

Prime Minister General Thein Sein to pay official visit to Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—At the invitation of His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein will pay an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia in the near future. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 3rd East Asian Summit. — MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 3rd East Asian Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein at-

tended the 3rd East Asian Summit at Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on 21 November and signed the

Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and Environment.

When Heads of

State/Government of East Asian countries including Myanmar arrived at Aca-

cia Ballroom of the hotel to attend the 3rd East Asian Summit, they were welcomed and greeted by

Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong.

Present on the occasion were Brunei Foreign Minister Haji Mohamed Bolkiah on behalf of King of the Brunei Darussalam, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Thai Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, Australian Foreign Minister Mr Alexander Downer on

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Heads of State/Government pose for documentary photo at 3rd East Asian Summit. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 26 November, 2007

Enhance ASEAN+3 cooperation to establish East Asian Community

The 11th ASEAN+3 Summit, the 11th ASEAN+China Summit, the 11th ASEAN+Japan Summit, the 11th ASEAN+Korea Summit and the 6th ASEAN+India Summit were held on 20 and 21 November in Singapore, the Republic of Singapore.

The summits were attended by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, leaders of ASEAN nations, Heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

At the ASEAN+3 Summit, establishment of free trade area together with ASEAN, establishment of East Asian Community, and cooperation in regional peace and stability were discussed. Moreover, matters related to combating international terrorism, prevention against infectious diseases and environmental conservation were discussed.

At the 11th ASEAN+Japan, the 11th ASEAN+Korea and the 6th ASEAN+India Summit, the leaders of ASEAN nations and Heads of State/Government exchanged their views on eradication of narcotic drugs, prevention and preparedness against natural disasters, cooperation in development work and development of human resources.

Besides, matters pertaining to establishment of ASEAN-Korea Centre, technology transfer, all-round economic cooperation, further promotion of friendly relations between the peoples, establishment of free trade area and setting up of science and technology funds were discussed.

The summits highlighted regional peace and stability and economic development. Overall, with greater cooperation and unity, the East Asian Community will emerge soon.



U Tin Aye-Daw Khin Khin Win and family of Dhammayon Street at Baukhtaw in Yankin Township donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Aung Than recently.— H

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends Shwekyar Thingan Weaving Contest

YANGON, 25 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of Shwekyar Thingan Weaving Contest to mark the 10th Buddha Pujaniya of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) on Dhammapala Hill in Mayangon Township, here, on 23 November evening.

At the ceremony, Patron of organizing the contest Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-

Gen Hla Htay Win made an opening speech.

Next, Patrons of organizing the contest Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung opened the contest by cutting the ribbons.

Altogether eight groups took part in the contest.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party viewed the looms competing in the contest. — MNA



Congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at 7th communal Kathina ceremony of Myanmar Bodh Gaya Monastery at the corner of Kyaung Street and Aungtaungmu Street in Sangyoung Township, on 23 November.— MNA

Religious objects enshrined into Maha Bodi Pagoda

YANGON, 25 Nov — A ceremony to enshrine religious objects at the Buddha Image of Maha Bodi Pagoda was held at Majjhima Bodh Gaya Ordination Hall in the precinct of Myanmar Bodh Gaya Monastery in Sangyoung Township on 23 November.

Lumbini Dr Ashin Sundhara and members of

the Sangha from the monastery enshrined the Buddha image and recited Pathana Desana.

Daw Khin Mar Aye, wife of Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, and party offered Kathina robes and alms to 40 members of the Sangha.

MNA

First round of Tatmadaw Football Tournament continues

YANGON, 25 Nov — The first round of the 46th Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services' Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued at the designated zones this evening.

Yangon Command routed No 22 LID 4-0 in South-East Command Zone (Mawlamyine); South-West Command beat No 55 LID 2-1 in South-West Command Zone (Patheingyi); Defence Services (Navy) defeated No 33 LID 8-0 in North-West Command Zone (Monywa); No 77 whitewashed No 101 LID 9-2 in Central Command Zone (Mandalay); and Defence Services (Air) trounced No 88 LID 6-0 in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo). — MNA

K 6.5m stolen at department store

YANGON, 25 Nov — Proceeds money was stolen at a department store on Sabei Street in Thayagon Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 23 November morning.

The owner saw the loss of proceeds K 6.5 million at the opening drawer at his counter when he opened the store. According to the investigation, the owner knew that store worker Htaik Ko Win, 19, from Dalla, son of U Win Kyi, has stolen the money. Hence, he filed the theft case at Mingala Taungnyunt Police Station at 10.40 am on 24 November. — MNA

Fire broke out at gas nozzle factory

YANGON, 25 Nov — A fire broke out at Champion natural gas nozzle factory of U Kyi Win at 42/99 on Kanaung Minthargyi Road in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone at 10.45 pm on 24 November, starting from over heat of bags of bran.

Two fire engines put out the fire. At 10.55 pm, the fire could be put under control. With respect to the fire, security person Kyaw Soe, 35, was filed under section 285 at the police station. — MNA

Fire broke out in Chaungzon Township

YANGON, 25 Nov — A fire broke out at a house in old Nathmaw Village of Chaungzon Township at 11.30 am yesterday.

A total of 52 houses were destroyed in the fire. The fire victims were temporarily accommodated at the monastery in the village.

MNA

Poland's new PM says to pull troops from Iraq in 2008

WARSAW, 24 Nov — Poland's new Prime Minister Donald Tusk said Friday that his government will withdraw all 900 Polish troops from Iraq next year, but will continue its peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan.

"In a year's time, I will tell you here in Parliament that our military mission in Iraq is over," Tusk told

lawmakers in his first policy speech to Parliament.

"We have taken the decision — as far as the government powers go — to make 2008 the year when the pullout of Poland's military mission is started and completed," said the liberal Tusk, who won Poland's snap elections last month.

The exact dates for the withdrawal and other details would be consulted with allies, especially the United States, he added.

By next year, Poland will have done more than what its allies, especially the United States, had expected from the country, he said.

Poland backed the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq and leads the international contingent in the south-central region.

MNA/Xinhua



A Thai boy (R) looks at "Krathong" during the Loy Krathong festival in Lopburi Province, 150 km (93 miles) northeast of Bangkok on 24 Nov, 2007. Believers float krathongs during the festival which is held to pay homage to the goddess of the rivers.—INTERNET



Boys stand in front of a display case showing a dummy of Harry Potter at the exhibition "Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix" at Zurich's central station on 24 Nov, 2007. The exhibition, presented in a train, will be shown in several Swiss cities from 25 Nov to 2 Dec.—INTERNET

EU says cocaine use reaches record levels in Europe

LISBON, 24 Nov — More Europeans are consuming cocaine than ever before as its price falls, with most users concentrated in Britain and Spain, according to the European Union drug agency.

"It is estimated that cocaine has been used at least once by more than 12 million Europeans, representing almost 4 per cent of all adults," it said.

At least 4.5 million Europeans used cocaine last year, up from 3.5 million in 2005. That has coincided with record hauls of the drug in recent years, with an estimated 107 tons seized in 2005, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) said in its 2007 drugs report.

"Cocaine is now, after cannabis, the second most commonly used illicit drug in many EU member states and in the EU as a whole," said the EMCDDA in its report of the 27-nation bloc plus Norway and Turkey.

Adults aged between 15 and 34 in Spain and Britain are the biggest consumers of cocaine, whose main entry point into the EU remains the Iberian Peninsula, with Portugal rising in importance.

Experts say growing demand for the drug and a strong euro have increased the pressure for South American drug cartels to break through Europe's tight borders.—MNA/Reuters

At least 20,000 wounded soldiers not in Pentagon tally

WASHINGTON, 24 Nov — At least 20,000 US troops who were not classified as wounded during combat in Iraq and Afghanistan have been found with signs of brain injuries, the USA TODAY reported Friday.

The data, compiled by the newspaper based on military records, show that about five times as many troops sustained brain trauma as the 4,471 officially listed by the Pentagon through 30 September this year.

These cases also are not reflected in the Pentagon's official tally of wounded, which stands at 30,327. About 1.5 million US troops have served in Iraq, where traumatic brain injury can occur despite heavy body armour worn by troops.

MNA/Xinhua

Tunnel collapses in Belgrade, at least one dead

BELGRADE, 24 Nov — A commuter tunnel under construction collapsed in Belgrade on Friday, killing one worker and injuring another, local media reported.

