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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of congratulations to Pakistan

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on his re-election as the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. — MNA

Winning of international events and emergence of sports internationals victory of whole nation

Secretary-1 meets Myanmar Sports Contingent



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets athletes who will participate in XXIV SEA Games. — MNA

Yangon, 29 Nov -Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo met members of the Myanmar Sports Contingent, that will take part in the XXIV SEA Games in Thailand from 6 to 15

National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thingangyun Township yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that at a time when all the entire national people are encouraging the development of Myanmar sports standards, it is an honour for the Myanmar sports contingent to par-December 2007, at the ticipate in such an international event representing the nation. All the athletes are to know the importance of winning every event by regarding it as a national duty since the winning of individuals can bring dignity to the State and the people.

Therefore, all the participants are to compete steadfastly to be able to have the State Flag

flown in every event be- | the whole nation. cause the flag represents the dignity of the entire | people have a fine tradi-

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- Development of agriculture as the base and allround 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
- 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

nation as well as the national duty.

It can be seen that all the nations are striving their utmost to improve the sports standards with nationalistic spirit as they view that winning the international sports and games brings honour and glory to their nations.

That is why the State is taking steps to improve the national sports standards as the winning of the international sports events and emergence of sports internationals is the victory of

tion of having high sporting spirit and sports abilities. History has it that the ancient Myanmar kings had promoted sports with defence outlook and as a result, the Myanmar people were able to safeguard the nation thorough their defence capabilities coupled with their sports abilities.

Nowadays, the government is encouraging the improvement of national sports standards as a social development. In addition, measures are being taken to realize one of the social objec-The Myanmar tives 'uplift of health

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 30 November, 2007

Greater role of Myanmar traditional medicine through standard medicines

The Eighth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was held at Yangon University of Nursing on 28 and 29 November. Representatives of traditional medicine practitioners across the nation held discussions on measures for raising the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine, improving the traditional medical science, enhancing the prestige of traditional medicine practitioners, and winning greater trust and reliance of the people.

At the conference, resource persons submitted papers on systematic utilization of herbal plants, therapies of traditional medicine hospitals, treatments to cure toothache, doses, treatment methods, innovations, and longevity for further improving Myanmar traditional medi-

Myanmar traditional medicine is endowed with various branches of medical science, different treatises, and a diverse array of therapies. Sustained efforts are to be made for Myanmar traditional medicine to become a scientific traditional medical science without sacrificing delicacy and potency of Myanmar traditional medicines and for innovating effective traditional medicines and therapies to cure the diseases that are incurable with western medicines.

Traditional medicine practitioners and producers have to work hard for resurgence of vanishing medicines formerly used by the court and effective medicines that have been used by successive traditional medicine practitioners for promotion and propagation of the Myanmar traditional medical science. In this regard, it is required to record potency, benefits and therapies of these effective traditional medicines.

Now, the government is giving effective encouragement for improving the Myanmar traditional medical science. So, traditional medicine practitioners are to strive with the knowledge and experiences they have gained from the conference for improving traditional medical science and providing better health care for the people with standard traditional medicines.



U Soe Win, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise under Ministry of Information, presents prize to Lecturer U Wai Ti of Institute of Economics at conclusion of the Journalism Course No 1/2007 on 28 November 2007. (News Reported)—MNA

- 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

Minister receives Singaporean guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Nov -Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Jason Leong, General Manager of Ntegrator Private Limited, and party of Republic of Singapore at the ministry here today.

Also present at the call were the director-general of Myanma Radio and Television and officials concerned.





Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Jason Leong, General Manager of Ntegrator Private Ltd of Singapore.—MNA

Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament continues

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Nov The First Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament-2007 organ- | ball Ground today.

ized by Ministry of Sports continued for the third day at Nay Pyi Taw Volley-

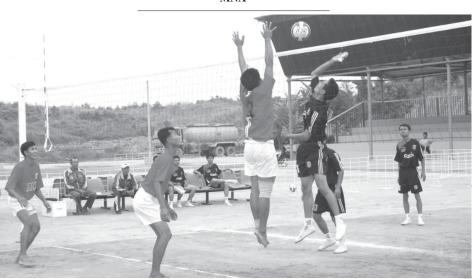
Ministry of Industry-1 beat Ministry of Energy 3-0. Ministry of Mines defeated Ministry of For-

eign Affairs 3-0.

Ministry of Defence won to 3-0 win over Ministry of Culture. Likewise, Ministry of Information beat Ministry of Health 3-0. Among the spectators were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and departmental officials.



Ministry of Information Team plays against Ministry of Health Team.



MPPA meeting on 1 Dec

Yangon, 28 Nov — The first annual meeting of the Myanmar Paddy Producers Association will be held on 1 December afternoon at Office Tower of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at No 29, Minye Kyaw Swa Street, Lanmadaw Township. All members are invited to attend the meeting. — MNA

Ministry of Defence Team plays against Ministry of Culture Team. —MNA

PM says Malaysia may use harsh security law on protests

Kual Lumpur, 29 Nov-Malaysia threatened on Tuesday to use a tough colonial-era security law, which allows for years of detention without trial, to stop a wave of street protests that have rocked the nation in recent weeks. More than 10,000 ethnic Indians staged the minority community's biggest anti-government protest at the weekend to complain of racial discrimination.

Two weeks earlier, another crowd of about 10,000 people rallied in the capital to demand electoral reform ahead of possible early elections in the next few months. They were the biggest street demonstrations in a decade.

"The ISA (Internal Security Act) is a preventive measure to spare the nation from untoward incidents that can harm the prevailing peace and harmony and create all sorts of adverse things," the official Bernama news agency quoted Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as saying.

"The ISA will be there. When it is appropriate to use it, it will be used," said Abdullah, who is also Internal Security Minister overseeing the police.

MNA/Reuters



A furry robotic seal called "Palo" is pictured at the International Robot Exhibition in Tokyo on 28 Nov, 2007. The robot seal, which can learn its name and react to touch, is designed to help elderly people avoid loneliness and develop connections with others by interacting and talking to the robot.—Internet

UK Labour General Secretary quits over donations

London, 28 Nov— Labour Party General Secretary Peter Watt resigned on Tuesday following the revelation that a property developer gave hundreds of thousands of pounds in donations without revealing his identity.

Watt, in charge of party finances, said he had been aware of David Abrahams' arrangement to give almost 400,000 pounds in donations to Labour via "gifts" to friends and associates.

Under electoral law, people making donations on behalf of others must give full details of the person providing the money. "I was aware of

arrangements whereby David Abrahams gave gifts to business associates and a solicitor who were permissible donors and who in turn passed them on to the Labour Party and I believed at the time my reporting obligations had been appropriately complied with," Watt said in a statement. Watt said he had now been informed there were "additional reporting requirements". MNA/Reuters

US troops kill four in **Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 28 Nov—US troops opened fire on a minibus carrying government employees in northeastern Baghdad early Tuesday, killing four of them and wounding two others, a well-informed police source said.

"A US patrol opened fire on a minibus carrying employees working for the Iraqi Financial Ministry in the Adan intersection of the al-Shaab neighbourhood, killing three women and a man and wounding two others," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The US forces did not confirm the incident yet.

Separately, the Iraqi police picked up four unidentified bodies from different parts of the capital during the past 24 hours, the source said.

The bodies handcuffed, blindfolded and showing signs of torture with bullet holes in different parts of their bodies, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NЕWS

Two killed in car bomb attack on foreign convoy in Kabul

KABUL, 28 Nov—A by the blast in central Kabul suicide car bomb targeting a foreign military convoy in the Afghan capital Kabul killed two civilians on Tuesday, a senior police official said. Several people were also wounded

outside a Defence Ministry building close to the British, Canadian and Pakistani embassies.

Three white armoured Toyota Land Cruisers of the type used by foreign

forces and diplomatic staff were damaged by the blast which shattered windows across a wide area. Wreckage burned in a

metre-wide crater in the road. Little remained of the attacker's car except the smouldering engine some 10 metres (yards) away. The blackened body of an Afghan civilian lay nearby covered with a prayer rug.

