumping pressurized water, sand and chemicals underground to open fissures and improve the flow of oil or gas to the surface. The EPA found that compounds likely associated with fracking chemicals had been detected in the groundwater beneath Pavillion, a small community in central Wyoming where



*In this photograph taken on 15 April, 2009, an unidentified worker steps through the maze of hoses being used at a remote fracking site being run by Halliburton for natural-gas producer Williams in Rulison, Colo.—INTERNET*

residents say their well water reeks of chemicals. Health officials last year advised them not to drink their water after the EPA found low levels of hydrocarbons in their wells.

The EPA announcement could add to the controversy over fracking, which has played a large role in opening up many gas reserves, including the Marcellus

Shale in the eastern US in recent years.

The industry has long contended that fracking is safe, but environmentalists and some residents who live near drilling sites say it has poisoned groundwater. The EPA said its announcement is the first step in a process of opening up its findings for review by the public and other scientists.—Internet

## Three killed in Ivory Coast rocket attack

ABIDJAN, 9 Dec—A spokesman for the UN mission in Ivory Coast says three people were killed this week in the lead-up to legislative elections scheduled for Sunday. Hamadou Toure confirmed that the three people were killed in a rocket launch attack in the western region of Grand-Lahou on Wednesday, but could not provide details.

Defence Minister Paul Koffi Koffi said Thursday candidates have been travelling with armed men, giving the appearance of a "militia."

Toure said that the UN deplores the "isolated violent incidents" provoked by "armed men who surround candidates, that disturb the tranquility of the population."

Internet



*In this 27 Nov, 2011 photo, a heavy machine clears up forest in Tripa swamp forest, Nagan Raya, Aceh Province, Indonesia. Villagers who live around the forest filed a law suit against Aceh's charismatic governor Irwandi Yusuf who was known as "green governor" for giving a private company a permit to convert it into a palm oil plantation.—INTERNET*

## Prime Indonesian jungle to be cleared for palm oil

ACEH, (Indonesia), 9 Dec—The man known as Indonesia's "green governor" chases the roar of illegal chainsaws through lush jungles in his own Jeep. He goes door-to-door to tell families it's in their interest to keep trees standing.

That's why 5,000 villagers living the edge of a rich, biodiverse peat swamp in his tsunami-ravaged Aceh Province feel so betrayed.

Their former hero recently gave a palm oil company a permit to develop land in one of the few places on earth where orangutans, tigers and bears still can be found living side-by-side—violating Indonesia's new moratorium on concessions in primary forests and peatlands.

"Why would he agree to this?" said Ibduh, a 50-year village chief, days after filing a criminal complaint against Aceh Gov Irwandi Yusuf.

"It's not just about the animals," he said, men around him nodding. "Us too. Our lives are ruined if this goes through."

Irwandi—a former rebel whose life story is worthy of a Hollywood film—maintains the palm oil concession is by the book and that he would never do anything to harm his province. But critics say there is little doubt he broke the law.

The charges against him illustrate the challenges facing countries like Indonesia in their efforts to fight climate change by protecting the world's tropical jungles—which would spit more carbon when burned than planes, automobiles and factories combined.—Internet

## Israeli strikes kill three in Gaza, rockets hit Israel

GAZA, 9 Dec—Violence across the Israeli-Gaza border escalated on Friday with Israeli air strikes killing at least three people and Palestinian militants firing rockets deep into southern Israel.

The latest round of fighting erupted on Thursday when an Israeli air strike targeted a car on a crowded Gaza street, killing two militants who Israel said were planning attacks against its civilians and soldiers.

Palestinian gunmen responded with a barrage of rockets fired deep into southern Israel, some landing near the city of Beersheba, causing no injuries.

Early on Friday, Palestinian medical officials said a second Israeli air strike hit a Hamas training camp in Gaza City, sending shrapnel flying into nearby houses, killing one civilian and wounding 13 others, mostly women and children.

A Hamas spokesman said the initial air strike was a crime and accused Israel of ratcheting up violence in the area.

"We hold the government of the Zionist occupation (Israel) fully responsible for this crime and for the new escalation," spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said.

The Israeli military confirmed both air strikes had been carried out. It said the two men killed in the first strike had been planning an attack on Israeli civilians and soldiers along Israel's border with Egypt's Sinai peninsula.

"(They) were affiliated with a terrorist squad that intended to attack Israeli civilians and soldiers via the western border," an army statement said.

Hamas, an Islamist group sworn to Israel's destruction, has ruled the Gaza Strip since 2007.—Reuters

## Australia can appeal 'war crime' extradition ban

SYDNEY, 9 Dec—The Australian government on Friday won the right to appeal a court ruling preventing the extradition of a 90-year-old man to Hungary where he is accused of war crimes during World War II.

Charles Zentai is suspected of being one of three Nazi-backed Hungarian soldiers who tortured and murdered 18-year-old Jewish man, Peter Balazs, in Budapest in November 1944 for not wearing a yellow Star of David.

Hungarian-born Zentai, who has lived in Australia for some six decades and is an Australian citizen, has always maintained his innocence.

He was approved for extradition to Hungary in late 2009 but successfully appealed the ruling on the basis that a "war crime" was not an extraditable offence at the time of the alleged crime.

But Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor was on Friday granted leave to appeal the decision at the High Court, Australia's top judicial authority.—Internet



*Charles Zentai (L) is suspected of being one of three Nazi-backed Hungarian soldiers who tortured and murdered 18-year-old Jewish man Peter Balazs in Budapest in November 1944 for not wearing a yellow Star of David.—INTERNET*

## Scotland lashed by monster storm

GLASGOW, 9 Dec—Scotland was battered by winds of up to 165 miles (266 kilometres) per hour on Thursday, causing widespread disruption to transport links, closing schools and leaving tens of thousands without power. Thousands of schools around Glasgow and the west of Scotland were closed, while every major bridge across the country was shut, flights from the main airports were disrupted and train services cut.



Schoolchildren dodge the waves created by storm force winds at Cardswell Bay, Gourock, in western Scotland, as a winter storm rolls in.—INTERNET

More than 55,000 people were left without power after falling trees brought down power lines.

The Met Office national weather service issued a red alert, its highest warning, in Britain's first major storm this winter.

Gales hitting 165 mph were recorded at the summit of Cairn Gorm in the Scottish Highlands, while the main cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh were hit by wind speeds of around 70 mph (113 kph).

Northern England was also hit, with several motorists stuck in floods, while Wales and Northern Ireland were also affected.

There were accidents across Britain, although no serious injuries were

reported.

More than 300 passengers were stranded for nine hours off the east coast of northern England when a ferry from Dutch port of Rotterdam was unable to dock in Hull, due to fears that high winds could damage the ship if it entered port.

A wind turbine in Ayrshire, southwest Scotland, was destroyed after bursting into flames.

A spokeswoman for Scottish Hydro, one of the energy suppliers, said some 500 staff were working to restore electricity but the storm was hampering their efforts. "With 100 mph (160 kph) winds, it's very dangerous for engineers to climb electricity poles," she told *AFP*. The northeast of Scotland was expected to be affected worst on Friday.

Internet

## Ex-chief of Japan nuclear plant has cancer

TOKYO, 9 Dec—The former chief of Japan's crippled nuclear plant, who left the job last week, has cancer of the esophagus, TEPCO said Friday, adding it was unlikely to be linked to radiation exposure.

Masao Yoshida, 56, had been based at the plant since Japan's 11 March earthquake and tsunami disaster sparked reactor meltdowns, until he was suddenly hospitalised in late November.

The plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO), did not at the time specify the reason for his being taken to hospital, amid speculation it could be related to radiation exposure.

But during a visit to the plant on Friday, "Yoshida himself disclosed he had esophagus cancer" as he spoke to workers there, according to TEPCO spokeswoman Ai Tanaka.



File photo of Masao Yoshida, former chief of TEPCO's Fukushima nuclear power plant. Yoshida has cancer of the esophagus, but the company has said it was unlikely the result of radiation exposure.—INTERNET

"He had been worried about media speculation over his illness... He wanted to concentrate on his treatment quietly but decided to disclose what it is" to stem the speculation, she said.

TEPCO believes "it is extremely unlikely that his disease was caused by radiation exposure," she said, citing the advice of a doctor at the National Institute of Radiological Sciences. If radiation exposure were to cause cancer of the esophagus, it would take at least five years and normally 10 years to develop, she quoted the doctor as saying.

Yoshida's cumulative radiation exposure was 70 millisieverts since 11 March, according to TEPCO—a level lower than the boosted threshold for emergency workers.

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## At least five million in Sahel facing food shortages

Women wait to receive baby food in the village of Koleram, southern Niger, in 2010. Meagre rains and diminished harvests have left between five and seven million people in Africa's Sahel region facing food shortages, the United Nation's World Food Programme said Thursday.—INTERNET



DAKAR, 9 Dec—Meagre rains and diminished harvests have left between five and seven million people in Africa's Sahel region facing food shortages, the United Nation's World Food Programme said Thursday.