The tunnel in the southern Rakovica neighbourhood is part of a new ring road that has been in the works for some 10 years and aims to ease huge traffic jams in the Serbian capital. "There are many vehicles, ambulances, firefighters, police," Bojan Milic, head of Rakovica municipality, told Reuters by telephone. "An entire gendarmerie squad arrived with shovels. Inside it is very dark and dusty and it's difficult to breathe."—MNA/Reuters

Russia's Oksana Domnina (R) and Maxim Shabalin perform in the Ice Dancing Original Dance during the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Cup of Russia in Moscow on 24 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australian commando killed in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 24 Nov — An Australian commando was killed in a clash with Taleban militia in Afghanistan on Friday, a day before Australians go to the polls in national elections in which the war in Iraq and Afghanistan will feature.

The 26-year-old soldier was killed during an operation against Taleban bomb-making bases in Uruzgan Province, Australian Defence Force commander Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters

China-Latam trade expands almost 44% in first nine months

BEIJING, 23 Nov—The value of China's trade with Latin America was 63.97 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, up 43.5 per cent year-on-year, said Fu Ziying, Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM).

Fu spoke at the opening ceremony of the Commodities Exhibition of Latin American and Central Eastern European Countries held here

Thursday, which is scheduled to run through Saturday.

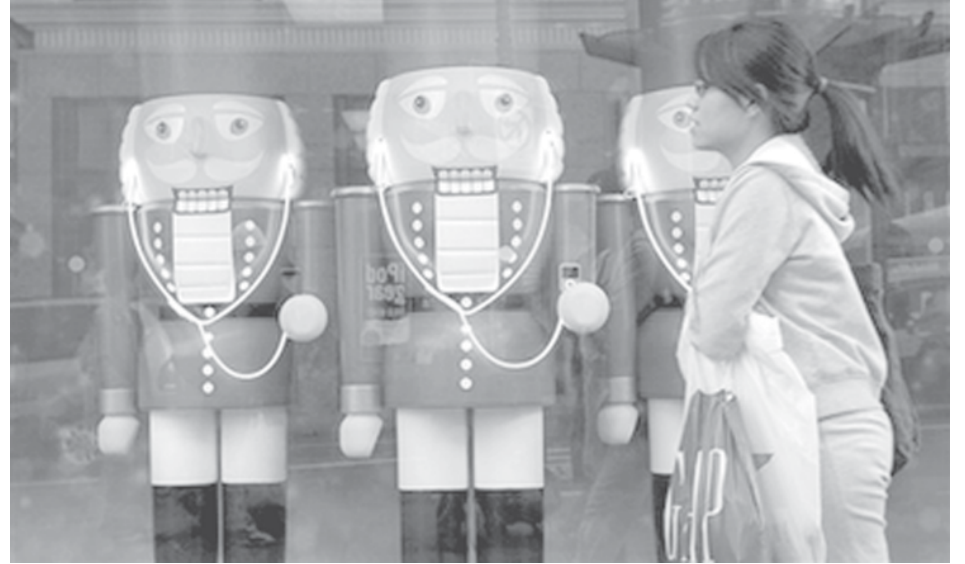
Trade between China and the Eastern and Central Europe was 19.47 billion US dollars from January to September, up 21 per cent from a year earlier, Fu added.

The exhibition, hosted by MOFCOM, attracted more than 150 enterprises from 16 countries, including Mexico, Peru, Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil,

Ecuador, Uruguay, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania and Macedonia.

"China provided more than 180 free show booths for foreign exhibitors, which demonstrates its efforts to promote trade and economic cooperation with Latin America and central and East European countries," said Feng Hongzhang, head of the Trade Development Bureau under MOFCOM.

MNA/Xinhua



Holding iPod music players, nutcracker statues greet shoppers at Apple's downtown San Francisco retail location on 23 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET

Vietnam to develop bio-fuels

HANOI, 24 Nov—The Vietnamese Government has approved a plan to develop bio-fuels by 2025 as an alternative to fossil fuels, the Vietnam Science and Technology Institute said Friday.

Under the plan, which aims at ensuring energy security and environmental protection, Vietnam will produce 250,000 tons of ethanol and plant-based oil in 2015, meeting 1 per cent

of the country's total fuel demand. The respective targets set for 2025 are 1.8 million tons and 5 per cent. To this end, Vietnam will centre on accelerating the application of research in production, encouraging technology transfer as well as creating a favourable environment for fostering the production like giving tax and credit incentives to bio-fuel enterprises from all economic sectors.

The country will also strengthen manpower development, expand international cooperation and raise public awareness about bio-fuels, the institute said. Bio-fuels are any kind of fuels made from living things, or from the waste they produce.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong quake jolts Aceh, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 23 Nov—A powerful earthquake with magnitude of 6.0 hit Aceh Province in the northern tip of Sumatra Island on Friday morning, no potential for tsunami and no report of damage or casualties, meteorology and disaster management agencies said here.

The quake struck at 06:02 Jakarta Time (2302 GMT, Thursday) with epicentre at 113 kilometres southwest of Banda Aceh, the capital of Aceh Province and at 16 kilometres under ocean floor, an official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency Dwi Artanto told Xinhua. The quake intensity was felt at 3 to 4 MMI (modified mercalli intensity), a scale that is able to crack buildings, in Banda Aceh and 2 to 3 MMI at Meulaboh Town of the province, he said.

"We do not issue tsunami warning, as the quake is not potential for tsunami," he said. The Disaster Management Agency official Adam Malik said that there was no damage or casualty. — MNA/Xinhua

Residents stand amid debris at the scene of a bomb attack at Ghazil pet market in Baghdad on 23 Nov, 2007.

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Bushfire rages near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 24 Nov—A wildfire, driven by strong wind, was raging in Malibu, about 50 kilometres northwest of Los Angeles, authorities said on Saturday. The fire, which started near the top of Corral Canyon overnight, has destroyed about 20 multimillion-dollar homes as the fire marched toward the ocean.

With winds out of the

Twenty homes were destroyed and around 200 were threatened as a wind-driven wildfire raged out of control in the celebrity enclave of Malibu.

INTERNET

north and northeast gusting up to about 50 mph at times, spot fires were breaking out well ahead of the main front, and firefighters mandated evacuations for all canyon residents. No injuries were reported.

At least 200 other

homes in Corral and Latigo canyons were being threatened by flames as of about 8 am. About 1,500 acres (about 608 hectares) had burned as of 8 am.

At least eight water-dropping helicopters, as well as two Super Scooper

airplanes, were assigned to the blaze. Hundreds of firefighters were on the ground trying to save homes. Unconfirmed reports suggest the blaze may have started with an outdoor party near the top of the canyon.

Internet



Two bomb attacks kill three in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 24 Nov—A suicide car bomb and a roadside bomb targeting police patrols killed three people and wounded 13 others in the city of Mosul in northern Nineveh Province on Thursday, a provincial police source said.

A suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden car into a police patrol in the Mansour neighbourhood in southern Mosul, killing a civilian and wounding 12 people, including two policemen, Brigadier Sa'id al-Juboury, head of the police media office, told Xinhua.

The blast also damaged several nearby civilian cars and buildings, al-Juboury said.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in the al-Noor neighbourhood northeast of Mosul, killing a policeman and wounding another, he added.

Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, is located some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua

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“88” Generation Students (The Union of Myanmar)**Announcement**

1. Mr Gambari, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General, as authorized by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, issued a statement in Singapore on 8 November 2007.
2. The words in the statement imply that she is responsible for the wishes and interests of the political organizations, political forces and national races. So, her ideas are totally wrong exacerbating the situation with no political solution.
3. To ensure the perpetual existence of the Union and a modern developed democratic State among the international community, the most essential requirement is the soonest emergence of a constitution in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention and the approval of that constitution through a referendum. Therefore, we hereby urge all the political forces to work together with the Tatmadaw government with a view to serving the national interest.

17-11-2007

National Leading Committee

Announcement of National Convention Supporting and Constitution Hailing Force

Date: 23 November 2007

We are a national force that actively took part in mass rallies held across the nation to support the National Convention and welcome the State Constitution to be drawn on the basis of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention.

