

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 attends 2007 prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Dec — Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended the 2007 prize presentation ceremony for the outstanding students of Mon State at the city hall in Mawlamyine yesterday.

After giving a speech at the ceremony, Maj-Gen Tha Aye awarded gifts to the outstanding students.

In his speech, Maj-Gen Tha Aye said the government is striving for the emergence of an education system that will create the constant learning society to answer the call of current education age. Moreover, in accord with the guidance of the Head of the State, efforts are being made to enhance efficiency of qualified teachers in teaching sector, uplift the curriculum and content to cope with international standard, and effectively use teaching aids. The pass rate of Mon State, he added, has

reached 27.17 per cent, beyond the target of 27.02 per cent set by No 1 Basic Education Department, and got first position.

Then, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win gave reports on measures taken for the development of education in the state. Entrepreneurs in the state donated K 18,175,000, members of district/township PDC and wellwishers K 24.8 million to be used for the development of education sector. Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave gifts to six-distinction winners Maung Hein Paing Htoo Chit, Ma Phyo Thuzar and Ma Yin Min Htaik of No 9 BEHS, Ma Su Thadda of No 8 BEHS, Ma Ngu Wah Nyein and Ma Phyu Zin Hla Win of No 6 BEHS in Mawlamyine.

Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win handed gifts to Mon State

Maj-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence presents prize to a six-distinction winner of Mon State.

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Education Officer U Tun Yi who had made concerted efforts to see that Mon State secured first position. The commander presented prizes to Nos 9, 8 and 6 BEHSs which gave birth to outstanding students.

Later, Ma Wint Wah Thin of No 3 BEHS, on behalf of the students, expressed words of thanks and the ceremony concluded.

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Myanmar bags three more gold, one silver, 10 bronze medals

YANGON, 13 Dec — The Myanmar Sports Contingent bagged one gold medal yesterday and two more gold, one silver and 10 bronze medals in the XXIV SEA Games in Thailand today.

Yesterday, one gold medal for Myanmar came through Aung San Oo and Kyaw Oo in the men's

doubles billiards event. Today, Soe Soe Myar secured one gold medal in the women's under 55-kilo class Taekwondo event. Aye Aye Aung gained one gold medal in the women's 63-kilo half-middle Judo contest. Kyaw Min Htike grabbed one silver medal in the men's 51-kilo flyweight Muay Thai contest.

A total of 10 bronze medals for Myanmar came through Myanmar Women's Football Team that won over Laos Women's Team with a 5-0 in the third place match of the women's football tournament, Zin Lin Aung in the men's 90-kilo (middle) Judo contest, Lay Kalyar

Aung in the women's 70-kilo (middle) Judo contest, Thein Htike Aung in the men's under 70-kilo Karate-do contest, One Ko Ko Oo in the men's open Karate-do contest, Ni Ni Cho The in the women's above 60-kilo class Karate-do contest, May Sanda Kyaw Win in the women's under 59-kilo class Taekwondo contest, San Nguwah Sue in the women's under 63-kilo class Taekwondo contest, Tun Lin in the men's 60-kilo class (Lightweight) Muay Thai contest and Thura Aung in the men's 67-kilo class (Welterweight) Muay Thai contest.

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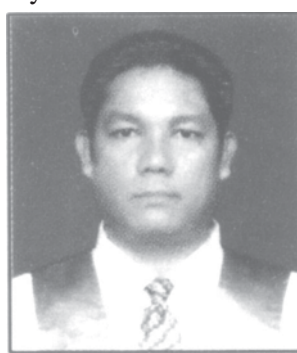
Soe Soe Myar.



Aye Aye Aung (2).



Aung San Oo.



Kyaw Oo.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 14 December, 2007

Extensive utilization of water resources for increased generation of electricity

The government is extensively implementing hydropower projects, utilizing water resources in abundance to satisfy the nation's electricity demand.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe made an inspection tour of Yeywa Hydropower Project the other day and gave guidance, saying that Yeywa Hydropower Project was designed to help improve national development and raise the living standards of the people, calling for systematic completion of the project ahead of schedule.

The implementation of the Yeywa Hydropower Project is in progress over the Myitnge River near Ye-yaman Village, southeast of Mandalay. Upon completion, the project will be able to generate 790 megawatts.

In the project, construction of diversion tunnels, approach tunnels, intake structures, spillways and power stations, and installation of steel pipelines have been completed. Sustained efforts are now being made for earlier completion of the entire project.

Measures are being taken systematically for ensuring higher standard in building the main concrete dam and power stations and installing steel pipelines.