"The crisis is already here, all we can do is try to mitigate its impacts on the population," said Thomas Yanga, regional head of the food programme's west Africa operation.

Yanga said the countries of Niger, Mauritania, Mali and Chad were worst hit.

"The number varies between five and seven million people who are, right now, in a situation of food insecurity and needing help," he said at a news conference in the Senegal Capital Dakar.

The Sahel is a band of desert stretching across north Africa.

Yanga noted that

livestock and harvest declines had coincided with surging food prices.

Faced with the crisis, some countries such as Niger and Mali put together response plans in coordination with the World Food Programme, but other areas were still carrying out surveys to find out the possible impacts on their populations, Yanga said.

"Drought is here," he said, while urging governments to buy seed and fertiliser for the next growing season. "The best we can do is meet the immediate needs of the populations."

Internet

## Two dead in Virginia Tech University shooting

BLACKSBURG, 9 Dec—A gunman ambushed and killed a campus police officer and was later reported to have been found dead on Thursday at Virginia Tech University, the site of one of the worst shooting rampages in US history.

Authorities declared the campus safe and lifted a lockdown after a nearly four-hour manhunt, seeming to lend credence to television news reports that a body found in a Virginia Tech parking lot was that of the shooter.

Police at a televised news conference declined to say whether they suspected a murder-suicide and offered no motive for the crime, citing an ongoing investigation.

"Today tragedy again struck Virginia Tech with a wanton act of violence where a police officer was murdered during a routine traffic stop," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger told reporters.

"Words don't describe our feelings."

The place where the officer was shot is in a parking lot in the shadows of the Virginia Tech football stadium. Small groups of students stood nearby as police removed yellow tape from around the crime scene on Thursday evening.

Second-year student Fuller Hoepner, 19, said he stayed inside his apartment after he saw the school's emergency message this afternoon: "shots fired."

"We did not move. We watched the news all day," he said.

The incident evoked grim memories of April 2007 when a mentally deranged student killed 32 people and wounded 25 before committing suicide on the school's rural campus in the Shenandoah Valley about 250 miles southwest of Washington. It was the

deadliest attack by a single gunman in US history.

A few dozen students gathered on Thursday evening at a memorial for that attack, talking quietly among themselves. At a stone memorializing one of the victims, a student left a note on orange paper. It read: "We are the hokies," the name of the school's sports teams. "We will prevail."

In Thursday's incident, the gunman walked up and shot to death a four-year veteran of the campus police force during a routine traffic stop, police said. —Reuters



Virginia Tech students Maggie Cashion (L-C) and Kasey Kraft (R-C) pause to remember the Virginia Tech police officer who was killed earlier on campus at Virginia Tech University Blacksburg, Virginia on 8 December, 2011. A gunman ambushed and killed a campus police officer and was later reported to have been found dead on Thursday at Virginia Tech University, the site of one of the worst shooting rampages in US history.—INTERNET

## Mexico seizes 226 tons of chemical used in meth

MEXICO CITY, 9 Dec—Mexican authorities say they have seized 226 tons (205 metric tons) of a chemical used in synthetic drugs in a Pacific coast port.

Mexico's Navy says in a statement Thursday that the methylamine was found over

several days this month in the port of Lazaro Cardenas.

It says authorities found the chemical in 11 containers shipped from China. The final destinations was Puerto Quetzal in Guatemala but the ships stopped in Mexico to transfer the cargo.

Mexico has banned imports of several chemicals to thwart methamphetamine production.

The US government says Mexican traffickers are the main suppliers of synthetic drugs to the US.

Internet

## Letter bomb slightly wounds Mexican professor

MEXICO CITY, 9 Dec—Authorities in Mexico say a letter bomb sent to a professor at a technical university slightly wounded another teacher when it was opened.

Pachuca Polytechnic University says a teacher who belongs to the school's security committee was slightly burned on his hands when he opened the envelope. The letter had been identified as suspicious by the professor it was addressed to. Officials have not said whether Thursday's explosion was connected to two similar bombs sent this year to other technology researchers. A radical group that opposes nanotechnology claimed responsibility for those bombings. In a manifesto, the group praised the "Unabomber," whose mail bombs killed three people and injured 23 in the United States.—Internet



**Com-mander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing presents Excellence in Study (Science) award to Cadet Aung Hlaing Hein of 54<sup>th</sup> Intake of Defence Services Academy.**  
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## Modern warfare today is not only...

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keep in touch with them, accept their experiences and knowledge, and acknowledge them when making a final decision, the C-in-C suggested. Only then, will the mutual trust which harmonizes participation of all members lead to the attributive leadership, he said. The military leader is the one who could lead his subordinates under his command, entwining the human conscience and the nature of conflicts of war, he said.

He highlighted that, according to Myanmar's Myanmar custom, there are significant differences between Myanmar's Tatmadaw and other armies. He said that the juniors pay obeisance to the elders and superiors. And the elder brother bears the responsibility of the family affairs at the absence of his father, he said. He highlighted that these remarkable and noble customs rooted in the Tatmadaw. He suggested that it is why a **commander who is assigned to a unit or corps is liable to have a well-balanced conduct in controlling his subordinates and their families' welfare as if they were his own.** He highlighted that this prominent act must be maintained.

He underlined that the main duty is to defend against the

## Union Construction Minister on excursion tour of China

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—A seven-member delegation led by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint left here by air for Beijing of China on 30 November at the invitation of Chinese Minister of Transport Mr Li Shenglin.

On 1 December, the Union Minister and party together with Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo met Chinese Minister of Transport Mr Li Shenglin at his office and discussed construction of China-Myanmar Corridor to link Kyaukpyu of Myanmar and Ruiji of China.

On 2 December, the Union Minister met Chairman of China CAMC Mrs Luo Yan at China CAMC hall and discussed cooperation with CAMC Co in construction tasks of Myanmar.

On 3 December morning, they viewed production of bridge trusses at the factory of China Railway Juijiang Bridge Engineering Co Ltd in Nanchoung.

At the training school of China Railway Major Bridge Reconnaissance & Design Institute Co Ltd on 4 December, the Union Minister and party heard reports on matters related to the training school presented by the principal of the school.

On 5 December, they held a discussion with Chairman of CRBBG Mr Li Zong Min and party on road/bridge matters and with Yunna Sunny Road & Bridge Co Ltd Director Mr Niu Maofang on road and bridge construction projects.

On 6 December, they viewed round production of bridge trusses at the factory of CRBBG (Yangzhou) Factory in Nanjing.

On 7 December, the Union Minister and party looked into production of heavy machinery at the factory of Sany Heavy Industry Co Ltd. The Union Minister explained the use of heavy machinery in Myanmar and manufacturing of heavy machinery.

The Union Minister and party arrived back in Myanmar yesterday evening.—MNA

external and internal elements, above ground and underground elements within the country. He urged the cadets to build up an army capable of defending sovereignty.

**Defending the country means safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Constitution, the land, water and air territories, and also the peaceful economic life of the people,** he said. Looking back the past, Myanmar lost her sovereignty for lack of a well-formed Tatmadaw, he recalled. He emphasized that the Tatmadaw needs to be strong, capable, modernized and patriotic. To be strong and efficient, the army needs to have not only physical materials such as human, arms and ammunition but also mental power: will to risk, will to sacrifice for the benefit of others, will to fight, fulfilling the upright peoples' desire by the law, he advised.

Only when the Tatmadaw is powerful, tactful, modernized and patriot one, will it be able to protect the nation, he underlined. And they have to inevitably construct powerful modern patriotic Tatmadaw in order to gain the national defence power, he said. **From the early period of independence, Tatmadaw has dutifully implemented the stability, peace and tranquility for the development according to the historic obligation,** he called. From now onwards, the cadets have to contribute their part for Tatmadaw, that is to protect the country and to implement national tasks of the State, he said.

He went on that, as all the cadets are going to serve as junior military leaders, shouldering the duties, it will be not sufficient to have only military perspective. He said, because **military affairs are closely related to politics, and politics mutually depends on economics as well.** Modern warfare today is not only a conventional war but multi-dimensional, he said. Among them, the salient one is infiltration, i.e., in the form of non-military operation, he pointed out. The cadets should always fulfill with perspectives of politics, economics, administration and international affairs in addition to military outlook, he said. Only then, will the cadets be well-rounded and calibrated officers for the Defence Services as the motto goes "The Triumphant Elite of the Future", he suggested.