We understand that Announcement No 1/2007 issued by the Government of the Union of Myanmar on 4-10-2007 offers Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to participate in the building of a new, modern and developed democratic nation with goodwill.

However, it is obvious that the response of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the frank offer was just an act to make political gains, putting Myanmar's internal problems on the international political arena. It was a dishonest response.

We oppose and denounce the statements of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as they are in total contrast to the honest and frank offer of the government and are deviating from the implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

We National Convention Supporting and Constitution Hailing Force hereby announce that our stand is to steadfastly support the seven-step Road Map being implemented by the government.

National Convention Supporting and Constitution Hailing Force

Political Economy Study New Generation Student Group**Announcement**

Letter No. 15/Na Ba La Ma Ka/ 07

Date: 18 November 2007

1. We assume that the announcement issued by NLD on 12 November is the same old record that would not produce any benefit.
2. Recently, Mr Gambari held discussions with heads of State/Government of six regional countries on the affairs of Myanmar. The heads of State/Government of the regional countries supported the national political route of the Tatmadaw by unanimously expressing their opinions supporting the seven-step Road Map, the continued participation of the Tatmadaw in the administrative role of the future Myanmar and the participation of the people to solve internal problems and opposing economic sanctions.
3. We hereby announce that our student group support endeavours of the Tatmadaw government joining hands with the national political forces in making all-out efforts for ensuring the emergence of a new constitution and the shaping of genuine discipline-flourishing modern and developed democratic nation.

Central Executive Committee

Political Economy Study New Generation Student Group

National Political Youth NLD (Myanmar)**Announcement**

Date: 15 November 2007

1. We understand that the preparations to hold meetings between the government and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is to ensure unity between the two sides.
2. However, we totally oppose Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's statement issued through Mr Gambari saying as if she represents all the national races and other political organizations.
3. We hereby announce that we pledge to join hands with the Tatmadaw Government and the people in realizing the seven-step Road Map.

National Political Youth NLD (Myanmar)

Security chief asks Saudis to monitor Internet use

RIYADH, 25 Nov — Saudis should do more to help the government monitor use of the Internet to help fight Islamic militancy, intelligence chief Prince Muqrin bin Abdul-Aziz said on Saturday.

“We want to teach citizens how to monitor things on the Internet ... mum and dad must pay attention to their kids,” he told reporters.

The prince was giving details of a conference on

information technology and national security his intelligence body will hold next week. The conference is part of a new effort to get Saudis to help the authorities tackle a 4-year-old campaign by militants allied to al-Qaeda against the US-allied government.

The campaign has died down over the last two years after a series of attacks on foreign residential compounds, government buildings and energy-sector installa-

tions. Authorities have arrested dozens of militant suspects this year.

The government has raised fears that Saudis who have gone to Iraq to fight U.S.-led forces and the US-allied government will return to Saudi Arabia to continue their struggle.

Prince Muqrin said the intelligence agency would also set up a website where citizens can, anonymously, share their suspicions about militant activity.—MNA/Reuters

MPs say British-US link hurts ties with Russia

LONDON, 25 Nov — Britain's closeness to the United States is at least partly to blame for the poor state of its relations with Russia, British lawmakers said on Sunday.

Relations between London and Moscow are at their worst since the Cold War, soured in particular by mutual espionage allegations, the murder of former Russian intelligence official Andrei Litvinenko in London last year, tit-for-tat expulsions of diplomats

and a revival of Russian long-range bomber patrols.

The British Parliament's foreign affairs committee said Russia now saw Britain as too closely aligned with the United States to be an attractive partner, and was anyway “sceptical of the UK's ability to wield any influence over the US”.

“We conclude that the UK's relationship with Russia has been impacted negatively by London's stance vis-a-vis

Washington,” the committee wrote in a report.

“We recommend that the government should seek to improve its relations with Russia without damaging its relations with the US”.

The report noted that Tony Blair was the first Western head of government to meet Putin, and that Putin in 2003 became the first Russian leader to pay a state visit to Britain since 1874.

MNA/Reuters

Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad

Ngar Min Swe

I left Yangon for Mandalay on board No 5 Up-Express Train on 19 November 2007. After passing through Toegyauungalay Station, the express ran at higher speed. Taking the train, I recalled an event in which I dealt with Myanma Railways.

Up to the time when I was in the first standard, I had never seen a train. In the summer holidays, Mother took me to Yangon. When we arrived at Mottama Station, I was amazed to see the red mail-train approaching the station blowing the horn. It was already dark when the train arrived at Bago Station. The train was running at high speed after leaving Bago. I was in the train gazing at the shinning moon through the window. Whatever station the train arrived, the moon was seen. So, I told my mother, "Mom, there the moon running after the train" to the accompaniment of a laughter from the other passengers. When we arrived at Yangon Central Railway Station, I got off and I looked back the train and said, "Mom, when we go back, we will take this train".

In 1980, I started to run a saltern at Palaingki village by Ye-Dawei Railroad. At the time, local people could not go to Mawlamyine from Ye by car. So, local people of Ye and Dawei had to rely on train service to get to Mawlamyine and Yangon. The rails used in the Mawlamyine-Ye railroad section were 50-lb ones. There was a word "1870" embodied on every rail. So, the age of the rails at the time was more than 100 years. And the locomotives were K class steam engines used before the World War II or C class steam engines Japanese troops brought into the nation in the war. The steam engines were driven with the use of

firewood from the trees growing by the railroad. It took about 12 hours for the train to get to Mawlamyine from Ye. The distance between the two towns was about 90 miles. So, the speed of the train was just over seven miles per hour. In other words, its speed was the same, that of a trishaw. I respected and thanked the employees of the Myanma Railways for conveying me from Ye to Mawlamyine using the rails produced when King Mindon was still alive and steam engines produced before the World War II.

However, insurgents attacked the trains and destroyed the railroads of the Myanma Railways with the use of various kinds of mines, heavy weapons and small arms. The Myanma Railways had to repair the damaged railroads and bridges due to the attacks of the insurgents. It also had to pull the locomotives and coaches that had gone off the tracks. It had to repair these locomotives and railroads and use them again.

However much the insurgents tried to disrupt the rail transportation sector, the Myanma Railways did not fail to serve the interests of the people.

When the train left Bago, I was gazing at the thriving paddy fields through the window. Seeing ticket inspectors, I took my ticket out of my pocket. After I had my ticket inspected, one of the ticket collectors held my hand with pleasure and greeted me. He was Aung Tin Ko Ko, son of U Ngwe Kyi who had worked as a railway train guard in the 1980s. At that time, Aung Tin Ko Ko was at the age of a primary school student. He said, "I'll be back here after my work". After about an hour, he came back and sat side by side. I said, "Ko Ko, while taking this train I

happened to recall the difficulties your father and I faced in the Ye-Dawei railroad section when you were young". He said, "You're right. The situations of the railroad were very bad in my youth. But, now we can make a one-day round trip between Ye and Mawlamyine. In the Ye-Mawlamyine railroad, old rails and sleepers are being replaced with 75-lb rails and concrete sleepers. The Japan-made RBE railway bus is driving one-day round run between Ye and Mawlamyine". I said, "Yes, I have heard about it. Since the RBE railway bus was launched, I have never been to Ye. I think I will take the RBE railway bus for pleasure". "Aw, you are Ngar Min Swe who is writing articles for newspapers, aren't you?", said Aung Tin Ko Ko. I said, "I am Hsar (salt) Min Swe who is running a salt farm in Palaingki. You are taking me for Ngar Min Swe". "Don't make a joke. Your articles feature Ye, Palaingki and Kyaikkhami. I think your articles are designed to help build national reconciliation. However, some people do not show positive attitude towards the government however much the government is exerting constructive efforts. Now, Mawlamyine Bridge has been built over the Thanlwin River. I have never dreamt about such a bridge. Now, people can get across the river in a short time". "You're right, Ko Ko. Some people still have negative views to the government. Such disagreement can harm somewhat the interests of the nation and the people. If these people realize the truth and national unity has been built, our country will develop soon". He asked when I made a trip to Mandalay by train the last time. I said, "It has been for four years. Why?" "In the past, Yangon-Mandalay Railroad had two tracks, and the dual railroad went as far as Kyitaungkan near Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana", he said. I said, "I have already known it". He said, "Now, the dual railroad has been constructed between Kyitaungkan and Mandalay. And it has been opened". "Is that so, Ko Ko? It has not been a long time since I first heard about the project. Now, it has been completed. We can enjoy smooth transport, then. In the past, there was only railroad between Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Mandalay. So, we had to wait when the train from the opposite direction was coming. Now, the dual railroad has been built, so we don't need to do so".