Another Afghan, a security guard, was also killed by the explosion, a senior police official said.

US military officers at the site said foreign troops suffered minor injuries, but none had been killed. MNA/Reuters

A recently-discovered Rothschild Faberge Egg, seen here, which was made for the Rothschild banking family by Peter Carl Faberge in 1902, was auctioned off for a record of nearly 12.5 million euros (18.5 million USD).—Internet

Brown faces MPs over illegal funding scandal

London, 29 Nov—Gordon Brown faces a grilling in Parliament on Wednesday over the funding row that has engulfed the Labour Party, the latest in a series of setbacks to rock his government.

Despite condemning the donations as illegal and pledging to return them, Brown will face more calls to explain what he knew about the 600,000 pounds that property developer David Abrahams donated through intermediaries. Conservative MPs say the affair is "getting murkier by the minute" and will attempt to pile on the pressure at Prime Minister's Questions at midday.—*MNA/Reuters*

Indonesian students carry trees to be planted on the Cycloops Mountain of Indonesia's Papua Province on 28 Nov, 2007. Indonesia, which has been losing its forests at a rapid pace in recent years, launched a campaign on Wednesday to plant 79 million trees ahead of next month's UN climate change conference in Bali. Internet





A giant illuminated Berlin Bear made up of fairy lights, is seen at a junction in Berlin, Germany, on 27 Nov, 2007.—Internet

UN says over one bln trees planted in 2007

Oslo, 29 Nov—The world has surpassed a UN goal of planting one billion trees in 2007 to help slow climate change, led by huge forestry projects in Ethiopia and Mexico, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said on Wednesday.

The global treeplanting drive, inspired by Kenyan environmentalist and 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, is meant to counter deforestation from logging and the burning of forests to create farmland.

"An initiative to catalyze the pledging and the planting of one billion trees has achieved and indeed surpassed its mark," UNEP head Achim Steiner said in a statement on plantings by governments, companies and individuals.

"It is a further sign of the breathtaking momentum witnessed this year on the challenge for this generation—climate change." Trees soak up carbon dioxide, the main gas blamed for stoking global warming, as they

UNEP said Ethiopia appeared to be the runaway leader with 700 million trees planted in a national reforestation drive. Only 3 per cent of Ethiopia is now forested, down from 40 per cent centuries ago.

Other top planters were Mexico with 217 million trees, Turkey 150

million, Kenya 100 million, Cuba 96.5 million, Rwanda 50 million, South Korea 43 million, Tunisia 21 million, Morocco 20 million, Myanmar 20 million and Brazil 16 million, it said.

The billion-tree target was set in Nairobi in November despite criticism that it would be impossible to verify.

It was declared passed less than a week before the start of a December 3-14 meeting of the world's environment ministers in Bali, Indonesia.

MNA/Reuters

Putin says will prevent foreign meddling

Moscow, 29 Nov-President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he would not allow foreign states to upset Russia's stability as the country prepared to vote in a December 2 parliamentary election.

"We have done everything to safeguard Russia from internal disturbances and to put it firmly on the track of evolutionary development," Putin told foreign diplomats and senior officials in a speech in the Kremlin.

"And I am forced to repeat myself — we will not allow this process to be changed from outside," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Top State Dept lawyer seeks US clarity on torture

GENEVA, 28 Nov—The United States, accused of using torture on terrorism suspects, should make clearer what it permits during interrogation and what it does not, the State Department's top lawyer said on Tuesday.

John Bellinger, legal adviser at the US State Department, said he was making confidential recommendations to Attorney-General Michael Mukasey and putting forth what he called his own "strong views on a number of these practices".

"As legal adviser for the State Department, I think it is a concern that the United States cannot be clearer on issues like these that are raised.

"It makes it more difficult for the United States to reaffirm our commitment to international law in the world," Bellinger told a news conference on the sidelines of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

This was because the United States, like other countries including Britain, does not comment on intelligence matters, according to the senior US official. "I think there is a growing recognition ... about the need for greater clarity about what is permitted and what is prohibited," he said.

Human rights groups have accused the United States of torturing suspects. Torture is illegal under the US criminal code as well as under a international treaty that prohibits it under all circumstances, which the United States has ratified. MNA/Reuters

kills nine Mexico City, 29 Nov

A bus fell down a 328feet (100-metre)-high cliff in western Mexico, killing nine passengers and



Algerian officials and rescuers check a collapsed bridge at Ain Bounian, on 27 Nov. Flooding from five days of heavy rains in northern Algeria have claimed 11 lives and three more people are missing feared dead, officials said.—Internet

Mexico bus skids off cliff,

injuring 25, emergency workers said on Tuesday. The accident occurred on Monday evening in the Pacific coast state of Nayarit, when the bus was hit by a van and knocked off the road, a local Red Cross official said.

Emergency workers worked until dawn and survivors were taken to nearby hospitals.

MNA/Reuters



A snowy owl is seen at Shirotori zoo in Higashikagawa, southwestern Japan on 11 May, 2007. More than a quarter of all US bird species are vulnerable to extinction, according to a comprehensive list compiled by two conservation groups released on 28 Nov, 2007. Global warming may be partially to blame.

Internet

Suicide bomber kills six in N-E Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 Nov — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a police checkpoint near the city of Baquba, the capital of the volatile Diyala Province on Tuesday, killing six people and wounding seven others, a provincial police source said. "A suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt blew himself up at a police checkpoint on the main road between the town of Buhruz and the city of Baquba, some 65 kilo-metres northeast of Baghdad," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The attack, which occurred at about 11:20 am (0820 GMT), killed three policemen and three civilians at the check-point, the source said.

Seven people, including three policemen, were also wounded during the blast, which damaged several civilian cars while passing the checkpoint at the time of the attack, he said. Diyala has long been a hotbed of insurgency led by al-Qaeda in Iraq network and sectarian violence between Sunni and Shiite communities.—MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

China steel forges strong growth in Gulf countries

Beijing, 28 Nov— China experienced a drastic jump in demand for its steel products in Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Syria as the Gulf countries spent "petrol dollars" on infrastructure construction, said UBS analyst Tang Xiaobo in a report on the country's steel industry.

In the first seven months, steel exports to Iran rocketed 22 fold to 2.3 million tons compared to the same period a year previous.

The UAE increased 2.96 times to 1.3 million tons, and Syria by 6.59 times to five million tons, the UBS report said quoting Chinese Customs

The surge in tonnage correlated with a drop in prices for steel exports to Gulf countries, as demand from the crude exporters was mainly for cheaper steel used in construction, such as reinforced steel bars, long steel and steel wire rods.

The new export trend has benefited China's private and smaller steel producers as larger domestic firms have turned away from products with low-added value.

The European Union, the Republic of Korea and the United States remained the three top foreign buyers of Chinese steel.

In the first seven months, EU consumption rose 125 per cent, while the US was down 2.7 per

The country's economic planner, the National Development and Reform Commission, expressed its confidence in the development of the Chinese steel industry on Monday, saying the output growth was supported by rigid demand.

Chinese steel exports increased 73.2 per cent to 49.52 million tons in the first nine months, according to a China Iron and Steel Association report.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal faces LPG shortage in winter season

KATHMANDU, 28 Nov-Nepali consumers will feel the pinch of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) shortage even more in the coming months as the demand for it goes up by nearly 25 per cent during the winter season, The Himalayan Times daily reported on Wednesday.

The Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) has currently been importing only about 20 per cent of the demand for LPG, which is in short supply ever since 2005, Gyaneshwor Aryal, president of the Central Gas Dealers' Association of Nepal has said.

According to the daily, though the NOC agreed in February 2005 to import 7,500 metric tons of LPG every month, it never met the target due to recurring

loses partly from the subsidy in LPG.

The NOC agreed again in July 2007 to increase the import to about 8,500 metric tons a month, the import is much below the target, insiders in the LPG trade said.

Though the NOC

raised petroleum prices on 24 October this year to smoothen the supply by reducing the losses attributed to subsidy, it said it is still providing 70 Nepali rupees (1.1 US dollars) subsidy per cylinder on LPG.