The C-in-C concluded his address, urging the graduating

## Coord meeting on implementation of MDGs held

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The coordination meeting on cooperation of ministries, UN agencies and INGOs in successful implementation of the year-wise plans of Myanmar on Millennium Development Goals was held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein stressed the need for respective government departments, UN agencies and INGOs for MDGs to draw work timetables for implementation of MDGs and regional development tasks, starting from 2012.

Next, the minister cordially greeted resident representatives of UN agencies and officials of INGOs.

At the coordination meeting, members of the Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee deputy ministers discussed progress of respective work committees and drawing the work plans for 2012.

Resident representatives of UN agencies participated in discussions on drawing the work plans for 2012, and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Union Minister.—MNA



officers to

- have a continuous flow of learning, practising and adhering to Modern Art of War,
- perform the assigned duties of national politics sincerely as good followers or leaders,
- maintain the Chain of Command System properly,
- implement the construction of powerful, modernized and patriotic army capable of protecting the country by means of (4) main tasks of building up the armed forces,
- perform dutifully the three cardinal tasks of the Tatmadaw by upholding Our Three Main National Causes, which is not only the concept of Tatmadaw but also the national duty,
- keep restraint of the Code of Conduct which is the essence of Tatmadaw, and
- try hard to be well-rounded and calibrated officers for the Defence Services in accordance with the motto of the Defence Services Academy "The Triumphant Elite of the Future".

After taking salute of the cadet companies, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services left the parade ground.

He received the four outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of DSA Headquarters after the parade.

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## CICS lessons, a must for all service personnel: Union Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Basic Course No (1) for Officers was opened in Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay Region on 6 December morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressed the opening ceremony held in Ruby Hall of the institute, pointing out that lectures in CICS are a must for government employees. Once learnt in devotion, the lessons will help the service personnel in their careers along remaining part of their lives, the Union minister said.

Dentists among others are attending the course.  
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## Committee for smooth entry of tourists meets for e-visa system

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Coordination meeting of committee for smooth entry of tourists for applying e-visa system was held at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism this morning, with an address by Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan.

The Union minister said his ministry is implementing tasks for smooth and easy entry of foreign tourists. He called for cooperation of related ministries for using e-visa system which will be operated with the technical assistance of Krislite Lighting Specialist Co Ltd.

Deputy Minister U Htay Aung submitted report. Managing Director of Krislite Lighting Specialist Co Ltd explained about work plans and the deputy minister made the supplementary discussion.—MNA

## Coordination meeting of committee for smooth entry of foreign tourists in progress.

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## Winners awarded in Peaceful and Pleasant Myanmar Colour Photo Contest

YANGON, 9 Dec—A ceremony to award winners in the Peaceful and Pleasant Myanmar Colour Photo Contest to mark the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day 2012, organized by Information and Public Relations Department, was held at Traders Hotel, here, this afternoon, with an address by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

In his address, the Union Minister praised Myanmar Photographic Society for its contribution to selection of award-winning high-quality colour



Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially converses with those present at ceremony to award winners in Peaceful and Pleasant Myanmar Colour Photo Contest.—MNA



Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan awards third-prize winner U Zaw Myint Naing.—MNA

photos in Independence Day commemorative photo contests, saying that the ministry is constantly in touch with its members in each year. He attached great importance to such NGOs during democratic transition. He said that the sweeping reforms have been made to transform the nation into a peaceful and developed democracy in accord with the Constitution since the government took office on 30 March, 2011.

Reform is the top priority in this drive, he said. With amending and enacting 15 laws, steps are being taken to make democratic practices flourish among the people, NGOs and the government, the Union Minister went on. He earmarked the peace and stability of the State as the second priority. He suggested that encouraging progresses in making eternal peace with insurgents group could be seen in Myanmar's political scenario. He made clear that Myanmar is creating amicable atmosphere in dealing with international community.

He continued to say that local economy, trade, transportation and foreign

investment are being improved to help the nation and its people to enjoy a boost. He concluded his speech, urging members of Myanmar Photographic Society to do their bit in the interest of the State and people while the country is experiencing the gradual reforms.

Next, the Union Minister presented the first prize to Htay Lwin-Hnin Wut Yi (Amarapura), the second to Saw Aung Min (AMPS) and the third to U Zaw Myint Naing.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and Chairman of Myanmar Photographic Society U Htin Lin (Golden Arrow) gave special prizes to respective winners.

Deputy Director-General U Tint Swe of the IPRD presented certificates

## Union Mines Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Chairman of the Board of Companies of Kunming-based Kunming Baoyizhuang Industry and Trade Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed exploration and production of tin and iron ore and investment matters in Kachin State and Taninthayri Region.—MNA

## Emergence of investment market in accord with rules and regulations important

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The meeting (7/2011) of Investment Market Development Committee took place at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun highlighted the importance of emergence of an investment market in accord with the rules and regulations in order to acquire and share investments systematically for national economic development. As soon as the investment market law has been passed, step-by-step measures have to be taken based on international and regional experience and case-study to establish such a market, he said.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Win Than, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and departmental heads.

Then, the participants explained measures for investment market development and future works. The Union Minister gave a concluding remark.

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## KIA's mine blast damages two towers in Muse District

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—A mine blast of KIA insurgents group degenerated 230 KV Shwe Li-Mansan power grid into a power failure at 10:40 am yesterday.

The officials concerned from the power grid office (Mansan) found that the failure condition came from the collapse of one tower and damage to another between Winpat and Aikelaw Villages in Manton Township in Muse District in Shan State (North) due to KIA's mine. The officials led by Deputy Chief Engineer of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise are urgently carrying out the repairing tasks resume power supply.—MNA



Power grid destroyed in explosion of mine planted by KIA.—MNA

of honour to Myanmar Golden Rock International Co Ltd.

Chairman of MPS U Htin Lin (Golden Arrow) reported on selection of winners and Htay Lwin-Hnin Wut Yi (Amarapura), on behalf of the winners, spoke words of thanks.

After cordially greeting those present, the Union Minister viewed

round the prize winning works.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture, chairmen and members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and MPS and guests.—MNA

## Press conference on Zaykabar Myanmar Open 2012 held



Press conference on Zaykabar Myanmar Open 2012 in progress. MNA

YANGON, 9 Dec—A press conference on Zaykabar Myanmar Open 2012, jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Asian Tour with title sponsor Zaykabar Co Ltd and presenting sponsor Air Bagan, was held at Karaweik Palace in Mingala Taungnyunt Township yesterday afternoon.

Executive Chairman U Kyi Hla Han of Asian Tour explained participation of international Asian tour golfers in Zaykabar Myanmar Open and Vice-Chairman U Zay Thiha of Zaykabar Co Ltd, opportunity of Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club as title sponsor in the gold tournament.

Vice-President of Myanmar Golf

Federation U Aung Kyi replied to queries raised by those present.

Total cash award for the tournament amounts to US\$ 300,000. Of them US\$ 47,550 will be shared to the first prize winner, US\$ 32,550 to the second and US\$ 18,300 to the third. The golfer who stood 65<sup>th</sup> will win US\$ 810.

A total of 130 international golfers, 16 local professionals and four Myanmar selected players will participate in the tournament. Co-sponsors will be Alpine Purified Drinking Water, 100 Plus, Canon, Srixon and Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club.

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## British teen becomes youngest to ski to South Pole

LONDON, 9 Dec—Amelia Hempleman-Adams, a 16-year-old schoolgirl whose father was the first Briton to reach the South Pole solo and unsupported, has become the youngest person to ski to the bottom of the world.

She joined her adventurer dad David Hempleman-Adams on the two-week, 97-mile trek to the South Pole with explorer Ernest Shackleton's Farthest South Point. Shackleton's granddaughter Alexandra Shackleton had met with Hempleman-Adams before the trip and had given the young expeditionist a

photograph of her grandfather to take to the Pole.

The nine-strong party completed the journey at 0130 GMT Friday after a final 14-mile push.

"I'm really proud to have actually made it and just really happy," the younger Hempleman-Adams said by satellite phone from the Pole.

"It's really exciting to be able to achieve something like this. 'It hasn't quite sunk in yet that we've actually made it because it's been such a tough journey but I'm sure it will in the next few days.'

"We arrived here and we all just hugged each other

and congratulated each other and it was really nice to finally get here."

The teenage explorer took her homework with her but her father removed some of it from the sledge, saying it would be too heavy.

Appropriately, she did manage to take along her geography work, "but by the time you get into the tent at night it's too late to even think about doing anything", she said.

Hempleman-Adams spent time training for the expedition in a frozen food storage facility in southwest England.—*Internet*



**Sixteen-year-old Amelia Hempleman-Adams with her adventurer father David Hempleman-Adams on 3 November, 2011. Hempleman-Adams has become the youngest person to ski to the South Pole after successfully completing a two-week, 97-mile trek across Antarctica.**  
INTERNET

## Pakistan deploys air defences to border

ISLAMABAD, 9 Dec—Pakistan's head of military operations says the country has deployed air defence weapons to the Afghan border after NATO airstrikes last month killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

Maj Gen Ashfaq Nadeem was quoted Friday as saying the military feared future attacks and the border posts were only armed with light weapons. The report in Pakistan's leading English-language newspaper, *Dawn*, said Nadeem briefed the federal Cabinet and the Senate's defence committee on the weapons deployment Thursday.

