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True patriotism

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

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

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) sees off Commander-in-Chief (Navy) on his departure for Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, together with Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and senior military officers and their wives and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, saw off Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, who will pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of Bangladesh at the invitation of the Chief of Staff of Bangladesh Navy Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed, (ND), ndc, psc, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint were accompanied by Commodore Tin Aung San of Kyaukpyu Station, senior military officers and Bangladeshi Military Attaché Brig-Gen MD Shahidul Haque, psc as the delegation members.

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun being seen off by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win at Nay Pyi Taw Airport on his departure for the Republic of Bangladesh.

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Six points agreed in Union level peace talk with Klo Htoo Baw (former DKBA)



Union level peace-making group shaking hands with Klo Htoo Baw Group.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—The seven-member Union level peace-making group led by Taungtha Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Thaug and its six-member delegation of Klo Htoo Baw group led by U Saw Lah Pwe met in first Union level negotiation in Hpa-an of Kayin State yesterday afternoon, an outcome of State level

initial peace talk in the same venue on 3 November, inking six-point agreement.

The agreed facts were:

- (1) It is agreed to approve initial peace agreement signed by Kayin State Peace Making Group and Klo Htoo Baw (former DKBA) on 3 November,

2011.

- (2) Kayin State is an important part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. It is agreed not to secede Kayin State from the Union.
- (3) It is agreed to uphold Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty forever.
- (4) It is agreed to cooperate with the government in regional development, settlement of members of Klo Htoo Baw group and their families and improvement of socio-economic status in Sukali region under existing laws, basing temporarily in Sone Hsi Myaing region.
- (5) It is agreed to cooperate with the Union government in the fight against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- (6) It is agreed to continue dialogue for establishing eternal peace.

Leader of the delegation U Aung Thaug and members presented 200 bags of rice and 100 viss of edible oil provided by the government and gifts of the regional command to the Klo Htoo Baw delegation which returned commemorative presents to them.

Representatives of the Union level peace making group and of the Klo Htoo Baw delegation posed for documentary photos.

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Significant night temperature (12-12-2011)

Haka	(1°C)
Mogok	(7°C)

PERSPECTIVES

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Water for the others

There is a saying, "One may be kept alive on a meal for seven days, but he may not survive more than a morning without water." Water is one of the bare essentials for living creatures. Some places on the earth are blessed with natural access to water, but some are not. That is why some say they prefer water rather than gold. Whatsoever, the onus is on the entire mankind not to waste water which also means life.

In Myanmar's most populous city Yangon, 64 out of 160 million gallons of daily supplied water do not reach consumers' hands, frittering away along the pipeline. It accounts for 40 per cent of the water supply. Other towns and regions are witnessing similar wastages to some extent as well.

The water-related organizations alone are not to blame, and consumers also have the same responsibility for such wastages. People with easy access to water should refrain from opening taps in no use and using undue amount of water. As the water closets are deeply rooted in urban community, water flushed the toilets are sources of water wastage.

A flush tank holds a basket of water (5 gallons). If a person goes potty twice a day, he uses 10 gallons of water. Letting alone the call of nature, daily water usage for a five-member family is 50 gallons. The number touches 100 when bath is added. Some world countries are seeking ways to reduce the usage of flush water. Our country should also consider some alternatives. Loosen and damaged taps and joints of pipelines also contribute to the water wastage. Fifteen litres of water are wasted daily from a drippy tap.

If an urban dweller saves 10 gallons of water from their daily usage, it means they set aside over 60 million gallons of water for people in need of water.

If the responsible personnel and consumers manage the usage of water well, it will give the excess amount of water at no extra cost.

Beans exports increase year by year

YANGON, 12 Dec—Myanmar Pulses and Beans, Sesame Merchants Association has been exporting various kinds of beans into foreign countries since the date of its establishment. During last November, Inter-national Pulses Trade Industry Confederation (IPTIC) had already been legally involved by the association in penetrating into new markets.

The association sends beans abroad in

advance year by year. In 2010-2011 financial year, about 957,000 tons of bean worth over US\$ 938 million exported by the association was recorded, and about 960,930 tons worth over US\$ 794 million recorded till December in 2011-2012 financial year.

According to the records, this year has got a higher exporting record—about 355,142 tons of beans worth US\$ 17 million than before. The association is signing MoUs with foreign

Union CPT Minister receives ministers, deputy ministers, who attended 11th ASEAN Communications and Information Technology Ministers' meeting



Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun receives Chinese Deputy Minister of Industry and Telecommunications Mr. Shang Bing.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec— Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun received the ministers and the deputy ministers, who had arrived in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the 11th ASEAN Communications and Information Technology Ministers' meeting at International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 December.

At 1 pm, the meeting between the Union Minister and Cambodian Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Mr. So Khun and party focused on matters relating to stretching of Fibre optic cables, bilateral investments for communications, and direct communications between the two countries.

Indonesian Deputy Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Dr. Basuki Yusuf Iskandar and party at 1:30 pm called on the Union Minister for matters relating to mobile communications and communication laws as well as cooperation in IT technology.

The discussion between Chinese Deputy Minister of Industry and Information Mr. Shang Bing and the

Union Minister at 5 pm evening concentrated on matters relating to mobile communications, Roaming and extension of Fiber Optic cables along Shweli-Lasho-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Chaungtha Road, including being able to connect with SE-Me-We-5.

Vietnamese Minister of Information and Telecommunications Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hung and party at 5:30 pm discussed with the Union Minister on matters relating to connections of mobile phones and internet.

The Union Minister at 6 pm met Korean Commissioner of Communications Commission (KCC) Mr. Yong Sup Shin and party to discuss on upgrading of e-government system, being able to share knowledge on extension of mobile system, and implementation of Korea-Myanmar ICT Master Plan.

Also present at the meetings together with the Union Minister were Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin and departmental heads of the ministry.

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Singaporean goodwill delegation calls on President's advisors



Singaporean delegation led by Singapore Foreign Minister Mr K Shanmugam and wife being welcomed by Director-General of Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department and officials at Yangon International Airport.

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YANGON, 12 Dec—A goodwill delegation led by Singaporean Foreign Minister Mr K Shanmugam and wife arrived here at Yangon International Airport this morning. They were welcomed at the Airport by Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung of Protocol Department and officials and Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert and officials.

After that, the delegation met President's advisors U Ko Ko Hlaing, Police Col Sit Aye (Retd) and Dr Sein Hla Bo, at President's advisor Branch Office (Yangon) in Kamayut Township. In the evening, they paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

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countries to continue its export, reported by Chairman U Tun Lwin.

Kokyitha

Dy EP-2 Minister attends opening ceremony of English proficiency course

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo addressed concluding ceremony

the ministry here this morning and cordially greeted the trainees.

The four-week course is being attended by 30 trainees.—MNA

AIDS is a national concern.

NATO to halt Iraq mission at year-end

BAGHDAD, 12 Dec— NATO will withdraw its Iraq training mission at year-end after Baghdad refused to grant it legal immunity, Iraq's top security adviser said on Sunday, mirroring the nearly-complete pullout of US forces. But a NATO official in Brussels denied that any decision had been taken.

Iraq said the end of the mission was a surprise, with NATO previously having agreed in principle to staying through to the end of 2013.

"NATO surprised us with this decision," National

Security Adviser Falah al-Fayadh said in an interview aboard a flight transporting Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki to Washington.

"We are sorry that NATO has advised that it will withdraw its mission from Iraq... because immunity is something that is out of the government's reach," he added, saying Baghdad was informed of the decision on Thursday. The failure to agree on immunity from prosecution closely mirrors Iraq's refusal to grant US soldiers similar protections

earlier this year, sinking a potential deal between the two countries that means all American soldiers left in Iraq will leave by year-end.

Around 6,000 US troops remain stationed in the country on three bases, down from peaks of nearly 170,000 soldiers and 505 bases.

Fayadh added: "I would have preferred that there would be cooperation with NATO in other aspects, and not only through its mission in Iraq, and I was hoping that this mission would stay."

Internet

Three killed in central Copenhagen explosion

COPENHAGEN, 12 Dec— Three people were killed in an explosion at an apartment in downtown Copenhagen on Sunday, which police authorities suspect is a criminal act. Police and local emergency services were alerted to the explosion shortly after Sunday mid-day, where they found the three victims, including two men and one woman, in different parts of the apartment. According to Danish news agency Ritzau, the two men had sustained severe burns and were taken to Copenhagen University Hospital for treatment, but died of their injuries. The woman is believed to have died shortly after the explosion.

"We suspect there may be a crime behind this. That is all I can say at this time," said Deputy Inspector Lau Thygesen of Copenhagen Police, in comments cited by Ritzau. Police confirmed that the three victims are related to each other. According to Danish broadcaster TV2, they are a 34-year-old woman, her husband, 38, and a 69-year-old man who was the father of one of the married couple.

One of the dead men was a registered occupant of the apartment, which is located in the local council of Frederiksberg, in central Copenhagen, Ritzau added.

Xinhua



An Afghan wounded child receives treatment at a hospital in Kunduz Province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan on 10 Dec, 2011.

XINHUA

14 militants killed, 11 arrested in Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 Dec—A total of 14 militants were killed and 11 others captured in three different military operations launched by Afghan and NATO-led Coalition forces over the past 24 hours, Afghan Interior Ministry said on Monday.

"Afghan National Police (ANP), Afghan National Army, NDS or intelligence agency and Coalition Forces launched three joint operations in areas surrounding Kunar and Zabul Provinces. Therefore 14 armed militants were killed and 11 other suspects were detained by joint forces," the ministry said in a Press release.

The ANP also discovered and confiscated nine AK-47 guns with 10 magazines, one PKM machine gun, four pistols, nine

different types of weapons, six anti-vehicle mines, eight hand grenades, 25 heavy bullets, 62 light bullets, 70 kg Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), eight kg chemical materials and four motorbikes in the above operations, it said.

Afghan officials often use the word "militants" referring to Taleban. However, the militant group, who launched in May this year a rebel offensive against Afghan and NATO forces, has not to make comments yet.

Afghan and NATO-led coalition forces keep up pressure on insurgents all over the country as over 230 militants were killed and around 300 were arrested by joint forces in November alone, according to the Afghan interior ministry.

Xinhua

How a massacre killed an Afghan family's hope

KABUL, 12 Dec—Tarana dressed up for the holiday in a specially tailored bright green robe, a 12-year-old Afghan girl excited to set off with her family for a religious festival that a decade of war had so far spared.

After a suicide bomber ripped apart the lives of Tarana's family and scores of others, the image of her standing horrified in the blood-stained outfit came for many to symbolise Afghanistan's violent present and its uncertain future.

"Suddenly there was an explosion. It was as if the world had overturned, as if all the walls had collapsed on me," Tarana Akbari told AFP, surrounded by tearful relatives.

"When I could stand up, I saw that everybody was around me on the ground, really bloody. I was really,

really scared," said the girl, whose name means "melody" in English.

