

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

Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects Dawei-Malwetaung-Ye road section

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec — Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials, on 5 December inspected maintenance of Dawei-Kaleinaung road section.

Next, they inspected tarring of Kaleinaung-Malwetaung road section on Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung road near Mayanchaung Village.

On arrival at Malwetaung at the border between Taninthayi Division and Mon State, they were welcomed by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials.

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects tarring of Kaleinaung-Malwetaung link of Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung motor road. — MNA



Myanmar picks up one more gold, two silver and six bronze medals

YANGON, 11 Dec — Myanmar sports contingent picked up one more gold, two silver and six bronze medals in the XXIV SEA Games being held in Thailand.

Aung Khine Win claimed one gold medal in the men's 70-kilo body building. Lei Lei Win grabbed up a silver medal in the women's 400-m race and Pa Pa a silver medal in the women's 10000-m race.

Ye Min sealed a bronze medal in the men's singles' compound, Aung Ngain a bronze medal in the women's singles' Compound, Kay Khine Lwin a bronze medal in the women's 200-m race, Nay Thway Oo a bronze medal in the men's singles billiards, Yan Naing Lin a bronze in the men's 63.5-kilo walterweight Muay thai and Aung Swe Naing a bronze medal in 80-kilo body building. — MNA



Aung Khine Win.



Aung Swe Naing.

SEA Games: Myanmar sails into football final

KORAT, (Thailand) 11 Dec—Myanmar qualified for the SEA Games football final after beating Vietnam 3-1 in a penalty shoot-out in their semi-final match this afternoon.

It was a lacklustre game without any goal in the first half. In the second half, the highlight came in the 68th minute when Vietnam skipper Vinh Le Cong weaved his way through the Myanmar defence only to see his shot hit the crossbar.

Just a minute from stoppage time and it looked as though Vietnamese keeper Loi To Vinh had handed the match to Myanmar when he fouled Yar Zar Win Thein in the penalty area.

But Loi redeemed

himself by saving the weak penalty attempt by Aung Myo Thant and the match was heading for extra time. After another scoreless 30 minutes, the match eventually went down to a penalty shoot-out.

Myanmar keeper

Kyaw Zin Htet had already saved one penalty in the shootout when he came up with his second to deny Vietnam's Hop Mai Xuan and put his side in a strong position.

Moe Win stepped up to press home the advantage and give Myanmar a

3-1 lead.

That left Vietnam's Mo Thanh Long Game having to score to keep his side in the match, but once again Kyaw Zin Htet put Myanmar to clinch a spot in the SEA Games men's football final.—Internet



Myanmar footballers greet fans with joy after defeating Vietnam in penalty shoot-out. — PHOTO SOE NYUNT (KYEMON)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Conserve and improve natural scenic beauties

The tourism industry is booming throughout the world due to regional economic growth, launches of new airlines, creation of job opportunities, and attractive natural features.

Myanmar possesses a large number of tourist attractions such as archaeological regions, archaeological edifices, artistic cultural works, snow-capped mountain ranges, pleasant beaches, and regions of scenic natural beauty.

PyinOoLwin is a hill resort standing at an altitude of more than 3000 feet. The region gets a cold weather in the hot season with streams, springs, awe-inspiring natural environments, and diverse species of flowers. It is known as the town of flowers.

In the National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin, various rare species of orchid, flowering plants and herbal plants from various parts of the nation are grown and wildlife conservation works are carried out. So, it draws the attention of more than 500,000 local and foreign visitors every year.

PyinOoLwin National Kandawgyi Gardens will soon see an international level orchid garden, a flower festival in which over five million flowers will be displayed, and the opening of the sports garden world. Therefore, the visitors will have a golden opportunity to enjoy natural beauties to their heart's content.

Myanmar has a lot of tourist attractions such as Bagan, Inlay, Ngapali and PyinOoLwin. So, the people have to work hard together for comfort and convenience of the tourists, and improvement of transportation services, while conserving natural beauties for sustainable progress of Myanmar's tourism industry.

13th graduation ceremony of State Pariyatti Sasana University on 24 Dec

YANGON, 11 Dec — The 13th graduation ceremony of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon/Mandalay) will be held at the convocation hall of State Pariyatti Sasana University on Kaba Aye Hill here on 24 December.

Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana under Ministry of Religious Affairs invited 136 monks—29 graduated in Sasana Taxila Maha Dhammacariya and 107 in Sasana Taxila Dhammacariya in the 1366-67 (ME) academic year—to attend the graduation.

The department posted invitations to the graduates and invited them to arrive the monastery in Yangon not later than 22 December.

A ceremony to donate provisions to 265 members of the Sangha will be held on the graduation day. Those wishing to participate in the ceremony may contact the Yangon Division provision donation committee Ph 370506, 241125, and the Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana Ph 661275, 664395. —MNA

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

Commander attends summer paddy cultivation ceremony in Htantabin Tsp



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win views ploughing to grow paddy in Htantabin Township. —MNA

YANGON, 10 Dec—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the 2007-2008 summer paddy cultivation ceremony of Htantabin Township in Yangon North District held at a two-acre model paddy field of farmer U Chit Shwe in Hgnet Thaik Village, Htantabin Township at 10 am today.

First, the commander and party inspected a 10-acre field in Ma Shwe-U Village in which high

yield paddy grains will be test-grown.

At the briefing hall, Chairman of Htantabin Township PDC U Tha Noe Aung and division manager of Yangon Division Myanmar Agriculture Service U Win Myint explained the growing of summer paddy in the district and township.

After speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win viewed pumping of water into the fields, cultivation of crops with the use of Leya-16 and Leya-22 power tillers and growing of crops by the local farmers. Next, the commander and party arrived at the briefing hall of Shwe Than Lwin industrial zone where managing director U Maung Maung of Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd reported to the commander on plans to grow 100 acres of corn and the commander inspected the field chosen for growing 100 acres of corn. —MNA

Flowers arrangement course opens

YANGON, 10 Dec—The opening ceremony of flowers arrangement course No 1/2007 was held at Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association here, this afternoon.

The course was conducted with the aim of increasing income of family members of MMCWA.

Leader of the economic and social work group and CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt of MMCWA gave a speech. The ten-day course will be conducted up to 21 December.

Present were CEC members of MMCWA and members of MCWAs in Yangon Division. —MNA

Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt of MMCWA speaks at opening ceremony of flowers arrangement course No 1/2007. —MMCWA



Opening ceremony of Yadanabon Teleport, Myanmar ICT Week on 14-20 Dec

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec — Opening ceremony of Yadanabon Teleport and the 6th Myanmar ICT Week 2007 will be held at Yadanabon Teleport (PyinOoLwin) in PwinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, from 14 to 20 December. —MNA



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday meets with ROK counterpart Han Duck Soo in Beijing. He says China hopes to accelerate studies on the possibility of a free trade zone with the Republic of Korea (ROK) in order to quickly implement the zone.—XINHUA

Air passengers stranded as heavy fog blankets in W China

URUMQI, 10 Dec—More than 11,000 passengers were stranded at the airport in the cities of Urumqi and Chengdu as thick fog blanketed west China on Sunday.

Only one flight took off from the Urumqi International Airport on schedule, while all the other flights were delayed to strand more than 3,000 passengers.

Two flights from Beijing and Shanghai to

Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, had to land in Karamay and Kashgar, two cities in Xinjiang, respectively on Sunday.

The heavy fog appeared after a heavy snow on Saturday and cut visibility at the Urumqi Airport to less than 20 metres.

Meanwhile, nearly 8,000 air passengers were also stranded in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province.

Visibility at the Chengdu's Shuangliu International Airport was less than 20 metres due to the fog, delaying flights and requiring others to be rerouted.—MNA/Xinhua

Five new subway lines start construction in Beijing

BEIJING, 10 Dec—Five new subway lines with a total length of nearly 140 kilometres began construction in Beijing on Saturday.

The five lines are Line 6, the second phase of Line 10 and Line 8, Yizhuang and Daxing lines. The five will all be completed by 2015. Line 10 starts from Wulu Station in western Haidain District and ends in Dongxiaoying in

eastern Tongzhou District. It is 41.74 kilometres long with 27 stops.

The second phase of Line 8 will extend the first phase, called the 4.5-kilometre Olympic line, northward and southward separately. The two extensions are 17.46 kilometres long with 12 stops. Line 10, which is 32.46 kilometres long and has 23 stops, is the second circular line outside the current operational Line 2. The 24.55 kilometre-long first phase of Line 10 started in 2003. The Yizhuang line is 23.2 kilometres long and has 14 stops. The 22.2-kilometre-long Daxing has 11 stops. Currently, the first phase of Line 10, Line 8 and a 28-kilometre line linking downtown to Beijing Capital International Airport are under construction.