Pakistan and the US have provided different accounts of why NATO aircraft attacked two army posts on the Afghan border before dawn on 26 Nov.

The Pakistan army has claimed the attack was pre-planned and deliberate—an allegation denied by the United States.—*Internet*

## Cathay flight evacuated due to smoke in cabin

SHANGHAI, 9 Dec—City and airline officials say passengers were evacuated from a Cathay Pacific Airways plane set to fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong, after smoke was seen in the jet's cabin while it was taxiing for takeoff.

The city government said in a statement that a few passengers were slightly injured during the evacuation Friday at Pudong International Airport, but there were no serious injuries and other flights were not affected.

Cathay Pacific said 351 passengers and 19 crew were on board the *Boeing 747-400* at the time of the incident. It said the source of the smoke was under investigation.

*Internet*

**Zimbabwe's famed colonial-era "Hanging Tree" crashed into the street after being struck by a workers truck in Harare, Zimbabwe, on 7 Dec, 2011. Mbuya Nehanda and other icons of the first uprising against white settlers were said to have been hanged from the tree in 1898. Witnesses said the 200-year-old Msasa tree, declared a historic site and national monument, fell Wednesday and some workers fled, believing it a sacred omen of "bad things to come." Crowds gathered at the felled tree Thursday to take pieces of it and a n'anga, known in the West as a witchdoctor, performed rites over the trunk and branches.—INTERNET**

## Qaeda group claims kidnap of five Europeans in Mali

TIMBUKTU, 9 Dec—Al-Qaeda's north African wing was behind the kidnapping of two "French spies" and three other Europeans in Mali last month, according to a non-authenticated statement purportedly from the group. In a statement sent to *AFP* in Rabat, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Magreb (AQIM) said it was responsible for the 24 November kidnapping of the two French nationals and three Europeans a day later in Timbuktu.

"We will soon make our demands known to France and Mali," the statement read.

The same statement was received by the *Nouakchott News Agency* (ANI) in Mauritania. The agency has previously reported on AQIM communiqués without these subsequently being rejected by AQIM as a hoax.

French nationals Philippe Verdon and Serge Lazarevic, whom the Al-Qaeda statement claimed "work for the French intelligence services" were seized at gunpoint from their hotel in the town of Hombori near the border with Niger.

The next day, an armed gang snatched a Swede, a Dutchman and a man with dual British-South African nationality from a restaurant on Timbuktu's central square and killed a German with them who tried to resist.—*Internet*

## Zimbabwe's "Hanging Tree" falls, revives legends

HARARE, 9 Dec—The felling of Zimbabwe's famed colonial-era "Hanging Tree" is reviving legends and superstitions and has many believing it signals a new era for this troubled southern African nation, whose hardline 87-year-old



*File photo of the crashed helicopter.—XINHUA*

## Chinese helicopter crashes on Antarctica, crew safe

BEIJING, 9 Dec—A helicopter serving a Chinese scientific expedition in the Antarctic crashed at 0:20 am Beijing Time Friday, the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) said.

Both of the helicopter's crew members survived the crash, although one of them was slightly injured, a statement from the administration said.

The helicopter's pilot lost control of the craft while flying back to the polar icebreaker *Snow Dragon* after bringing supplies to China's Zhongshan research station, the statement said.

The helicopter crashed into an iceberg after an attempt at a forced landing failed, it said.

The helicopter's crew members were taken to the *Snow Dragon* for treatment shortly after the accident, the statement said. The helicopter, purchased from Russia in December 2008, began to serve in Chinese Antarctic expeditions in 2009 and was taking part in its third mission when the crash occurred.

The cause of the accident is under investigation and the expedition has been temporarily halted in order to allow researchers to collect evidence, the statement said.—*Xinhua*

**Malian soldiers patrol in the streets of Kidal, 2006. Al-Qaeda's north African wing said it was behind the kidnapping of two "French spies" and three other Europeans in Mali last month, in statement whose authenticity could not be verified.—INTERNET**



## Picasso's masterpiece to be auctioned at China art fair

GUANGZHOU, 9 Dec—An international art fair kicked off Thursday in the city of Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, where a Picasso masterpiece will be auctioned, organizers said.

"Mother and Child," one of Spanish painter Pablo Picasso's lithographs, will be auctioned with his manuscript notes at the 16th Guangzhou International Art Fair, according to a press release from its organizing committee.

The bidding starts at 8.188 million yuan (1.29 million US dollars).

The fair, scheduled from Thursday to Monday, is expected to attract nearly 300 art institutions from more than 20 countries and regions, such as the United States, France and Russia.

More than 20,000 pieces of artwork will be displayed at the fair, which covers an area of 20,000 square meters, it said.

The fair, themed "Embrace the Colour of the World," is organized by the China Artists Association and Guangzhou municipal government.

*Xinhua*





Passengers buy tickets at the Meilan Railway Station in Haikou, south China's Hainan Province, on 17 Oct, 2011. China's railways carried 1.72 billion people and delivered 3.59 billion metric tons of goods in the first 11 months of the year, up 10.9 percent and 8 percent year-on-year respectively, the Ministry of Railways (MOR) said Monday.—XINHUA

## Stocks rise, euro dips before EU summit

LONDON, 9 Dec—European stock markets mostly rose and the euro dipped against the dollar on Thursday as investors awaited a crucial EU summit on how to prevent a collapse of the eurozone.

Traders were also looking ahead to interest rate decisions from the European Central Bank and Bank of England due on Thursday and coinciding with the start of the two-day EU summit in Brussels. "The markets are undecided as to how to follow the summit and change direction daily simply because there isn't the confidence to hold a position

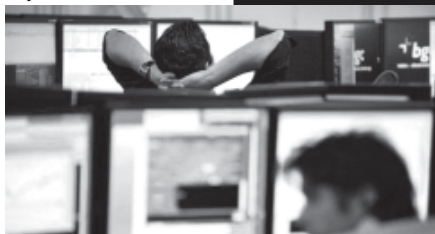
longer than a few hours with such big decisions being made by government heads and ratings agencies at unpredictable intervals," said Jonathan Bristow, a broker at Valbury Capital. Ahead of the ECB decision, the euro dipped to \$1.3398 from \$1.3413 late in New York on Wednesday. London's FTSE 100 index rose 0.27 percent to 5,561.59 points in late morning deals, Frankfurt's DAX 30 climbed 0.60 percent to 6,030.78 points and in Paris the CAC 40 advanced 0.24 percent to 3,183.52 points.

Madrid gained 0.17 percent but Milan lost 0.50 percent. In Asia, stocks

slipped on fears that the summit might fail to deliver a knockout blow to the debt crisis. "Despite the low volumes, equities are trading firmly in positive territory ahead of key interest rate decisions," said Manoj Ladwa, senior trader at ETX Capital.—Internet

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## Biologists monitor crocodiles at nuclear plant

HOMESTEAD, 9 Dec—An unexpected but fruitful relationship has blossomed between two potent forces in the swamps of South Florida: the American crocodile, and a nuclear power plant.

The reptile has made it off the endangered species list thanks in part to 168 miles of manmade cooling canals surrounding Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in the southeastern corner of the Florida peninsula. It turns out that Florida Power and Light was building prime croc habitat just as virtually every other developer was paving it over.

Federal wildlife officials give the state's largest public utility part of the credit for a

five-fold increase in the species' population in Florida. There are only two other sanctuaries for the crocodiles, which are still considered threatened.

"The way the cooling canal system was designed actually turned out to be pretty good for crocodile nesting," said John Wrublik, a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. "It wasn't designed for crocodiles, but they've done a very good job of maintaining that area."

Hundreds of crocodiles, as long as 15 feet and as heavy as one ton, roam the swampland surrounding the power plant. They're monitored by wildlife



biologists hired by the utility, who sometimes need quick reflexes to keep all their fingers.

On one recent nighttime survey, Mario Aldecoa jumped from an airboat in total darkness and darted into the bushes to grab a 13-pound crocodile to mark it for identification.

"It's usually just adrenaline and instinct," he said.—Internet

## Vietnam committed to furthering economic relations with US

HANOI, 9 Dec—The Vietnamese government will improve investment environment and create favourable conditions for foreign businesses, including those from the US, to operate in the country while strictly implementing commitments reached by the two sides, the Vietnamese Prime Minister said Thursday.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung made the statement at a reception here on Thursday for a US business delegation and guests who participated in the negotiations of the Vietnam-US bilateral trade agreement (BTA) signed ten years ago. Dung welcomed

the delegation's members to Vietnam to attend the workshop on Vietnam-US trade relations post-BTA, themed "Looking back to the past — Looking towards the future" jointly held in capital Hanoi by the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, the Vietnam-US Trade Council, the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the US Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam.