Out of 17 women and children from her family who went to a riverside shrine in Kabul a week ago to mark the Shiite holy day of Ashura, seven died including her seven-year-old brother

Shoaib.

More than 70 people lost their lives in all, and at least nine other members of Tarana's family were wounded.

Like millions of people in Afghanistan, the family lives hand to mouth in a mud-brick house, struggling to survive in a country ripped asunder by decades of conflict.

During Tarana's young life, an militancy against US-led troops has grimly escalated as the Taleban battle to regain their lost power.

Refugees to Pakistan during the darkest days of the 1992-96 civil war that turned Kabul into a battlefield, the family returned in 2002, full of hope for peace and prosperity after a US-led invasion brought down the Taleban.

Internet



Twelve-year-old Tarana Akbari looks on during an interview with AFP after visiting her sister in hospital where she is being treated for injuries sustained in a bomb attack on a Shiite shrine in Kabul.—INTERNET



A Pakistani firefighter is seen extinguishing burning NATO supply oil tankers and goods trucks at a terminal following an overnight attack by gunmen in Quetta, on 9 December. INTERNET

Deadly attack on NATO convoy in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 Dec— Gunmen attacked NATO oil tankers stranded in southwest Pakistan for the second time in days as Islamabad warned it could enforce its blockade of the US lifeline into Afghanistan for weeks.

The attackers shot dead a driver and destroyed seven tankers in a blaze of fire late Sunday, the second attack in four days in Pakistan's volatile region of Baluchistan, which is rife with separatists and Taleban militants.

There was no claim of responsibility but Pakistan's fragile alliance with the United States crashed to new lows after 26 November, when NATO air strikes killed 24 Pakistani soldiers in what Pakistan said was a deliberate attack.

Islamabad sealed its Afghan border to NATO convoys, closures that entered a 17th day on Monday, forcing trucks back to the Arabian Sea port of Karachi.

Sunday's convoy was

targeted in Dadar town, 90 kilometres (56 miles) southeast of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan, police said. "Around eight gunmen approached the convoy on motorcycles in Bolan District, ordered it to stop and started firing on the tankers," senior local police official Inayat Bugti told AFP. "A driver of one of the tankers was also hit by a bullet and was killed instantly. The attackers later put the tankers on fire and escaped," he said.—Internet

Music exec shot by Hollywood gunman still critical

LOS ANGELES, 12 Dec— A music industry executive shot by a gunman who emptied his weapon firing at drivers on the streets of Hollywood was in critical condition Sunday night, two days after police killed the attacker.

John Atterberry, 40, a music industry executive who has worked with artists like Jessica Simpson, Brandy and the Spice Girls, was shot in the face and upper torso as he drove his Mercedes Benz through Hollywood Friday

morning, police said in a statement. Paramedics took Atterberry to Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre in Los Angeles, where he has remained in critical condition since, hospital spokeswoman Simi Singer said. Atterberry was the only seriously injured victim of 26-year-old Tyler Brehm, who angrily stalked the Hollywood streets in front of dozens of witnesses, screaming that he wanted to die and firing seemingly at random at passing drivers, unloading close to 20 rounds

from what appeared to be a .40 caliber handgun.

An off-duty officer working at a movie set and a detective confronted and shot him, police said.

A truck and another car were struck by bullets, leaving two men with minor injuries — one man with a graze wound and another with cuts from broken glass.

Friends and colleagues filled Atterberry's Facebook page with well wishes and promises of prayers.

Internet

Investigators look over the scene of a fatal shooting, on 9 Dec, 2011, in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles, Calif. A gunman who fired at cars and shouted "kill me" and "I'm gonna die!" was shot to death Friday by police after wounding a driver in the heart of Hollywood, authorities and a witness reported.—INTERNET



Health



This June 1989 file photo provided by the Loyola University Medical Centre in Maywood, Ill, shows Madeline Mann shortly after her premature birth weighing 9.9 ounces. She is now an honors student in psychology at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. A medical report released on 12 Dec, 2011.

INTERNET

Tiniest babies are growing up healthy despite odds

CHICAGO, 12 Dec—One is a healthy first-grader, the other an honors college student majoring in psychology. Once the tiniest babies ever born, both girls are thriving, despite long odds when they entered the world weighing less than a pound.

A medical report from the doctor who resuscitated the infants at a suburban Chicago hospital is both a success story and a cautionary tale. These two are the exceptions and their remarkable health years later should not raise false hope: Most babies this small do poorly and many do not survive even with advanced medical care.

“These are such extreme cases,” said Dr. Jonathan Muraskas of Loyola University Medical Centre in Maywood, Ill. They should not be considered “a benchmark” to mean that doctors should try to save all babies so small, he said.

The report involves Madeline Mann, born in 1989 weighing 9.9 ounces, then the world record; and 7-year-old Rumaisa Rahman, whose 9.2-ounce birth weight remains the world’s tiniest. Rumaisa’s birth weight was initially reported as several ounces less, but that figure was based on a different conversion scale. Two other babies born since 1989 weighed less than Madeline, and a German girl was born last year at her same birth weight. The report was released online Monday in Pediatrics.

It addresses a question that was hotly debated when Madeline was born 22 years ago, remains hot now — and still has no answer: “What is the real age of viability? No one knows,” said Dr Stephen Welty, neonatology chief at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston.—Internet

S Korea cuts growth outlook amid eurozone crisis

Business

SEOUL, 12 Dec—South Korea on Monday slashed its economic growth forecasts for this year and next because of the eurozone debt crisis and the slowdown in developed nations, which is hampering its export sector.

The finance ministry said it now expects the export-dominated economy, Asia’s fourth largest, to grow 3.8 percent this year and 3.7 percent in 2012 — sharply lower than its previous forecast of 4.5 percent for both years. The ministry also raised its 2012 inflation outlook to 3.2 percent from 3.0 percent.

The revision brings the ministry into line with the central bank, whose forecasts are normally less bullish.

“The Korean economy

is slowing down as the external conditions are becoming unfavourable,” the ministry said.

“The recovery has not been felt enough by the working class and potential risk factors and structural

problems remain.” The ministry said it expects export growth to slow to 7.4 percent next year from 19.2 percent this year, with the 2012 current-account surplus falling to \$16 billion from \$25 billion this year.



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Healthier kids’ food a hot menu trend

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec—Improving children’s nutrition and local sourcing of food will be the hottest trends on restaurant menus this coming year, a survey of US chefs indicates. A survey of nearly 1,800 professional US chefs, members of the American Culinary Federation, by the National Restaurant Association, indicates in addition to healthy selections for children the hottest trends for 2012 are: locally sourced meats, seafood and produce; sustainability as a culinary

theme; gluten-free/food allergy-conscious items; locally produced wine and beer; and sustainable seafood.

“The top menu trends we’re seeing in our What’s Hot in 2012 survey reflect the macro trends we have seen grow over the last several years. Nutrition—especially when it comes to children—is becoming a major focus for the nation’s nearly 1 million restaurants, in tune with consumers’ increasing interest in healthful eating,” said Joy Dubost, director of

nutrition & healthy living for the restaurant trade group. “Local sourcing of everything — from meat and fish, to produce, to alcoholic beverages — is another big trend for 2012. Local farms and food producers have become an important source of ingredients for chefs and restaurateurs wishing to support the members of their business community and highlight seasonal ingredients on menus,” Dubost added.

Health

Internet

Business

Australian firms in major coal merger

SYDNEY, 12 Dec—Australian miners Aston Resources and Whitehaven Coal announced they will merge to form the nation’s largest listed independent coal company, worth Aus\$5.10 billion (US\$5.18 billion).

Under the deal, valued at Aus\$3 billion, Aston shareholders will receive 1.89 Whitehaven shares per Aston share, and majority owner Tinkler Group said it intended to vote in favour of the merger.

Billionaire mining magnate and Aston chairman Nathan Tinkler recommended shareholders approve the deal, which has the backing of both firms’ boards, describing it as an “important milestone”.

“The merger represents the next phase in Aston’s growth, providing shareholders with exposure to a larger and more diversified portfolio of coal mines, projects and exploration opportunities,” Tinkler said in a statement, released on

Monday. “I believe the merged entity will represent an extremely attractive investment of scale in the rapidly consolidating Australian listed coal sector

May, saying no “sufficiently attractive” offer had been made from interested Indian and Chinese parties including Yanzhou Coal.

Whitehaven chairman John Conde described the



This file photo shows surface operations processing rock from an open cut coal mine near Camberwell in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales. Australia’s coal industry is dominated by major global players BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata, but smaller firms are being targeted as competition for resources is stoked by rapid industrialisation in China and India.—INTERNET

and is positioned to deliver substantial synergy benefits to shareholders.”

Whitehaven put itself on the market in October 2010 but abandoned the sale bid in

Aston merger as a “transformative and exciting transaction” that would capitalise on the positive long-term prospects for Australian coal exports.—Internet

Listening to body signals aids weight loss

Health

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Dec—Mastering mindful eating—awareness of eating — and stress-reduction techniques help prevent weight gain even without dieting, US researchers say. Jennifer Daubenmier and the Elissa Epel University of California, San Francisco, said the women involved in their study were not on calorie-counting diets.

Instead, 24 of the 47 chronically stressed, overweight and obese women were randomly assigned to mindfulness training and practice.

The other 23 served as a control group. No diets were prescribed, but all participants attended one session about the basics of healthy eating and exercise. The training included nine weekly

sessions, each lasting 2.5 hours, during which the women learned stress reduction techniques and how to be more aware of their eating by recognizing bodily sensations, including: hunger, fullness and taste satisfaction.

At week six they attended an intensive 7-hour, silent meditation retreat, the researchers said.

The study participants were asked to set aside 30 minutes daily for meditation exercises and to practice mindful eating during meals.

The study, published online in the Journal of Obesity, found those who had greater improvements in listening to their bodies’ cues, or greater reductions in stress or cortisol — a stress hormone — experienced the greatest reductions in abdominal fat.

Internet

Developing countries’ role increases in world trade

JAKARTA, 12 Dec—Indonesian Trade Minister Gita Wirjawan said on Monday that the role of developing countries has been increasing in the world trade, showing that they can show their ability to grab more world market.

“Market share of developed countries decreased while market share of developing countries increased, showing ability of developing countries to grab more market and becoming a new force,” said Wirjawan in a parliamentary hearing.

He said that total world’s trade in 2010 was 29.9 trillion US dollars 2010, consisting of 14.85 trillion dollar-export and 5.07 trillion-dollar import. “Market share of developed countries in 2010 was 59 percent, decreasing from 67 percent in 2005.

Xinhua



Science

Species, threats grow in Mekong region

HANOI, 12 Dec—Scientists identify a new species every two days in the Greater Mekong region, the WWF said Monday, in a report detailing 2010's more unusual finds such as a leaf warbler and a self-cloning lizard.