Line 10, the Olympic line and the airport line will be put into operation before next August's Olympic Games in Beijing.—MNA/Xinhua

At least three dead in Egypt university stampede

CAIRO, 10 Dec—At least three people were killed and more than 100 were injured in a stampede caused by an electrical fire in a university in Egypt's Nile Delta town of Zagazig on Saturday, security sources said.

The governor of Sharkia Province Yehia Abdel

Meguid told Egyptian television three people were killed, but security sources said the death toll could be as high as five.

The sources said students in the local branch of al-Azhar University's women's college panicked after a fire broke out in a packed lecture hall,

and a stampede started with hundreds of students trying to exit the hall.

While the fire did not spread, the commotion led to a general panic throughout the college, and security sources said some of the students leapt from second floor windows to escape the building.

MNA/Reuters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British pastor found dead in southern Philippines

MANILA, 10 Dec—A missing British missionary was found dead on Saturday in a village in San Francisco Town, Agusan del Sur Province

in southern Philippines, reported daily *Mindanao Examiner* online service Sunday.

Pastor David Brass, who worked for the Baptist Church, was reported missing two weeks ago when he was on his way to a friend's house in Bukdinon Province which neighbours Agusan del Sur.

His wife said he did not return cellphone calls and did not return home in Butuan City, according to the report.

Police investigators said Brass "appeared to have been murdered" but it was still unclear how

the victim was killed.

An Italian priest was kidnapped in June in Mindanao, southern Philippines in June but was released 40 days in captivity.

Giancarlo Bossi was kidnapped by gunmen in Zamboanga Sibugay and was released in Lanao del Norte on 20 July, after government launched a massive manhunt in Mindanao.

The Abu Sayyaf rebels and their supporters are active in some parts of Mindanao in kidnapping for ransom operations against Westerners.

MNA/Xinhua

Two small planes collide in US

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec—Two small aircraft collided in midair and plunged into a swamp in the southeastern US state of Florida Saturday, local authorities said.

It is believed no one survived the crash, but rescuers are yet to recover any bodies.—MNA/Xinhua



The Chengyang Fengyu Bridge (meaning the bridge of Wind and Rain) in Sanjiang County of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region is pictured in this photo taken on 8 Dec, 2007. —XINHUA



A sculpture is pictured in front of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) headquarters before the opening meeting of the IOC Executive Board in Lausanne on 10 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

UK Army's computerized pay systems in chaos

LONDON, 11 Dec — Thousands of British servicemen and women, including many fighting on the front line, are being underpaid because of failures in a new computerized pay system, according to a report of the Sunday Times.

Some soldiers have gone without full pay for up to five months and, with Christmas only weeks away, are being forced to turn to regiment hardship funds to cover household bills, the report said.

Special forces operating in Afghanistan and Iraq have been hit by the fiasco, the paper reported. For some officers, it is costing 580 pounds (about 1,040 US dollars) a month.

This weekend, the Ministry of Defence admitted that more than 16,000 members of the forces were underpaid in August. According to the ministry, a total of 38,529 were wrongly paid between April and August.

The computer system was introduced in March last year in the Royal Navy and saw a flood of complaints from sailors not being paid their full pay. The Royal

Air Force was taken on to the system in October last year, followed by the Army in April this year.

One of the key problems with the system is that it requires senior officers to log in to authorize payments, which means that if they are away on operations, the whole procedure grinds to a halt.

MNA/Xinhua

NASA cancels shuttle's planned launch

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — The US space agency NASA early Sunday cancelled a planned launch of space shuttle *Atlantis* as a sensor in its fuel tank malfunctioned, setting a preliminary new date for January, 2008.

"The mission management team has officially scrubbed the launch for today," NASA TV com-

mentator George Diller said. NASA began fuelling the shuttle at about 6 am (1100 GMT).

Shuttle managers said they would halt the countdown and call everything off if any of its four fuel sensors acted up.

"The ground rules that were laid out before we went into (Sunday's) launch attempt were that

we would have to have four sensors that were mandatory for launch," Diller said.

"According to the plan that was laid out, the rest of the morning ... is probably going to evolve into a tanking test," he added, referring to a test of the fuelling procedure.

The decision, taken by flight managers at 7:24 am (1224 GMT), marks the fourth delay in the launch of the space craft that was to deliver the European-built *Columbus* laboratory to the *International Space Station*.—MNA/Xinhua

Participants make the final touches to a giant Christmas lantern in Manila, on 8 Dec 2007. Manila authorities have banned Christmas carol singers from the streets for safety reasons and warned on Sunday they would round up anyone who flouted the new rule.—INTERNET



New H5N1 bird flu outbreak found in Poland

WARSAW, 10 Dec—Poland has detected the fourth outbreak of H5N1 bird flu in the central part of the country, local media reported on Sunday.

The latest outbreak has been detected at a poultry farm some 50 kilometres from the three sites found last week, where several thousand of birds were being raised, chief veterinarian Ewa Lech said.

She added that a 3-kilometre quarantine zone has been set up near the site.

Last week, more than 11,000 turkeys were culled after the deadly H5N1 virus was detected in three poultry farms near the central city of Plock, some 100 kilometres northwest of Warsaw.

On Monday, Agriculture Minister Marek Sawicki said there was so far no threat to people's lives and health.

He also pledged that the affected farmers would receive appropriate compensation for slaughtered stock.

The recent outbreaks were Poland's first cases of the H5N1 virus since a number of infected wild swans were discovered near the northern city of Torun in 2006.

The European Union and Poland's neighbouring countries have imposed a ban on poultry products from the affected region.

MNA/Xinhua



Yurka, an 8-year-old female brown bear, walks in the Saint Romedio sanctuary in Sanzeno, in the northern Italian province of Trento, on 10 Dec, 2007.

INTERNET

Israel says must trade Jerusalem areas with Arabs

JERUSALEM, 10 Dec— Israel's Deputy Prime Minister responded on Sunday to US criticism of plans to build homes on occupied land in the Jerusalem area by saying parts of the city must be given to the Palestinians to avoid losing US support. But Haim Ramon told Israeli radio that Israel would not give up the Jewish settlement where the building plan annou-

nced last week sparked Palestinian anger and a warning from US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that it risked harming a peace process she helped relaunch last month at the Annapolis conference.

Israel has rejected criticism of a tender for

some 300 more homes and other units at Har Homa — which Arabs call Abu Ghneim — on the grounds that it annexed the land and placed it inside Jerusalem city boundaries it drew after occupying the West Bank in 1967.

MNA/Reuters

Trapped miners rescued in north China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 10 Dec — All the 11 miners trapped in an iron pit roof collapse in north China's Hebei Province were rescued after 129-hour rescue by Sunday morning. According to local government authorities, the miners are in stable condition and walked out of the shaft at 1:15 am Sunday with the help of rescuers. They have been sent to local hospital for medical check-up and treatment.

The miners had been trapped for 129 hours after the roof of a private iron and gold ore pit collapsed at 6 pm Monday in Chengde, a popular summer resort in Hebei Province. —MNA/Xinhua



Residents walk past the site of a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad, on 10 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Iran, China's Sinopec sign oil-field deal

TEHERAN, 10 Dec— Iran said China's Sinopec would invest around 2 billion US dollars under a deal signed on Sunday to develop the huge Yadavaran oil field, the kind of energy deal the United States has been trying to prevent.

Sinopec Group agreed in 2004 to take the lead in developing Yadavaran and to buy 10 million tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) a year for 25 years. But talks to finalize the contract have been

protracted, as in other Iranian energy deals.

"Implementation of the contract will start immediately," Iranian Oil Minister Gholamhossein Nozari told *Reuters* after the signing ceremony. "Now Sinopec will invest around two billion US dollars in Iran for the development of Yadavaran."

Zhou Baixiu, head of Sinopec's international exploration and production unit, said LNG was not part of Sunday's

agreement, but that he hoped to discuss it with Iran in the future.

"We are very happy to sign this contract," he said.

Chinese officials have said tough commercial negotiations, not a threat of more United Nations sanctions on Iran because of its disputed nuclear plans, had delayed the agreement.

Washington, which is leading international efforts to isolate Teheran over its atomic activities, has sought to discourage international companies from investing in one of the world's largest oil exporters.—*MNA/Reuters*

China's PBOC says rural bad loan ratio cut

BEIJING, 10 Dec— The non-performing loan ratio of China's rural credit cooperatives has dropped to 9.2 per cent by end September, down 27.7 percentage points from the end 2002, a Central Bank official has said.

Capital adequacy ratio of the cooperatives has risen to 10.9 per cent from minus 8.5 per cent during this period, Yi Gang, assistant governor of the People's Bank of China (PBOC), said at a forum in Beijing.