MNA/Xinhua

Bush economic adviser Hubbard resigns

Washington, 29 Nov- Top White House economic adviser Allan Hubbard resigned on Wednesday and will be replaced by his deputy, Keith Hennessey, the latest in a string of departures as President George W. Bush's term winds down.

His departure comes at a difficult time for the Bush Administration, which is facing a crisis in the mortgage industry that has led to an increase in housing foreclosures as well as jittery global stock and currency markets.

Hubbard, 60, will leave as director of the National Economic Council by the end of the year and his announcement comes a day after he said the risks of the US economy slipping into a recession were growing.

"Al Hubbard has led the economic policymaking process in my administration for some of the most challenging economic issues confronting our nation," Bush said in a statement.

Hubbard said in his resignation letter that he was leaving to spend more time with his children. Other top White House officials who have left this year include political adviser Karl Rove, communications director Dan Bartlett and budget director Rob Portman.—MNA/Reuters



A staff member shows astronaut-suit shaped ball pen in the three-day 2007 Beijing International Gift, Promotional Gift and Daily-use Articles Purchasing Fair at the China Internatinal Trade Centre in Beijing, China, on 27 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA

Singapore, Philippines ink media cooperation deal

SINGAPORE, 29 Nov— Singapore and the Philippines on Tuesday reached a media cooperation agreement in the fields of media policy and information exchange, training and human resource development, co-production and mutual exchanges.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) took place on the sidelines of this year's Asia Media Festival, hosted by Singapore's Media Development Authority (MDA).

A joint statement said that the media cooperation deal came at a time when the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries are forging closer economic, political and community ties.

Earlier this month, the region witnessed the launch of the ASEAN Media Portal, an online platform that showcases and facilitates the exchange of cultural information and media content among member states.

Other than the Philippines, Singapore has also sealed media cooperation MoUs with three other ASEAN countries, including Brunei, Indonesia and Thailand. — MNA/Xinhua

Thailand's PTTEPP to co-invest with foreign firms

Bangkok, 29 Nov— Thailand's state-controlled energy enterprise PTT Exploration and Production Plc (PTTEPP) has agreed to co-invest with US and Australian companies to explore natural gas resources in offshore Australia.

PTTEPP president Maroot Marigadat said the company had entered into a joint venture with USbased Murphy Oil Corporation and Australia's Finder Exploration Co to explore for natural gas in AC/P36 Block of the Browse Basin located off northwestern Australian coast, Thai News Agency reported on Tuesday.

The area has a great potential for finding petroleum, Maroot said. Many natural gas deposits have been found in the area.

The AC/P36 Block covers an area of 4,000 square kilometres where drilling for natural gas had been carried out earlier.

In such a joint venture, he said, PTTEPP would have an opportunity to work together and exchange knowledge and technology with international oil companies with a diverse experience.

The joint venture will be owned 20 per cent by PTTEPP, 40 per cent by Murphy Oil Corp, and 40 per cent by Finder Exploration. The joint venture agreement will become effective upon approval by the Australian Government.—MNA/Xinhua



A baby Andean condor is fed with a latex puppet representing an adult condor at the Buenos Aires Zoo, Argentina, on 27 Nov, 2007. The puppet is designed to prevent the nestlings from becoming attached to humans and to adapt them to their natural environment.—XINHUA



Natives of Brazil's Karaja tribe dance and sing during the IX Indigenous Nations' Games in Olinda, northeastern Brazil, on 28 Nov, 2007.—Internet

Book marks 50 years of Malaysian-German ties

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Nov-The German Embassy in Malaysia has launched a coffee-table book in celebration of five decades of productive Malaysian-German relations here, local media reported on Tuesday.

The 256-page hardcover book in full colour traces the development and current state of all facets of the bilateral relationship between the two countries.

Titled 50 Years of Malaysian-German Relations: Portraits of Friendship — Then and *Now*, it was sponsored by German companies in Malaysia, which contributed 160,000 ringgit (47,761 US dollars).

The book gives a forum for a variety of voices,

German companies here and individuals, both Malaysia and Germans, German Ambassador to Malaysia Herbert Jess said.

The book project had unearthed a large treasure chest of projects, impressions and adventures that made up 50 years of a sian-German history, he said. "But the thing that strikes me as most important is Malaysia's and Malaysians' ability to make the best of opportunities for international exchange and cooperation," the New Straits Times quoted Jess as



An athlete competes in China's National Indoor Stadium in Beijing, China, on 28 *Nov*, 2007. —XINHUA

Khanh Hoa Province next July, local newspaper Youth reported on Wednesday.

The contract on holding the event was signed Tuesday between the Vietnamese main partner, the Hoan Vu company, and the pageant's organizer under the witness of representatives of the Vietnamese Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the provincial People's Committee, Miss Universe 2007 Rivo Mori and Miss Vietnam 2007 Mai

chairman of the Vietnam Steel Association.

Taxi and other transport companies are also under strong pressure, with petrol costs accounting for 50 per cent of their rates. Supermarkets nationwide said they were receiving 5-10 notices a day from distributors intending to increase prices.

The petrol price hike comes when inflationary pressures are already expected to build with the approaching season of the Tet (lunar new year) festival which falls in February 2008.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam officially chosen to host Miss Universe 2008

Vietnam's pricier petrol

leads to pricier purchases

fishing and heavy industry

are likely to feel the

strongest impact. The

price of seafood was

expected to increase by an

average of 10.8 per cent,

The price of coal, steel

and cement, meanwhile,

are expected to rise 1.7-

5.6 per cent due to a heavy

dependence on transport

"The cost to produce

steel will increase by

95,000 VND (5.9 dollars)

per ton with the price of

petrol at this level," said

Nguyen Tien nghi, vice

ministries' analysts.

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In Vietnam, offshore

Hanoi, 29 Nov — Vietnam has been officially chosen to host the

Hanoi, 28 Nov—The

prices of many products

and services in Vietnam

are predicted to rise, in

some cases over 10 per

cent, following recent

hikes in petrol prices, local

newspaper Vietnam News

finance, and industry and

trade agreed last week to

allow petrol prices to

climb from 11,300

Vietnamese dong (VND)

(70.6 US cents) to 13,000

VND (81.3 cents), as oil

prices on the world market have shot to record

heights, nearing 100

dollars per barrel.

The ministries of

reported Tuesday.

tral Nha Trang city of

Phuong Thuy.

The event's final

round will be organized at the Diamond Bay Resort in the coastal city.

US billionaire Donald Triumph, owner of Miss Universe contests, will attend the final of Miss Universe 2008.

To host the event, Vietnam is estimated to spend some 15 million US dollars covering the pageant's royalty, and manpower and infrastructure expenses.

Vietnam will focus on constructing a 7,500seat stage, upgrading the Cam Ranh Airport and some hotels in Khanh Hoa, and beautifying the sea city.

MNA/Xinhua

Norway gives World Bank \$105m for health care

Washington, 28 Nov— Norway on Tuesday announced 105 million US for the World Bank to explore innovative ways to improve health-care systems in developing countries, especially for women and babies.

The money is the first disbursement of one billion US dollars pledged by Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg in September. Millions of mothers and their infants die each year from preventable causes.

The 105 million US dollars will support World Bank pilot programmes in dollars in grant funding impoverished countries, focusing on effective ways of delivering health care to the poor. "Norway is investing a significant amount of money in the World Bank to help poor countries strengthen their health systems so that mothers can survive their pregnancies and safely deliver babies who live beyond their first weeks of life," Stoltenberg said in a statement distributed by the World Bank.

"We look to the Bank to champion greater use of financial incentives to improve care for women and children. We know, for example, that mothers are more likely to have successful births for their babies if they take place in health facilities where help, advice and equipment is on-hand, rather than at home," he said.

The World Bank said governments can also fix underlying problems in their health systems by focusing on results.

MNA/Reuters

Study finds teens take bullying to Internet

Washington, 29 Nov— Hateful text messages, abusive e-mails and cybergossip are giving bullies new power over their victims — even in the supposed safety of their own homes, US researchers reported on Tuesday.