But the conservation group warned some species could disappear before they are ever recorded because of man-made pressures in the Southeast Asian area, described in the



This photo, provided by the WWF, shows a self-cloning lizard (Leiolepis ngovantrii), which reproduces via cloning without the need for males. Scientists identify a new species every two days in the Greater Mekong Region, the WWF said on 12 December, in a report detailing 2010's more unusual finds such as a leaf warbler and the self-cloning lizard.—INTERNET

report as "one of the last frontiers" for new discoveries.

More than 200 species were newly recorded last year in the Greater Mekong, which includes Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos and the south-western Chinese Province of Yunnan.

Some, such as the snub-nosed monkey found in Myanmar's remote Kachin State, were already known to local communities but never previously identified by the scientific community.

A species of all-female lizard, which reproduces via cloning without the need for males, was spotted by a scientist by chance on the menu in a Vietnamese restaurant.

Sarah Bladen, spokeswoman for WWF Greater Mekong, based in Hanoi, said despite the number of new species found, the region faced "an extinction crisis".

"Unless these countries start to see biodiversity as something to be valued and invested in, we risk losing wild places and wild species at an extraordinary rate," she told AFP.

The list, dominated by plants, included 28 reptiles and seven amphibians, such as a vibrantly-spotted newt species and a psychedelic gecko.

The only new bird found last year was the tiny limestone leaf warbler, so-called because it breeds in limestone karsts in Laos and has a loud, unique call — the sign that alerted researchers to a potential new find.

Internet

Japan launches new spy satellite

Science

TOKYO, 12 Dec—Japan launched a new spy satellite into orbit Monday amid concerns over North Korea's missile programme and to monitor natural disasters in the region.

The Japanese H-2A rocket carrying an information-gathering radar satellite lifted off at 10:21 am (0121 GMT) from the Tanegashima Space Centre in southwestern Japan, officials said.

The government decided to build an intelligence-gathering system following North Korea's missile launch in 1998 into the Pacific over the Japanese archipelago.

In defiance of international pressure, North Korea launched what was believed to be a three-stage Taepodong-2 missile in April 2009, with an estimated range of 6,700 kilometres (4,100 miles).

For security reasons, the government has refused to divulge details about the functions of satellites.

Demand for domestic land surveillance grew after Japan was hit by the 11 March quake and tsunami.—Internet



This file photo shows a Japanese H-2A rocket lifting off from the launching pad at the Tanegashima space centre in Kagoshima prefecture, Japan's southern island of Kyushu. Japan launched a new spy satellite into orbit on Monday amid concerns over North Korea's missile programme and to monitor natural disasters in the region. The satellite was carried by a similar, H-2A, rocket.—INTERNET

3,000-year-old human remains uncovered in western Nepal

Science

KATHMANDU, 12 Dec—What could well be compared to Shangri-La as envisioned by British author James Hilton in his 1933 novel Lost Horizon, recent findings of human history dating back to over 3,000 years in the caves of Upper Mustang in western Nepal have unraveled a significant portion, if not the whole of that virgin unknown.

According to Monday's *The Kathmandu Post*, a team of national and international climbers, scientists, archaeologists, historians and anthropologists has found evidence of thousands of years of civilization in this mystical land. After beginning the first phase of its research in 2008, the team discovered human remains dating back to 3,000 years, bringing out untold stories of an "independent" civilization.

According to Mohan Singh Lama, an archaeologist with the Department of Archaeology (DoA), the findings go back to the pre-history period (before the beginning of the Christian era) when the Indus Valley and the Chinese civilizations were slowly making inroads into Nepal via present day India and the Tibetan plateau. "Since cave settlement was not popular in other places around, we can view this as an independent civilization," he said, adding that one of the most important cultures of the past that they found out is the unique burial pattern.

According to him, dead bodies used to be buried in caves, along with jewelry and utensils. The team found square coffins in the caves with human skeletons, perched under kilos of jewelry and utensils.

Xinhua

Nissan, Microsoft to brief on strategic partnership

TOKYO, 12 Dec—Nissan Motor Co said on Monday that it will brief on a tie-up with Microsoft Corp in Tokyo at 4 pm (0700 GMT).

Various automakers, such as Ford Motor Co and Toyota Motor Corp, have

been tied up with Microsoft in the field of car telematics.

Reuters

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates attends the Microsoft Shareholders meeting at Meydenbauer Centre in Bellevue, Washington on 15 November, 2011.

INTERNET



Tech

Playful texting icons 'emojis' are all the rage among smartphone users

Tech

SYDNEY, 12 Dec—More elaborate cousins of emoticons, 'emojis', are becoming more and more popular among smartphone users.

Instead of typing a plain simple text message, people are now resorting to sending a cartoony picture of their message.

"Instead of saying 'I love you,' I'll just use a heart," the *Sydney Morning Herald* quoted a student at Berkeley College in New York as saying.

"Or when I'm writing 'LOL,' I'll put a laughing-crying face instead."

Emoji are those creative combinations of colons, parentheses and other punctuation that people use to drop a facial expression into a text message or email.

Unlike emoticons, emoji don't require tilting your head sideways to make sense of the image. They are a kind of pictorial alphabet stored on a phone that can be displayed in place of the regular keyboard, making it easy to tap out a visual message.

Outside their native Japan, emoji have been available to in-the-know smartphone owners for some time via add-on applications. But now they may be on the verge of going mainstream, thanks in part to Apple's latest update to its iPhone software. The latest version, iOS 5, comes with an installed library of emoji that can be turned on as an 'international keyboard' in the device's settings.

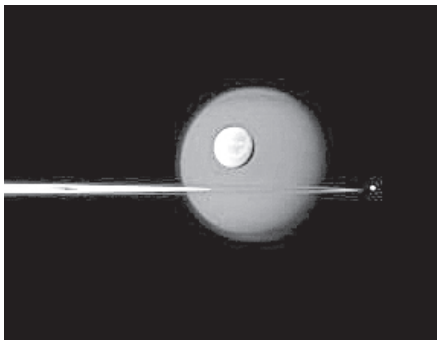
A 39-year-old lawyer in Oklahoma City, who was familiar with using such elaborate emoticons in email services such as Gmail, said they were an entertaining way to communicate with his nine-year-old son.

The lawyer revealed that he and his son often use pictures of tiny footballs or basketballs as they trade banter about sports and coming games.—Internet

Internet

Spacecraft to observe two Saturn moons

Science



A quartet of Saturn's moons, from tiny to huge, surround and are embedded within the planet's rings in this Cassini composition.

INTERNET

PASADENA, 12 Dec—NASA says its Cassini spacecraft is set to make its closest swoop over Saturn's moon Dione and will also scrutinize Titan, the ringed planet's largest moon.

The spacecraft will approach to within 61 miles of Dione at about 4:30 am EST 12 Dec to measure variations in the moon's gravity and look for heat emissions along fractures on the moon's surface, to gain understanding of its internal structure, a NASA release said Friday.

Cassini will examine whether Dione, like another Saturnian moon, Rhea, possesses a tenuous atmosphere.

After its examination of Dione, Cassini will approach to within about 2,200 miles of Titan surface 13 Dec to make measurements to understand how the seasonal transition from spring to summer affects wind patterns in the atmosphere near Titan's north pole.

Cassini will re-examine an area of Titan where its imaging science subsystem saw sudden and dramatic surface changes last year in the moon's early northern spring — possibly the result of rainstorms — NASA said.

Internet

Airport search complaints prompt calls for on-site advocates

NEW YORK, 12 Dec— Two New York politicians urged the Transportation Security Administration on Sunday to provide passenger advocates on site at airport screenings after four elderly women complained of intrusive searches by security agents in recent months.

Senator Charles Schumer and State Senator Michael Gianaris told

Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano and TSA Administrator John Pistole in a letter that an on-site passenger advocate would help strike the right balance between security and protecting vulnerable travellers.

"I appreciate the TSA's work to keep air passengers safe, but passengers should not be humiliated and

degraded during their travels," Gianaris said in a statement accompanying the letter. The call came after several elderly women came forward in the busy travel weeks around Thanksgiving to complain they were "strip searched by TSA agents", including three at New York's John F Kennedy International Airport, the letter said.

On Sunday, the TSA denied on its blog that the women had been strip searched.

"TSA does not and has never conducted strip searches, and no strip searches occurred in any of these incidents," the official statement posted by TSA blogger Bob Burns said.

He said the TSA was in the process of establishing a toll-free phone number dedicated to travellers who may require assistance during screening and which could be called to "get guidance and information about screening."

Reuters



A Transportation Security Agency (TSA) worker runs her hands over the head of a traveller during a patdown search at Denver International Airport, the day before Thanksgiving on 24 November, 2010.

INTERNET

Jetliner with engine out lands safely in W Colo

GRAND JUNCTION, 12 Dec— The Federal Aviation Administration says a United Airlines 757 with one of its two engines shut down has landed safely at Grand Junction Regional Airport in western Colorado.

FAA spokesman Ian Gregor says the plane was flying from Denver to Los Angeles on Sunday when the right engine shut down and the aircraft was diverted to Grand Junction. The cause of the problem was unknown. The plane landed around 11:44 am.

A United spokesman said he was checking on the report but had no information immediately.

The number of people on board wasn't immediately available.

Internet



Boats shelter in Portrush harbour on the north coast of County Antrim as storm force winds batter the north coast of Northern Ireland with gales forecast to reach 80mph on 8 December, 2011.—INTERNET

Mexican army finds tunnel in northern border city

MEXICO CITY, 12 Dec— The Mexican army says it has found a 50-yard (metre) long tunnel starting under a building in the northern City of Nogales, which is across the border from Nogales, Arizona.

The Defence Department says the tunnel two yards (metres) under the surface may have been used to cross the border into the United States. However, the department's statement Sunday does not say whether the tunnel actually reaches into US territory or whether any entrance on the US side has been found. Such tunnels found previously in Nogales and elsewhere on the border have been used to move drugs or migrants.

The tunnel was discovered by soldiers Friday. The army says one man carrying an illegal weapon was detained at the scene.

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Peacekeeping soldiers with the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) secure the area near the village of Ein Ebel in South Lebanon, where rockets were fired into Israel in November 2011.

INTERNET

Rocket fired towards Israel injures Lebanese villager

BEIRUT, 12 Dec— A woman was injured after a rocket fired in southern Lebanon landed in a Lebanese Village near the border with Israel, a senior security official told AFP.

The Katyusha rocket, fired from Lebanon's Bent Jbail valley, landed in the village of Hula, Lebanon near the border with Israel, said the official, speaking on

condition of anonymity.

It was the first such attack since a series of rockets were fired two weeks ago from southern Lebanon landed inside Israel.

Although no one was hurt in those attacks, they were the first fired rockets from Lebanon towards Israel in two years and prompted a return of fire by the Israeli army.

An obscure Al-Qaeda-linked group calling itself the Brigades of Abdullah Azzam claimed responsibility for the latest attack, as it did for the salvos fired two weeks ago.

The same group claimed responsibility for the last rocket attack from southern Lebanon against Israel in 2009.