By end September, their outstanding deposits stood at 4.4 trillion yuan (593.9 billion US dollars) and outstanding loans at 3.2 trillion yuan, 12.3 per cent of all the financial loans in China, said Yi.

Among the loans, 1.49 trillion yuan have been extended to support agricultural development and 1.22 trillion yuan to 77.42 million rural households, 33 per cent of the nation's total.

MNA/Xinhua



Customers play with wood toys made by German Horst Damme, 78, in the Damme's factory in Bogota on 10 Dec, 2007. Damme, who is blind, has made wood toys since 1949.—INTERNET

AU rejects "divisive" EU strategy on trade deals

LISBON, 10 Dec— The European Union, compelled by the World Trade Organization to reach new trade deals with African nations by 31 December,

was accused at a rare EU-Africa summit on Saturday of dividing and rushing its African partners.

The African Union's

top official, AU Commission Chairman Alpha Oumar Konare, criticized the EU for pushing through the new Economic Partnership Agreements with individual nations or groups of nations, to Africa's disadvantage.

"We must avoid playing certain African regions against each other, or playing the countries of the same region against each other," Konare told more than 70 EU and African leaders.

"Otherwise it will no doubt be possible to push through a victory of sorts, but it will be a Pyrrhic victory, based on divisions at a tremendous cost to the rural African population and to African industry."

MNA/Reuters



Fast and Furious — Car enthusiasts gather in a parking lot in Guangzhou, China during an impromptu car show. Chris Kersting (right), President and CEO of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), examines the vehicles on display.—INTERNET



An avant-garde restaurant in the shape of space capsule debuts in Beijing on Saturday night, 8 Dec. Designed by a Danish designer, the restaurant creates a scientific and modern atmosphere, attracting many hipsters.—INTERNET

Shanghai food producer recalls its tainted products

SHANGHAI, 10 Dec— Shanghai-based food producer Maling Aquarius Co Ltd has recalled canned meat in which Hong Kong hygiene authority detected chemical contents.

Maling, a well-known food processor and listing company on the Shanghai Bourse, said in a statement on its website Friday that it takes this issue very seriously and "immediately took relevant measures, asking the Hong Kong sales agents to recall

the affected products."

The statement also said Maling had sent an investigation team to Hong Kong to help investigate the causes of the tainted products.

The Food and Environment Hygiene Department of Hong Kong announced on Monday that low level of nitrofurans metabolite has been found in a kind of less sodium pork luncheon canned meat made by Maling.

Nitrofurans is a kind

of drug derived from furan that are used to inhibit bacterial growth. Frequently taking nitrofurans is poisonous and might even cause cancer or death.

Maling has won many domestic and international awards for a number of its food products including canned meat and sticky rice.

Its products sell well in many countries in Asia and Europe.

MNA/Xinhua



The first South Korean cargo train runs past the southern limit line of the demilitarized zone separating two Koreas near Dorasan station in Paju, north of Seoul, South Korea, on 11 Dec, 2007. The first cargo train providing regular service across the border between the two Koreas in more than a half-century left Tuesday for the North.—INTERNET

Indians are largest ethnic group in London

LONDON, 11 Dec — Indians are the largest ethnic minority group living in Greater London, according to the official figures.

Of the total population of 74.04 lakh in Greater London in 2007, the British population accounted for 49.56 lakh followed by Indians 1.97 lakh and Bangladeshis 1.15 lakh.

Next are those from Ireland 1.13 lakh, Jamaica 1.08 lakh, Poland 1.05 lakh, Nigeria 91,000 and Pakistan 81,000. Others are from the USA 63,000, South Africa 61,000, Australia 56,000, Turkey 52,000, China 25,000, Brazil 24,000, New Zealand 19,000, Canada 14,000 and Sweden 13,000.

One in three people living in London was born on foreign soil, the figures released by the Office for National

Statistics said.

And it's hardly surprising — one can hear anything from a Bangladeshi brogue or Afghan accent to an Irish intonation or Turkish timbre after walking into any pub in the British

capital or looking around on the tube.

London's melting pot is only becoming more of a mix, with more than 10,000 foreign-born citizens setting up shops every month.

MNA/PTI

China to offer support policies for non-food biofuels

BEIJING, 10 Dec — China's Ministry of Finance (MOF) has drawn up policies to promote the production of non-food sources for biofuels, a senior MOF official told a Beijing energy conference.

The ministry will use subsidies and other forms of financial support to reduce the risks of producing these sources, said Zeng Xiao'an, deputy director of the MOF's Department of Economic

Development, at a synthetic fuel forum held in Beijing on Thursday.

"We have worked out a complete set of policies to support non-food biofuels, as they are clean energy sources with a limited negative impact on the environment," Zeng said. Flexible subsidies will be offered to biofuel producers who lose money on crops when crude oil prices are low, he said, and the

government would encourage enterprises to reserve funds to offset such risks. Farmers will receive a 3,000-yuan (405-US-dollar) subsidy for each hectare of forest products for biofuels, such as ethanol and bio-diesel, and 2,700 yuan for each hectare of crops for biofuels, Zeng said. The ministry would also subsidize demonstration projects producing ethanol from cellulose, sweet sorghum and cassava or making bio-diesel from forest products, so as to make it easier to get bank loans for construction, according to Zeng. Projects that are up to industrial standards would receive rewards ranging from 20 per cent to 40 per cent of the total investment, he said. "Government subsidies are a small proportion of the total investment of a bio-diesel project; however, we are confident of the long-term prospects for bio-diesel production," said Liu Jianbo.—MNA/Xinhua

Vietnamese Govt approves big power project in Laos

HANOI, 10 Dec — The Vietnamese Government has allowed a consortium of Vietnamese firms to build a hydroelectric plant with investment of 400 million US dollars in neighbouring Laos, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported Monday.

Construction of the 290-megawatts plant named Xekaman 1, capable of annually generating 1.1 billion kilo watts per hour, is scheduled to start in early 2008 and complete in 2012. Up to 90 per cent of the electricity will go back to Vietnam to satisfy its rising power demand.

The Viet-Lao Power Shareholding Company, whose major shareholders include Song Da Corporation, Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV), Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group (Petro-

Vietnam), PetroVietnam Finance Company and BIDV Securities Company, will bankroll the project.

"The Xekaman 1 project will make up the largest slide in Vietnam's outward investment in foreign countries this year," said an official from the Foreign Investment Agency under the Vietnamese Ministry of

Planning and Investment.

The ministry's figures showed that Laos is currently the largest destination for Vietnam's outward investment with 86 licensed projects worth 584 million dollars underway by the end of November. Vietnam was the biggest foreign investor in Laos until the end of 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



Shoppers walk past a Christmas tree inside a shopping centre in Singapore on 10 Dec, 2007. The tree is 15 metres (50 feet) tall, and is adorned with some 700 decorations and 1,000 light bulbs, according to local media.—INTERNET

China to intensify cultural exchanges with Senegal

DAKAR, 10 Dec — A cultural delegation led by Chinese Vice Culture Minister Chang Keren arrived here on Saturday evening for a three-day visit to add the momentum for the China-Africa friendship and cooperation.

Upon their arrival, Chang and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Senegalese Culture Minister Mame Birame Diouf and other officials.

Chang told his Senegalese hosts that he was very happy to visit the West African country for the first time at the

head of a cultural delegation sent by the Chinese Government.

He expressed confidence that the visit will intensify cultural exchanges and deepen understanding between the two peoples.

The Chinese delegation will sign a cultural cooperation agreement with Senegalese authorities in a bid to boost bilateral exchanges in culture and arts, said She Mingyuan, the Chinese Embassy cultural counsellor in Dakar on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua



View of the slick : This aerial photo shows waters polluted by crude oil along the coast near Taean, about 170 kms (106 miles) southwest of Seoul. The Hong Kong-registered tanker Hebei Spirit at Shinduri collided with a barge off South Korea's west coast and more than 10,000 tons of oil has leaked into the sea.—INTERNET

Doyen literati who deserve due respects

Khin Maung Tun (Lanmadaw)

The Sarsodaw Day (Literati's Day) for 1370 Myanmar Era will be commemorated soon. The ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati, which was conceived by the Sarsodaw Day, is drawing near.

Sarsodaw Day is one of the significant days of Myanmar because on that day doyen literati, who have served the national interest through literary strength in successive periods, are honoured.

Today, the government is taking measures in various sectors to broaden the horizons of the people, while preserving and fostering the national culture.