The government leader affirmed Vietnam's willingness to partner with the US to continue to effectively uphold outcomes of the BTA and negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, in an effort

to elevate the two countries' relations to a new height, for peace, cooperation, prosperous development and mutual benefits. During the past decade, the BTA has brought significant results for trade and investment of the two countries, while improving mutual understanding and trust, Dung said. On the occasion, US Ambassador to Vietnam David Shear expressed his delight at achievements Vietnam and the US have gained over the past decade, saying the signing has helped raise two-way trade and create a foundation for the development of bilateral relations.—Xinhua



Medical officers wearing goggles and protective suits transfer a suspect victim during a simulating Public Health Emergency on International Concern (PHEIC) held by Indonesia Ministry of Health at Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport, Jakarta, on 5 Dec, 2011.—XINHUA

## 2,209 people take refuge due to eruption of Mount Gamalama in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 Dec—As many as 2,209 people are taking refuge due to eruption of Mount Gamalama in Indonesia's North Maluku Province as of Thursday, a Press statement said here.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, head of the Centre of Data, Information and Public Relation at the National Agency of Disaster

Management (BNPB), said in a statement that cold lava is still flowing from the volcano that erupted at 23:00 local time on Sunday (1400 GMT).

"However, there is no casualty due to this disaster," said Nugroho.

He said that the Regional Agency of Disaster Management (BPBD) at the

province has been coordinating with related institutions for emergency mitigation. "The BPBD has deployed heavy equipments for cold lava handling," he said. According to Nugroho, danger status of the volcano is at level III. He also said that eruption keeps occurring even though in small intensity.—Xinhua

## Wine dregs shown to improve cows' milk

SYDNEY, 9 Dec—Feeding dairy cows the stems, seeds and skins from wine grapes boosts milk production and dramatically cuts the animal's methane emissions, Australian researched published Thursday shows.

Scientists found that supplementing the cows' feed with grape marc — the leftover material from wine-making — reduced cow emissions by 20 percent and increased milk production by five percent. It also led to more healthy fatty acids in their milk, the research by Victoria's Department of Primary Industries found.

Scientist Peter Moate said researchers were stunned by the results, with the cut to methane emissions thought to represent the largest reduction of its kind ever attained through the use of a feed supplement. "We've managed to utilise what is currently a waste product for the wine industry and turn it into a very valuable feed source," Moate said.

The scientists supple-



Photo illustration. Feeding dairy cows the stems, seeds and skins from wine grapes boosts milk production and dramatically cuts the animal's methane emissions, Australian researched published Thursday shows.

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mented the diet of dairy cows with five kilogrammes of dried grape marc over 37 days and compared the results with other animals fed conventional fodder.

Moate said the research showed that fatty acids in the grape marc milk were six times higher than with standard autumn feed.

"These particular fatty

acids are extremely potent in their ability to benefit heart health and are also known to help fight cancer, diabetes and arthritis," he said.

Moate added there were also indications that cows fed grape marc produced milk with higher levels of healthy anti-oxidants and further tests were being conducted to verify this.—Internet

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**Hollywood  
firm to help  
restore Cuban  
classic films**

HAVANA, 9 Dec — Hollywood specialists will come over to help restore several Cuban classic films, as the Cuban Film Institute (ICAIC) and US Academy Film Archive are negotiating on the issue. Pablo Pacheco, vice president of the ICAIC, said the idea came up in December 2010 when a group of US artists traveled to Havana with a cinema poster exhibition. The first step of the project is to repair the tapes in Cuba with support of US restorers, and the second step is to send the negatives to Los Angeles for restoration.

Xinhua

*Embarrassing moments  
in sports world.*  
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**Australian scientists produce promising  
results on Alzheimer's vaccine development**

SYDNEY, 9 Dec — Scientists at Sydney University's Brain and Mind Research Institute (BMRI) have successfully developed a vaccine that slows the progression of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, the university said on Friday. The vaccine, which targets a protein known as tau, prevents the ongoing formation of neurofibrillary tan-

gles in the brain of a mouse with Alzheimer's disease. Researchers at BMRI published their study in the scientific journal *PLoS ONE* on Friday.

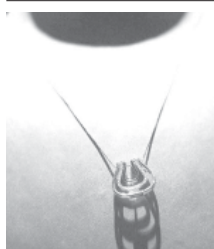
The study found the vaccine tested in mice with Alzheimer's disease had a preventative effect on slowing the development of further neuro-fibre tangling. "Our study is the first to show that a vaccine targeting the tau protein can be effective once the disease has already set in," lead researcher Lars Ittner said. "The vaccine appears to have a preventative effect: slowing the development of further tangles, rather

than clearing existing ones, but the exact mechanism involved is not yet understood," he said. Ittner and his team are working with the US pharmaceutical industry to develop this new vaccine for humans. "Although we have a long way to go before the vaccine might be available for human use, these early results are very promising and a great reward for the countless hours spent in the lab by me and my team," he said.

The progressive neurodegenerative disease affects more than 35 million people worldwide, including 269,000 Australians.

Xinhua

*A diamond necklace is displayed at a news conference in Beijing, on 6 Dec, 2011. Zbird, an online store of diamond accessories released its new products Tuesday.—XINHUA*



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**Drug reverses aging-associated changes  
in brain cells: study**

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec — Drugs that affect the levels of an important brain protein involved in learning and memory reverse cellular changes in the brain seen during aging, according to an animal study published on Wednesday in the *Journal of Neuroscience*. The

findings could one day aid in the development of new drugs that enhance cognitive function in older adults.

Aging-related memory loss is associated with the gradual deterioration of the structure and function of synapses (the connections between brain cells) in brain

regions critical to learning and memory, such as the hippocampus. Recent studies suggested that histone acetylation, a chemical process that controls whether genes are turned on, affects this process. Specifically, it affects brain cells' ability to alter the strength and structure of their connections for information storage, a process known as synaptic plasticity, which is a cellular signature of memory.

In the current study, Cui-Wei Xie, of the University of California, Los Angeles, and colleagues found that compared with younger rats, hippocampi from older rats have less brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) — a protein that promotes synaptic plasticity — and less histone acetylation of the Bdnf gene. By treating the hippocampal tissue from older animals with a drug that increased histone acetylation, they were able to restore BDNF production and synaptic plasticity to levels found in younger animals. — Xinhua



*The 2011 Capitol Christmas Tree is seen after it was lit by United States House Speaker John Boehner and 7-year-old Californian boy Johnny Crawford at the West Lawn of the Capitol Hill in Washington DC on 6 Dec, 2011.*  
XINHUA

**Loophole 'lets Eurostar  
passengers into UK illegally'**

LONDON, 9 Dec — An administrative loophole allows passengers on the Eurostar train to enter Britain without any passport checks and London is powerless to stop the practice alone, the BBC reported on Thursday.

British border officials trying to weed out suspected offenders at the Brussels train station have been threatened with arrest by Belgian police, it said citing internal government documents and emails.

The so-called "Lille loophole" allows passengers using the Eurostar to miss border checks by buying a train ticket from Brussels to Lille in northern France, and then staying on until London. The UK Border Agency (UKBA) operates border controls in the country of departure, so if a passenger buys a ticket from Brussels to London, he or she goes through passport control.

But if they buy a ticket from Brussels to Lille — both part of the Schengen zone that allows people to cross members' borders without passport checks — they do not.

Because no-one checks whether passengers get off at Lille and because UKBA does not perform checks on board, these passengers can actually get into Britain without having their passport checked, an investigation by BBC Radio found.

UK border officials trying to question suspected offenders at the Brussels train station have been repeatedly threatened by Belgian police, it said. — Internet



*Eurostar passengers pass a train at St Pancras International station in London. An administrative loophole allows passengers on the Eurostar train to enter Britain without any passport checks and London is powerless to stop the practice alone, the BBC has reported.—INTERNET*

## Handbag sells for \$203,150 at auction

A Dallas auction house said a Hermes Diamond Birkin handbag set a world record by fetching \$203,150 at auction.

Heritage Auctions said the Hermes Exceptional Collection Shiny Rouge H Porosus Crocodile 30cm Birkin Bag with Solid 18



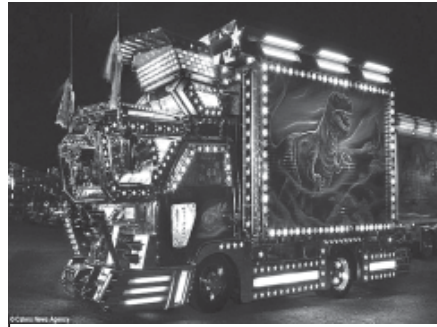
The Hermes Birkin handbag, via Heritage Auctions.

karat White Gold & Diamond Hardware fetched the record price for a publicly auctioned handbag, including the 19.5 percent buyer's premium, at the 6 Dec auction.