After getting the good news about the inauguration of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Mandalay dual railroad, I could not wait to get to Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. However, the train had just passed Nyaunglebin. After the train left Nyaunglebin, I saw farmers harvesting paddy and growing beans and pulses.

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Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad

Ngar Min Swe

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In the time of the Tatmadaw government, farmers are growing double or triple crops. They can sell their produce freely. Thus the standard of living of farmers becomes high with good houses, cars and motorcycles of their own.

The train I took arrived at Toungoo Station at 11.20 am. I noticed since the train left Yangon that all the sleepers were concrete ones. So, passengers could take the train with comfort unlike in the past. I also noticed that the train was running at a speed of 36 miles per hour.

When the train left Yedashe Station, I saw thriving paddy fields. I guessed the per acre yield of the paddy fields might be nearly 100 baskets. This year, paddy is bountiful, and the rice price falls remarkably.

The train arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana at 1.30 pm. At mile post No 232/22, I noticed new Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Station was under construction. Soon after leaving Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, it arrived Kyitaungkan station. In the past, the dual railroad ended there. Then, the dual railroad with concrete sleepers went as far as Mandalay. I guessed it was about 150 miles between Kyitaungkan and Mandalay. So, I praised the employees of the Myanma Railways for their performances to complete such a fine transport

facility along with many bridges in about three years. To complete that project, the government had to import a lot of machinery, steel beams and rails, so it had to spend foreign exchange a lot.

At Pyawbwe station, I saw a signboard reading "Warmly welcome the opening of Myanma Railways' dual railroad". Many railroads from various regions link with Yangon-Mandalay Railroad. So, surely, not only local people of Pyawbwe but also the entire people are pleased with the project. The train approached Mandalay Station at 8.50 pm. Any train does not need to wait for some time for any other train passing by it.

While in Mandalay on 25 November, I phoned a friend of mine who was my high school classmate and who was serving in the Ministry of Rail Transportation in Nay Pyi Taw. He was one standard senior as well as the warden of our hostel and he explained us the lessons I did not understand well. On the phone, I said, "I am now in Mandalay. I come here by train. I saw the dual railroad between Yangon and Mandalay. I want to know about the railroad that was opened on 24 November". He said, "I think you are going to write an article about the railroad. It is just right. Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad project was launched in the time of the British government, but it was not completed.

During Japanese occupation of Myanmar, rails about 150 miles long of the railroad were taken to be used in building a railroad between Thanbyuzayat and Thailand. After Myanmar regained independence, the construction of the dual railroad continued, and the dual railroad reached Kyitaungkan near Pyinmana in 1973. The 157-mile section to Mandalay was left to be completed. The Tatmadaw government managed to complete the project in three years. It was opened yesterday".

I asked, "How does the railroad benefit the nation and the people?" He said, "Hey, Min Swe. Yangon-Mandalay Railroad is the main railroad of our country. Many railroads linking with this main railroad go to Mon State, Taninthayi Division, Shan State, Kayah State, Sagaing Division, Kachin State, and the regions on the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River and on the western bank of the Chindwin River. The main railroad needs to make progress for these branch railroads to make progress. Due to the completion of Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad, the number of the up-trains and down-trains plying between Yangon and Mandalay will increase to 36 from 28. And more cargo trains will run. The trains do not need to wait when they meet, so the passengers can get to the designations in a shorter period".

When asked if the Myanma Railways gained any cash profits from the completion of that facility, he said, "Min Swe, the government has constructed 1172 miles of railroads. It is now constructing a 322 miles long railroad between Kyangin and Pakokku, and a 95 miles long railroad between Katha and Bhamo. It is very costly and it needs to spend foreign exchange to build a railroad. Constructing new railroads provides convenience for the people in earning their living. The State is spending a lot of funds to construct new railroads in the public interests. Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad is the facility the government has constructed with goodwill towards the people. So, it can be called goodwill railroad".

Now, the dual railroad between Yangon and Mandalay has been built. I believe if peace road or the road of reciprocation can be built between the government and the people, between the government and anti-government elements, and between the government and remnant armed insurgent groups, there will be peace, development and democracy that we, people, aspire for in the near future.

Translation: MS

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Singaporean President and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended dinner hosted by Singaporean President Mr SR Nathan and wife at the Presidential Residence in Singapore at 8.30 pm on 21 November.

Also present at the dinner were Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, Heads of State/Government of Australia, the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and New Zealand, officials of European Union, the ASEAN Secretary-General and guests.

The Singaporean President and wife



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the dinner hosted by Singaporean President Mr SR Nathan and wife at Presidential Residence in Singapore.— MNA

cordially greeted Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, Heads

of State/Government of Australia, the People's Republic of China, Japan,

the Republic of Korea and New Zealand at the dinner.

On the occasion, the Singaporean President extended greetings and

those present were served with dinner.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends ...

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behalf of the Prime Minister, Premier of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yasuo Fukuda, President of Republic of Korea Mr Roh Moo Hyun, Prime Minister of New Zealand Mrs Helen Clark and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong.

Before the 3rd East Asian Summit, Heads of State/Government of East Asian countries posed for

a documentary photo.

The Singaporean Prime Minister presided over the 3rd East Asian Summit held at Acacia Ballroom at 2.45 pm. During the meeting, the President of Asian Development Bank made clarification on economic development of regional countries and financial situation.

The Heads of State/Government of East Asian countries exchanged views on global climate change and global warming, environmental conservation, energy problem and rising

oil prices, extensive utilization of oil-substitute-fuel, cooperation in prevention and preparedness against natural disasters, establishment of East Asian Community, increased cooperation and communication among East Asian countries, cooperation in solving the problems of international terrorism and transnational crimes, narrowing the development gap among regional countries.

The summit ended with the clarification of ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong on ASEAN situations in the evening.

The Heads of State/

Government of East Asian countries signed the Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment at Island B Ballroom 15 pm.

Next, the Singaporean Prime Minister handed the Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment to the ASEAN Secretary-General. The declaration covered purposes to solve the problem of global climate changes, reduce green-

house gas and cooperate in the tasks for cleanliness, greening and efficient use of energy.

Afterwards, the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN and East Asian countries, Ministers, high ranking officials and the ASEAN Secretary-General visited the Nalanda Buddhist University Exhibition at Asia Civilisations Museum at 6.50 pm jointly organized by Singapore and India.

At the Nalanda Exhibition, the Singaporean Prime Minister and the Indian Prime Minister explained salient points of ancient Indian Buddhist University. The exhibition was full of references to Buddhist religion spreading from India to South East Asia and China. The Nalanda University emerged as first-ever Buddhist University in India over AD 420.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on Japanese Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar

General Thein Sein called on Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yasuo Fukuda at Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on 21 November evening.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Civil Service

Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Win Myint, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads.

The Japanese Prime Minister was accompanied by Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary Mr Ando Hiloyasu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Yabunaka Mitoji, Director-General Mr Atsumi Chihiko of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs and high ranking officials.

At the call, they discussed mutual cooperation between the two countries. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yasuo Fukuda at Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore.— MNA



Prime Minister arrives back from Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and heads of department arrived back here by special flight at 11 am on 23 November after attending the 13th ASEAN Summit of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries, the 11th ASEAN+3 Summit, the 11th ASEAN+China Summit, the 11th ASEAN+Japan Summit, the 11th ASEAN+ROK Summit, the 6th ASEAN+India Summit and the 3rd Summit of East Asian countries held in Singapore.

The Prime Minister and party were seen off at Changi International Airport by Singaporean Minister of Health Mr Khaw Boon Wan and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Win Myint and embassy staff.

Member of the delegation Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attended the meeting between ASEAN Foreign Ministers and ASEAN Charter Drawing High-level Working Group held at the Shangri-La Hotel in

Singapore on 19 November.

At the meeting, the High-level Working Group presented matters on completing the drawing of the ASEAN Charter.

Minister U Nyan Win also participated in the informal meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

Minister U Nyan Win on 20 November called on Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Masahiko Koumura at the Four Season Hotel and discussed matters related to mutually beneficial cooperation.