A feasibility study was conducted along the Myitnge River upstream the Yeywa Hydropower Project to find out suitable sites where electricity can be generated. Now, plans are under way to launch Pyaungsho Hydropower Project near Yaydwingyi Village, about 32 miles south of Nawngkhio.

Therefore, it is required to extensively implement hydropower projects, harnessing the water resources expeditiously for industrial development so as to improve the living conditions of the people.



As a gesture of hailing the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati, U Maung Maung Myint Aye of Lat-moe-swe Publishing House donated books to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association recently. Vice-Chairman of MWJA U Than Maung and officials accepts the books worth K 200,000 for the respect paying ceremony to be organized by MWJA.

MWJA

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

SWRR Minister appears at 6th ASEAN, 2nd ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meetings for SWD

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe represented Myanmar at the 6th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development and the 2nd ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on 6 and 7 December.

On 6 December, the 6th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development was held at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi where Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Pham Gia Khiem made an opening speech.

On 7 December, the



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and officials participate in the 6th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development in Hanoi, Vietnam. — SWRR

2nd ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development took place at the same venue.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with the other ministers of ASEAN visited the University of Labour and Social Affairs and paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister of the Socialist

Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at his office.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by officials concerned today.—MNA

Fire destroys property, leaves scores homeless in townships

YANGON, 12 Dec — A fire broke out at a two-storey rubber workshop on Seikpyoyay Street in No 2 Ward (West) in Kya-in-Seikkyi at 8 pm on 2 December. The fire destroyed one rubber workshop and 4,000 pounds of rubber.

At the field near Pokta Village of Targwa Village-tract in Taikkyi Township, a fire started from an arson case at 11.30 am on 7 December and 50 baskets of paddy were destroyed. Action was taken against the alleged arsonist.

At 6.20 pm on 7 December, a fire broke out at a restaurant on Lanmadaw Road in Shwepyi Yanaung Ward of Pyawbwe due to negligence. The fire destroyed one building, about 150 metres long main cable of telephone and one electric meter. In addition, one man was injured in the fire.

Likewise, one building lost in the fire that broke out at a bottle shop on Thudhamma Road in Ward 12 of North Okkalapa Township at 2.22 am on 8 December.

A negligent fire destroyed a half of a house on PawU-2 Street in Mahamyang Ward of Bago at 10.50 am on 8 December.

At 8 am on 7 December, a fire broke out at the staff quarters of Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory in West Gyogon Ward of Insein Township. Due to the fire, paper sheet, blanket and clothes were destroyed, and a man met his end with burning on neck, chest and both of legs. One more negligent fire broke out at a house on 1st Moe Sanda-1 Street in Ward 26 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township at 1.25 pm on 9 December. The fire destroyed eight houses and left 29 men and 18 women from 10 households homeless. They are being accommodated at the Dhammayon on the same street.—MNA

2nd Inter School Cricket Challenge Shield 2007-08 to be held

YANGON, 13 Dec — Myanmar Cricket Federation and No-3 Basic Education Department will jointly conduct the 2nd Inter School Cricket Challenge Shield 2007-2008 at Bahan cricket training ground in Bahan Township here on 16 December. Ten boys' cricket teams and five girls' cricket teams will participate in the competition.

The competition for the boy's teams will be held in Bahan cricket training ground while girls' events in Lanmadaw sports ground.

On 16 December, Bahan No-1 BEHS team will play against Lanmadaw No-1 BEHS team; Latha No-1 BEHS will play against Botahtaung No-6 BEHS and Mingala Taung Nyunt No-4 BEHS will play against Kyimyindine No-3 BEHS.

The first two matches of girls' teams will take place in Lanmadaw sports ground.—MNA

Biography of doyen literati available

YANGON, 13 Dec — Arrangements are being made to pay respects to doyen literati who are 80 and above by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. In commemoration of Sarsodaw day, the 120 doyen literati will be paid respects on 15 December.

The biography of doyen literati will be published with wood free paper. It will be sold K 1,000 per copy during the ceremony.—MNA

Ottawa Mayor charged with bribery in election

OTTAWA, 12 Dec—Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien was charged Monday with bribery-related offences in connection with the 2006 mayoral race in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada.

The charges stem from an allegation that O'Brien has tried to offer Terry Kilrea, a fellow candidate, a job in return for his dropping out of the race.

Kilrea has also alleged he was offered 30,000 Canadian dollars (about 30,000 US dollars) to cover his expenses. Kilrea did eventually drop out of the race, but said he never accepted any benefit.