And most of the victims are themselves new, with two-thirds of children who report such harassment saying they had not been bullied before in other ways.

Schools and parents must work together to find ways to stop such behaviour, without robbing children and teens of valuable Internet access, the researchers agreed.

"Internet bullying has emerged as a new and growing form of social cruelty," Kirk Williams and Nancy Guerra of the University of California at Riverside wrote in one of a series of reports

of Adolescent Health.

The reports, from researchers organized by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, show a 50-per-cent increase in the number of kids aged 10 to 17 who said they were harassed online — from 6 per cent in 2000 to 9 per cent in published in the Journal | 2005.— MNA/Reuters

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Nov — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Dato' Mazlan Bin Muhammad as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Dato' Shaharuddin Bin Md Som.

Dato' Mazlan Bin Muhammad was born on 30th May 1956. He was graduated with BA (Hons) from the University of Malaya and obtained Darjah Indera Mahkoto Pahang (DIPM) 2004. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1981 and served in various capacities at the Ministry. He served as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Malaysia in Beijing and Minister Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York and also as the Assistant High Commissioner at the Office of the Assistant High Commissioner in Chennai, India. In 2001 he served as Undersecretary at the External Information Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia. On 29-12-2001 he was appointed as Ambassador of Malaysia to Iran. Since 2004, he is serving as Undersecretary, Consular Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia.

Dato' Mazlan Bin Muhammad is married and has four children. — MNA

Provisions for two monasteries

YANGON, 29 Nov —Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi donated robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Cittasara of Shwehtigon-Taungtaw Monastery in Pinlebu Township in Katha District of Sagaing Division on 25 November.

While in Katha, the minister also donated robes and provisions to Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Eindavamsa of Hmankyaung Monastery in Wuntho Township on 27 November.— MNA

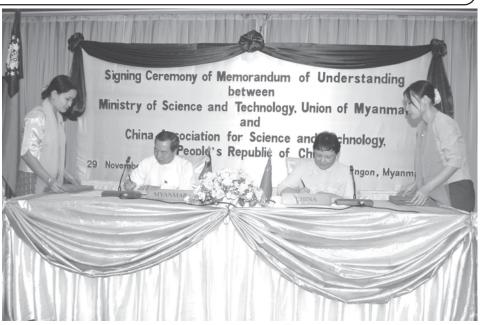
Myanmar, China sign MoU on science and technological cooperation

YANGON, 29 Nov -The ceremony to sign Memorandum of Understanding on science and technological cooperation between Ministry of Science and Technology of the Union Myanmar Association for Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China was held at Dagon Hall of Sedona Hotel, here, this evening.

It was attended by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe, departmental heads of the ministry, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-General Madam Deng Nan and senior officials of the China Association for Science and Technology, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, embassy staff and guests.

First, Minister U Thaung and Madam Deng Nan signed MoU and exchanged the notes.

The MoU covers



Minister U Thaung and Madam Deng Nan of China Association for Science and Technology sign MoU between Ministry of Science and Technology and CAST in Yangon. — MNA

technological assistance, science and technological exchange and mutual cooperation on improvement of quality control between the two nations.

After the signing ceremony, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung hosted a dinner in honour of China Association for Science and Technology at the hotel. — MNA

Myanmar men's and women's football teams leave for XXIV **SEA Games**

YANGON, 29 Nov — Myanmar men's and women's football teams left for Thailand by air this morning to participate in football event of the XXIV SEA Games to be held Nakhon

Ratchasima, Thailand.

Myanmar U-23 men's team comprises manager U Ave Maung Gvi, Brazilian head coach Mr Marcos Antonio, assistant coaches U Nyan Win, U Zaw Win Tun and U Myo Chit (Goal), two medical staff and 20 footballers.

Myanmar faces host Thailand, Indonesia and Cambodia in the group-A. Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Laos are included in the group-B. Myanmar will take on the debut against host Thailand on December.

Myanmar women's team comprises manager Daw Myat Myat Oo, head coach U Aye Kyu Gyi, assistant coaches U Chit Naing and U Kyaw Tint, two medical staff and 20

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on 13 December.

footballers.

December. The final match of the men's football event will be held on 14 December and that of the women's



Myanmar men's football team poses for a group photo at Yangon International Airport. — NLM



Myanmar women's football team poses for a group photo at Yangon International Airport. — NLM

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Winning of international events...

(from page 1)

and fitness of the entire nation through the nation's sports standard.

To keep abreast of the international community, the Union of Myanmar is striving in all aspects. Again, plans are being carried out systematically to ensure the international level sports standards by regarding the sports sector as one of the most important sectors.

Winning the international sports events can only reflect the nation's endeavours for improvement of the sports standards. That is why all the members of Myanmar sports contingent who would participate in the XXIV SEA Games are to know the importance of winning every event so as to meet the expectations of

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It is heartening to note that nowadays, the government, the sports federations, businessmen, donors, social organizations and the sports fans are contributing to the improvement of Myanmar sports stand-

Thanks to the all-round contributions, the selected Myanmar athletes have enjoyed such sound conditions as fitness, good training, sophisticated sports equipment and good-experiences in international events.

I believe that all our selected athletes have been systematically trained, are well-versed in their respective sports techniques and well-prepared for the competitions.

Therefore, I would like to urge you all to keep yourselves in training, be disciplined, have sense of fair play and equip yourselves with a view to uplifting national prestige and integrity.

While you are abroad, it is necessary to keep yourselves in good health and in constant practice and behave with team spirit and help each other with family spirit. Moreover, I want you to behave according to Myanmar culture, customs and traditions, following the guidance and instructions of the manage-

I want you to bear in mind that the entire nation has high hopes for you all and will be expecting your victorious return. Therefore, it is up to you to participate with unyielding spirit in the competitions to improve the national image.

On behalf of the entire nation, I would like to avail myself of this occasion to express my heartfelt thanks to national entrepreneurs, well-wishers and sports fans who have given encouragement and help in every way possible to the athletes participating in the XXIV SEA Games. And I believe that the athletes will be deservingly honoured when they emerge victorious.

In conclusion, I trust that all our Myanmar athletes will compete to the best of their ability with determination to improve the image of their nation and their people and will be able to wear the crown of success and fly the flag of victory high on their return.

The Secretary-1 entrusted the State Flag to leader of the Myanmar Sports Contingent General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik pledged that the Myanmar Sports Contingent will make all-out efforts for achieving success in the games.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the athletes.

Next, the Secretary-1 inspected sports equipment for respective sports events.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, members of MOC, members of the Committee for Ensuring Success of Myanmar Sports, patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, presidents of sports federations and officials, members of the Myanmar Sports Contingent and guests.

A total of 44 sports events will be organized at the XXIV SEA Games. Of them, Myanmar Sports Contingent will compete in 29 sports events—archery, track & field, boxing, traditional boxing (Muay Thai), baseball, billiards, body-building, cycling, football (men's and women's), Futsal, golf, gymnastics, hockey,

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo hands over State Flag to Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik. — MNA

Judo, Karatedo, Pencak Silat, rowing, canoe/kayak, traditional boat race, sailing, swimming, diving, Sepak Takraw, Taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, volleyball (men's), Wushu and shooting. — MNA

Veterinary Science University holds convocation

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Nov — The 22nd Convocation of University of Veterinary Science under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at the Convocation Hall of the university on 24 November.

Rector Dr Myint Thein conferred certificates on PhD, MVSc and BVSc graduates and diploma holders.

After presenting prizes to outstanding staff and students, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivered an address.

The minister and Chairman of Myanmar Veterinarians Association Dr Than Tun opened the exhibition of feedstuff, veterinary medicines and equip-

Next, the golden jubilee hall of the university was opened and visited by the Minister and the rector.

In the afternoon, President of Myanmar Veterinary Council Dr Mya Nyunt presented veterinary identities to 94 veterinarians. —MNA

Talks on Human Capital Management to be held

YANGON, 29 Nov — Talks on Human Capital Management, organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Work Committee for Promoting Information and Technology along with the assistance of Myanmar Htut Khaung Company will be held at UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township, here, on 2 December.