The Ministry of Information not only presents national literary awards every year but also plays a leading role in presenting private literary awards to the winners. Furthermore, it is opening libraries in each village and ward all over the country in its bid to enhance the knowledge of the entire people. Under the aegis of the Ministry of Information, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association yearly marks Sarsodaw Day on a grand scale at the hall of the Yangon City Development Committee on Sarsodaw Day on which respects are paid to doyen literati aged above 80. Respective subcommittees are making

arrangements to celebrate Sarsodaw Day on a grand scale. Last year, respects were paid to 111 doyen literati who had served the interests of the country, and 19 of them have passed away. This time, 120 doyen literati across the nation will grace the ceremony with their presence.

The State Peace and Development Council yearly sets up trust funds for the ceremony, and the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the relevant ministries, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees, and wellwishers donate cash and kind to the men and women of letters. The previous ceremony was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, heads of department, MWJA members, and wellwishers.

I witnessed that doyen literati were out of joy with tears while receiving respects.

At the last year's ceremony, I interviewed a well-known female writer who at that time was rubbing her tears of joy. She said, "I thought I had been neglected because of my old age. But I am surprised I am honoured at the national level ceremony. So, I am with

tears of joy".

Members of the MWJA also paid respects to the doyen literati aged above 80 in the provinces of the country who could not attend the ceremony.

At the third conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds, Yangon, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that he often met writers and those engaged in the literary world in Yangon. However, it was not much possible for him to meet those engaged in literary world from states and divisions. He said that he was pleased to meet doyen literati from states and divisions at the conference.

He called on the literati to work hard together with the national brethren for successful completion of the National Convention, and realization of the State's seven-step Road Map so as to expedite the tasks of transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one.

In this regard, the entire mass of writers are to continue to compile beneficial works of creative writing and informative writing in the interests of the nation and the literary world.

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I write this article to honour the doyen literati. Long live the doyen literati aged above 80.

Translation: MS

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Man freed after 100 hours trapped in Lavatory

LONDON, 11 Dec — A retired Scottish school teacher was recovering on Monday after spending nearly four days trapped inside a men's toilet with no food or mobile phone.

David Leggat was locked inside the bathroom at a lawn bowling club near the Scottish city of Aberdeen after the door jammed and the handle on the outside fell off.

The 55-year-old kept warm by dipping his feet in hot water but only managed to get about three hours' sleep a night in the freezing temperatures, the local *Evening Express* newspaper

reported.

He was rescued when the cleaner at the club, which is little used in winter, turned up to collect her cleaning equipment.

Leggat said a survival course he had once done had helped him endure his captivity.

The cleaning lady said he looked shaken and grey when he emerged. Leggat was stoical.

"At least there was a toilet to use," he said. "The only thing I regret is not getting trapped behind the bar."

MNA/Reuters

Shipwreck off Turkish Coast kills 40 migrants

ANKARA, 11 Dec — At least 40 illegal migrants were killed when a boat carrying about 70 people capsized off the Turkish Aegean coast on Saturday, CNN Turk said on Monday.

Six people, including two Palestinians, have been rescued, Orhan Sefik Guldibi, a district governor in the coastal Izmir Province told state-run *Anatolian* news agency.

Guldibi said strong winds had

made the rescue operation more difficult.

Rescued migrants said there had been about 70 people in the boat when it sank shortly after setting sail for Greece from the Turkish coast on Saturday.

Turkey is a major transit point for illegal immigration, as migrants head for European Union member countries on its border.

The Turkish Coast Guard declined to comment.— MNA/Reuters



Maj-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence meets officers and other ranks of regiments and units at Mawlamyine Station.—MNA

Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects Dawei-Malwetaung-Ye road section

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Next, they inspected the repair of road section on Dawei-Ye-Mawlamyine road near 9th Mile Village, Ye Township and gave nec-

essary instructions to officials.

Later, they arrived at Hsinphyushin hall where they met officers and other ranks and families of Ye Station.

After that they proceeded to Mawlamyine and met with officers and other ranks and their families of Mawlamyine Station and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Minister for Industry-2 inspects construction of factories in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials inspected Mayangon rubber farm of Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries in Kyaikto Township in Mon State on 7 December.

The minister discussed increase of earning foreign exchange, production of high quality rubber, systematic storage, minimizing loss

and waste and fire preventive measures.

The minister and party visited the project site of radial tyre production factory.

The minister discussed arrangements for power and water supply, stockpiling of construction materials, testing of earth sample, conducting surveys and supply of water from Bilin River.

The minister

inspected construction of roads in the project area and land preparation for construction of factories. On 8 December, the minister inspected No 1 Tyre and Rubber factory in Thaton Township. He told the officials concerned to make efforts for exceeding the targets, production of quality rubber and systematic arrangements for export.

MNA

Deputy Minister visits Shwepyitha oil field, No-5 fertilizer plant project in Pathein

YANGON, 11 Dec — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 8 December visited Shwepyitha oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and awarded cash to the employees of the enterprise participating in drilling at No-62 oil well at the oil field.

The deputy minister also inspected construction tasks of No-5 fertilizer plant in Pathein

by Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise.

At an office of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise in Pathein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay held a meeting with employees of the enterprise.

Later, the deputy minister went to Eaindrayama, Ariyama and Wayamarama monasteries in Myanaung Township and donated provisions to Sayadaws

and member of the Sangha of the monasteries.

During the tour, the deputy minister inspected earth road which links Makyekwin-Thetkawkon-Pyatha villages in the township.

Afterwards, the deputy minister attended the respect paying ceremony at Basic Education High School in Mayanaung and donated cash to the elder teachers of the school.—MNA

Workshop on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic-FAL Convention held

YANGON, 11 Dec—

Under the programme of the technology cooperation of IMO, an opening ceremony of Workshop on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic-FAL Convention was held at the Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here at 9 am today.

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung delivered an opening speech.

Leader of the board of advisers to IMO Mr Willem Tieman extended greetings. Video programmes of FAL Convention subjects were presented.

Advisers Mr Willem Tieman and Mr Karstem Brunings explained matters on ensuring facilitation of international maritime traffic, points standardized by IMO for port and customs clearance, and exchanging of electronic information.

It was also attended by officials from the Marine Administration Department, the Immigration and National Registration Department, the Customs Department, Myanma Port Authority, private jetties and shipping companies.

MNA

Objectives of the 60th Anniversary Independence Day

- (a) All the national people to constantly join hands for safeguarding the perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of the State;
- (b) All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- (c) To ensure emergence of an enduring constitution in line with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention that has been completed successfully;
- (d) All the national people to harmoniously make all-out efforts for building of a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation;
- (e) All the national people to cooperate in realizing the State's seven-step Road Map with Union Spirit, patriotic spirit and the spirit of sacrifice.

Cash donated for all-round...

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for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe and officials concerned accepted the donations, and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

The congregation shared merits gained and Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and party inspected necessary measures to be made for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

Present at the ceremony were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe of PBANRDA.

MNA

CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin meets factory workers

YANGON, 11 Dec — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division in-charge) Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin met chairmen of management committees of No 1, 2 and 3 Industrial Zones, entrepreneurs, officials, factory workers who are members of USDA at the hall of Soe Electric and Industrial Co Ltd in Dagon Myothit (South) Township yesterday.

CEC member of the USDA explained arrangements for supply of clean water in the industrial zones by Yangon Division USDA and programmes for upgrading of roads in the zones. Those present reported on cooperation for development of industrial companies.

MNA

Rural health care centre opened in Mintaingpin model village in Pale



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan open Basic Education Primary School (Eya Min) in Sagaing.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and member of Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the opening ceremony of rural health

local people in the village. Present were some 2,000 people from 13 villages. U Myo Lwin of Obo Village reported on regional development. The commander, the minister and Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win of Mandalay People's Hospital delivered addresses.

Donor Daw Nwe Nwe Soe presented related

K 2.73 million and kind to the minister.

Next, the minister presented cash, textbooks, exercise books, clothing and books for libraries and schools to officials.

Head of Sagaing Division Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Than Win presented K 500,000 for the fund of Mintaingpin library to Chairman of Village PDC U Kyaw Tint.

The commander and the minister attended opening of new school building for Basic Education Primary School (Eya Min) in Kyeepin Village in Pale Township.

Chairman of Township PDC, Township Education Officer and U Thein Myint of Eya Min Thein Co formally opened K 3.2 million new building.

The commander and the minister presented textbooks, exercise books, clothing for local people and books for libraries to officials.

They also presented offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanika and Bhaddanta Nayaka of Sasana Waiponla monastery. Next, they met

local people from eight villages.

U San Oo reported on development and requirements and Sagaing Division Head of Health Department Dr Kyaw Sein on health care services. The commander and the minister explained education, health and economic matters.

Wellwisher U Thein Myint presented related documents and K 5.8 million for construction of another building to the commander.

The commander presented cash, clothing, exercise books and other books to officials.