The allegations, which follow an Ontario Provincial Police investigation of more than eight months, have not been proven in court.

O'Brien, who has denied the allegations, said he will make a final decision about whether to step down after consulting with the public and a special council meeting.

He is scheduled to make his first court appearance on 9 January. The maximum penalty for a conviction under each of the charges is five years in prison.—MNA/Xinhua



A girl shows the mascots of the Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 11 Dec, 2007. The festival has unveiled its mascots "Ice Boy" and "Snow Girl", whose idea came from a folk story. —XINHUA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British couple arrested over deaths at care home

LONDON, 12 Dec—Two care workers were arrested on Monday on suspicion of murdering five people who lived at a home they ran in Somerset, police said.

The couple, identified in media reports as nurse Rachel Baker, 45, and her husband Leigh, 48, were held over the deaths of four women and one man at the Parkfields

Care Residential Care Home in Butleigh, Somerset.

Avon and Somerset Police said the couple were also being held on suspicion of theft, unlawful possession of controlled prescribed drugs and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

The home was closed earlier this year after an inspection by the care services watchdog, the Commission for Social Care Inspection, who had alerted police.

Police originally questioned the couple in January, and later exhumed the bodies of three former residents of the home in June and July.

MNA/Reuters



Waraporn Potnsirijanya from Thailand competes during the rhythmic gymnastics individual all-around qualification of the 24th Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) in Korat.

INTERNET

WTO set to investigate US agriculture policies

GENEVA, 12 Dec—The World Trade Organization (WTO) is set to investigate US farm subsidies that Canada and Brazil say break international rules, according to a meeting agenda released on Tuesday. Ottawa and Brasilia want a WTO panel to examine US domestic support for agricultural products. Canada is particularly concerned with the corn sector and Brazil is keen on a WTO assessment of US export credit guarantees.

Washington blocked the

first requests for the panels, invoking WTO rules that allow for more time for the parties to negotiate a solution.

On the second request, to be heard by the Dispute Settlement Body on 17 December, the panels would be set up automatically. It is possible the two panel requests will be merged into one investigation but this would have to be agreed by the United States, Brazil and Canada to occur.

MNA/Reuters

Two NATO soldiers killed in retaking Musa Qala, Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 Dec—The NATO-backed Afghan forces operation for retaking control of Musa Qala District in Afghanistan's troubled southern Helmand Province has claimed the lives of two NATO soldiers, the alliance said here Tuesday.

"Two NATO soldiers were killed due to mine explosion the day before yesterday," Carlos Branco, a spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) told a Press conference held jointly with Afghan Interior Ministry.

However, he did not identify their nationalities.

More than 7,000 British forces serving in the framework of NATO-led ISAF peacekeeping troops have been stationed

in Helmand to help stabilize security in the militancy-plagued province.

The NATO-backed Afghan operation launched on 7 December afternoon has enabled the troops to evict Taleban fighters from Musa Qala on Monday.

"Our troops have inflicted huge casualties on Taleban insurgents," Afghan Defence Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi told newsmen. Azimi did

not give the exact figure, saying full details will be given soon when the clean up operation is over.

Both Afghan and NATO troops are busy conducting clean up operation in Musa Qala and the troops will remain there until the police are able to control the situation. Moreover, Taleban are still in the control of Baghran, Nawzad and Washir districts of Helmand Province.—MNA/Xinhua

Britain sees biggest food price hike in 14 years

LONDON, 13 Dec — Britain is seeing the biggest food price hike for the past 14 years, more than three times the rate of inflation, the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

reported on Tuesday..

Owing to increasing wheat and dairy prices, food factories have to pay 6.6 per cent more for their raw ingredients than a year ago, the highest annual rise since 1993, the report said.

Economists warned that families would have to face even higher prices next year while having to cope with other rising living costs as the credit crisis starts to bite, the *Daily Telegraph* reported on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, statistics from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs show that milk prices are hitting their highest level in 11 years.

MNA/Xinhua



Residents wade through a flooded street in Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaysia, on 12 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

Iran aims to end gasoline rationing by March 2009

TEHERAN, 12 Dec — Iran aims to end gasoline rationing by March 2009 through expanding domestic production of fuel and encouraging the use of vehicles powered by natural gas, an Iranian oil official said on Monday.

Iran, the world's fourth-largest crude producer, introduced rationing in June to curb fuel consumption that was far outstripping domestic output and to reduce costly gasoline imports.

"Probably by the end of the coming Iranian year, rationing will end.