Managing Director U Ave Kyaw of Myanmar



Human Resource Co will give talks on Human Capital Management. Any interested person may attend the talks.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into water...

(from page 16) acres of farmland in Daingkaunggon area, efforts being made for completion of the diversion dam and civil work in time and arrangements for power supply.

Then, the commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need for Irrigation Department and Resources Water Utilization Department to make concerted efforts to get the project finished earlier than scheduled, and the need for Development Affairs Department and Public Works to see to

roads in the region to enhance easier access for the local people all the year

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected progress of Daingkaunggon River Water Pumping Station.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into the site chosen for construction of the water tanks and viewed dredging of the main canal, construction of dam buildings and thriving crops along the main canal.

Meiktila Plain Greening Tasks was undertaken to supply water to Meiktila from Chaunggauk Dam through supporting reservoirs. As a result, the project can supply water to 9,000 more acres of cultivable lands. On completion, Myogyi and Kanni dams will irrigate 34,000 more acres of land. Furthermore, silted small dams and lakes are being dredged for undertaking Meiktila Plain Greening Task. Hence, water can be supplied to 28,158 acres of farmlands in 2006-07 financial year.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed the conditions Thabyewa-Thazi road and thriving crops plantations along both sides of the road.



Col Win Naung of Ministry of Industry-1 and guests visit Special Sales

KNU terrorists shoot at passenger bus

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Township leaving a monk

Thantaunggyi Township Aung Myin monastery presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala died of wounds at the hospital and Thantaunggyi Township MyoU monastery presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nameindha was wounded in the KNU terrorist attack. The 45-year-old woman who was also killed in the attack was Daw Naw Lai Lai, daughter of U Ma Lel Le of No 4 Thantaungthit

on 25 November.

The injured were rushed to Toungoo Township People's Hospital. The rest in the vehicle were provided necessary assistance. The local military columns are in hot pursuit of KNU terrorists.

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Eighth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference and paper reading session held

YANGON, 29 Nov—The Eighth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference and a paper reading session were held at the University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Townshipherethismorning.

Director-General Dr Daw Khin Pyone Kyi of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) presided over the paper reading session (1) together with Deputy Director-General Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and traditional medicine practitioner U Bo Gyi (Yokepyo).

Resource persons U Zaw Naing, Daw Thida Swe and group, U Myint Thein and U Min Tun Maung read out their papers at the paper reading session.

Resource persons Dr Daw May Than Aye and

group, Daw May May Kyi and group, Daw Aye Aye Thein and U Aung Kyaw Min and group read their papers at the paper reading session (2), and Dr Daw Than Nwe, Mandalay Division traditional medicine practitioner association and U Kyaw Thein Htay at the paper reading session (3).

Those present also participated in discussions. — MNA

Special sales of Industry-1 opens

YANGON, 29 Nov — An opening ceremony of the special sales of Industry-1 was held in the compound of the staff quarters of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Bahan Township, here, at 8 am

Myanma Textile

Industries, Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Myanma Pharmaceuticals Industries. Myanma Ceramics Industries, Myanmar Paper and

Chemical Industries and Myanma General and Maintenance Industries will sell 344 items of their products at special prices.

The special sales will be held from 8 am to 8 pm up to 8 December. — MNA

Government of Union of Myanmar Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Warning about current bird flu outbreak in border areas

- 1. Occurrence of bird flu in Kengtung: According to the information that there were some unusual deaths of chickens and ducks of local species at Naungngin Village on Kengtung-Mongla Road in Kengtung Township, Shan State (East) on 18 November 2007, a survey was made at the village. And laboratory tests showed "H5N1 virus found". Under the bird flu prevention and control measures, from 20 and 25 November, 14,889 chickens, ducks, geese and Muscovy ducks were culled, bio-security measures were taken and educative talks were given in the affected area and nearby villages.
- 2. Source of infection : It is learnt that a duck dealer bought 900 fourmonth-old female ducks in Mongla region on 3 November 2007 and sold them in the villages around Kengtung. Due to the deaths of some ducks, the breeders returned the remaining 870 ducks to him. He then bred the ducks in Naungngin Village. Since 8 November, some chickens and ducks near his farm in the village died. The deaths were considered to be owing to infection of the virus from the ducks he bought from Mongla.
- 3. The disease under control: Now, there have been no more unusual deaths of fowls in the affected areas. The sooner-than-expected result is deemed largely due to the measures local authorities, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Department of Health, relevant organizations and the Committee for Prevention and Control of Bird Flu took collaboratively.

4. Warning

- (a) To prevent transport and distribution of live fowls and fowl products (including chicks) in border areas.
- (b) To take systematic measures in breeding local species chicken and ducks in accordance with the bio-safety programmes,
- (c) Not to breed chicken in combination with other animals such as ducks, quails, Muscovy ducks and pigs.
- (d) To report to the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Livestock Breeding Federation, and local administrative bodies if there is an abnormal death of chicken, ducks, quails and Muscovy ducks.
- (e) To wash hands thoroughly with soap every time after holding chickens, ducks and related materials.
 - (f) To cook chicken and ducks thoroughly for human consumption.

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of Ministry of Industry-1.—MNA

another monk and a woman

Three KNU terrorists fired a vehicle on its way

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Nov | back to Thantaunggyi wounded and killing

daughter Ei Kyi Pya Oo. Joint Secretary U Tin Maung Win of the Home accepts cash donated by the wellwishers. — H

U Kyaw Swa and Daw Myint Myint Mar of

Maha Myinmo Road, Bahan Township,

donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the

Aged recently to mark birthday of two-year old

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Sub-committee for holding State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony to mark 60th Anniversary Independence Day for 2008 meets

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Nov — The work coordination meeting of the Subcommittee for holding State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day for 2008 was held at Paunglaung Yeiktha of Nay Pyi Taw Command, here, this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the Sub-committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

The commander said the State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day for 2008 will be held on a grand scale with the aims of all national people to safeguard the indepen-dence



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivers an address at coordination meeting on holding State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony to mark 60th Anniversary Independence Day in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

sovereignty of the State and all national people to work in concert for successful implement-ation of the Seven-Step Road Map. Starting from the previous year, the ceremony was launched at Nay Pyi Taw

and the working groups have been formed and assigned duties. For cementing unification of all national races, local residents of villages in the vicinity of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township are to

be invited to the ceremony. The working groups are to submit the reports on progress, he added.

Secretary of the Subcommittee Lt-Col Ye Nyunt of the Nay Pyi Taw Command reported on the tasks for holding the ceremony. The chairmen and the officials of the working groups submitted reports on tasks to be carried out. Later, round table discussions followed.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

Also present on the

occasion were Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, senior military officers of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental heads and other invited persons.

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Pearl sales in full swing

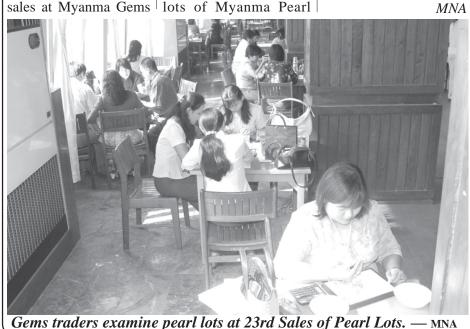
Yangon, 29 Nov — | Mart here and purchased A total of 102 local traders gathered at the second day of the pearl

173 pearl lots through tender system.

The 23rd sales of pearl

Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines will continue tomorrow at the same venue.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS 3 rd December 2007

"ရှာဖွေဖော်ထုတ် မသန်စွမ်းသူများနှင့် သင့်လျော်သောအလုပ်"

"Decent Work for Persons with Disabilities"

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Minister for Electric Power No 1 receives President of YMEC

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Nov Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received President Mr Feng Ke and party of Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Co Ltd (YMEC) of the People's Republic of China at his office, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, directorsgeneral of departments under the ministry. They discussed mutual cooperation in generating hydropower.