Minister U Nyan Win, on behalf of the Prime Minister, on 22 November attended the Summit to mark the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations between ASEAN and EU. Firstly, preparations had been made for all the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries to attend the meeting. However, it was reported that only the EU Alternate Meeting Chairman Portugal Prime Minister, the Chairman of EC Commission and foreign affairs ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials would attend the meeting. Hence, a coordination was made by ASEAN member countries that prime ministers of Republic of Singapore, ASEAN Chairman, Cambodia, ASEAN-EU Dialogue Coordinator and Thailand, a would-be successor of ASEAN Chairman only and

foreign affairs ministers of the remaining ASEAN member countries would attend the meeting. Therefore, Minister U Nyan Win attended the meeting.

Member of the delegation Minister U Soe Tha on 17 and 18 November attended the 2007 ASEAN Economic and Investment Summit held at Suntec City in Singapore.

The meeting was sponsored by ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) and attended by the business ministers of ASEAN member countries, the ASEAN Secretary-General, ASEAN-BAC member countries and businessmen.

The meeting dealt with the titles Developing Asia, ASEAN Integration in Asian Region and Opportunities and Challenges over ASEAN Economic Cooperation.

Minister U Soe Tha on 19 November attended the luncheon to mark the informal coordination between ASEAN and the US Trade Agency, and the working dinner of ASEAN business ministers in the evening. At the dinner, Minister U Soe Tha discussed matters on implementation of the establishment of ASEAN Economic Community, Service Trade, Singapore-Kunming Railway Project, the setting up of ASEAN-India Free Trade Zone and East Asian Business Research Centre.

Minister U Soe Tha attended the informal

Prime Minister General Thein Sein is seen off by Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Health Minister of Singapore, at the airport in Singapore.

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Minister U Soe Tha attends the working dinner of ASEAN business ministers in Singapore.— MNA

coordination meeting between ASEAN business ministers and Japanese business minister the same day, and touched upon matters on ASEAN-Japan economic cooperation.

On 20 November, Minister U Soe Tha

attended the informal coordination meeting between ASEAN business ministers and Indian business minister, and discussed matters on the establishment of ASEAN-Indian Free Trade Zone.

On 21 November,

he attended the informal coordination meeting between ASEAN business ministers and EU trade commissioners, and discussed matters to set-up ASEAN-EU Free Trade Zone.

On 19 and 21 November, he attended the 13th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in Singapore, and signed the agreement on service trade between East Asian countries and ROK, appendix contract on implementation of the sixth pledges under ASEAN Service Framework Agreement, Framework on mutual recognition of survey qualities among ASEAN member countries and Framework on mutual recognition of architectures and services.

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Minister U Nyan Win attends the summit to mark the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations between ASEAN and EU, in Singapore.— MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets staff of Myanmar Embassy in Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, met staff of Myanmar Embassy in Singapore on 22 November morning.

At the meeting, the Prime Minister explained the recent unrest occurred in Myanmar and latest developments, pressure and economic sanctions of some big countries against Myanmar to hinder development momentum of the State and the people, diplomatic tasks to be performed actively with patriotic spirit and assistance for Myanmar citizens who are working in Singapore.

Next, the Prime Minister presented gifts to Myanmar Ambassador U Win Myint, staff and families. *MNA*



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets with Myanmar embassy staff in Singapore.— MNA



Sales of jade lots in progress at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township.— MNA

3,330 jade lots sold in nine days

YANGON, 25 Nov— The Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium 2007 continued for the ninth day at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township here today.

Patron of Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for

Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint visited the sales of jade lots and he greeted 2285 foreign gem merchants from 16 countries and 1331 local merchants.

A total of 3,616 gem merchants from abroad and local attended the emporium.

Sixty two jade lots were sold through competitive bidding system today.

So far, 3,330 jade lots were sold through tender and competitive bidding system from 17 November to date and the sales of jade lots will continue tomorrow.—MNA

Mamee selects lucky ones

YANGON, 25 Nov —Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd and Asia Light Co Ltd jointly organized the lucky draw programme for Mamee

consumers at Western Park Royal, here, this afternoon.

Ma Hsu Myat Nanda of Shwenyaung won K 2 million, Ma Thet Khaing of Dawei K 1 million, Daw Thaik Wam of Namti K 500,000, Ma Aye Ni Ni Khaing of Kamayut Township K 400,000, Ma Khaing Kyawt Kyawt Khaing of Hlinethaya Township K

300,000 and U Myint Thein of Ye K 100,000. In addition, officials selected prizes for other winners.

The prize winners are to contact Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd in Pynmabin Industrial Zone in Mingaladon Township, Tel: 638249, 638192, 214853, 700218, 728715 and 728752.

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Pyuchaung, Kunchaung Projects inspected

YANGON, 25 Nov — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min inspected drilling of underground water tunnel (exit) at Pyuchaung Hydropower Project in Pyu Township on 22 November.

He also view the flow of water in Pyu Creek and the site chosen for construction of the power plant,

progress in construction of power intake building, drilling of the tunnel and the water sluice gate.

At Kunchaung Hydropower Project in Pyu Township, the minister inspected the power plant and progress of No 1 tunnel, and left necessary instructions. *MNA*

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Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Kunchaung hydropower project.— ELECTRIC POWER 1

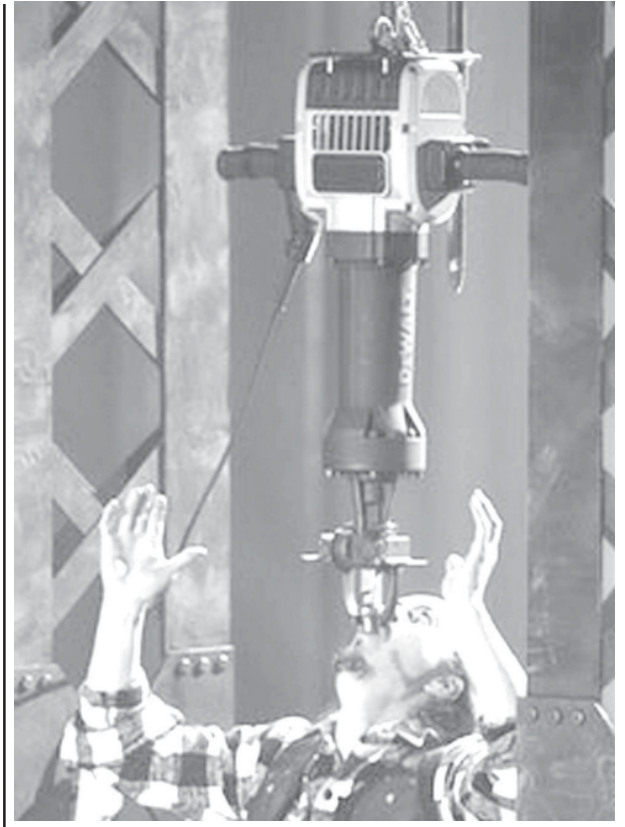


Personnel of Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd select lucky draw at Western Park Royal.— MNA

Images of the Day



Indonesian models display their custom made with natural resources during a carnival of the Bali Fashion Week in Kuta, Bali, Indonesia, on 25 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET



Britain's Thomas Bladthorne sets a new world record during the German live TV show 'Guinness World Records — The greatest World Records' in Cologne, Germany, on 23 Nov, 2007. Bladthorne stuck 25 centimeters (10 inches) of a jackhammer down his gullet and turned it on for five seconds. —INTERNET



The steel wheel 'Bellevue' is running at a Christmas market in the city of Essen, Germany, on 23 Nov, 2007. With 56 meters high and 42 gondola the Bellevue is the world's biggest mobile Ferris wheel. —INTERNET

A view from inside the Queen Victoria passenger liner ship that was presented in Marghera, near Venice, Italy, on 24 Nov, 2007. INTERNET



Santa Claus statues stand among the Christmas trees at Robert's Christmas Wonderland on 21 Nov, 2007 in Clearwater, Fla. — INTERNET



Monkeys enjoy fruits and vegetables during the annual Monkey Buffet Festival, in front of the Pra Prang Sam Yot temple in Lopburi Province, 150 km (94 miles) north of Bangkok, on 25 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET



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Chinese Vice-Premier meets Cypriot Parliament Speaker

NICOSIA, 24 Nov — Visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu met here Thursday with Cypriot Parliament Speaker Demetris Christofias, who said the two sides had

reached a consensus on a wide range of issues.