The commander told USDA members in Sagaing Division to provide educational, health and social assistance to the local people.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan spoke at length on nurturing youths to be qualified ones as today is the knowledge age and organizing people. He urged the USDA members to make efforts for development of the region.

The minister presented notebooks to USDA members. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan donates exercise books, cash and books to the school and the library in Padaukkon village.— MNA

care centre in Mintaingpin model village in Pale Township on 9 December.

Chairman of Pale Township Peace and Development Council U Naing Aye and Township Medical Officer Dr Sein Lin and donor Daw Nwe Nwe Soe of Gano Excel formally opened the centre.

The commander and the minister visited K 15.6 million centre and they met

documents of the centre to the commander.

The minister presented K 5 million donated by Shwetaung Co, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win K 2.5 million and Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win of Mandalay People's Hospital K 500,000 for medical fund to the commander.

Wellwishers presented

Minister inspects installation of power lines

YANGON, 11 Dec—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials concerned, inspected the installation of 33 KV power line between Khabaung and Toungoo in Ohtwin Township, Bago Division yesterday.

After hearing the reports made by officials concerned, the minister instructed them to complete the project in time, to ensure worksite safety, and to utilize quality construction materials.

DISTRICT NEWS



Officials of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township Development Affairs Department supervise road works in the township on 19 November 2007. — TOWNSHIP DAD

Shwegu Township DAD implements water supply tasks in villages

SHWEGU, 11 Dec — Shwegu Township Development Affairs Department carried out field work in Kyaukkyi Model Village in the township on 6 November to supply drinking water to localities sufficiently.

The department has been implementing the tasks for supplying water to rural areas in an attempt to exceed the target of the 10-year project for supplying water to rural areas. — TOWNSHIP DAD



Officials of Maungtau Township Development Affairs Department inspects repairing of a wooden bridge in the township on 9 November, 2007. — TOWNSHIP DAD

Fossils of primate found...

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supported the fact that human beings originates in Myanmar".

The team includes Director U Aye Maung of Department of Archaeology under Ministry of Culture and two employees, Lecturer of Geological Department of Hpa-an University Dr Aung Naing Soe and Mr Jean Jacques Jaeger of University of Montpellier II (CNRS) of France. — MNA



The huge murals span nearly 220 square meters in total and tell the story of classic Chinese work *The Romance of the Three Kingdoms*. According to experts, exquisite murals of this size are a very rare find in China.—INTERNET

Foreign diplomats' cars burned in Athens

ATHENS, 11 Dec—Unknown assailants firebombed four cars belonging to foreign diplomats in Athens early on Monday but no one was injured, police said. Cars belonging to staff of the embassies of Italy, Turkey and the Philippines were set ablaze by home-made gas canister devices shortly after midnight, a police official said.

The cars, two of them owned by Turkish Embassy staff, were parked on Athens streets and had diplomatic licence plates but no country markings. "We still have no specific suspects, nor can we attribute a motive. We are waiting for someone to claim responsibility and we are investigating the incident," the police official said.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi poses with an orphaned boy as she attends the opening of a charity program in Chengdu, southwestern China's Sichuan province, on Monday, Dec. 10, 2007. INTERNET

Cruise ship, barge collide in Montevideo

MONTEVIDEO, 11 Dec—A luxury cruise ship and a barge collided in Uruguay's main port on Monday, sending several cars and containers off the barge and shutting the port down, the Navy said.

The Norwegian *Dream* cruise ship, owned by Miami-based NCL Corp., was leaving Montevideo when it collided with a barge being pulled by a tug, a navy spokesman said.

Navy divers were searching for the cars that fell of the barge.

"The collision caused five containers and several cars to fall in the water. ... The cruise ship received damages above the water line which do not appear serious," said

Alejandro Anon, head of naval public relations.

According to Norwegian Cruise Line's website, the Norwegian *Dream* left Buenos Aires on Sunday and after Montevideo was planning to travel to southern Argentina and Chile.

MNA/Reuters

Venezuela to donate more heating oil to US poor

BOSTON, 11 Dec—Standing on the deck of an oil tanker in Massachusetts Bay on Monday, Venezuelan energy officials kicked off the third year of a controversial programme of delivering subsidized home-heating oil for the US poor.

A Houston unit of a state-owned company backed by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a foe of the Bush Administration, will supply oil at 40 per cent below market prices in 23 states, an expansion from 16 states last year.

The donations by Citgo Petroleum Corp, owned by Venezuelan state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela, are worth about 147 million US dollars at market prices.

Deliveries began arriving at homes just as a deadly ice storm swept the

US Plains and many Americans start to grapple with record heating bills to heat this winter.

"This is the biggest social programme any oil company has ever

done in this country," Citgo Petroleum president Alejandro Granado told reporters at a port in Braintree, Massachusetts.

MNA/Reuters

"AP" Photographer in first Iraq court hearing

BAGHDAD, 11 Dec—An Iraqi judge convened the first criminal hearing on Sunday against an Associated Press photographer who has been detained by the US military without charges for nearly 20 months, the news agency said.

The US military has accused Bilal Hussein, a 36-year-old Iraqi, of working with insurgents in Iraq. He was seized in April 2006 in Ramadi, capital of western Anbar Province.

The award-winning photographer was present for most of the nearly seven-hour, closed-door proceeding in the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, the AP said in a report from Baghdad.

It was the first time Hussein or his lawyers had seen any of the materials gathered by the US military against him since his arrest, the news agency said.

Magistrate Dhia al-Kinani ordered that the proceedings and details of materials presented remain secret, the AP said.

Hussein's lawyer, Paul Gardephe, said no formal charges were lodged. Gardephe was permitted to see some material during the proceeding but was forbidden from taking any copies with him to aid in building his defence, the AP said. —MNA/Reuters

Passenger plane crashes near Kiev, five dead

KIEV, 11 Dec—A chartered passenger plane flying from the Czech republic to Kiev crashed near the Ukrainian capital on Sunday killing five people, Ukraine's Emergency Ministry told Interfax news agency.

The plane crashed near Kiev's second largest airport, Zhulyani, which is around 20 minutes drive from the centre of the city and is close to residential areas, the ministry said.

In Prague, Czech

Airlines said it was not its plane and Prague Airport had no further information.

An information officer at Zhulyani Airport would say only that a plane had crashed.

"The plane did not make it to the Airport," she said. She gave no further details.

An Emergency Ministry spokesman confirmed the crash but would give no further details. —MNA/Reuters

DRIVE SAFELY



Valerie Begue from the Ile de la Reunion region poses in dress before being crowned Miss France 2007 in Dunkerque, northern France on 8 Dec, 2007. Thirty six participants competed for the title.

INTERNET

Images of the Day

Ji Fengshan, 56, drags four cars with a finger as he hangs himself to a horizontal bar at a park in Harbin, Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 23 July, 2007.

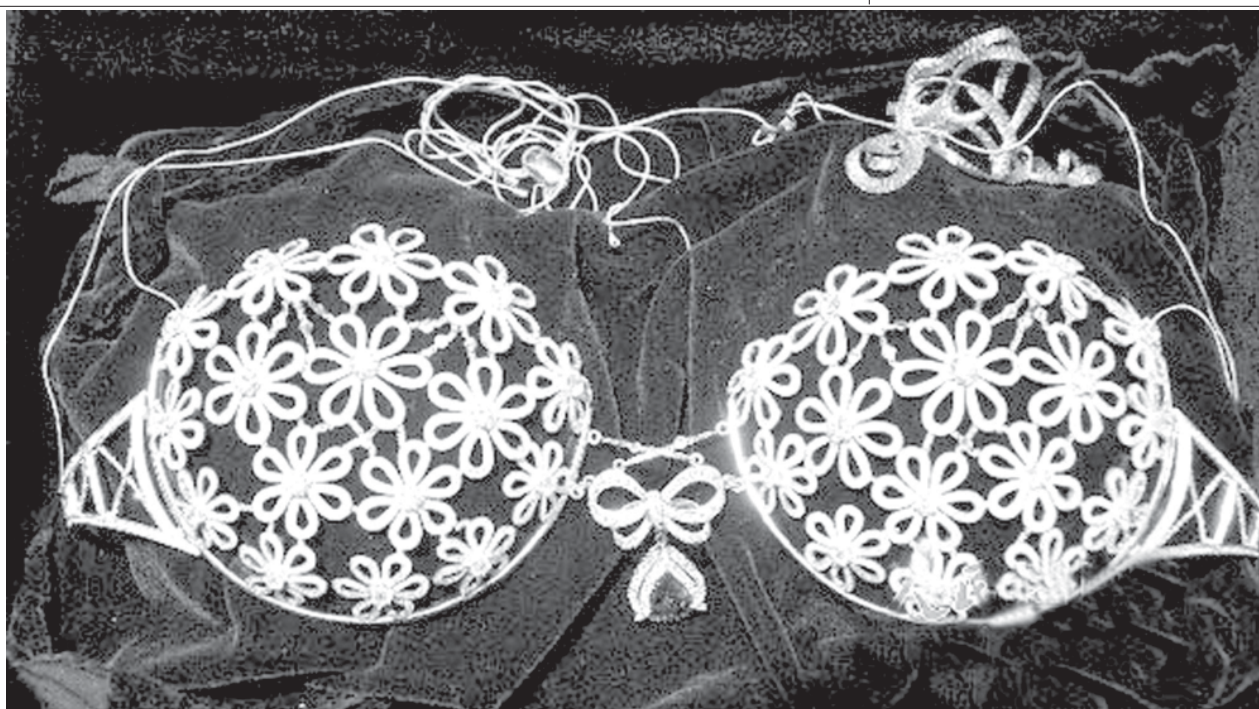
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A rare 18K gold, enamel and diamond-set hunter case "tact" watch, made by Swiss watch-maker Breguet for Josephine Bonaparte, Empress of France and sold to her in 1800 is seen during a press preview on 6 Nov 2007 in Geneva ahead of a Christie's jewellery auction. The watch was sold in Geneva for more than 1.3 million dollars Monday, more than seven times its pre-auction estimate.—XINHUA