Afterwards, the ceremony to sign the contract for purchasing the needed materials for implementation of Zawgyi-1, Dattawgyaing and Wetwun hydropower projects was held at the ministry.

Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of Hydropower Implementation Department and President Mr Feng Ke signed the contract in the presence of Minister Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and officials. Next, they exchanged the notes. The contract is to purchase necessary equipment for implementation of the abovementioned projects in time. MNA

Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) C-in-C's **Shield Football Tournament continues**

Nay Pyi Taw. 29 Nov The first round football matches of the 46th Defence Services (Army, and Air) Commander-in-Chief's Shield 2007 continued at the designated zones today.

South-East Command narrowly won over Western Command with 1-0 in the group-A in South-East Command Zone (Mawlamyine); Camp Commandant's Office crashed No 55 LID with 6-2 in the group-B in South-West Command Zone (Pathein); North-West Command hammered Nay Pyi Taw Command with 4-0 in the group-C in North-

West Command Zone (Monywa); Central Command trounced Coastal Region Command with 6-2 in the group-D in Central Command Zone

(Mandalay) and Southern Command routed No 99 LID with 17-0 by a wide margin in the group-E in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo). — MNA

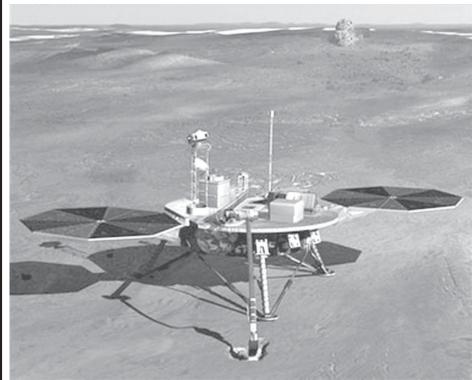
Fugitive charged

YANGON, 29 Nov — Members of the anti-drug squad of Yangon East District, acting on information, lay in wait for Mine Maing (a) Hsan Shay, who is linked with a drug case, to arrest him after making an appointment by telephone at the back of Hotel Nikko on Phoe Sein Street, Bo Cho No 2 Ward in Bahan Township around 7.30 pm on 26 November.

The culprit came there by car and when the police tried to arrest him he ran over police constable Zaw Win who was in front of his car. The policeman was rushed to the hospital where he is receiving medical treatment.

In connection with the case, Bahan Police Station has opened a case against the culprit in accord with the criminal act. — MNA

Images of the Day



In this artist's rendition, the Phoenix Mars Lander is shown on the arctic plains of Mars just as it has begun to dig a trench through the upper soil layer. The polar water ice cap is shown in the far distance. This rendition of the Lander was created by artist Corby Waste of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.—Internet

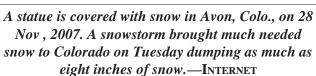


A child sits in a model of a lunar rover displayed at the Beijing Planetarium on 29 Nov, 2007. Internet



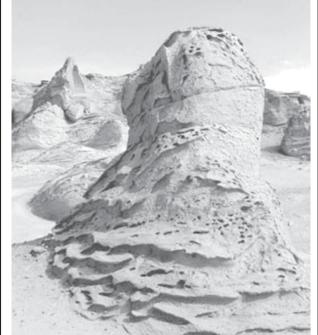
Members of the Beijing **Xueming Art Group** train to perform on stilts at a theatre in Beijing, on 29 Nov, 2007. Walking and performing on stilts is one of the most famous traditional Chinese arts and this group which members are between 13 and 26 years old.

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People view china of ancient China's Ming and Qing dynasties during the Chinese culture relic exposition in Manila, capital of the Philippines, on 28 Nov, 2007. Around 80 precious culture relics from China were on display here. The exposition will last to next February.— XINHUA



Sandstone is seen at the Wadi Hitan, or Whale Valley, protected area and UNESCO World Heritage site located about 150 km (93 miles) outside of Cairo, on 28 Nov, 2007.— XINHUA



Acknowledgement

Officials of All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (Central) would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Principal of National Defence College Maj-Gen Mya Win, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar K Mitra, Mr Suresh Kumar Basnet of Nepal Embassy in Myanmar and wife, Director-General U Myo Kyaw and officials of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Director-General U Myint Tun of Fire Services Department, President U Win Myint and Executives of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, President Daw Khin Myint Myint of Myanmar Women's Entrepreneurs Association, executives of Tamil Hindu Foundation (Branch) in Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Bago and Thaton, dignitaries of all different faiths who graced the ceremony to mark the Dipavali Festival (2007) with their presence at Summit Park View Hotel on 25 November, organized by All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (Central).

> (Chairman) U Zaw Zaw Naing and the honorary patrons, the advisers, executives

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (Central), Yangon.

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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 30.11.2007 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291985 (201555 Ext 601,605)

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- Air Start Unit (e)
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- Lavatory Truck (h)
- Water Truck (i)
- Baggage Trolley (j)
- Container Pallet Dolly (k)
- (1) Pallet Dolly
- Forklift Crew Bus (n)
- Passenger Bus (0)
- Fire Fighting Equipment (p)
- Vacuum Cleaner (q)
- Main Deck Loader (r)
- Transporter (s)
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- (v)
- Tow Bar (w) Container Box (x)

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Cyclone death toll in Bangladesh rises to 3,256

DHAKA, 28 Nov—The death toll from cyclone which Bangladesh's southern and southwestern coastal areas on 15 Nov night, climbed to 3,256 Wednesday afternoon, a spokesman for the Army

Armed Forces Division Lt Col Farooq Hossain was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying that, some 8.5 million people have been affected by the Nov. 15 storm. He told reporters that helicopters and C-130, AN 32 and LCT cargo planes airlifted 262.34 tons of relief materials for the cyclone victims on Wednesday.

So far, 1277.34 tons of relief goods were airlifted and delivered to the affected areas in the coastal districts.

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Ho Chi Minh city to encounter biggest flood tide in 48 years

Hanoi, 28 Nov-Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City is forecast to face a flood-tide in the next three days, the biggest over the past 48 years, local newspaper People's Army reported Tuesday.

The flood-tide started to hit some districts, including Thu Duc, Binh Thanh, Hoc Mon, Cu Chi and Binh Chanh on November 25, breaking some sections of dykes and inundating several districts in the localities. A number of roads and facilities have been submerged around one meter in water.

Local residents said they suffer from flood-tide twice a month, but the ongoing flood-tide has affected their daily life too much. Besides natural conditions, poor planning and construction of dykes in Ho Chi Minh City are attributed to the situation, the residents said.

MNA/Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BANGKAJA VOY NO (37)

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

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (TBH-195) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.11.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Nearly 40,000 Chinese AIDS patients receive free therapy

Beijing, 28 Nov—China provided free anti-retroviral therapy to 37,497 AIDS patients between September 2003 and September 2007, the Ministry of Health said here Tuesday. Also, 771 HIV positive children received free treatment, the ministry said on its official website.

In September 2003, the government announced that it would provide free anti-retroviral treatment to AIDS patients in rural areas and low-income city dwellers. The government also promised free HIV consulting and screening, free therapy to interrupt mother-toinfant transmission, free infant HIV testing and financial assistance to orphans whose parents died of AIDS.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese archaeological staff works at Gu'an ancient cemetery in Anyang, a city in central China's Henan Province, on 27 Nov, 2007. The cemetery contains more than 430 tombs, lining up in order, where lots of rare funeral objects have been unearthed. The cemetery was found in a project to divert water from the south to the north of China.—Internet

Venezuela recalls Colombia envoy over hostage spat

CARACAS, 28 Nov — Venezuela on Tuesday recalled its ambassador from Colombia for consultations after a heated dispute over Colombia's decision to suspend President Hugo Chavez' mediation in hostage talks with Marxist guerillas.

The recall heightens tensions between the neighbours after the Venezuelan and his counterpart President Alvaro Uribe exchanged barbs over Bogota's abrupt ending of Chavez' efforts to free captives held by the guerillas, including three Americans.