“It’s hard to find any difference in our views. We can always reach a consensus on every issue,” Christofias told reporters

after the meeting.

Christofias said the two discussed the Taiwan issue, the Cyprus issue, the situation in the Middle East, especially in Iraq, and other issues of common concern.

The Cypriot side reiterated its adherence to the one-China policy.

Hui, for his part, hoped that the Cyprus problem could be quickly solved. All nations, big or small, should enjoy peaceful coexistence, he added.

Contacts and exchanges of visits between the National People’s Congress of China and the Cypriot Parliament have contributed a lot to the overall development of the Sino-Cypriot relationship, Hui said.

He wished the two national legislatures could learn from each other in their experiences in law-making and supervision.

MNA/Xinhua

HKIA tests Integrated Airport Centre in emergency drill

HONG KONG, 24 Nov — Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) Friday successfully completed its emergency exercise for this year.

The annual exercise, which involved around 1,000 representatives from about 30 organizations and government departments, is an aerodrome licensing requirement mandated by the Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong.

This is the first full-scale simulation since the airport’s operation and control functions were merged into the Integrated Airport Centre earlier this year.

Code named Desoto II, the drill started at 4:00 a.m. Friday with the simulated landing of flight XX1234 at HKIA. After the B737-800 parked at a remote stand, one of its engines caught fire and the captain immediately evacuated the aircraft’s 155 passengers and crew.

Fire and rescue services rushed to the scene, with the first emergency personnel arriving at 4:04 a.m. Among those on board, all seven crew members were not injured, and the 107 simulated casualties were sent to five hospitals, while 31 uninjured passengers were escorted to the Family Reception Centre.—MNA/Xinhua

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Teenagers jailed for life for random attacks

LONDON, 25 Nov— Three teenagers were jailed for life on Friday after stabbing a father to death and wounding another man in what police described as five minutes of random violence.

Kevin Johnson, 22, died after confronting the youths outside his Sunderland home. Minutes after the stabbing, they carried out another random attack, stabbing a man on his way to a petrol station. He survived,

despite a wound to his chest. Both were left for dead after the attacks, which occurred in the early hours of May 19, the court heard.

Tony Hawkes, 17, Dean Curtis, 19, and Jordan Towers, 16, all from Sunderland, were found guilty of murder and wounding with intent at Newcastle Crown Court.

MNA/Reuters

Japan provides more \$3.67m for Bangladeshi cyclone victims

DHAKA, 24 Nov — The Japanese Government Thursday provided an additional amount of 3.67 million US dollars in emergency aid for Bangladesh’s cyclone victims.

The new grant aid will be channeled through the World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organization (WHO) for the victims of Cyclone Sidr.

“The decision was taken considering the friendly relationship between Japan and Bangladesh, and the great damage caused by the disaster,” a Press release of Japan Embassy in Dhaka was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying Thursday.

Of the aid, WFP will

Chickens die en mass in southern Vietnam

HANOI, 24 Nov— Chickens in Vietnam’s southern Tien Giang Province have recently died en mass with unidentified causes, while bird flu is hitting three provinces in the northern and central regions.

Over 50,000 chickens raised in more than 10 farms in Cho Gao District died after suddenly stopping eating, according to local official on Friday.

The fowls were suspected to have died of Marek, a highly contagious viral neoplastic disease in chickens caused by a herpes virus, said Dang Van Chien, head of the district’s veterinary bureau. A number of chickens in the province’s Chau Thanh District have also died recently.

Now, bird flu is hitting the two northern provinces of Ha Nam and Cao Bang, and central Quang Tri Province, according to the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.—MNA/Xinhua

Fog grounds flights, strands passengers in Sofia

SOFIA, 25 Nov — Bulgarian authorities have grounded dozens of flights and redirected planes due to heavy fog at Sofia’s sole Airport this week, officials said on Friday.

Hundreds of passengers have been stranded since Wednesday night and authorities have rerouted incoming flights to airports in the central Bulgarian town of Plovdiv and the Black Sea cities of Varna and Bourgas, officials said.

“We are trying to improve the coordination between the airports to inform people,” said Valia Luleva, spokeswoman for the transport ministry.

MNA/Reuters

get 1.49 million dollars while UNICEF 1.09 million dollars and WHO 1.08 million dollars to support the cyclone victims.

Earlier, Japan had provided emergency relief goods worth 390,000 US dollars including tents, blankets, water tanks, water purifiers, sleeping pads, portable jerry can, plastic sheet and generators, which were handed over to the Bangladesh Government on 20 November.

Mohammad Ayub Mia, Secretary of the Food and Disaster Management Ministry, said Thursday the government has so far received assurance of foreign assistance of over 200 million dollars for the cyclone-affected people.

MNA/Xinhua



An acrobat from Balagan Circus performs during a show on the Spanish Canary island of Tenerife on 23 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Indonesia to plant 89m trees ahead of UNFCCC

JAKARTA, 24 Nov — Indonesia will plant 89 million trees across the country ahead of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held in Bali on December 3-14, a minister said on Thursday.

“In the run up to the UNFCCC in Bali, 79 million trees will simultaneously be planted on 150 hectares of land across Indonesia on 28

November 2007,” Antara new agency quoted Forestry Minister MS Kaban saying in Medan, capital of North Sumatra Province on Thursday.

He said Indonesian women would also plant 10 million trees in urban areas on 1 December.

The activity would involve all governors, mayors, district heads, sub-district heads, village heads, police officers and military

members as well as local people, he said.

He said the activity was a manifestation of the Indonesian Government’s seriousness in helping the world community reduce greenhouse gas emission that would lead to global warming.

“It will also serve as a test case for regional heads’ commitment to conserving the environment,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Cancer reported to be 4th killer in E Mediterranean, N Africa

RABAT, 24 Nov — Cancer is the fourth major killer of adults in eastern Mediterranean and North African countries, Hussein Gezairy, World Health Organization (WHO)’s regional director, has said.

“Forty per cent of cancer cases could be prevented” by early detection and healthy lifestyle, Gezairy was quoted as saying Monday by the Moroccan News Agency (MAP).

Gezairy talked about the regional strategy against cancer currently being formulated by the WHO regional bureau, at the opening in Marrakech of a technical consultative meeting on regional strategy to curb cancer in the region.

The strategy aims at establishing a coordinated approach to enable the

exploitation of regional resources and assets, to overcome the weaknesses in the fight against cancer within a framework of a process which places particular emphasis on strong and continuous

regional collaboration.

He warned there are “insufficient resources to facilitate efficient actions against cancer in the majority of the countries in the region”.

MNA/Xinhua

Storm disrupts Vietnam coffee, oil production

NHA TRANG, 24 Nov — A tropical storm dumped rain on several south-central Vietnam provinces, disrupting coffee and oil production and endangering fishermen, officials said on Saturday.

The streets of the coastal resort of Nha Trang were quiet after a night of rain, wind and waves from Tropical Storm Hagibis, downgraded from a typhoon on Friday as it changed direction in the South China Sea after hitting the Philippines.

The government’s flood and storm committee said nearly 31,000 people had been moved away from the coast in four provinces.

Vietnam sent a diplomatic note to China about four vessels with

36 fishermen requesting shelter in Chinese territory.

Authorities alerted 245,000 fishermen and most sailed out of the danger zone, government reports said.

Officials in the main coffee-growing province of Daklak said light rain had kept farmers from resuming the harvest.

The disruption since Thursday at the peak of the harvest threatens to delay deliveries from the world’s top robusta producer.

MNA/Reuters



Passengers from sea cruiser MS Explorer, who had to be abandoned after she hit an iceberg, disembark at the Eduardo Frei Chilean base in Antarctica, on 23 Nov, 2007. A Chilean military aircraft was on its way Saturday to pick up rescued passengers in Antarctica whose Canadian-chartered cruise ship slammed into an iceberg and sank off the frozen continent. — INTERNET

S Korea discovers large gas hydrate deposits

SEOUL, 24 Nov — South Korea has discovered a potentially large gas hydrate deposit in the Ulleung Basin off the east coast, South Korea’s Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy said on Thursday.