A bra worth 10 million yuan, made of more than 2,500 diamonds weighing 100 carats and one 5.4-carat velvet blue sapphire, was displayed in Suzhou, southern China's Jiangsu province on 8 Dec, 2007. The piece took over 200 hours to create.—XINHUA



A Bengal tiger cub plays with a French bulldog at a zoo in Japan's Kagawa Prefecture, on 11 May, 2007. The dog has been nursing the tiger cub after its mother refused it.

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၁။ အမှတ်(၁)လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ရေအားလျှပ်စစ်အကောင်အထည်ဖော်ရေး ဦးစီးဌာနတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ တင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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 (က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
 (ခ) ၃၁-၁၂-၂၀၀၇ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။
 (ဂ) လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသား ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၃၁-၁၂-၂၀၀၇ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာပေးပို့ရာတွင် လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ အမြန်ချော့ပို့ (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်စာဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ပေးပို့နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၁၈-၅-၂၀၀၇ ရက်စွဲပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ၆၉၆/ရွေးချယ်ရေး (အမိက)/၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

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M-Cel plans to cover 90% of population

MAPUTO, 10 Dec— Mozambique's largest mobil phone company M-Cel, which is still 100 per cent publicly owned, intends to ensure that 90 per cent of the Mozambican population are within reach of its network by 2009, AIM has reported.

Speaking at a reception to mark the 10th anniversary of the foundation of M-Cel, the chairman of its board of directors Salvador Adriano promised that M-Cel is working towards covering every single district, administrative post and locality in the country, AIM reported on Saturday. The company, he said, would also consolidate its position as market leader in terms of number of clients and the quality of

its services.

Adriano said that M-Cel now has over two million clients, which is 70 per cent of the market, leaving its sole rival, the Mozambican branch of the South African company Vodacom, with the remaining 30 per cent.

The M-Cel network already reaches 100 of Mozambique's 128 districts, through 550 antennae, said Adriano. Its revenue in 2006 reached 166 million US dollars, while its operational profits grew by 29 per cent in comparison with the 2005 figure. Adriano said these results were achieved thanks to the use of modern mobile phone technology, allowing M-Cel to guarantee coverage of the territory 24 hours a day.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GEE HONG VOYNO (721)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GEE HONG VOYNO (721) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.12.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Armed men gun down educationist in northern Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Dec— Unidentified armed men gunned down a director of education department in a far-flung district of Faryab Province in northwestern Afghanistan, a Press release of the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

“Kamil Khan along with his friend was driv-

ing towards Ankhoi when two motorists opened fire killing him on the spot and injured his friend on Saturday,” the Press release added.

The ministry did not point finger at any particular groups or individuals for the incident.

In the past, Taleban carried out such attacks against schools, students, teachers and educationists. Rising militancy-related violence has left over 6,000 people killed this year in war-torn Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

China's power industry proposes electricity price increase

BEIJING, 10 Dec—China Electricity Council (CEC), an organization representing the country's power industry, has recently submitted a proposal to the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) to raise electricity prices next year. The proposal said major coal enterprises in coal-rich provinces have issued a notice that new contracts for electricity coal in 2008 will include a price rise of more than 30 yuan (4.05 US dollars) a ton. This would result in a sharp increase in electricity costs.—MNA/Xinhua

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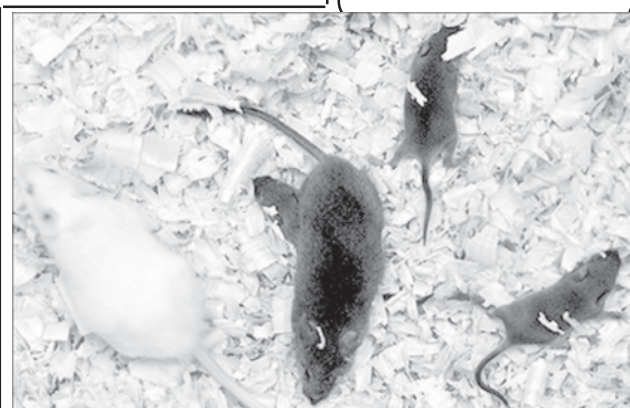
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Probiotic helps human digestive health

BEIJING, 11 Dec—Probiotics or "friendly" bacteria similar to those found in the human digestive system helps digestive health and strengthens "your body's defenses," according to Holly Maloney, a US nutritionist quoted by media reports Tuesday.
Maloney, 32, a nutrition instructor at Chicago's Kendall College, eats probiotic nutrition bars that claim to help digestion and the immune system. She's also a longtime fan of a probiotic-containing fermented milk drink.
Maloney said the milk drink just makes her feel good, adding if there are a few days when she doesn't have it, "she doesn't feel right."
It's a growing trend in foods designed to boost

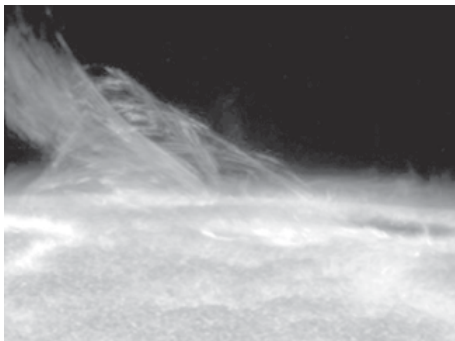
health nowadays. Probiotic nutrition foods are spreading like germs on grocery store shelves and in supermarket dairy cases in some countries.
There are milk drinks, yogurts, cheeses, snack bars and cereals, even baby formula and chocolate. Sold by major names like health products in US, it's all part of an effort to capitalize on an obsession with health foods.
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Solar system dented by magnetic field of deep space



An image from the edge of the Sun's visible surface, obtained with Solar Optical Telescope aboard the Japanese satellite Hinode that is providing new insight into solar dynamics, is seen in this undated handout.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 11 Dec—Scientists revealed on Monday that our solar system is dented by the interstellar magnetic field of deep space based on the data gathered by NASA's long-running Voyager 2 spacecraft on its 30-

year journey into the edge of the solar system.
Researchers have long suspected the solar system was bent, but never had direct evidence until now, said Voyager mission scientist Edward Stone of the California Institute of Technology, Monday.
"Voyager 2 entered the termination shock almost 1 billion miles closer within the southern hemisphere of the heliosphere of the solar system than Voyager 1 previously had," said Stone.
The termination shock is a turbulent area far beyond Pluto's orbit where the solar winds emanating from the sun are significantly slowed as they run up against the thin gas of interstellar space.
Solar winds blow in all directions from our sun, and shape what was once thought to be a bubble around the solar system called the heliosphere.—Internet

Lab mice. Obese mice are less able to fight off bacterial infection than lean mice, according to a study released on 10 Dec 2007 that supports emerging evidence of a link between obesity and a dysfunctional immune system.
INTERNET

Chinese herbal medicine not to be used in Beijing Olympics

BEIJING, 10 Dec—Traditional Chinese herbal medicine will not be used to treat athletes during the Olympics in order to avoid doping problems, an official with the Beijing Organizing Committee of Olympic Games (BOCOG) said Saturday.
"It doesn't necessarily mean herbal medicine contains provocative substances. As other Olympic host countries haven't used it before, we choose not to use it too," said Dai Jianping, deputy director of the BOCOG's service department, at an international medical

forum. As a big international event, the Beijing Olympics will follow international medical service standards, Dai said. However, non-drug traditional Chinese treatments, such as acupuncture, cupping and massage, will be used in the Games, he added.
He also said at the forum that a poly-clinic will be constructed inside the athlete's village, providing medical services for some 16,000 athletes from all over the world in 2008.
The clinic will be able to provide magnetic resonance imaging (MRI),