"This is an extraordin-

ary example of one of the world's most exceptional handbags," said Matt Rubinger, director of luxury accessories at Heritage Auctions, "and this was certainly an exceptional price, exceeding our highest expectations at every corner."

"Just a year ago another Birkin, without the jewels and in lesser condition than this one, sold for the equivalent of \$77,000 at auction in England," Rubinger said.



These powerfully lit trucks have been banned from Japanese highways

## Japanese "light trucks" banned from highway for being too bright

These popular vehicles in Japan have given new meaning to the term, "blinded by the light." But Japanese authorities are putting the brakes on so-called "light trucks," citing the danger posed to other drivers.

There's huge competition amongst the "light truck" community in Japan's car culture. And if you've never heard of light trucks before, they're basically what they sound like: trucks decked out in intricate designs of brightly coloured lights.

Some light-truck enthusiasts spend hundreds of thousands of dollars decking out their vehicles. According to the *Daily Mail*, the trucks use up so much electricity that some are fitted with extra generators under the chassis and can only be powered up for about 20 minutes before overheating.

And while they are not technically street legal, fans of the automotive art gather at "massive" truck meets to show off their rides. And the decorative modifications aren't just limited to the outside of the vehicles, with many of the interiors filled with blinding light decorations.

## Russia opening world's first ice theater

Moscow officials announced the world's first ice theater will open 11 Dec with a performance of "Teremok."

The officials said Thursday the theater, the centerpiece of the Russian Winter Festival's Christmas Village in Moscow's Revolution Square, will stage the popular Russian fairy tale with all settings and characters made from ice, *RIA Novosti* reported Thursday.

The city said the 11 Dec opening will mark the world's first ice theater performance.

## Oldest living dog dead at 26

The Japanese owner of the world's oldest living dog by *Guinness World Records* said the dog has died at the age of 26 years, 9 months.

Yumiko Shinohara of Sakura said Pusuke, a male crossbreed, died Monday afternoon after refusing to eat in the morning and appearing to have difficulty breathing, *Kyodo News* reported Thursday.

Shinohara said Pusuke died only a few minutes after she arrived home from running errands. "I think (Pusuke) waited for me to come home," she said.

The dog, which had

aged to the equivalent of 125 years in human terms, was certified in December 2010 as the world's oldest living dog.



Pusuke, world's oldest dog, dies in Japan at age 26.

## News Album

## Harrison Ford boards Jackie Robinson biopic

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Harrison Ford is circling the Jackie Robinson biopic "42," *TheWrap* has confirmed.

No, Ford wouldn't play the African-American baseball trailblazer. If he



US actor Harrison Ford poses for photographs as he arrives for the British premiere of "Cowboys and Aliens" at the O2 Arena in London on 11 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

boards the Brian Helgeland-directed film, he'll take on the part of Brooklyn Dodgers manager Branch Rickey.

But will breaking baseball's colour barrier help the 69-year old action star get his groove back?

Ford has had a rough patch at the box office of late, with "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull"

the lone bright spot in a decade of misfires. Both last summer's "Cowboys & Aliens" and last fall's "Morning Glory" were commercial disappointments.

However, "42" would give the actor a meaty role in a prestige picture, something he hasn't taken on since 1999's "Random Hearts." Not that the Sidney Pollack drama connected with audiences or critics. The gruff actor hasn't had a true awards contender since his 1993 action smash "The Fugitive" found itself with seven Oscar nominations.

Jack Nicholson and Robert Redford are among the actors who've previously been rumoured to be in contention for the part of the baseball executive, a devout Christian who was nicknamed "the Mahatma."—*Internet*



US actor Tom Cruise waves as he arrives at the opening ceremony of the 8th Dubai International Film Festival for the premiere of his new movie "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" on 7 Dec, 2011.—INTERNET



Neil Patrick Harris throws a switch which lights a model of the Empire State building blue as he is joined by Smurf characters to promote "The Smurfs" movie at the Empire State Building on 25 July, 2011 in New York City. INTERNET

No 4, "The Smurfs" is No 5, "Conan the Barbarian" is No 6, "The Change-Up" is No 7, "Crazy, Stupid, Love" is No 8, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" is No 9 and "Captain America: The First Avenger" is No 10.

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## Cruise says working on storyline for "Top Gun" sequel

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Could Maverick fly again?

If Tom Cruise gets his way, the cocky flyboy will soar once more. Cruise has confirmed he's juiced up for a follow-up to his 1986 smash hit "Top Gun." "We're working on it," Cruise told MTV News. "I hope we can figure this out to do it again," he added.

Cruise said that he has been talking to director Tony Scott about the project, and they're trying to hammer out a storyline.

The remarks came as Cruise was at the Dubai film festival premiere of "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol." In addition to raking in millions of dollars at the box office, the movie was nominated for four Oscars, winning Best Original Song for "Take My Breath Away."

A spokesperson for Paramount, which produced the first "Top Gun," did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Cruise said he'd be interested in reprising his most iconic role. "If we can find a story that we all want to do, we all want to make a film that is in the same kind of tone as the other one and shoot it in the same way as we shot 'Top Gun.'"

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## 'Love' remains atop US record chart

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Rihanna's "We Found Love" featuring Calvin Harris is No 1 on the US record chart for a sixth week. *Billboard.com* reported Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the

Billboard Hot 100 is LMFAO's "Sexy and I Know It," followed by Bruno Mars' "It Will Rain" at No 3, Maroon 5's "Moves Like Jagger" featuring Christina Aguilera at No 4 and Flo Rida's "Good Feeling" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Adele's "Someone Like You" at No 6, David Guetta's "Without You" featuring Usher at No 7, Jay-Z and Kanye West's "Ni\*\*as in Paris" at No 8, Katy Perry's "The One That Got Away" at No 9 and Gym Class Heroes' "Stereo Hearts" featuring Adam Levine at No 10.

INTERNET



Barbadian singer Rihanna performs at V Festival in Weston Park, Stafford on 20 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

## Gomez and Bieber not engaged

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Selena Gomez's publicist says the 19-year-old US singer-actress is not engaged to her 17-year-old recording star beau Justin Bieber.

UsMagazine.com said the "Wizards of Waverly Place" star sparked rumours when she was photographed wearing a diamond ring on her engagement finger Wednesday.

However, Gomez's representative quickly put the buzz to rest.

"She is not engaged," the publicist told the celebrity news Web site.

INTERNET



Singers Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber are not engaged, despite rumours to the contrary.—INTERNET

## 'Smurfs' tops US DVD sales chart

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—The family movie "Smurfs," which mixes live-action performances with animation, is the top-selling DVD in the United States, *Reentrak* said Thursday.

Coming in at No 2 for the week ending 4 Dec is "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," followed by "Cars 2" at No 3, "Friends with Benefits" at No 4 and "30 Minutes or Less" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier

are "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" at No 6, "Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas Special" at No 7, "Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas: The Play" at No 8, "The Original Christmas Classics" at No 9 and "The Lion King."

"Super 8" is the No 1 DVD rental for the week ended 3 Dec.

"30 Minutes or Less" is No 2, "Friends with Benefits" is No 3, "Our Idiot Brother" is

## Mourinho unwilling to say "Benzema" or "Higuain" ahead of Clásico

MADRID, 9 Dec—Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho gave some clues about the side that will line up against FC Barcelona this Saturday, but kept some cards close to his chest on Thursday. Wednesday night saw a side made up of squad players beat Ajax 3-0 in Amsterdam in the Champions League. Of possible first choice players for the weekend, only Kaka, Gonzalo Higuain and Karim Benzema started. Benzema, however, was substituted after an hour of the comfortable win while Kaka and Higuain played the full game, implying they could be on the bench against Barcelona.



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

When asked about his side for the most important game of the season, which could put Madrid six points ahead of their main rivals for the Spanish BBVA Primera Liga title and with a game in hand, Mourinho was happy to say

some of the players who would start, but not all of them. "Higuain and Benzema will not play in the side together: Cristiano Ronaldo, Angel Di Maria and Benzema or Higuain," will start," said the coach, who added that he would have played midfielder Mesut Ozil in the Ajax win, but for, "circumstances of the game".