Internet

Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia,

JAKARTA, 12 Dec— An earthquake measuring 5.0 struck off eastern parts of Indonesia earlier Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake jolted at 03:18 am Jakarta

time Monday (2018 GMT Sunday) with 219 km southwest Tual of Maluku and with the depth at 92 km, the agency said. Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called "the Pacific Ring of Fire."—Xinhua



This file photo shows South Korean coast guards performing a drill during which they intercept an 'illegal' fishing boat, near Incheon port.

INTERNET

Chinese fishermen kill S Korean coastguard officer

SEOUL, 12 Dec— A South Korean coastguard officer was stabbed to death and another was injured in a struggle with Chinese sailors who were being detained for illegal fishing, a coastguard spokesman said.

It was the second time in less than four years that a coastguard officer has died, amid increasingly violent clashes in the rich fishing grounds of the Yellow Sea between the two countries.

Monday's 41-year-old victim was rushed by helicopter to hospital in the city of Incheon, west of Seoul, but died of organ failure.

The coastguard said it started an operation early Monday to seize two Chinese fishing boats 85 kilometres (53 miles) off Socheong island, and managed to take control of a 66-tonne boat.

But the other boat suddenly rammed the seized vessel, prompting nine Chinese fishermen on board to start attacking officers.

It said the 41-year-old surmamed Lee, who was searching the steering room, was stabbed in the side by a Chinese fisherman with a piece of glass and a 33-year-old officer was also stabbed.

The coastguard said the pair, along with the Chinese skipper, were taken by helicopter to hospital but Lee could not be saved. The 66-tonne boat and nine crew were being brought to Incheon.

Illegal fishing by Chinese vessels is common in South Korean waters, with 475 boats seized so far this year compared with 370 in the whole of last year, according to official figures.

Internet

Indonesia says Sumatra, Kalimantan at risk of Dec floods

JAKARTA, 12 Dec—Indonesia's commodity-rich Sumatra and Kalimantan regions are among areas at high risk of flooding in December, the state weather agency said on Monday.

The agency said the country's rainy season is expected to peak in December and January. The rainy season can impact output in Indonesia's agricultural and mineral sectors.

A prolonged wet season last year hurt crops such as coffee and flooded coal

mines. "Parts of Indonesia has begun their rainy season in November (and) most of Indonesia's territory may have normal rain," said Sri Woro Hariyono, head of the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency. "At coastal areas, there are higher potential for flood when sea water enters coastal areas. "There are 21 provinces with flood potential, of which 16 provinces have high flood potential."

In recent weeks, many Indonesian palm oil

producers have said that while the wet weather has arrived on plantations, there has been no flooding and rains are not comparable with last year.

Australia's weather bureau said last week that La Nina, a weather phenomenon usually linked to heavy rains and flooding in the Asia-Pacific and South America and drought in Africa, has strengthened, adding that the condition will persist until the end of the Southern Hemisphere summer.

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Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London 2012 organizing committee, with reporters at the launch of an Olympic bicycle at the British Embassy in Beijing on 11 December. Coe has defended a controversial budget hike for the Games' opening and closing ceremonies, saying it will make for the "largest piece of television ever"

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London 2012 Olympics chief defends budget hike

LONDON, 12 Dec—London 2012 Olympics supremo Sebastian Coe has defended a controversial

budget hike for the Games' opening and closing ceremonies, saying it will make for the "largest piece of television ever". The British government last week agreed to more than double the budget for the ceremonies to 81 million pounds (\$127 million), sparking criticism by Olympians such as world-record-holding marathon runner Paula Radcliffe.

"The government saw what we have created in the main ceremonies and wanted to invest more in this unique promotion of Britain to four billion people around the world," Coe told reporters in Beijing on Sunday. Coe—in the Chinese capital for an international meeting with the Paralympic movement—said criticism by Radcliffe, who called for the extra cash to be spent on grassroots sports, was misguided. "Paula is a

great friend of mine but I think grassroots sports funding through the National Lottery and through government activity is higher than it has ever been," said Coe, the chairman of the London 2012 organizing committee. Around 20,000 performers are set to take part in the Olympics and Paralympics opening and closing ceremonies, which are expected to net billions in advertising revenue. "With regards to perception of London and the UK and a tourism legacy you could say that they will be priceless," Martin Sorrell, head of advertising giant WPP, said earlier this month. "Slumdog Millionaire" filmmaker Danny Boyle has the task of producing the main opening ceremony, although few other details about the shows have emerged. —Internet



UN chief Ban Ki-moon (2nd L, front) attends the opening of a UN Alliance of Civilizations forum in Doha, Qatar, on 11 Dec, 2011.

XINHUA

Three dead as low pressure area affects parts of Philippines

MANILA, 12 Dec—At least three people died as a low pressure area (LPA) continued to affect some parts of the Philippines, a senior government official said Sunday. Undersecretary Benito Ramos, executive director of the National Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC), said the victims died due to drowning.

He said the rise of the river water due to continuous rains caused a flashflood in Oras, Eastern Samar Province, resulting to the death of two people, while another person of Antipolo del Norte, Virac, Catanduanes Province drowned while crossing the river. LPA has brought some villages in the provinces of Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Sorsogon, Catanduanes, Negros Occidental and Eastern Samar under water. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said that the northern Philippine region of Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain showers, thunderstorms and wide-spread rains over eastern sections of northern and central Luzon which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.—Xinhua

Australia coal miners to combine in \$5.2B deal

SYDNEY, 12 Dec—Australian miners Whitehaven Coal Ltd and Aston Resources Ltd have agreed to a 5.1 billion Australian dollar (\$5.2 billion) business combination that will create one of the country's biggest coal producers.

The companies said on Monday that Aston shareholders will receive 1.89 Whitehaven shares for each Aston share.

Whitehaven shareholders will receive a special

dividend of 50 Australian cents per share prior to the transaction.

The Tinkler Group which owns 32 percent of Aston has said it will vote in favor of the deal.

The remainder of the Aston and Whitehaven boards have unanimously recommended the transaction to shareholders.

Meetings for shareholder votes are expected to be held in late March. Internet

New UN climate deal struck, critics say gains modest

DURBAN, 12 Dec—Countries from around the globe agreed on Sunday to forge a new deal forcing all the biggest polluters for the first time to limit greenhouse gas emissions, but critics said the plan was too timid to slow global warming.

A package of accords agreed after marathon UN talks in South Africa extended the 1997 Kyoto Protocol - the only global pact enforcing carbon cuts - allowing five more years to finalize a wider

pact which has so far eluded negotiators.

Kyoto's first phase - due to expire at the end of next year but now extended until 2017 - imposed limits only on developed countries, not emerging giants like China and India. The United States never ratified it.

Those three countries and the EU held a last-ditch huddle in the conference centre before finally agreeing to wording that commits them to a pact with legal force,

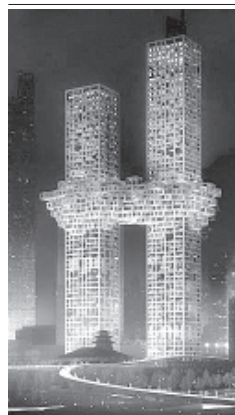


although exactly what form it will take was left vague. Countries also agreed the format of a fund to help poor nations tackle climate change.

But many small island states and developing nations at risk of being swamped by rising sea levels and extreme weather said the deal marked the lowest common denominator possible and lacked the ambition needed to ensure their survival.

Agreement on the package, reached in the early hours of Sunday, avoided a collapse of two weeks of climate talks and spared the blushes of host South Africa, whose stewardship of the fractious negotiations came under fire from rich and poor nations.—Reuters

United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres speaks with Brazil's Minister of Environment Izabella Teixeira (L) and chief climate envoy Luiz Alberto Figueiredo during a plenary session at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP17) in Durban on 10 December, 2011. The conference has gone an extra day in an attempt to iron out an agreement on climate change policies. INTERNET



A computer illustration photo released by Yonhap in Seoul on 11 December, 2011, shows twin apartment buildings designed by a Dutch architectural firm. INTERNET

Dutch architects apologize for 9/11 blast look-alike design

SEOUL, 12 Dec—A Dutch architectural firm has apologized for its design of twin skyscrapers in central Seoul which resemble the exploding World Trade Centre towers in New York and have infuriated families of the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

The blueprint for the luxury apartment buildings was released last week and shows a structure which juts out at the middle to accommodate pools, restaurants, cafes and a gym.

Relatives of victims of al Qaeda's 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States have expressed outrage, according to US media reports, saying the designers have no respect for those that died and branding the design a cheap publicity stunt.

Designer MVRDV said it had not intended to create an image resembling the attacks, and it did not see the resemblance during the design process.

"We sincerely apologize to anyone whose feelings we have hurt. It was not our intention," the company said on its website.—Reuters

To promote public interest in Myanmar traditional culture and fine arts, performances should be made in combination with creation of innovative ideas without sacrificing own culture

YANGON, 12 Dec—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan met the chairman and executive committee members of Myanmar Artistes and Artisans Association at the meeting hall of Myanmar Radio and Television at 4.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, departmental heads and officials of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said the aims of today's meeting with the doyen artistes are to discuss the situation of the association and the Myanmar Thabin world (the dramatic world), to fulfill the requirements and to collectively discuss measures to be taken for the development of the Thabin world in future.

Those from the Myanmar Thabin world have had the fine traditions of cooperating with the successive governments in the national cause during the preindependence period, independence struggles and the period of safeguarding independence. Likewise, the successive governments have constantly provided necessary assistance for the Thabin world. Now, the government as well as the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture will continue to render help as much as possible in the interests of the Thabin world.

For the continued revival of Myanmar traditional culture and fine arts, universities of culture and fine arts have been established in Yangon and Mandalay. Apart from the subjects of painting and sculpture, plans are being made to teach



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan meets chairman and executive committee members of Myanmar Artistes and Artisans Association.

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the subjects of other traditional arts and crafts. The government holds Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts annually and will continue to pay more emphasis on them so as to maintain the Myanmar traditional culture and fine arts. Efforts will also be made to promote health care for the people of the Thabin world, added the Union Minister.

More contributions could be made this year's ceremony to pay respects to the doyen artistes. The arts of drama and marionette represent own national cultural heritages of the Myanmar people. Yet with the changing era and system, those fine arts have drawn little attraction of the people, especially the youth. So to promote the public interest in Myanmar traditional culture and fine arts, performances should be made in combination with the creation of innovative ideas without sacrificing own culture. Moreover, those performances with innovative ideas need to be blended with modern IT, mass, light and sound effects to

be able to catch more public attraction.

The Union Minister continued that the Thabin world is to try to develop itself by learning from outside and conducting workshops, paper reading sessions and training courses. Those from the Thabin world also have the duty to organize the younger generation to take more interest in joining the world.

The Ministry of Culture is carrying out upgrading tasks to modernize the national theatres in Yangon and Mandalay with a view to further developing the dramatic art. Similarly, Bagan region, a tourist attraction of Myanmar, should have a modern theatre and more efforts are necessary, noted the Union Minister.