According to the ministry, the deposit is located 135 kilometres northeast of the port city of Pohang in the East Sea (Sea of Japan), and has

been determined to have a thickness of about 130 metres.

The thickness of the gas hydrate found in the new site is much greater than that found by Japan, India and China in the past, the ministry said.

Gas hydrates are usually found deep under water where cold temperatures and extreme pressure cause natural gas to condense into semisolid form.

It can be used as liquid natural gas (LNG).

The ministry said that South Korea also found another gas hydrate deposit that was 100 metres thick nine kilometres from where the initial discovery was made.

MNA/Xinhua

Stampede after tidal surge rumour kills seven in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 24 Nov — Seven people were killed in Bangladesh’s worst cyclone-hit Barguna District Thursday night in stampedes and heart attacks caused by a panic following a rumour that a heavy tidal surge was going to hit the coastal district, according to private news agency UNB Friday.

Two of the people died of heart attack while five others in stampedes in their

localities.

Some young men in three motorbikes warned people in Barguna District town at about 8:00 pm Thursday that a heavy tidal surge from the Bay of Bengal was going to hit

Thursday night.

Hearing the rumor, shopkeepers downed their shutters and people of all ages came out of their houses and started running around for safety.

The rumour then travelled

across the district and neighbouring Patuakhali District through mobile phones.

MNA/Xinhua

Actor Sylvester Stallone, center, poses with boxers Roberto Duran, left, and Shane Mosley before a Super Middleweight championship fight between Ricardo Mayorga and Fernando Vargas at Staples Center in Los Angeles, on 23 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET



SPORTS

Barclays Premier League Table 25 November 2007

| | | P | GD | PTS |
|----|---------------|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Arsenal | 13 | 19 | 33 |
| 2 | Man Utd | 14 | 16 | 30 |
| 3 | Man City | 14 | 4 | 29 |
| 4 | Chelsea | 14 | 12 | 28 |
| 5 | Liverpool | 13 | 16 | 27 |
| 6 | Portsmouth | 14 | 12 | 26 |
| 7 | Aston Villa | 13 | 7 | 24 |
| 8 | Everton | 14 | 10 | 23 |
| 9 | Blackburn | 13 | 4 | 23 |
| 10 | West Ham | 13 | 8 | 19 |
| 11 | Newcastle | 13 | -2 | 18 |
| 12 | Fulham | 14 | -4 | 13 |
| 13 | Reading | 14 | -14 | 13 |
| 14 | Tottenham | 14 | -1 | 12 |
| 15 | Bolton | 14 | -6 | 11 |
| 16 | Birmingham | 14 | -9 | 11 |
| 17 | Middlesbrough | 14 | -14 | 10 |
| 18 | Sunderland | 14 | -15 | 10 |
| 19 | Wigan | 14 | -15 | 8 |
| 20 | Derby | 14 | -28 | 6 |

Real held at Murcia, Barca win to go second

MADRID, 25 Nov — Leaders Real Madrid were held to a 1-1 draw away to promoted Real Murcia in the Primera Liga on Saturday, allowing arch-rivals Barcelona to close to within two points in the standings.

Brazil forward Robinho headed Real in front early on but Murcia battled back to level through Enrique de Lucas at the start of the second half.

Earlier, Barca put a troubled few days behind them with a laboured 3-0 home win over lowly Recreativo Huelva.

Edmilson's criticisms of the lack of commitment of some of his team mates had dominated headlines before the game, and it was far from the reaction coach Frank Rijkaard had hoped for early on.

But goals two minutes apart from Argentina's Gabriel Milito and Bojan Krkic midway through the second half broke Recre's resistance. Lionel Messi added a penalty to round it off near the end.

They went second on 27 points with third-placed Villarreal, who host promoted Almeria on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters



Kaizer Chiefs keeper Itumeleng Khune, bottom left, defenders Jimmy Tau, top left and Gerald Sibeko, bottom right denies Modise Teko of Orlando Pirates during a soccer match in Durban, South Africa, on 24 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

Fergie lambasts referee United boss believes Clattenburg lost control

LONDON, 24 Nov — Sir Alex Ferguson accused referee Mark Clattenburg of losing control during the first half of Manchester United's defeat at Bolton.

The Red Devils boss, who was incensed by a number of challenges from the home in a feisty opening 45 minutes, was sent to the



Sir Alex Ferguson

stands at the interval after making his feelings known to the official.

Nicolas Anelka scored the only goal of the game after 11 minutes, capitalising on an error by Gerard Pique, and although United improved after the break they could not find a way past Jussi Jaaskelainen.

And Ferguson felt Clattenburg failed to sufficiently penalise Bolton for their aggressive play, with one Kevin Davies challenge on Patrice Evra particularly angering the United boss, who could now be in hot water with the Football Association for his comments.

Internet



Hanover's Hanno Balitsch, right, and Schalke's Kevin Kuranyi go for a header during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match between Hanover 96 and Schalke 04 in Hanover, Germany, on 24 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Ribery leads Bayern past Wolfsburg 2-1

BERLIN, 25 Nov — France midfielder Franck Ribery set up one goal and scored the other to lead Bayern Munich to a 2-1 home win over VfL Wolfsburg and their former Bayern coach Felix Magath in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Ribery's dazzling performance helped Bayern recover from their first loss of the season in all competitions, a 3-1 defeat at VfB Stuttgart last time out and maintain their one-point lead over Werder Bremen, who won 2-0 at Energie Cottbus.

Germany striker Miroslav Klose got his ninth league goal of the season before a sell-out crowd of 69,000 at the Allianz Arena steering home a Ribery cross in the 35th minute. —MNA/Reuters



Newcastle United's Obafemi Martins (L) challenges Liverpool's Lucas Leiva during their English Premier League soccer match at St James Park in Newcastle, northern England on 24 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Inter beat Atalanta to stay in charge

ROME, 25 Nov — Goals by David Suazo and Julio Cruz gave Inter Milan a 2-1 win over Atalanta on Saturday to keep the champions firmly on top of the Serie A standings.

Unbeaten Inter have 28 points from 12 games, three more than second-placed AS Roma, who won 1-0 at Genoa earlier on Saturday. Honduran striker Suazo put Inter ahead in the 10th minute when he drilled the ball past the near post following a neat one-two with Cruz.

Argentine forward Cruz tapped in after a Suazo cross bounced off the far post to double the lead in the 30th.

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's David Suazo (R) is tackled by Atalanta's Thomas Manfredini during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 24 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

Panucci gives Roma win at Genoa

ROME, 25 Nov — A 90th-minute Christian Panucci goal gave AS Roma a 1-0 win at Genoa on Saturday lifting them to the top of Serie A alongside champions Inter Milan.

The result, which gives Roma 25 points from 12 games, put pressure on Inter to beat Atalanta at home later on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

British PM suffers opinion poll setback

LONDON, 25 Nov — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's hard-won reputation for reliability in running the economy suffered a dent in a poll on Sunday, but he insisted Britain could weather the worldwide credit turmoil.

Brown, who took over from Tony Blair in June after a decade as finance minister overseeing steady economic growth, has had to grapple with a banking debacle and Britain's biggest identity fraud crisis.

Two months ago, his ruling Labour Party enjoyed a 12 percentage point lead over the opposition Conservatives on the economy.

On Sunday, that was wiped out in a poll published by the *News of the World* newspaper, which showed them running neck and neck on 38 per cent.

The poll gave

Conservative leader David Cameron an 8 percentage point lead over the prime minister—he was on 46 per cent compared with 38 per cent for Brown.

It was the latest in a series of gloomy poll findings for Brown who a few months ago contemplated calling a snap election after a honeymoon start to his premiership with appreciative voters.

That popularity has evaporated after mortgage lender Northern Rock was hit by Britain's first run on a bank in 140 years and the revelation that almost half the country's population may have been put at risk of identity fraud.

Britain's tax authority admitted that the records of 25 million people had gone astray on two missing computer discs.

Brown insists the economy is not in for a rough ride, which could torpedo his electoral prospects.