"The Clásico is another game for us and we don't have long until it starts. It is maybe a different game, but life carries on as normal and it is possible for someone who played 90 minutes against Ajax to play on Saturday," he added.—*Internet*

## Clijsters makes successful return, beats Wozniacki

BRUSSELS, 9 Dec—Australian Open champion Kim Clijsters made a successful return to the court after a four-month layoff by beating top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki 6-2 7-6 (5) in an exhibition Thursday. In front of about 10,000 home fans at the Antwerp Sports Palace, Clijsters proved she has fully recovered from the stomach muscle injury that forced her

off the tour in August. She will be leaving for Australia in two weeks and plans to defend her title in Melbourne next month.

She is hoping to punctuate her farewell season with a gold medal on grass at the London Olympics. "So far, and today, everything felt really great," Clijsters told the crowd. "Now I am good to get on the plane and fly to Australia." She will be Down Under by Christmas and plans to play the Brisbane International before moving to Melbourne to try to add to her four major titles.

Even though it was an exhibition, her serve looked strong and her groundstrokes were often dominating against the Dane. "I am happy to have played a match and break the rhythm of daily training," she said.—*Internet*



Australian Open champion Kim Clijsters

## Brazil beat Italy 5-1 in Sao Paulo International Tournament

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Dec—In the opening match of the 2011 Sao Paulo International Tournament, the Brazilian women's soccer team beat Italy 5-1 on Thursday. This is the third edition of the annual four-team women's soccer tournament. Starting the game off strong, Italy scored first in the 17th minute when Tona knocked in a corner kick. Brazil responded immediately with a goal from Erika in the 18th minute. Tied, Italy dominated the first half.

However, Brazil returned to the second half determined in front of its home crowd. Ester gave the Brazilians the lead in the 60th minute, followed by goals from Cristiane in the 68th minute, Marta in the 88th minute and Aline in the 3rd minute of stoppage time. Denmark beat the Chileans 4-0 in another Thursday's match. Brazil will next face Chile on December 11. Italy will face Denmark on the same day.

*Xinhua*

## Barclays Premier League Standing

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Manchester City	14	12	2	0	48	13	35	38
2	Manchester United	14	10	3	1	31	13	18	33
3	Tottenham Hotspur	13	10	1	2	29	16	13	31
4	Chelsea	14	9	1	4	31	17	14	28
5	Arsenal	14	8	2	4	30	23	7	26
6	Newcastle United	14	7	5	2	19	15	4	26
7	Liverpool	14	6	5	3	17	13	4	23
8	Stoke City	14	5	3	6	14	23	-9	18
9	Aston Villa	14	3	7	4	16	18	-2	6
10	Everton	13	5	1	7	15	17	-2	16
11	Norwich City	14	4	4	6	20	26	-6	16
12	Queens Park Rangers	14	4	4	6	15	25	-10	16
13	Fulham	14	3	6	5	16	16	0	15
14	West Bromwich Albion	14	4	3	7	13	21	-8	15
15	Swansea City	14	3	5	6	14	20	-6	14
16	Wolverhampton	14	4	2	8	15	24	-9	14
17	Sunderland	14	2	5	7	16	17	-1	11
18	Blackburn Rovers	14	2	4	8	21	32	-11	10
19	Bolton Wanderers	14	3	0	11	19	34	-15	9
20	Wigan Athletic	14	2	3	9	12	28	-16	9



Terry Burton (left) worked alongside Dave Jones as assistant manager at Cardiff City

## West Brom appoint Burton as first-team coach

LONDON, 9 Dec — West Brom have confirmed the appointment of Terry Burton as their new first-team coach. The 59-year-old, who was assistant boss at Cardiff between 2004 and 2011, joins on an interim basis until the end of the Barclays Premier League season. Burton's arrival means that Keith Downing steps up to fill the role of assistant head coach, a position that was vacated by Michael Appleton, who left to become Portsmouth manager in November.

Burton has a wealth of experience in the game, coaching at Arsenal and Wimbledon before becoming Dons manager in 2000.

He has since been assistant at both Watford and Cardiff, leaving the Bluebirds in the summer after the arrival of new manager Malky Mackay. Burton was doing some scouting for his old club Arsenal this season, before taking up the challenge of joining Roy Hodgson's coaching staff at the Hawthorns.

*Internet*

## Clásico to be on show between Real and Barca

MADRID, 9 Dec—The "Clásico" between Real Madrid and FC Barcelona will capture almost all of the headlines in Spain this weekend, but apart from the match between the two clear favorites for the BBVA Primera Liga there is a full round of games in Spain.

Barcelona travel to Madrid three points behind the league leaders and having played an extra game, should Pep Guardiola's side lose, it would leave them a possible nine points off the pace and with the title all but lost.—*Xinhua*

## Murray's mother to captain Britain in Fed Cup

LONDON, 9 Dec—Andy Murray's mother has been appointed captain of Britain's Fed Cup team. The Lawn Tennis Association said Thursday that Judy Murray will lead Britain in its February 1-4 Europe-Africa Group I match against Israel in Eilat and mentor other female performance coaches. Murray, who was the Scotland national coach for nine years, trained three-time Grand Slam finalist Andy Murray early in his career. She is a familiar figure at the No. 4-ranked player's matches—regularly jumping to her feet to shout encouragement from the stands. She also coached son Jamie, a Wimbledon mixed doubles champion in 2007.

"It is a huge honor for me to represent my country in this way," she said. "The role presents a very exciting chal-

lenge, given the mix of talent, experience and determination we have in our top female players right now. "I'm also really looking forward to working with the LTA to develop a bigger and stronger female coaching workforce. I want to encourage more women to get involved in coaching at the highest level, and to personally support their development."

*Internet*



Judy Murray, mother of Andy Murray of Britain

## Donald backpedals on comments about Woods



Luke Donald

DUBAI, 9 Dec—Tiger Woods is the best golfer Luke Donald has ever played against and Rory McIlroy is the most talented. The top-ranked Englishman had compared the two players on Wednesday before the start of the Dubai World Championship. But he backtracked on his assessment a day later and said on Twitter that he had meant no "disrespect" to Woods.

"A few people aren't understanding what I meant. The word 'talent' and Rory, to me, means a free-flowing swing who makes every-



Rooney is an integral part of England manager Fabio Capello's plans for Euro 2012

## Rooney UEFA ban reduced to two matches

LONDON, 9 Dec — Wayne Rooney will be eligible to play in England's final Euro 2012 group match after UEFA reduced his international suspension to two matches following an appeal hearing in Switzerland. The Manchester United striker had initially been banned for three matches by European football's governing body after he was sent off for kicking Miodrag Dzulovic during England's 2-2 draw with Montenegro in October. However, the ban for the third match has been suspended for four years and could be activated if Rooney receives a red card for England in that period.

England manager Fabio Capello, along with lawyers from the Football Association, travelled alongside Rooney to UEFA's headquarters in Nyon to contest the three-match ban, which would have ruled Rooney out of all three group matches in Poland and Ukraine next summer. The three-man UEFA disciplinary panel accepted the case put forward by England's legal team during a 90-minute hearing on Thursday morning.

*Internet*

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL  
Programme Schedule  
(10-12-2011) (Saturday)**

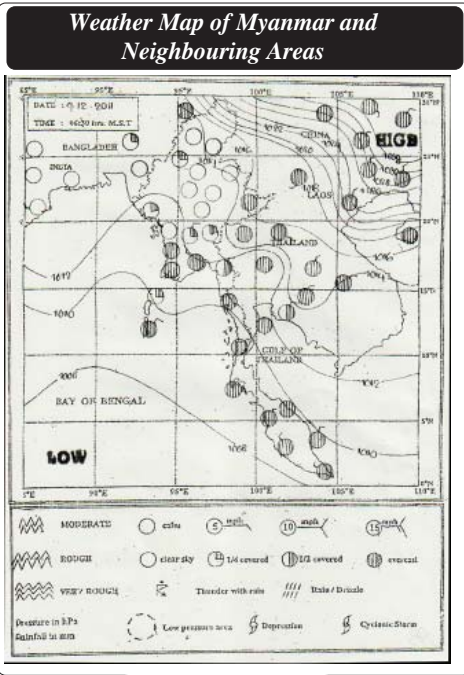
Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(10-12-11 09:30 am ~11-12-11 09:30 am) MST

**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Travelling in Shan Mountain Plateau (Myin Ma Hti Cave)
- \* News
- \* Opening Ceremony of Ayeyarwady Bridge (Nyaung Done)
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Iodine Ko Ko Gyi & Queen Victoria"
- \* News
- \* 12th Myanmar Traditional Medicine

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- \* Sculpturing Art of Creator
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- \* Sculpturing Art of Creator
- \* News
- \* Today's IT Activity
- \* Let's taste "Sabuti"
- \* News
- \* Precious Gems and Valuable Art
- \* Record Album
- \* News
- \* Secret Places for Yummy Food "Taste Around the City"
- \* Investment Opportunities in Myanmar
- \* News
- \* South Okkalapa Pagoda
- \* Myanmar Movies "One Precept"
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Solo Show of Artist Ko Thein on Movies of Golden & Silver Jubilees