The executives of the association need to discuss and coordinate with the people from the Thabin world to acquire funds so that the association in accord with its characteristics can contribute to the religious and social affairs of the Thabin world.

In conclusion, the Union Minister urged those from the Thabin world to keep their cooperation in democratization process, peace, and stability and development endeavours of the new government while striving for the development of the Thabin world.

Then, Chairman U Sein Mardin of Myanmar Artistes and Artisans Association reported on innovative creations of fine arts and social affairs of the Thabin world, Vice-Chairman-1 on matters related to approving the association's rules and penetration of dramatic art into the youth, Secretary U Aung Tin Win on the association's funds, auditor U Moe Min on efforts being made to organize the public to take interest in dramatic art and information officer Rama U Ohn Maung on exposing of ancient dramatic features and plots.

Later, the Union Minister gave necessary instructions and cordially greeted those present.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Singaporean Foreign Minister Mr. K. Shanmugam formally open stone inscription of tube-well.

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Tube-wells donated by Singapore to Kawhmu Township

YANGON, 12 Dec—Singapore Government and Singaporeans held a ceremony to hand over tube-wells to a total of 25 villages of Kawhmu Township at Takuchan Village in Kawhmu Township this evening.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and regional ministers, Singaporean Foreign Minister Mr. K. Shanmugam and wife, Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chua Hian Kong Robert and wife, officials from Singapore Embassy, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, officials of Mingala Myanmar Group, as well as distinguished

persons.

The Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar presented the purpose of the donation at the ceremony.

Soon after the chief minister delivered an opening speech, he and the Singaporean Foreign Minister formally opened the stone inscription of the tube-well.

After that, the Yangon Region chief minister and those present viewed the newly-opened tube-well in Takuchan Village. It was known that the Singaporean guests happened to observe Myanmar rural social living standard by making such donations.

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Victorious archery athletes honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addressed honouring ceremony to victorious selected Myanmar archery athletes in XXVSEA Games at the ministry yesterday evening.

Chairman of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe explained future plans.

Well-wishers donated cash through the Union Minister.

The Union Minister, Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee Chairman Thura U Aye Myint and Dr Khin Shwe awarded victorious athletes.

On behalf of Myanmar archery contingent, an athlete spoke works of thanks.

The sports team received K 55.5 million prize at the ceremony, plus US\$ 5000 awarded while in Indonesia.

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New school buildings opened in Tamu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—An opening ceremony of a school building of No. 4 Basic Education Primary School in Sawbwarinn Ward in Tamu took place at its place on 1 December morning.

After Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Win, Regional Education Officer U Myint Soe and District Commissioner U Kyaw Zaw Lin had formally opened the building, Regional Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Sein Win pressed the button to unveil the

signboard of the new school building.

Similarly, the opening ceremony of a new school building of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Pantha Village in Tamu Township was held at its place at 10:30 of that day, which was formally opened by Regional Representative U Htan Hlar Na, Regional Education Officer U Myint Soe and District Commissioner U Kyaw Zaw Lin. And the regional minister unveiled the signboard of the new school building.

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Workshop on broadcasting...

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Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented a souvenir to Mr Sharadindo Sadhu and cordially greeted those present.

Then, the Union Minister was conducted round broadcasting equipment of Harmonic Singapore, Broadcast Technology Limited, Forever Group and Playbox Technology (Asia-Pacific) displayed at the main building of Myanmar Info-Tech.

The workshop continues tomorrow.—MNA



Courses concluding ceremony held in Upper Myanmar CICS

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—The concluding ceremony of basic course No (20) for junior officers and basic course No (34) for clerical staff was held

in Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) on 2 December.

On behalf of the rector, Pro-Rector (Training) U Ne Win delivered an address and presented completion certificates to trainees.

The junior officer course was attended by 204 trainees and the clerical staff course was completed by 191 trainees. The courses lasted for 14 week each.

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Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents gifts to Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Technology Division Director Mr. Sharadindo Sadhu.—MNA

Cash and kind donated to flood victims of Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 12 Dec—A ceremony to provide supply aids to flood victim households was held at Pakokku District General Administration Department on 27 November.

Director-General U Khin

Ko Lay of Fisheries Department and wife donated 100 viss of dried fish, U Than Tun (retired Director-General) and U Myo Naing 100 viss of dried fish, U Myo Aung (Head of Yangon Region Fisheries

Department) 100 viss of dried fish, U Maung Maung Aung (fishery entrepreneur) 300 viss of dried fish, U Nyein Myaing and party 100 viss of dried fish, U Than Gyaung (Thandwe District Fisheries Department) 100 viss of dried

fish, totalling 800 viss worth K 2 million, and UPG Co K 200,000, T-shirts, hats and bags.

Director-General U Khin Ko Lay handed over donations to member of Pakokku District Flood Relief and Supply Committee U Maung Maung Soe Win, and comforted the flood victims.

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District News

Sales of natural fertilizer brisk

TOUNGGOO, 12 Dec—Farmers in Tounggoo District give priority to growing sugarcane and beans and pulses in addition to paddy. As paddy has been harvested and sugarcane and beans and pulses are being cultivated, sales of both chemical fertilizers and natural fertilizers are brisk there this month.

In Tounggoo area, waste of chicken is sold at K 500-K 1000 per bag depending on distance of chicken farm and residence of buyer.—Kyemon

Crime reduction, trafficking in persons explained



HLEGU, 12 Dec—An educative talk on crime reduction and trafficking in persons was held at the General Administration Department in Hlegu Township on 9 December.

District law officer (ret) U Nan Tin explained facts about anti-human trafficking law and rules and regulations for checking household registration list in wards and village-tracts. IP Maung Maung Oo of Hlegu Township Police Force also gave talks on crime reduction.

Township IPRD

Monsoon paddy model plot harvested

PYAWBWE, 12 Dec—Manaw Thukha quality paddy strain on 1.08 acres of model plot of farmer U Shwe Mann was harvested in Kyutawwa Village-tract in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Region, on 29 November, and the model plot produced 105.27 baskets of paddy per acre.

The paddy harvesting on model plot was attended by district and township level departmental officials and local farmers.

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Micro credit loans given out to vendors

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Under the development programme for private micro-finance institutions, which is one work programmes of poverty alleviation of the State, micro-finance services groups of township development affairs committees are giving out loans to needy vendors under the supervision of the Development Affairs and

Development Affairs Bank Ltd.

Township development affairs committees concerned and micro-finance service groups loaned K 10 million to the vendors of Shwe Hinthta Market of Mudon Township Development Affairs Committee, K 5 million to the vendors of Myoma Market No.1 & 2 of Chaungzon Township DAC, K 10.9 million

to the vendors of Kyaukkaw Market and Aye Mya Khine Market of Thaton Township DAC on 25 November and K 8 million to the vendors of No.1 Myoma Market of Thanbyuzayat Township DAC and K 13 million to the vendors of Bainbyaw Market of Kyaikmaraw Township DAC on 26 November.

Similarly, under the supervision of Kachin State

DAC, K 2 million was loaned to the vendors and trishaw men of Waingmaw Township DAC on 26 November; K 5.1 million to the vendors of Yezinkwin Market of Myitkyina township DAC on 28 November; and K 3 million to the vendors of Aung Thabye Market of Mohnyin Township DAC and K 20 million to those of Thiriyadana Township DAC of Bhamo Township DAC.

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Yangon Region Women's Affairs Association holds educative talks on flourishing of patriotic spirit, Myanmar Culture and Traditions

YANGON, 12 Dec—Yangon Region Women's Affairs Association organized

an educative talk on flourishing of patriotic spirit and Myanmar Culture and

Traditions at Myodaw Golf Course in Insein Wairlines Township this morning.

Patron of the association Daw Khin Aye Nwe extended greetings. After that, the talks were given by Writer Manutha Kyaw Win on flourishing of patriotic spirit and on Myanmar Culture and Traditions by Writer Ma

Sanda in the ceremony.

Patron of the association Daw Khin Thet Htay gave the doyens honouring gifts, and Chairperson of the association Daw Khin Swe Nyunt presented the association's logo to Association member

Daw San San Win who returned Chairperson Daw Khin Swe Nyunt a total of 609 proposals of the association's membership from Yangon City Development Committee.

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Visitors look at oil paintings during the First "Art Phoenix" Painting Exhibition of Contemporary Youth held at the National Art Museum of China in Beijing, capital of China, on 11 Dec, 2011. Open to the public from 7 Dec, 2011 to 19 Dec, 2011, the exhibition put on display 100 oil paintings created by young Chinese artists.—XINHUA

Australian host conducts record 24-hour interview

SYDNEY, 12 Dec—Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio host Richard Glover was on Monday taking a well-earned break after completing a world record breaking 24-hour interview, the network said.

Glover sat down with Australian author Peter FitzSimons intent on smashing the previous Guinness World Record of 12 hours and 30 seconds held by Spain's Pedro Ruiz, set in Madrid in 2009.

In the end they doubled it with observers from Guinness World Records on hand to supervise and ensure they abided by strict rules, including that no questions be repeated, and that no other people be interviewed.

The chat at the ABC's Sydney headquarters ended Monday morning and both men said they were exhausted. "I felt like throwing up at 8:00am. I feel OK now," Glover said with more than 90 minutes on air still ahead of him, ABC reported.

FitzSimons said: "I did it tough between 4:00 am and 5:00 am."



This file illustration photo shows a broadcast microphone at a radio studio.—INTERNET

Sascha Rundle, content director with the ABC radio station where Glover works, said it went beyond what either man expected.—Internet

Cambodia, US start another joint exercise to boost military ties

PHNOM PENH, 12 Dec—Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and the US marines on Monday began another humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise to boost the two countries' military relations, according to a Press release from the US Embassy in Phnom Penh.

The joint exercise was made just days after a similar one was ended last Friday between Cambodia's military police and US marines from the III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The Press release said that the joint exercise will be held in the vicinities of Phnom Penh and Sihanoukville and last until 18 Dec.

It added that US marines and sailors from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Amphibious Squadron 5 aboard the *USS Pearl Harbor* and *USS New Orleans* will exchange experiences with Cambodian forces pertaining to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response, as a means to enhance professional cooperation and coordination between the two forces.

Components of the exchanges include an engineering civic action project, medical and mass casualty response drills, platoon maneuvers, and a community relation-building blood drive campaign.

"This exercise serves as another example of how US and Cambodian forces can work together, increase each other's cultural understanding, enhance capabilities, and improve coordination, while providing services to areas and individuals in need," said Jeff Daigle, charg d'affaires of the US Embassy to Cambodia.

Xinhua

Fifty-two people died when the Zetas drug gang firebombed a casino in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey in August.

INTERNET

Drug war failed across Latin America in 2011

MEXICO CITY, 12 Dec—Drug trafficking violence claimed thousands of lives across Latin America in 2011 as drug use soared, illustrating the failure of regional anti-narcotics

policies and reviving a legalization debate. "I did not ask for this war," read a poster near a casino firebombed by the Zetas drug gang in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey in August. Fifty-two people were killed.