"The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, due to recent

carry out an exhaustive evaluation of bilateral relations, has recalled its ambassador Bogota," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The diplomatic spat is the worst since Chavez recalled his then-ambassador to Colombia in 2005 after bounty hunters snatched a Colombian

events and in order to | rebel commander from a Caracas street and whisked him across the border to be arrested. Colombian presidential and Foreign Ministry officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

> Chavez said during the weekend that he had "frozen" relations with Colombia and accused Uribe of lying in the dispute, which the anti-US leader said could affect the six billion US dollars in annual trade between the two Andean countries.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam contains acute diarrhoea outbreaks

Hanoi, 28 Nov — Vietnam has basically contained an acute diarrhoea after it has hit the country for over one month, local newspaper Labour on Tuesday quoted Vietnamese Deputy Health Minister Trinh Quan Huan as saying.

The number of new infection cases admitted to hospitals sharply decreased last weekend. Only 12 patients, including a cholera one, were admitted to the Tropical Disease Hospital and four to the Bach Mai hospital in capital Hanoi.

To eliminate the disease, Vietnam has taken drastic measures, including monitoring food safety, ensuring environmental hygiene and intensifying publicity on acute diarrhoea, especially in food-hit localities.

Acute diarrhea has affected over 1,800 people in Vietnam since 23 October. Of the patients, 267 have been tested positive to cholera virus, according to the ministry. —MNA/Xinhua

Four metres long ribbon fish captured in Zhejiang

Beijing, 29 Nov— A four meter long ribbon fish, or oarfish was captured Tuesday in Wenling, east China's Zhejiang Province.

Even though the oarfish is known to be elongated, the four meter long version is rarely seen.

The large species are considered game fish and caught commercially, but oarfish are rarely caught alive; their flesh is not well regarded due to its gelatinous consistency.

The fish weighs at 18.5 kilograms and has a 0.7 meter long tentacles.

The longest oarfish ever known was 15 meters long and at a weight of 45 kilogram. Because they live deep under the water, it is hard to catch a glimpse let alone capture the fish.

Internet



A four metre long ribbon fish, or oarfish was captured on Tuesday in Wenling, east China's Zhejiang **Province.**—Internet

A morning fog covers the small Swiss town of Wald, some 40 km (26 miles) from lake Constance, on 28 Nov, 2007.

INTERNET

Earthquake hits Metro Manila

Manila, 28 Nov— A magnitude-4.2 earthquake rocked Metro Manila at around 12:30 pm Tuesday but there is no immediate reports of casualties.

The local television network GMA News quoted officials with Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology as saying that the tremor was measured 4.2 on the Richter Scale and the epicentre was 77 kilometres from Pangasinan area.

The report said the quake was tectonic in origin and had a depth of 32 kilometres. Its possible source was the Manila trench.

MNA/Xinhua

CT scans raise cancer risk

BEIJING, 29 Nov—Millions of Americans, especially children, are needlessly getting dangerous radiation from "super X-rays" that raise the risk of cancer and are increasingly used to diagnose medical problems, a new report warns.

In a few decades, as many as 2 percent of all cancers in the United States might be due to radiation from CT scans given now, according to soar. About 62 million the authors of the report.

The risk from a single CT, or computed tomography, scan to an individual is small. But "we are very concerned about the built-up public health risk over a long period of time," said Eric J Hall, who wrote the report with fellow Columbia University medical physicist David J. Brenner.

A previous study by the same scientists in 2001 led

Administration recommend ways to limit scans and risks in children. But CT use continued to scans were done in the US last year, up from 3 million in 1980. More than 4 million were in children.

Since previous studies suggest that a third of all diagnostic tests are unnecessary, that means that 20 million adults and more than 1 million children getting CT scans are needlessly being put at risk, Brenner and Hall write.

CT scans became

the federal Food and Drug | a quick, relatively cheap and painless way to get 3D pictures so detailed they give an almost surgical view into the body. Doctors use them to evaluate trauma, belly pain, seizures, chronic headaches, kidney stones and other woes, especially in busy emergency rooms. In kids, they are used to diagnose or rule out appendicitis.

But they put out a lot of radiation. A CT scan of the chest involves 10 to 15 millisieverts (a measure of dose) versus 0.01 to 0.15 for a regular chest popular because they offer | X-ray, 3 for a mammogram and a mere 0.005 for a dental X-ray.

The risk accumulates over a lifetime.—Internet

Slavia hold Steaua to earn **UEFA Cup place**

Bucharest, 28 Nov — Zdenek Senkerik's secondhalf goal secured Slavia Prague a 1-1 draw in their Champions League tie against Steaua Bucharest on Tuesday and guaranteed the Czech side a place in the knockout stage of the UEFA Cup.

Senkerik struck with a header on 79 minutes to cancel out Valentin Badea's 11th-minute opener.

Slavia, who have five points with a game to play, will finish third in Group H while Steaua picked up their first point in this season's competition. Arsenal and Sevilla have already qualified from the group.

"We suffered indeed but our patience was rewarded," Slavia coach Karel Jarolim said.

'We knew Steaua would be the better team at home, but my players were clever enough not to lose their heads in the difficult moments of the game."

MNA/Reuters



Guadalajara Chivas striker Omar Bravo (R) dribbles the ball past Atlante midfielder Fernando Lopez during the first leg of the Mexican league championship semi-final soccer match at the Jalisco stadium in Guadalajara City, Mexico on 28 *Nov.*, 2007.—Internet

Rangers hopes dented by defeat at Stuttgart

STUT GART (Germany), 28 Nov -Rangers's hopes of qualifying for the Champions League knockout phase were dealt a blow on Tuesday when Vfb Stuttgart came from behind to win 3-2 thanks to Ciprian Marica's goal five minutes from time.

It was the German side's first Group E victory and, combined with Olympique Lyon's 2-2 draw against leaders Barcelona, means second place will be decided in the final round on December 12 in a head-to-head match in Glasgow between Rangers and Lyon.

Both teams have seven points but Rangers can reach the last 16 with a draw because they would boast a better headto-head record having beaten Lyon 3-0 earlier in the competition.

"All in all, I'm obviously disappointed," Rangers manager Walter Smith told reporters. "First, we gave away the lead and then after equalizing at 2-2 we gave away a point. Nevertheless, it is still in our hands to get to the next round."

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Ronaldo seals top spot for Manchester United

MANCHESTER (England), 28 Nov — Cristiano Ronaldo scored a stunning injury-time goal against his former club to give Manchester United a 2-1 win over Sporting and a guarantee of top spot in Champions League Group F on Tuesday.

The Portugal winger, who had scored United's winner in Lisbon in September, repeated the feat with a perfectly-struck free kick from 25 metres into the top corner. The goal secured United's fifth win from five in the competition.

Sporting, who are assured of a UEFA Cup slot, had led through a 21stminute goal from Abel and threatened to hand United only a second defeat in 33 home European games.

But United dominated the second half and substitute Carlos Tevez equalized in the 61st minute, before Ronaldo scored a goal he had promised to deliver all night. United are top on 15 points, five clear of AS Roma who beat Dynamo Kiev 4-1, with one game left to play.

Ronaldo returned to the United side after the 22year-old had been rested for last Saturday's shock Premier League defeat by Bolton Wanderers.

His selection was one of six changes made by manager Alex Ferguson but right from the start the outcome appeared to re-

volve around Ronaldo. Though he had been apologetic about celebrat-

ing his decisive goal in Lisbon, it did not stop him turning on the style on a night when many of his team mates were below par.

United had started in near exhibition mode as Ronaldo went through his full repertoire of tricks.

Not all of them came off and at times he would have been better to do the simple things right, although one clever flick did create a chance for French forward Louis Saha, who dragged his shot wide on a rare starting appearance.

MNA/Reuters



Zhu Weilun of China competes during the men's singles against Lee Tsuen Seng of Malaysia at the Hong Kong Open Badminton Super Series 2007 in Hong Kong, south China, Nov. 28, 2007. Lee won the match 2-0 and advanced into the next round. XINHUA

Platini says England should have English coach

London, 29 Nov — UEFA president Michel Platini believes an Englishman should be the new coach of England and that Premier League clubs should have more homegrown talent.