**Saturday,  
10 December  
View on today**

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:55 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 6. Health Programme

- 8:10 am
- 7. Documentary
- 8:20 am
- 8. Poem Garden
- 8:30 am
- 9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
- 3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am
- 4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:20 pm
- 5. Delicious Dishes
- 1:35 pm
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 2:20 pm
- 7. Documentary
- 2:40 pm
- 8. Songs of National Races

- 2:45 pm
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:55 pm
- 10. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Cultural Dances
- 4:30 pm
- 4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:45 pm
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:00 pm
- 6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Botany)
- 5:15 pm

- 7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
- 8. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:30 pm
- 9. International Science News
- 5:40 pm
- 10. Documentary
- 6:00 pm
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 13. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm
- 14. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm
- 15. Song Programme
- 7:40 pm
- 16. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
- 17. News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. Cartoon Series
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

**Weather forecast for 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	14/75	Partly cloudy	(60%)
2	Kayah	28/82	12/54	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	36/97	21/54	Generally fair weather	
4	Chin	21/70	04/39	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	27/81	15/59	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	18/64	Generally fair weather	
7	Taninthayi	34/93	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	33/91	21/70	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	33/91	21/70	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	32/90	20/68	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	35/95	23/73	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	35/95	23/73	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	33/91	16/66	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	27/81	12/54	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	25/77	11/52	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	12/54	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	24/75	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	20/68	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	23/73	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	31/90	20/68	Generally fair weather	

During the past (24) hours, wather has been partly cloudy Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Chin and Northern Shan States, (5°C) to (6°C) above December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Kachine and Mon States and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Hakha (4°C) and Pinalung (6°C) .

**Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today**

**Bay Inference** Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

**Outlook for sub-sequent two days** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

**Karisma Kapoor says nothing can prepare a woman for motherhood**



**Karisma Kapoor.**  
INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 9 Dec—Actress Karisma Kapoor says being a mom is the best feeling in this world but at the same time she feels that no books or tips can prepare a woman for motherhood. "I think it is a challenge everyday because you want to be a good mother, you want to be a good parent, you are learning everyday and it's a new experience everyday. Absolutely, it is the best thing in this world — being a mum is just the best thing ever," said the 37-year-old.

Karisma, a mother of two, however, opines that nothing can prepare a woman for motherhood.

"Just like any mum, I had read a lot of books, then of course you ask your own mum and you get a lot of tips. But frankly, my opinion is that nothing can prepare you for motherhood," she said.

"You know, when you hold your baby in your arms, it is a totally different feeling. So, nothing can really prepare you for that," added the actress who quit her then 12-year-old career after her marriage to Delhi-based businessman Sanjay Kapur in 2003.

She has a daughter, Samaira who was born in 2005, and son Kiaan, born in 2010. The actress was speaking at a press conference to announce her tie-up with an online baby products brand "BabyOye.com".

Karisma, the first Kapoor girl to step into showbiz, is making her comeback on the big screen with Vikram Bhatt's "Dangerous Ishq". She has had an illustrious career and starred in 58 films. Some of her notable performances include "Raja Babu", "Andaz Apna Apna", "Hero No.13", "Biwi No.13", "Fiza", "Zubeidaa", "Raja Hindustani", and "Dil To Pagal Hai", for which she won the national award for the best supporting actress. — Internet

**Modern warfare today is not only a conventional war but multi-dimensional**

**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services attends Passing Out Parade of DSA 54<sup>th</sup> Intake**



**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing taking salute of cadet companies.—MNA**

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office, the commanders of North-East Command, North-West Command and Central Command, the commandant of DSA, senior military officers of PyinOoLwin station, military attachés of foreign missions in Myanmar, members of Red Cross Society and Fire Brigade, guests and relatives of graduating cadets.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services took the salute of cadet companies and inspected them. Then, the cadet companies marched past the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

He awarded Best Cadet Award winner Cadet Kyaw Ye Ko, Excellence in Training Award winner Cadet

Aung Myo Hsan, Excellence in Study Award (Science) winner Cadet Aung Hlaing Hein and Excellence in Study Award (Computer) winner Cadet Aung Kyaw Tun.

The Commander-in-Chief said in his address that in accordance with the aim of the Defence Services Academy to produce well-rounded and calibre officers, nurturing the cadets as the Junior Leaders is to serve the national duties at the unit or corps basically. He pointed out that what the Defence Services Academy had provided them with Military Training and Academic Studies is only an elementary step. With their knowledge and experiences the graduating officers will have to improve themselves in the unit or corps, he said.

The C-in-C said that, as they are going to be military leaders, they are the persons

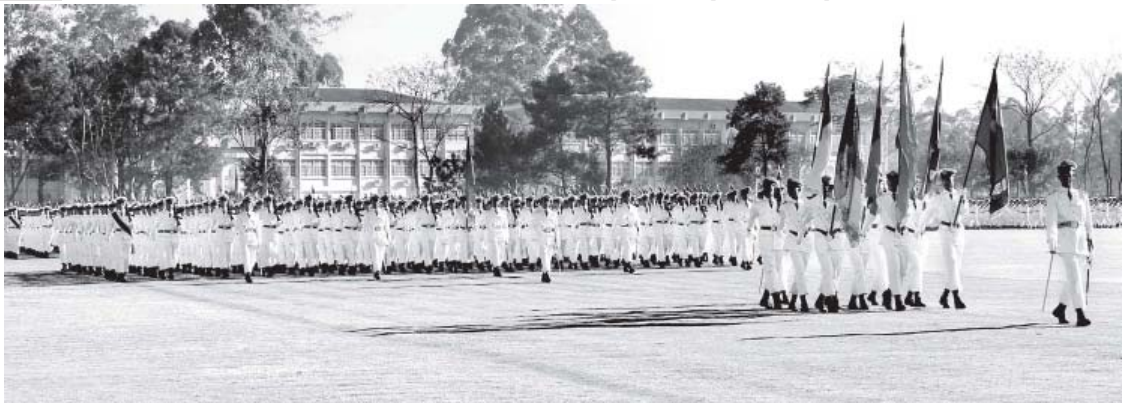
who are responsible for the organization under their control and to accomplish the aim and objective. Keeping in touch with the subordinates, the leader must be capable of administrating, coordinating, supervising, counselling, giving orders and instructions, practising the administration, leading enthusiastically, and setting good examples, he said. He urged the cadets to keep in mind that ranks can be assigned but not the genuine leader and it is only and appointed leader. He defined that a genuine leader is the one who is recognized by his subordinates upon his activities with good-will, his manner and contented temperament. He reminded the cadets that genuine leadership cannot be attained through perfunctory performance but through industrious endeavour despite the hardship.

To be brilliant leaders, the cadets need to be prudent and have an upright attitude in their undertakings, he said. A leader of character obeys the discipline, rules and regulations without doubt and neither a chance of inclination and is content, he pointed out. He underscored that contentment is the noble character of Myanmar nationals. He said this virtue overcomes avarice which supports to one's code of conduct. He demanded the cadets to **maintain their status quo since all of the cadets have been trained as leaders of character.**

He continued to say that the cadets need to have the confidence, reliance and respect of the troop under their supervision. To have these aspects, they must trust their troop members, he recommended. They must (See page 8)

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing addressed the Passing Out Parade of Defence Services Academy 54<sup>th</sup> Intake at the Parade Ground of DSA in PyinOoLwin this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint,



**11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN TELMIN concludes, approves ASEAN-ITU MoU**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—The 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Ministers' Meeting wrapped up today, approving ASEAN-ITU MoU.

The meeting was held in Myanmar International

Convention Centre today. In ASEAN TELMIN and dialogue partners meeting, ASEAN ministers of telecommunications and information and representatives from China, Japan, Korea, India and ITU discussed about

development of ICT infrastructures, increase of regional ICT usage, cooperation in network security, human resources development and services, ICT capacity, swift information exchange, structuring high-speed

network, establishment of ASEAN Smart Network, and cooperation in e-Government and e-Network.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun assumed the chairmanship of this year's meeting, handed

over by the Malaysian minister. Manila of the Philippines will host the 12<sup>th</sup> session next year.

Report of the meeting was discussed and a statement was released.

Press conference after the meeting was attended by TELMIN leaders, and officials from ITU and ASEAN Secretariat.—MNA

**More automobile showrooms to pop up**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Supervisory committee for vehicle importation met for fourth time this year at the Ministry of Commerce here this morning.

Committee Chairman Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addressed the meeting, promising that the opening of more automobile showrooms will be allowed if the applications of companies are found to be in accordance with the set rules and regulations.

Opening of nine sale centres has been allowed to date.—MNA

**Union Minister U Thein Tun answers queries raised by reporters at press conference after 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN TELMIN.—MNA**