Authorities blame the Zetas — a gang set up by ex-elite army officers in the 1990s — for torching the casino because its owners refused to pay protection money. Over 45,000 people have been killed in Mexico since 2006 when President Felipe Calderon launched a major military crackdown

involving 50,000 troops against the powerful drug cartels that have terrorized border communities as they battled over lucrative smuggling routes. In Colombia, the world's top cocaine producer, authorities reported a major decline in coca cultivation and cocaine production, but also a fresh spike in killings attributed to narco-trafficking gangs that include ex-paramilitary groups. Police said the gangs were responsible for 47 percent of the 17,000 homicides perpetrated in 2010.—Internet



Earthquakes batter jobs, business revenue in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 12 Dec—The earthquakes that have rocked New Zealand's Canterbury Region since September last year caused job losses in almost every industry sector and cuts in revenue for two in every five businesses, according to New Zealand's Department of

Labour. A survey of more than 1,700 Canterbury businesses on the impacts of the quakes showed almost half of Canterbury businesses only survived with government subsidies, said a statement from the department Monday. The Canterbury Employers Survey was conducted in

October to assess the impact of the earthquakes and how businesses had responded to the disruption.

However, most business leaders remained optimistic of better times ahead, said general manager of the department's Labour and Immigration Research

Centre Vasantha Krishnan. "While just over half of all workplaces reported that staff levels did not change due to the earthquakes, in most industry sectors a higher proportion of businesses saw a reduction in staff numbers than an increase. The exceptions were the construction and the primary, transport and utilities sectors," said Krishnan in the statement.—Xinhua

Four dead, three remain buried in SW China landslide

GUIYANG, 12 Dec—The death toll rose to four in the explosion-triggered landslide in Guizhou Province, while another two people were rescued and three remain buried, local government officials said Sunday.

The four owners of the cement plant where the explosion took place have been detained by police.

The landslide was triggered at 6:40 pm Saturday in Changshun County, when workers at a cement factory used explosives to get rock from a hill. Nine workers were buried immediately.

Rescue work for the remaining three is under way.

Xinhua



Rescuers search at the accident site of a landslide in Changshun County of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 10 Dec, 2011. The accident happened at 6:40 pm when workers at a cement factory used explosives to get rock materials from a hill and triggered a landslide, according to the local government's statement. The accident left four dead and three others still buried under boulders.

XINHUA

Global business shares fruits of China's golden WTO years

BEIJING, 12 Dec—For many multinational firms, the past ten years in China has not only marked the rise of the world's second largest economy but also a decade of expansion and profit growth.

As they look back at this "golden decade," which is often used to describe the days after China entered the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2001, their early expectations and ambitions in a more liberalized Chinese market were found to be more than fulfilled.

When German auto giant BMW set foot on the Chinese land by establishing its first office in Beijing in 1994, their products were still far too luxurious for ordinary Chinese. In 2001, only 6,500

vehicles were sold under BMW and Mini brands in China. But sales started to pick up with China's WTO entry, when the removal of trade barriers brought unprecedented economic growth and a booming market.

In 2010, the auto maker, which started a joint venture with the domestic Brilliance China Automotive in 2003, sold 169,000 vehicles in China, and the record is set to be broken this year as more than 170,000 units were sold only in the first three quarters.

"We are both beneficiaries and firm supporters to the open market system," said Christoph Stark, president and CEO of BMW's Greater China Region.—Xinhua

China minister defends Beijing Olympics legacy

BEIJING, 12 Dec—A top Chinese minister defended the legacy of the 2008 Beijing Olympics on Sunday, citing an improved environment just as authorities in the capital face pressure to act on heavy pollution.

Vice sports minister Yang Shu'an was speaking at a briefing also attended by London Olympics chairman Sebastian Coe, in Beijing for an international meeting with the Paralympic movement to promote awareness of the disabled.

"The legacies of the Games for the Chinese people

and those living in Beijing are multifaceted.

But the first two are an improved transport infrastructure and environment," he told reporters.

"Everybody living in Beijing has realized the unique opportunities created by the Olympics and can see... the overall environment has improved." The International Olympics Committee (IOC) and Chinese government said at the time of the Beijing Games in 2008 that improved air quality would be a major legacy of the sporting event.

But in recent months,

the capital has often been shrouded in a cloud of smog, with many blaming the perpetually gridlocked roads of Beijing and China's continued reliance on fossil fuels to meet its energy needs.

The government is facing increasing pressure from the capital's residents to change the way it monitors pollution, amid accusations authorities are underplaying the problem.

Yang admitted there were "challenges to sustain the Olympic legacies", pointing to environmental protection as one of the issues.

Another major legacy promoted by the IOC was an improved human rights record, but pressure groups say this has deteriorated since the end of the Games.

This year, scores of activists and dissidents were detained amid government concern over the wave of democracy protests sweeping the Arab world.

Internet



Iran finds large gas deposit in Caspian Sea

Moscow, 12 Dec —A large natural gas deposit with reserves of 50 trillion cubic feet, or over 1.40 trillion cubic metres was discovered in the Iranian part of the Caspian Sea, an Iranian TV reported quoting the country's Oil Minister Rostam Qassemi Sunday.

Qassemi said that reserves of the new deposit at a depth of 700 metres exceeded a total volume of proven gas reserves of 11 trillion cubic feet in the country's part of the Caspian Sea by almost 400 percent.

Iran's gas reserves are the second largest in the world after Russia's and amount to about 16 percent of the world reserves.

The coastlines of the Caspian are shared by Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkmenistan.—Internet

The undated photo shows the imported aircraft carrier body is refitted. China's National Defence Ministry said on Wednesday that the country is making use of an imported aircraft carrier body for refitting to be used for scientific research, experiment and training.
XINHUA

Gas drilling surges in Ohio; brings jobs, worries

COLUMBUS, 12 Dec—After a childhood spent moving around, Patti Gorcheff vowed that she'd never uproot her daughter. But she says wastewater disposal in her area from an oil and gas drilling frenzy that's hit Ohio and other states has forced her to change her mind.

She and her husband are selling the family home and fleeing with their 15-year-old before the drinking water becomes contaminated, said Gorcheff, 56, of rural North Lima in northeastern Ohio. She's heard the accounts from neighbouring Pennsylvania of contaminant-laced water being discharged into rivers — and of fears there that, despite officials' assurances, drinking water might be harmed.

"I've never been so afraid," she said. "They're taking advantage of us because we're one of the



In this 30 Nov. 2011 photo, a large drilling rig sits outside the Covelli Centre with some of the Youngstown, Ohio skyline in the background.

INTERNET

poorest areas in the country. We have to move out of this area, we just have to.

"I just don't know what else to do at this point. I just don't trust these people."

The drilling activity promises huge opportunity for eager energy companies and, says Republican Gov John Kasich, for Ohio's struggling economy.

Internet

Volcano continues to spew ash in Indonesia

BEIJING, 12 Dec—Mount Gamalama, on the eastern Indonesian island of Ternate, continues to spew ash. It has forced more than 1,200 nearby residents out of their homes.

A large ash cloud covered the peak, and ash continues to shoot out near the crater. Scientists are constantly monitoring the nearly two thousand metre-high volcano.

Villagers living on the mountain's slopes are staying in five different shelters, and are not equipped with enough supplies.

The area has been blanketed by smoke since last Monday, but there have been no casualties since the first eruption on 4 December.—Xinhua



A wind turbine near Coldingham, Scotland, lays on its side after hurricane-force winds blew it down.

INTERNET



People dressed as Santa Claus take part in the annual Santa Claus parade in Porto. Thousands staged a parade in an attempt to break the Guinness book of records of most people dressed as Santa Claus.
INTERNET

'Sewage treatment plants abet growth of superbugs'

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec—Water discharged into lakes and rivers by sewage treatment plants may contain genes that help create resistant superbugs, warn researchers.

Timothy M LaPara, associate professor in environmental engineering at the University of Minnesota and colleagues, say superbugs are abundant in the sewage that enters municipal wastewater treatment plants.

Treatment is intended to kill the bacteria, and it removes many of the bacterial genes that cause antibiotic resistance, the journal *Environmental Science and Technology* reported, citing a varsity statement.

However, genes or bacteria may be released in effluents from such municipal wastewater plants.

Accordingly, scientists studied releases of those genes at the Duluth facility.

Sampling of wastewater at 13 locations detected three genes, for instance, that make bacteria resistant to the tetracycline group of antibiotics, which are used to treat conditions ranging from acne to sexually transmitted diseases to anthrax and bubonic plague.

LaPara's team says their research demonstrates that even the most high-tech sewage treatment plants may be significant sources of antibiotic resistance genes in waterways.

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Children queue up to take on an American-style school bus of a kindergarten in Fushan District, Yantai City, east China's Shandong Province, on 10 Dec, 2011. The Kangle Kindergarten in Yantai on Saturday put into use an American-style school bus, which is equipped with GPRS positioning system, stop signals, special seats for school children and other devices to ensure its safety.—XINHUA

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Australian PM announces new Cabinet

CANBERRA, 12 Dec — Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard on Monday announced details of a new expanded Cabinet which gives Labor new energy and firepower heading into 2012.

Gillard described the changes are designed to provide a "mix of new energy talent and wise heads" in a time of "profound economic change".

"This new mixture will give us new focus and the fire power we need in 2012 to pursue the Government's priorities," Gillard told reporters in Canberra.

"I believe it's the right mix of experience and new blood."

The reshuffle included a new portfolio of industry and innovation which has been given to Climate Change Minister Greg Combet.

Other key changes of the reshuffle were Bill Shorten. Tanya Plibersek and Mark Butler, all of whom have been promoted to Cabinet.

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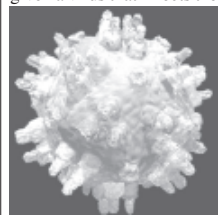
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Haemophilia gene therapy shows early success

LONDON, 12 Dec — Just one injection could be enough to mean people with haemophilia B no longer need medication, according to an early study in the UK and the US. Six patients were given a virus that infects the

body with the blueprints needed to produce blood-clotting proteins. Four of them could then stop taking their drugs. Doctors said the gene therapy was "potentially life-changing". Other researchers have described it as a "truly a landmark study."

People with haemophilia B have an error in their genetic code, which means they cannot produce a protein called factor IX, which is critical for blood-clotting. Patients are currently treated with factor IX injections, sometimes multiple times per week, but the manufacturing process is expensive. Researchers at University Col-



An adeno-associated virus was modified to infect cells with the correct gene.—INTERNET



People with haemophilia B have a faulty gene which means they cannot produce a protein to clot the blood.—INTERNET

lege London and St Jude Children's Research Hospital in the US were looking for a more permanent solution. They took a virus which infects people without symptoms -- adeno-associated virus eight. It was then modified to infect liver cells with the genetic material for factor IX. The gene should then persist in the liver cells, telling the cells to manufacture the protein. Six people were injected with the modified virus at the Royal Free Hospital in London. Two were given a low dose, two a middle dose and two a high level.