MNA/Reuters

အထူးကျေးဇူးတင်ရှိခြင်း
ဦးအောင်သိန်းအေး (နတ်မောက်)
ပညာရေးမှူး (ဦးမိုး)
အသက် (၇၉)နှစ်

၂၀-၁၁-၂၀၀၇ရက်နေ့တွင် ကွယ်လွန်သွားခဲ့သော မကျေးဇူး၊ ကန်သာရပ်၊ (၁၄)လမ်း၊ စီ-၃၄၆နေ ဖခင်ကြီးဦးအောင်သိန်းအေး၏ ဈာပနအခမ်းအနားတွင် အစစအရာရာ အားပေး ကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့သော စွမ်းအင်ဝန်ကြီးဌာနဝန်ကြီး ဦးမိုး၊ ချုပ်လွှဲလွန်းသိသောစုဝင်များ၊ စွမ်းအင်ဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ဌာနဆိုင်ရာတာဝန်ရှိသူများ၊ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း ဦးအောင်ညွန့်ကြားရေးမှူးနှင့် ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ ဈာပနနှင့် ရက်လည်ဆွမ်းကျွေး တရားကြားနာပြီးသည့်အထိ အဘက်ဘက်မှလိုလေးသေးမရှိအောင်ပိုင်းဝန်း၍ နှစ်သိမ့်အားပေးပံ့ပိုး ကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခဲ့ကြသော ဆွေးမျိုးမိတ်သင်္ဂဟများ၊ တိုင်းရောင်းဝယ်ရေးအရာရှိ(မကျေးတိုင်း)နှင့် ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ မိသားစုများ၊ မန်းသံပုရာကန် ရေနံတထုထုအစက်ရုံ စက်ရုံများနှင့် ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ ထောက်ပံ့ပေးမင်းဘူး၊ ရေနံချောင်း ရေနံမြေအထွေထွေမန်နေဂျာများနှင့် ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ မင်းဘူး ရေနံတထုထုရည်စက်ရုံ စက်ရုံများနှင့် ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ ဆယ်ပြာစက်ရုံ(မကျေး) စက်ရုံများနှင့် ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ အခြေခံပညာ ဦးစီးဌာနမှဆရာ/ဆရာမများ၊ ရပ်ကင်းရပ်ကွဲမှ လူကွယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြေကြီးနုဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ သတင်းမေးအားပေးနှစ်သိမ့်ခဲ့ကြသော ဆွေးမျိုးမိတ်သင်္ဂဟများ၊ ရေနံကုမ္ပဏီများနှင့် ကျေးဇူးတင်ထိုက်သူများအားလုံးကို အထူးကျေးဇူးတင်ရှိပါကြောင်း။

ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု

Young Britons warned over leaving info on Internet

LONDON, 25 Nov — Millions of young Britons are putting themselves at the risk of identity fraud by leaving their "electronic footprint" on Internet websites and blogs, the country's privacy watchdog warned on Friday.

Concerned about the explosion of personal information available online, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched official guidelines for millions of people who use networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Bebo.

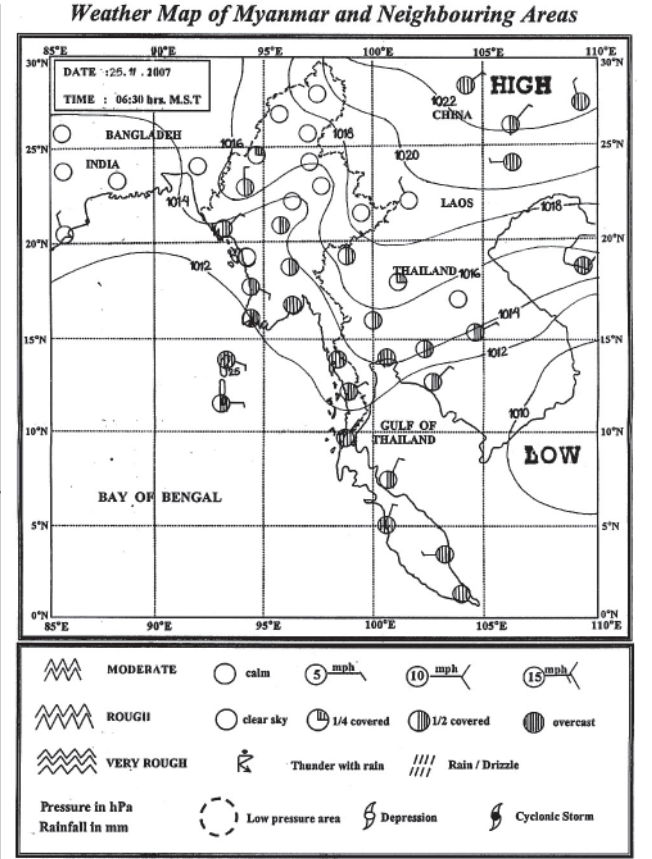
The guidance includes warnings that a "blog is for

life" and "reputation is everything" while entries can leave a permanent "electronic footprint" on the Internet. — MNA/Reuters



Monday, 26 November Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music - Whatever it take
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music - Got the feeling
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music - Say a little a prayer
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music - Because of you
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music - Love is blind
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the stars - (The Carpenters)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug / women affairs
- 9:35 pm Golden Land melody/vocal gems - Willow
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



WEATHER

Sunday, 25 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayin States and Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan and Kayah States, Yangon, lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Co co Island (0.99) inch. The significant night temperature was Haka (1°C).

Maximum temperature on 24-11-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 25-11-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-11-2007 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 24-11-2007 was (2.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-11-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.57) inches at Mingaladon, (141.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 24-11-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-11-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Division, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60)%.

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough Seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-11-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-11-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-11-2007: Generally fair weather.



Monday, 26 November View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မဗ္ဗဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 - 7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မဗ္ဗဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
 - 7:25 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
 - 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
 - 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song

- 7:50 am
 6. Song of national races
 - 8:05 am
 7. Cute little dancer
 - 8:15 am
 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - 8:30 am
 9. International news
 - 8:45 am
 10. Grammar made easy
 - 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
 - 4:15 pm
 2. Song for uphold national spirit
 - 4:30 pm
 3. Practice in reading
 - 4:45 pm
 4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
 - 5:00 pm
 5. Dance variety
 - 5:15 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
 - 5:30 pm
 7. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကြည်စိုး)

- 5:40 pm
 8. Song and dance of national races
 - 5:45 pm
 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
 - 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
 - 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
 - 6:35 pm
 12. အလှရာမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
 - 7:00 pm
 13. "စက်မှုဇုန်မှာကျွန်မစက်ရုံလာ တည်တော့မယ်" (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မိုးဒါ၊ စောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ သဇင်၊ နင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ- သုတေသီ)
 - 7:15 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောရွှေနေ့ခြည်" (အပိုင်း-၃၂) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
 - 8:00 pm
 15. News
 16. International news
 17. Weather report
 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်စေတမန်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
 19. The next day's programme

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of main building at University of Pharmacy (Yangon)

YANGON, 25 Nov — A ceremony to open the main building of University of Pharmacy (Yangon) of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health was held in front of the building at the university in

Waibagi Myothit of North Okkalapa Township this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe

and Director-General Prof Dr Than Myint of Medical Science Department formally opened the main building. Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the plaque of the building and sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, they viewed the lecture halls, the library and labs at three-storey building.

In front of the building, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party had a documentary photo taken.

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'88' Generation Students (The Union of Myanmar), National Convention Supporting and Constitution Hailing Force, Political Economy Study New Generation Student Group, National Political Youth NLD (Myanmar) issue announcements

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Mr Gambari, the special adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General, released the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on her behalf in Singapore on 8 November.

Political parties, national race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold, State/Division delegates of national race delegate group to the National Convention and some organizations are releasing announcements to express their

disagreement and objection to the points in the statement.

Of the announcements sent to the dailies, those of the '88' Generation Students (The Union of Myanmar), National Convention Supporting and Constitution Hailing Force, Political Economy Study New Generation Student Group and National Political Youth NLD (Myanmar) are as follows:-

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Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad

Yangon-Mandalay Railroad is the main railroad of our country. Many railroads linking with this main railroad go to Mon State, Taninthayi Division, Shan State, Kayah State, Sagaing Division, Kachin State, and the regions on the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River and on the western bank of the Chindwin River. The main railroad needs to make progress for these branch railroads to make progress. Due to the completion of Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad, the number of the up-trains and down-trains plying between Yangon and Mandalay will increase to 36 from 28. And more cargo trains will run. The trains do not need to wait when they meet, so the passengers can get to the designations in a shorter period.

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