Debate about the state of English football has raged since a 3-2 defeat by Croatia last week knocked England out of Euro 2008 and cost coach Steve McClaren his job.

The Football Association has said nationality

Mourinho willing to talk to FA

about England job

coach Jose Mourinho has invited the

Football Association (FA) to approach

him about the vacant England manager's

The Portuguese parted company with

"You will have to speak to the FA to

"I cannot say what I think until they

"Tell the FA to come and get me. We

Mourinho won two Premier League

will have to wait and see, but I rule

titles, two League Cups and the FA Cup

after joining Chelsea in 2004, shortly

after steering Porto to the Champions

Steve McClaren was sacked last week

England are without a manager after

Chelsea in September after three suc-

see if they are interested in offering me

the job," Mourinho was quoted as saying

cessful years at Stamford Bridge.

in Wednesday's Sun newspaper.

say they are interested.

nothing out."

League title.

job, British media reported.

London, 29 Nov — Former Chelsea

will not be an issue in recruiting a new coach.

"England is such a strong country that they have to take an Englishman," Platini was quoted as saying in British newspapers on Tuesday. "It's your national team and an English coach is better. English coaches need to be given more chances.

"If I am looking for the manager of England, I would try to find a good English guy who everybody trusts to make a good team. You have good players." Platini said until leading English clubs start to use more English players the national side would be at a disadvantage.

"If you do not have so many players what can you do? There are 95 registered Brazilian players in the Champions League, 94 French players and 45 English players," he said

MNA/Reuters.

Wenger unrepentant after Arsenal lose unbeaten record

Madrid, 29 Nov Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger did not regret his decision to field a newlook team after they slipped to their first defeat of the season in a 3-1 loss at Sevilla in the Champions League on Tuesday.

However, the Frenchman strongly criticized the fourth official after being sent off 10 minutes from the end of the match for complaining about what he felt was time wasting by Sevilla captain Daniel

"The fourth official was very busy tonight. I've been involved in over 100 games in the Champions League and his behaviour was absolutely shocking," Wenger told a news conference after the match at the Sanchez Pizjuan.

"Alves was down wasting time and when the guy (team physio) came on the pitch he stood up and two minutes later he was sprinting. "I asked the referee why he sent me off and he said he would explain after the game but he couldn't give me another reason." — MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's skier Nadia Styger makes a turn as she trains for the first Women's World Cup Downhill of the season in Lake Louise, Alberta November 28, 2007. —INTERNET

following the 3-2 defeat by Croatia which cost them a place at next year's European

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Texas oilman sentenced to year in prison

New York, 29 Nov — Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt, 83, was sentenced to one year and one day in prison on Tuesday for conspiracy in the UN oil-for-food scandal, becoming the most prominent figure jailed over corruption in the programme to buy oil from Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

The outspoken selfmade oil tycoon was sentenced in Manhattan federal court after he pleaded guilty conspiracy to commit wire fraud in October, four

weeks into his criminal trial and just before prosecutors were to rest their case.

Under his plea agreement, prosecutors dropped four other counts against him, cutting short a trial in which they made a case that he paid secret kickbacks to Saddam's government to win oil contracts from Iraq.

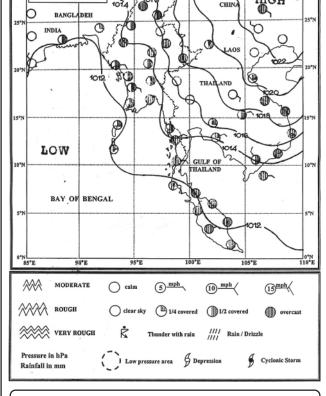
The UN programme was established to help Iraq

sell oil to buy humanitarian supplies while it was otherwise under UN sanctions due to its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

But UN commissioned inquiry headed by former US Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker found the programme was corrupted by 2,200 companies in 66 countries that paid 1.8 billion US dollars in kickbacks to Iraqi officials to win supply deals.

At trial, prosecutors said Wyatt was at the forefront of the scheme and presented bank transactions, UN records and Iraqi Government documents to back their claim that Wyatt paid kickbacks to secure Iraqi oil contracts.

MNA/Reuters



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Thursday, 29 November, 2007 Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Kayah State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature were Haka (0°C), Namhsam (5°C) and Mogok (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 28-11-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 29-11-2007 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-11-2007 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 28-11-2007 was (5.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-11-2007 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 Northeast at (10:30) hours MST on 28-11-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-11-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-11-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-11-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for **30-11-2007:** Partly cloudy.

YouTube stops account of Egypt anti-torture activist

CAIRO, 29 Nov—The video-sharing website YouTube has suspended the account of a prominent Egyptian anti-torture activist who posted videos of what he said was brutal behaviour by some Egyptian policemen, the activist said.

Wael Abbas said close to 100 images he had sent to YouTube were no accessible, longer including clips depicting purported police brutality, voting irregularities and anti-government demonstrations.

YouTube, owned by search engine giant Google Inc did not respond to a written request for comment. A message on Abbas's YouTube user page, http://youtube.com/ user/waelabbas, read: "This account is suspended."

"They closed it (the account) and they sent me an e-mail saying that it will be suspended because there were lots of complaints about the content, especially the content of torture," Abbas told u in a telephone interview.

Abbas, who won an international journalism award for his work this year, said that of the images he had posted to YouTube, 12 or 13 depicted violence in Egyptian police stations.

Abbas was a key player last year in distributing a clip of an Egyptian bus driver, his hands bound, being sodomised with a stick by a police officer — imagery that sparked an uproar in a country where rights groups say torture is commonplace.

That tape prompted an investigation that led to a rare conviction of two policemen, who were sentenced to three years in prison for torture. Egypt says it opposes torture and prosecutes police against whom it has evidence of misconduct.

MNA/Reuters



Friday, 30 November Tune in today 8:30 am Brief news 8:35 am Music

Doodah 8:40 am Perspectives **8:45 am** Music

-I won't say I'm in love

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music

-You drive me crazy

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music

-Taking back my heart

1:30 pm News/Slogan 1:40 pm Lunch time

music -I think it's love

-Searching my soul 9:00 pm WOM

9:15 pm Article

-When you believe

Myanmar

Friday, 30 November View on today

7:00 am

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7:30 am

3. Morning news 7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet

song

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:10 am

7. ဂမုန်းရေလှောင်တမံ 8:20 am

8.The mirror images of musical

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. English for everyday use

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. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ–တတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု)

(မြန်မာစာ) 5:00 pm

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5. Song of national races

5:30 pm

7. "လှေကားသုံးထစ် ဆင်းသည် အခါ" (အရိုင်း၊မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖီးနစ်)]

5:45 pm

8. Song of yesteryears 6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report 6:35 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင် 7:00 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဧာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်"

(အပိုင်း–၂၄) 8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15.လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့်ဧလဗေဒ ခန့် မှန်းချက်

16.Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူများ" (အပိုင်း–၆) 9:25 pm Music at your request

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into water supply projects for greening Meiktila Plain



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects river water pumping project for supplying water to Meiktila Plain. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 29
Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials, arrived at Daingkaunggon pumping station of Meiktila Plain

Water Supply Project near Kon Village of Wundwin Township on 27 November.

They heard reports on progress in earth work, construction of diversion tunnel and concrete work of Myogyi Dam Project, selection of the axis for drilling the new tunnel to supply water from Myogyi Kinywa

Diversion Dam to Konywa River Water Pumping Project through Kintarlay Dam presented by officials of Irrigation Department.

Next, Deputy Director U Kyaw Min Oo of Water Resources Utilization Department (Head Office) submitted the reports on priority task for supply of water to 5,000 (See page 9)

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The government is giving effective encouragement for improving the Myanmar traditional medical science. So, traditional medicine practitioners are to strive with the knowledge and experiences they have gained from the conference for improving traditional medical science and providing better health care for the people with potent traditional medicines.

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