Results published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showed levels of factor IX could be increased. Normally, patients will have factor IX levels less than 1% of those found in people without haemophilia.

Internet

Cambodia holds 15th kite flying festival

PHNOM PENH, 12 Dec — More than 100 kite flyers from 19 cities and provinces in Cambodia on Saturday took part in the annual kite flying festival at Phnom Penh's Diamond Island. Kites are adhered to the daily lives of Cambodian farmers and it's the habits of rural Cambodians to cast kites during the rice harvest season, Thai Norak Sathya, secretary of state of the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, told the ceremony.

"The kite festival is to preserve Khmer culture and tradition and to promote kites to next generation Cambodians," he said. "It is also an event to attract foreign tourists to Cambodia." Khmer kites have been existing for more than 2,000 years since pre-historic era. At the event, hundreds of kites made in the forms of various animals, birds and objects were flown. The winner-kite was judged by its beauty and high and stable flying. —Xinhua

Russian police officer tried to eat bribe

Russian authorities said a police officer who attempted to eat the bribe money given him by a motorist was fined \$19,000.

The Russian Investigative Committee said Monday a court in the Rtishchevsky District convicted Andrey Zakharov of accepting the \$478 bribe to return a motorist's suspended license in March and he was sentenced to pay the fine, *RIA Novosti* reported Monday.

Authorities said internal police investigators confronted Zakharov directly after he accepted the bribe and he attempted to eat the cash to destroy the evidence.

The court also banned Zakharov from serving in a law-enforcement position for two years.



'Frosty the Snowman' arrested at parade

"Frosty the Snowman" was arrested in Chestertown, Md, for allegedly assaulting a police dog and two police officers at a parade, authorities say.

"Frosty," or at least the man wearing the snowman costume, Kevin Michael Walsh, 52, was arrested Saturday morning at the town's annual Christmas parade, and charged with assault and disorderly conduct, the Cecil Whig newspaper in *Elkton* reported.

Sgt John A Dolgos said Walsh kicked at a police dog that was sitting with handler Pfc James Walker as part of the traffic control detail for the parade. Walker "kindly escorted him away from the crowd and then it got heated," Dolgos said.

While taking off the head portion of his costume, Walsh allegedly hit Walker in the face with it, police said.

As Walker and Pfc Marty Heinefield put Walsh on the sidewalk "as part of routine takedown [procedure]," Dolgos said, the man began yelling, "You have no right to arrest me."

When the two officers tried to put Walsh in the back of a squad car, he allegedly pushed Heinefield, police said.

Walsh is on probation for a September conviction of disorderly conduct.

Chargers kicker seen urinating on live TV

San Diego Chargers kicker Nick Novak had an embarrassing moment during a game against the Denver Broncos when footage of him urinating was aired on TV.

CBS cut to footage of Novak on the sidelines during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game, which was tied 13-13 at the time, to accompany a conversation about the kicker between booth announcers Ian Eagle and Dan Fouts, *NFL.com* reported Monday.

However, instead of seeing the kicker preparing for the possibility of a field goal attempt, viewers were treated to the spectacle of Novak relieving himself next to his team's bench while someone held a towel to give the kicker a small amount of privacy.

Novak later missed a 53-yard field goal and the Broncos took the game by 3 points.



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News Album

Oldman signed new flick so he could play 'Englishman'



Gary Oldman

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec—Gary Oldman has revealed that he was pleased to star in *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* because he wanted to play an Englishman again.

The 53-year-old British actor has said that he was delighted to leave his Hollywood home to head for the UK to work on the project because he felt like it was proper.

It is always a lot of fun coming back to England and doing things like Harry Potter and Batman, but really they are fantasy worlds, so it is nice to come and do something like *Tinker Tailor*, something proper, *Contactmusic* quoted him as saying.

Actually, it was also nice to come back and play an Englishman, he said.

He also admitted that the all-star cast was another reason why he was glad to play the role of spy George Smiley in the film.

I was just very flattered to be asked to play George Smiley at all.

I mean, really, just to be involved in a film like this would've been fantastic.

You've got John Hurt, Colin Firth, Kathy Burke, all these terrific actors, and it is just a delicious part, he added.

Internet



Editors at Playboy magazine are upset images from a photo shoot of Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan have been leaked on the Internet, TMZ said Friday.

INTERNET

Lohan's Playboy spread leaked on Web

LOS ANGELES, 12 Dec—Editors at Playboy magazine are upset images from a photo shoot of Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan have been leaked on the Internet, *TMZ* said Friday.

The pictorial features Lohan paying homage to late screen icon Marilyn Monroe. *TMZ* said Playboy executives are "freaking out" because they fear the leaked images might damage sales of the magazine, which paid the "Freaky Friday" and "Mean Girls" star \$1 million to pose for its layout.

The issue, due out next week, is expected to be the magazine's best-selling copy of 2011, the entertainment news Web site said.

Lohan, 25, is on the comeback trail after years of drug addiction and legal troubles stalled her once-bright acting career.—*Internet*

Florence Welch longed for simple life as a child

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec—Florence Welch has revealed that she craved for a more simple life during her childhood.

The Florence and the Machine singer's parents divorced when she was young and she believed the trouble between them made her long for a simplistic lifestyle.

I was longing for a puritanical lifestyle as a kid, *Contactmusic* quoted her as telling Britain's *Vogue* magazine.

I must have sensed some kind of ruction between my parents, because I was really longing to live in a log cabin, read the bible and drink fresh milk.

Florence believes that she is now trying to relive childhood because she was scared of so many things while growing up.

For a lot of performers, you're looking to get to that sense of childhood freedom



Florence Welch

and imagination.

But I was really a scared kid. I think in a sense, I'm having a renaissance of childhood. I'm embracing the world, instead of being followed by nightmares all the time, she added.

Internet

\$1M for William and Kate's Canada security

OTTAWA, 12 Dec—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police spent nearly \$1 million on security alone for the 2011 tour of Canada by Prince William and wife Kate, new documents say. Police spent \$994,592.15 to protect the newlywed couple, which was more than the \$912,803.35 spent during the queen's visit a year before, Canada's *Postmedia News* reported Saturday.

The documents show the most money was spent on overtime for RCMP officers, about \$650,000. Travel costs were about \$295,000. Ottawa police also spent more on the duke and duchess's visit to the capital—the cost was nearly \$185,000, compared to about \$163,000 for the queen, the news agency said.

William and Kate's visit cost less overall,



Prince William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.—INTERNET

though, with about \$1.12 million spent by Canada's cultural department, Canadian Heritage, on travel, accommodation and events compared to about \$2.7 million for the queen's trip. All money is in US dollars.—*Internet*

Cooper accepts 'Paradise Lost' movie version

LONDON, 12 Dec—Actor Bradley Cooper is so fascinated by John Milton's epic poem "Paradise Lost" that he immediately grabbed the chance to star in its movie adaptation. The actor is set to play Lucifer in the film, which revolves around the biblical tale of Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden. Cooper feels the film is likely to court controversy.



Actor Bradley Cooper

"I can really relate to the story of 'Paradise Lost'. I did a Milton course as part of my English degree and fell in

love with that character because I couldn't believe how appetising he is in that poem. Satan is the hero,' Cooper told *metro.co.uk*.

"It's a story we can all relate to - Dad's gone crazy and he wants us to worship the dog and then his brother says: 'Dad's right.' It's about the father betraying the character.

Internet

Stoke end Tottenham's unbeaten run

LONDON, 12 Dec — Two first-half goals from Matthew Etherington saw Stoke end Tottenham's 11-match unbeaten run in the Barclays Premier League at the Victoria Stadium. The former Spurs winger put the hosts in front in the 13th minute after good work from Peter Crouch before doubling the lead two minutes before half-time.

Tottenham pulled a goal back when Emmanuel Adebayor scored from the penalty spot in the 62nd minute after Luka Modric had been fouled by Glenn Whelan inside the area. The visitors saw Younes Kaboul sent off for a second yellow card as they pushed forward in search of an equaliser, but Stoke held on for a victory which takes them to eighth place in the Barclays Premier League.— *Internet*



Emmanuel Adebayor gave Spurs hope with a penalty in the second half.— *INTERNET*

Manchester City reject AC Milan offer for Carlos Tevez

MANCHESTER, 12 Dec — Manchester City have rejected an offer from AC Milan to take striker Carlos Tevez on loan with a commitment to signing him for 23m euros next summer. Italian champions Milan sent the proposal to City on 6 December but the Premier League club told BBC Sport on Sunday that it had been turned down. City are only willing to sell the 27-year-old in a permanent deal. Tevez and City insist reports that Paris Saint-Germain have agreed a fee for the player are incorrect.



PSG made an informal approach to City in October, offering a loan deal, but both parties say this has not been followed up. A source close to the Tevez camp told BBC Sport: "There has been absolutely no contact with PSG. Carlos has had no talks and is unaware of any potential deal." It is understood that Milan remain favourites to sign the Argentina international but the transfer is still some way off. "Manchester City want us to buy Tevez definitively," Milan chief executive Adriano Galliani told Italian media. "We have suggested that we sign the player on loan, with an option to purchase. We're not changing our position. "It's going to be a long

International Sports

Udinese tops Serie A after beating Chievo 2-1

MILAN, 12 Dec — Udinese defied the preseason skeptics by moving to the top of Serie A with a 2-1 win over Chievo on Sunday, as AC Milan was held to an entertaining 2-2 draw at Bologna and stayed third. Udinese surprised many last season by finishing fourth, but the unfashionable club was expected to struggle this campaign after losing key midfielder Gokhan Inler to Napoli, while striker Alexis Sanchez—who had been last year's revelation—moved to Barcelona.

standings with 30 points after Antonio Di Natale scored his 10th of the season and Dusan Basta doubled its lead before Alberto Paloschi grabbed a consolation goal for Chievo. Milan, now on 28 points, had been expected to beat Bologna and leapfrog above Juventus, which has 29 before it plays Roma on Monday.

Internet



Udinese striker Antonio Di Natale, second from left, scores during the Serie A soccer match between Udinese and Chievo Verona, at the Udine Friuli Stadium on Sunday.— *INTERNET*

Instead, it leads the

Shanghai Shenhua to sign Anelka on 2-year deal

SHANGHAI, 12 Dec — Shanghai Shenhua have reached an agreement with Chelsea to sign French striker Nicolas Anelka on a two-year deal, the Chinese Super League soccer side said on Monday. The 32-year-old will join Shenhua in January, the club said in a statement on its website. Shanghai, who finished 11th in the league last season, have also been linked with Didier Drogba, Anelka's team mate at English Premier League side Chelsea.