Record numbers of Chinese sit govt job exam

BEIJING, 10 Dec—A record 640,000 Chinese people sat the annual national exam for government posts on Sunday, showing ferocious competition for secure jobs even as the economy grows at breakneck speed.
More than 800,000 would-be bureaucrats were approved to take the exam. But many did not turn up, apparently discouraged by the tough selection process that will offer one post for every 48

people taking the day-long test. Last year there were 530,000 applicants, with 42 people competing for each job. For many centuries, civil service entrance examinations served as a key first step for young, educated Chinese hoping to join the vast imperial administration.
The test in its modern form started in the mid-1990s and has seen a steep rise in applicants in recent years, especially with ballooning numbers of university graduates struggling for limited jobs with uncertain prospects.
China is the world's fastest growing major economy, with private investment driving much job growth. But in this top-down Communist Party-ruled nation, officials enjoy power, prestige and privileges that still make government a career magnet for many, including graduates of top-flight universities.
"Everyone knows there is very small chance to finally get a post. It is like winning the lottery," said Mei Yongchun, 23, an economics graduate from the People's University of China. He has applied for a job in the Ministry of Finance.—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Mourinho rules himself out of England job

LISBON, 11 Dec — Former Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho ruled himself out for the vacant job as England coach on Monday.

“After deep and serious thinking I decided to exclude myself from being England manager despite it being a fantastic position for me,” Mourinho said in a statement published on the Web site of Gestifute (www.gestifute.com), his Portuguese agents.

England began the search for a coach following Steve McClaren’s sacking after last month’s failure to qualify for Euro 2008. Captain of England John Terry said last week that Mourinho, his former manager at Chelsea, would be the best choice to replace McClaren, saying the Portuguese “could make a big difference”.

But Mourinho thought otherwise, even though his representatives had contact with the Football Association (FA) after McClaren’s departure.—MNA/Reuters

Capello reportedly set for England talks

LONDON, 11 Dec — Football Association (FA) officials are set to interview Italian coach Fabio Capello about the vacant job of England manager, British media reported on Tuesday. Already a strong candidate, the former AC Milan, Real Madrid and Juventus coach’s stock has risen after former Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho withdrew on Monday from the race for the England hotseat.

Several newspapers reported that the FA would be meeting Capello this week, although fellow Italian Marcello Lippi, who

steered Italy to their 2006 World Cup triumph, is also seen as a candidate.

Capello has expressed his interest in the England job following last month’s sacking of Steve McClaren for his failure to steer the team to next year’s European Championship.

“It would be a beautiful challenge. I am the right age,” Capello told the *Gazzetta dello Sport* last month.—MNA/Reuters



Al-Gharafa’s Anas Mubarek Nasib (L) of Qatar fights for the ball with Al-Sailiya’s Bder Al-Maimany from Oman during their Qatar Championship soccer match in Doha on 10 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

Japan’s Urawa beat Sepahan at Club World Cup

TOYOTA (Japan), 11 Dec — Japan’s Urawa Reds beat Iranian side Sepahan 3-1 at the Club World Cup on Monday to set up a dream semi-final with AC Milan.

However, the victory over a poor Sepahan side is unlikely to cause Milan’s expensively assembled squad to lose sleep ahead of Thursday’s clash in Yokohama.

Striker Yuichiro Nagai put Urawa in front, pouncing on Takahito Soma’s low cross to score from point-blank range after 32 minutes. Brazilian forward Washington made it 2-0 nine minutes into the second half, finishing in style from an acute angle, before Hadi Aghily’s own goal killed off the match.

Sepahan were looking to avenge defeat by Urawa in last month’s Asian Champions League final but they rarely threatened before a late consolation from substitute Mahmoud Karimi. A lucrative meeting with Milan will go some way to compensating Urawa for an astonishing late-season collapse that saw them surrender their J-League title earlier this month.—MNA/Reuters



Yuichiro Nagai from Japan’s Urawa Reds Club celebrates after scoring during the quarter-finals of FIFA Club World Cup 2007 against Iran’s Sepahan Club at the Toyota stadium in Aichi prefecture, central Japan, on 10 Dec, 2007. The Urawa Reds beat the Sepahan by 3-1.—XINHUA

Tunisia’s Etoile beat Mexico’s Pachuca in Japan

TOKYO, 10 Dec — Tunisia’s Etoile Sahel overcame Mexico’s Pachuca 1-0 at the Club World Cup on Sunday to set up a lucrative semi-final against Boca Juniors.

Midfielder Moussa Narry’s deflected 25-metre drive five minutes from time settled an absorbing contest in favour of the African champions against the run of play in Tokyo.

“I’m happy we survived,” Etoile manager Bertrand Marchand told reporters. “Pachuca are a better team than us and have more experience. We’re looking forward to Boca—and then AC Milan.”

Argentine giants Boca await Etoile on Wednesday. European champions AC Milan play either Japan’s Urawa Reds or Iranian side Sepahan in the second semi-final on Thursday. Sepahan will be aiming to avenge their defeat by Urawa in last month’s Asian Champions League final when the teams meet in Toyota on Monday.

—MNA/Reuters



President of UEFA Michel Platini holds a glass of champagne after a news conference in Beijing on 11 Dec 2007.—INTERNET

Red Star handed 3-match crowd ban over riot

BELGRADE, 11 Dec — Serbian champions Red Star Belgrade have been ordered to play three home games behind closed doors and fined 500,000 dinars (9,193 US dollars) for a riot in which a policeman was seriously injured. First division commissioner Dragce Dimitrijevic punished Red Star on Monday after their fans attacked the policeman with burning flares and seats in a league match earlier this month.

One of the offenders apprehended in the aftermath has been charged with attempted murder. Three Red Star officials arrested on Friday and charged with causing a state of general danger face up to a month in detention while the investigation is completed. Pending an appeal, the verdict means Red Star will complete their ban against leaders and bitter city rivals Partizan in the first Belgrade derby to be played with no fans.

—MNA/Reuters

Brasilia governor attacks ‘arrogant’ Sao Paulo over 2014

BRASILIA, 11 Dec — Brasilia governor Jose Roberto Arruda said on Monday he wanted the Brazilian capital to host the opening game at the 2014 World Cup and hit out at Sao Paulo, describing the financial centre as arrogant.

Sao Paulo is expected to stage the prestigious opening game when Brazil hosts the tournament while Rio de Janeiro has emerged as favourite to stage the final. Brasilia is one of 16 other cities who are bidding for the right to stage games.

Brazil, awarded the 2014 World Cup by soccer’s governing body FIFA

in October after being the only candidates, plan to use between 10 and 12 venue cities.

“Sao Paulo is sometimes like the older brother who had everything going for him, he has money, he studied, but he hasn’t got patience with the other brothers who haven’t had such a good life,” Arruda told reporters. “It’s a certain show of arrogance.”

“We want the opening game to be here because Brazil is not just Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.”

Arruda promised that Brasilia would do its homework and that investments in transport would be a pri-

ority. The city plans to stage matches at the Mane Garrincha Stadium, which would be almost completely rebuilt.

—MNA/Reuters



Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia loses his balance during his exhibition tennis match against Tommy Robredo of Spain in Budapest on 10 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

PSG leave danger zone with win at Auxerre

PARIS, 10 Dec — Troubled Paris St Germain moved out of the relegation zone with a 1-0 win at fellow Ligue 1 strugglers Auxerre on Sunday.

Striker Peguy Luyindula headed home a Jerome Rothen cross four minutes into the second half to take PSG up a place to 17th in the 20-strong table, a place below Auxerre.

The match was played in a tense atmosphere. Around 150 Paris St Germain fans clashed with police before kickoff, witnesses said.

The fans had been waiting for the bus carrying the PSG players, which used another entrance after the driver was warned of the situation.—MNA/Reuters

CIA Director to testify about destroyed tapes

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — CIA Director Michael Hayden will testify before Congress on Tuesday amid Democratic fury over the spy agency's destruction of videotapes that showed terrorism suspects being interrogated using harsh techniques.

Democratic Senator John Rockefeller of West Virginia, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said on Sunday Hayden would appear before his committee to talk about interrogation and techniques.

those tapes that they didn't want to have seen, that didn't conform to what the attorney general would allow them to do?" Rockefeller asked on CBS's "Face the Nation". "Were they just trying to bury the general subject?"

"Were there things on

On Saturday, the

Justice Department and the CIA said they were launching a preliminary inquiry into the destruction of the tapes.