Several Chinese clubs have reportedly contacted Ivory Coast international Drogba about a possible transfer. Last month Drogba refused a one-year extension to his contract at Chelsea and the 33-year-old's deal at the London club expires next year. Local media have reported that former Arsenal and Real Madrid striker Anelka's lucrative contract would involve both soccer and commercial co-operation. While the signing of



French striker Nicolas Anelka

Bradley, Steele win Franklin Templeton Shootout

NAPLES, 12 Dec — PGA Champion Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele shot a 13-under 59 in scramble play Sunday to become the first PGA Tour rookies to win the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

Bradley and Steele took control with an eagle by Steele on No 14 and a birdie on No 15, finishing at 32-under 184 for a three-stroke victory over two teams. "We played well," Bradley said.

"We got off to a slow start, kind of like we did all three days, but we played this last stretch of holes really well."

Steele added: "We had so much fun that it made it a lot easier for us." Bradley and Steele had been talking about playing in Greg Norman's event since the spring, and said they weren't at the three-format event to "goof off."

Internet

Brazil runs over Chile 4-0 in Sao Paulo International Tournament

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Dec — The Brazilian women's national soccer team cruised to a 4-0 win over Chile in the second game of the Sao Paulo International Tournament on Sunday. With three goals in a span of 11 minutes as Erika opened in the 13th minute, Rosana in the 23rd minute and Thaisinha in the 26th minute, the Brazilian offense had no trouble in establishing an early and dominant lead. Fabi scored Brazil's fourth goal in the 57th minute.

Brazil beat Italy 5-1 in its first match. Next, Brazil will face Denmark on 14 December. The Brazilians have already guaranteed their presence in the finals of the tournament. Chile suffered its second loss of the tournament and is mathematically eliminated from the hopes of making it to the finals. Brazil's opponent in the finals will either be Denmark or Italy. In the only other match of the four-team tournament, Italy tied Denmark 2-2 on Sunday and tallied its first point of the tournament.— *Xinhua*

Lille beats Dijon 2-0 in French league

PARIS, 12 Dec — Defending champion Lille kept the pressure on Montpellier and Paris Saint-Germain at the top of the French league by beating Dijon 2-0 at home on Sunday. Striker Moussa Sow and midfielder Eden Hazard scored a goal in each half to help Lille back to winning ways after it failed to reach the next round of the Champions League when it drew 0-0 against Trabzonspor on Wednesday.

Lille is in third place, two points behind Paris Saint-Germain and Montpellier. After a slow start to the season, Lille's title defense is gathering pace with three straight wins, and coach Rudi Garcia's team can overtake big-spending PSG next Saturday when the teams meet at Parc des Princes. PSG won 1-0 at Sochaux on Saturday, while Montpellier lost 1-0 at Valenciennes. Montpellier leads PSG on goal difference with both on 36 points. Lille has 34 points and Lyon, which won 1-0 at Lorient on Sunday, is in fourth place with 32.— *Internet*



Lille's players react after scoring during their French League soccer match against Dijon, in Villeneuve d'Ascq, northern France on Sunday.— *INTERNET*

Real Madrid's Jose Mourinho says Barcelona were lucky

MADRID, 12 Dec — Real Madrid manager Jose Mourinho believes Barcelona were fortunate to win Saturday's El Clasico. The champions bounced back from conceding the fastest goal in the fixture's history to win 3-1, replacing Real at the top of La Liga. "Luck plays a part," Mourinho said. "When it was 1-0, we could easily have gone 2-0 up. "Maybe under normal circumstances we

would do, but Cristiano [Ronaldo] put it [a scoring chance] wide."

Madrid took the lead inside 23 seconds through Karim Benzema but Alexis Sanchez equalised before Xavi's deflected strike put Barca ahead. Cesc Fabregas completed the triumph with a diving header. Barcelona playmaker Lionel Messi could have been sent off for a second bookable offence when, after being shown a yellow card for dissent, he escaped a second caution for a late challenge just before half-time.

"I thought Messi could have been sent off, but until I see it again I won't say more in case I'm wrong," Mourinho said. Barcelona boss Pep Guardiola, who is yet to lose to Real in the league in seven games, was pleased with a result which took his team to the top of the table—they are level on points with Mourinho's side but have played one game more. But he conceded there is still a long way to go in the title race.— *Internet*



Mourinho has not one of his eight games against Barcelona as Real Madrid boss.— *INTERNET*

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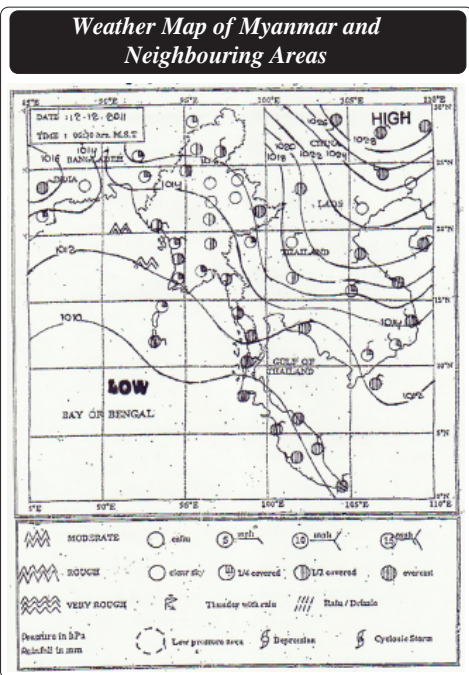
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- * Inle Phaung Daw U Pagoda Festival (Part - II)
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- * Secret Places for Yummy Food "Myeik Noodle"
- * News
- * Ar Khar New Year Festival
- * News

- * Fruits of Success River Ayeyawady... demarcated cannot be
- "Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun)"
- * News
- * Youth and Language YUFL (Part-1)
- * News
- * Wings Sign Art
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * History And Mystery Behind The Caves
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Sweet Memories in Pyin Oo Lwin
- * Myanmar Movies "Longing For Mother"



Tuesday, 13 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
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
- 7. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:15 am
- 8. Documentary
- 8:30 am
- 9. Dance Of National Races
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Myanmar

- Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
- 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Botany)
- 4:45 pm
- 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
- 6. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:05 pm
- 7. Documentary
- 5:25 pm

- 8. Sweet Melody
- 5:40 pm
- 9. Teleplay (Health)
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Bakery World
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. India Drama Series

Weather forecast for 13th December, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	15/59	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	26/79	18/61	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	33/91	17/63	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	17/63	01/34	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	26/79	15/59	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	17/63	Partly cloudy	
7	Taninthayi	31/88	14/57	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
8	Bago	32/90	19/66	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	34/93	19/66	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	33/91	18/64	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	33/91	18/64	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	32/90	19/66	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	18/64	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	22/72	13/55	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	27/81	08/46	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	20/68	13/55	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	18/64	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain has been scattered in Mandalay Regions and Shan State, isolated in Magway Region and Kayah State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region, Shan and Rakhine States, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Kayah State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature was Hakha (1°C) and Moegkok (7°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.18) inches and Pinlaung (0.63) inch.

Bay Inference Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to 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 subsequent two days Likelihood of isolated rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Sony Music acquires music rights of 'Agneepath'

NEW DELHI, 12 Dec—Sony Music has acquired the music rights of Dharma Productions' upcoming movie 'Agneepath', a remake of Amitabh Bachchan's 1990 cult movie, the company said today.

The 'Agneepath' music album comprises six songs and Sony Music will first release an item number— 'Chikni Chameli', featuring Katrina Kaif, digitally on 12 December, while the album will be available digitally on 16 December. The hard copy of the album will be released on 19 December across the key retail outlets.

Starring Hrithik Roshan, Priyanka Chopra, Rishi Kapoor and Sanjay Dutt, 'Agneepath' releases on 26 January next year.

National award winning musical duo Ajay-Atul have composed the music of the Karan Malhotra directed film. These songs encompass a wide array of themes ranging from romance and dance to quawalli and devotional songs, making each of it blend strongly with the theme of the scene/character.

The extensive use of live instruments for recording these tracks gives this soundtrack tremendous scale and impact,



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said Sanujeev Bhujabal, Marketing Director of Sony Music India.

Speaking on the acquisition of music rights, Bhujabal said the six new songs of this film are not only original and refreshing, but also soulful and unforgettable.

"This is our 11th venture with Dharma and it's always a matter of pride and a great experience to work with them. The soundtrack is varied and we expect a great response from music enthusiasts," added Bhujabal.

Sonu Nigam, Roop Kumar Rathod and Shreya Ghoshal have lent their voices for the soundtracks and the sizzling dance number 'Chikni Chameli' filmed on Katrina Kaif, will be its highlight.—Internet

Union I & C Minister attends workshop on broadcasting technologies for ASEAN region

YANGON, 12 Dec—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended the opening of the workshop on broadcasting technologies for ASEAN region, organized by Forever Group Co Ltd and Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union of Malaysia at Myanmar Info-Tech Conference Hall in Hlaing Township here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information, responsible people from Forever Group Co Ltd and Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union of Malaysia, resource persons, representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, responsible people from MRTV, Myawady, Forever Group Co Ltd, Shwe Thanlwin Co, Padamy, Mandalay, Pyinsawady, Cherry and Shwe FMs, technicians, service personnel and guests.

First, CEO of Forever Group Co Ltd U Win Maw extended greetings and Director Mr Sharadindoo Sadhu of Technology Division of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union of Malaysia made a speech.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan views accessories to be used in broadcasting displayed in Myanmar Info-Tech Main Hall. MNA

New building of G.T.I (Kanbalu) in Shwebo District opened



Union Minister U Aye Myint unveils signboard of new building of Government Technological Institute (Kanbalu). MNA

Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region this morning.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing and Kanbalu Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Chan Nyein formally opened the new building of Government Technological Institute (Kanbalu) and Union Minister U Aye Myint unveiled the signboard of the facility.

The Ministry of Science and Technology has already generated over 120,000 G.T.I Diploma holders, over 50,000 B.Tech degree holders, over 30,000 B.E, more than 1300 M.E graduate and nearly 700 Ph.D. About 90,000 students are now learning at these universities, colleges and schools.

The institute can hold a total of 2040 trainees and offer seven engineering subjects.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Ministry of Science and Technology has been opening Technological Universities, Colleges, Universities of Computer Studies and

schools across the county so as to turn out technological and computer experts. In addition, education plays an important part in building up a democratic country, said

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, at the opening ceremony of new building of Government Technological Institute (Kanbalu) held in

Formation of political party allowed

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Union Election Commission allowed formation of National League for Democracy today as the application for registration as political party submitted by 21 members including U Tin Oo is accorded with law and rules as the commission is scrutinizing applications for registration and allowing formation of political parties.—MNA

Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, about (150) miles north of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory (about 50 miles southwest of Nay Pyi Taw) was recorded at (20) hrs (46) min (50) sec M.S.T on 12th December, 2011.



Tube-wells donated by Singapore to Kawhmu Township

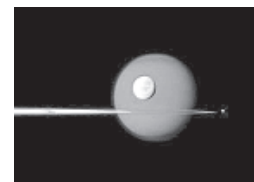
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Spacecraft to observe two Saturn moons



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