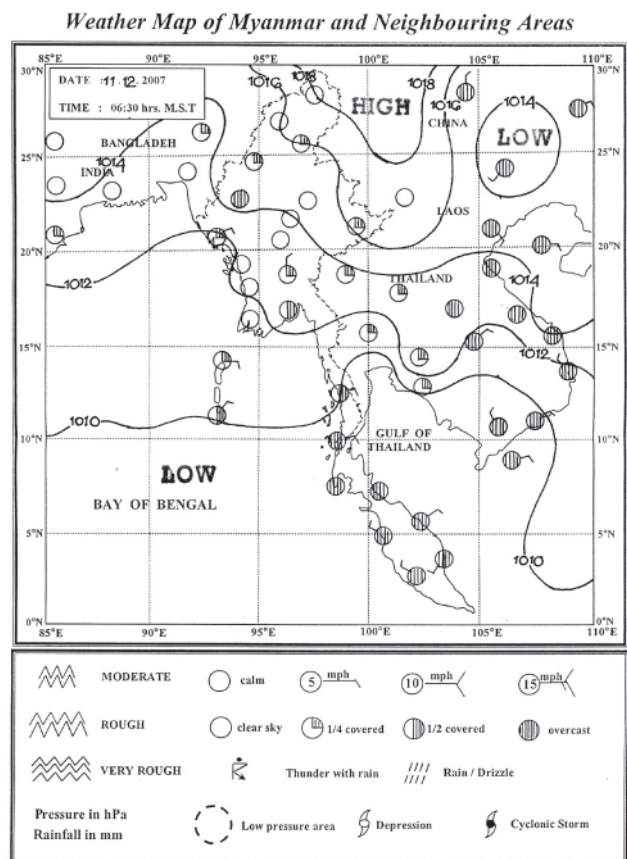
The CIA disclosed last week the tapes were made in 2002 as part of a secret detention and interrogation programme

that began when suspected al-Qaeda lieutenant Abu Zubaydah was arrested. The taping ended in 2002 and the tapes were destroyed in 2005.

Critics of the US interrogation programme say that methods like "waterboarding," in which suspects are made to believe they are drowning, amount to torture.

Hayden said in a statement on Saturday he welcomed the inquiry in order to "address questions that have arisen over the destruction back in 2005 of videotapes".

Democrats in control of the US Congress have charged cover-up and demanded investigations into the destruction of the tapes.—MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Tuesday, 11 December, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States and Magway Division and about December average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Pinlaung (3°C) and Mindat (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-12-2007 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 11-12-2007 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-12-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 10-12-2007 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-12-2007 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 North at (18:30) hours MST on 10-12-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-12-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-12-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-12-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-12-2007: Fair weather.

Vietnam faces electricity shortage

HANOI, 11 Dec — Vietnam is estimated to experience electricity shortage of 1,400-1,600 megawatts in December, local newspaper Vietnam News reported Tuesday.

"During rush hours, the demand for electricity is around 11,200 megawatts, but the supply can meet just about 9,800 megawatts" said Pham Le Thanh, vice director of the Vietnam Electricity (EVN), the country's biggest electricity producer and sole distributor.

The shortage is partly due to disconnection of

some turbines in two big thermoelectric plants in southern Ba Ria Vung Tau Province, he said.

Vietnam is forecast to face electricity shortage of 8.6 billion kilowatts hour in 2008, 10.3 billion kilowatts hour in 2009, and 7.2 billion kilowatts hour in 2010, compared with 1.1 billion kilowatts hour in 2006 and estimated 6.6 billion kilowatts hour in 2007, due to higher energy demand and slow development of power plants, said the state-run group EVN.

EVN is speeding up construction of power plants and encouraging local organizations and households to save electricity by using energy-effective fluorescent lamps.

Vietnam's electricity demand is estimated to annually grow 10-15 per cent in the 2007-2010 period, so the country needs 20 billion US dollars in the 2007-2010 period to implement electricity production, transmission and distribution projects, according to the EVN.

MNA/Xinhua



Wednesday, 12 December
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Mobil
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -In the morning
- 8:50 am National news/slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Destiny
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -To be with you
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Everyday I love you
- Without you
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune: -Always on my mind
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:30 pm Music at your request: -Sleeping child
- I swear
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 12 December
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. မြန်မာ့အလင်းတီဗွီအဖွဲ့အစည်း
- 8:00 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am 7. ဝန်ထုပ်ချောင်းတံတား
- 8:15 am 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 2. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 3. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 4. Practice in Reading
- 4:40 pm 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာ၊ ရသစာပေ၊ အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြုများ) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm 6. Song of national races
- 5:10 pm 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm 7. Classical song
- 5:25 pm 8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm 9. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 12. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ
- 6:50 pm 13. "ရှင်သန်ခြင်း" (မင်းဟိဏ်း၊ ဆုပန်ထွား၊ မိုးဖြူခင်းစိုးပိုင်၊ ကြည့်စိုး၊ သန်းသန်းစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)
- 7:00 pm 14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:30 pm 15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:45 pm 16. ဆောင်းပါးရှင်ကိုမြှောက်စား "အနာဂတ်အတွက်ယနေ့မှစ၍ကြို တင်ပြင်ဆင်"
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. Myanmar video feature "ချစ်သူများရည်ပင်လုံခြုံပါစေ" (ဝေဠုကျော်၊ နဝရတီ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မိုးကျော်) (သန်လျှင်)
- 21. The next day's programme

People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
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Cash donated for all-round renovation of Yanaungmyin Shwelethla Pagoda



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec — The first donations presentation ceremony for all-round renovation of Yanaungmyin Shwelethla Pagoda was held at the precinct of the pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe on 10 December.

The congregation opened the ceremony with

three-time recitation of Namo Tassa and received the Five Precepts from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Mahawithutarama Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Bhaddanta Kavisara. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura

Aung Ko supplicated religious affairs to the Presiding Sayadaw. Next, wellwishers donated K 69,582,650 for all-round renovation of Yanaungmyin Shwelethla Pagoda.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister (See page 8)

Fossils of primate found in Myaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec — A 6-member team of Myanmar and French palaeontologists had found three grinding teeth and fossil of the bone of a left thigh of a primate during their field work in Myaing Township, Pakokku District, from 19 November to 8 December.

Moreover, they also found jaw, skulls and teeth of the origins of goat, rhinoceros and pig and teeth of other origins of carnivores in the area.

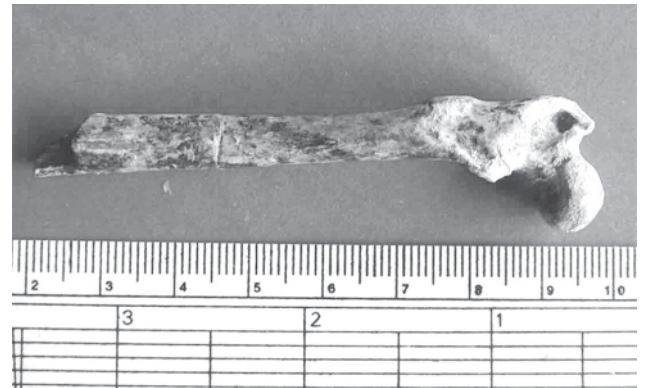
The team had already handed over six teeth of primate found last year to the authorities concerned this year after doing research on them. They named the new species of primate *Paukkaungia* as they were found near Paukkaung Village in Myaing Township.

Fossils of primate, origins of human being, were discovered in rocks of Pontaung in Myanmar and experts recognized

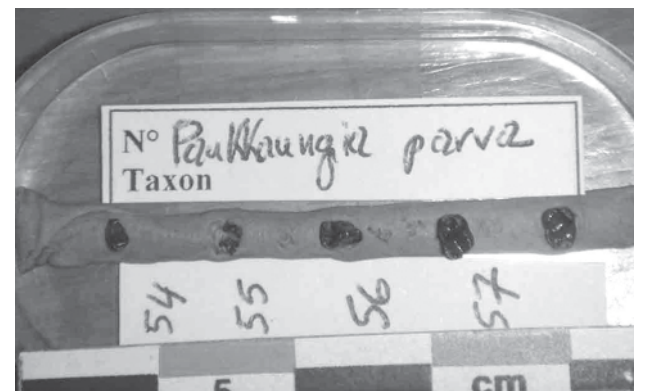
that those fossils are over 40 million years old.

Palaeontologists from University of Montpellier II (CNRS) have carried out field work in Myanmar

since 1998. They have carried out the work joining hands with Ministry of Culture since 2005, and the remains they found (See page 9)



A fossil of a left thigh of a highly primate. CULTURE



Grinding teeth of Paukkaungia primate. CULTURE

- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
- ★ The public be warned of killers in the air waves — RFA, VOA and BBC