We are trying to control consumption from one

side and increase production from the other side," Deputy Oil Minister Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh told reporters at an energy conference.

The current Iranian year ends in March 2008 and the next one ends in March 2009.

Nematzadeh said he was basing the timetable on an announcement by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

As well as expanding refining capacity, Nematzadeh said the government was seeking to introduce more cars that run on compressed natural gas (CNG) and to set up more

stations selling CNG, which car drivers using the fuel complain are now too few.

The head of the National Iranian Gas Company, Reza Kasai-zadeh, also said the number of CNG fuel stations was insufficient, adding there should be one for each 1,000 vehicles.

MNA/Reuters

White House advised to mum on CIA tapes

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec — The US Government refused on Monday to comment on the Central Investigation Agency's destroying interrogation tapes of two terrorism suspects.

The case is undergoing a joint inquiry by the Justice Department and the CIA's internal watchdog before determining

whether to warrant a full investigation.

Before the inquiry is concluded, the White House counsels' office advised senior government officials to take no-comment policy on the case. "Until that process works itself out, I'm going to adhere to their request," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino told reporters.

I think that that's appropriate, and I'll adhere to it."

However, Perino repeated that President

George W Bush had no recollection of being briefed on the tapes existence or destruction until he was told last week following related media reports.

In a letter to CIA employees explaining the issue, CIA Director Michael Hayden insisted that the tapes that were made in 2002 were destroyed "in line with the law" three years later in an effort to protect the safety of interrogators and their families.

MNA/Xinhua

Twin car bombs kill 67 in Algiers

ALGIERS, 12 Dec — Sixty-seven people were killed when two car bombs exploded in

upscale districts of Algiers on Tuesday, a Health Ministry source said, in the bloodiest attack since an undeclared civil war in the 1990s.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but commentators said it appeared the work of al-Qaeda's north Africa wing, which claimed a similar bombing in downtown Algiers in April and other blasts east of the capital over the summer that have worried foreign investors in the OPEC member state.

The White House, concerned by Islamist militancy in north Africa, described the attackers as "enemies of humanity".

At least one United Nations employee was killed and 13 were missing, UN officials said.

MNA/Reuters

Italian truck strike threatens fuel, food supplies

ROME, 12 Dec — A protest by Italian truckers blocked motorways for a second day on Tuesday and threatened to cut supplies of fuel and food, gas station owners and food producers said.

"From 10 am more than 60 per cent of gas stations' stocks had run out. By this evening gas stations on motorways and in towns will be more or less dry," said Fegica Cisl, a union group which represents some of Italy's independent fuel retailers.

Car maker Fiat shut down all of its Fiat Auto carplants for lack of spare parts and left 17,000 workers at home, a company source said. Fiat



Trucks block a highway toll booth during a transport strike, in an aerial photograph taken on the outskirts of Rome on 12 Dec, 2007.—XINHUA

shares were down 2.41 per cent by 1539 GMT on profit-taking after recent gains, traders said.

In Rome, people were queuing to buy petrol but some stations had put up signs saying they had already run out of fuel.

Thousands of trucks blocked highways in

various parts of the country, including to the north of the capital and near the border with France. The truckers want the government to cut the price of diesel and impose better conditions, such as ensuring they are paid more promptly.

MNA/Reuters

Bitter pay dispute destroying British police morale

LONDON, 13 Dec — The government's decision to stagger the pay rise of thousands of British police officers was damaging morale and would lead to mass resignations from regional forces, MPs told a parliamentary committee on Tuesday.

As pressure mounted on Home Secretary Jacqui Smith to backdown on the controversial plans, the cross-party Home Affairs Select Committee was told the bitter pay dispute was destroying police confidence and had sparked widespread unrest.

More than 140,000 officers from across the country will be balloted on Wednesday over whether they should have the right to strike, their union, the Police Federation has said.

Despite police being banned from striking under laws introduced in the mid 1990s, the Federation wants to explore the idea of officers being able to walk off the job — a claim that Smith said she did not believe officers wanted.

Smith announced last week that officers would receive the 2.5-per-cent increased offer set by the independent Police Arbitration Tribunal in stages.

However Smith decided it would be paid in December, rather than backdated to September, as expected.

Police claim this cuts the rise to 1.9 per cent, which is less than the rate of inflation, which will save the government an estimated 30 million pounds.

MNA/Reuters

Earthquake hits Sumatra

JAKARTA, 13 Dec — A moderate earthquake with magnitude of 5.8 struck Sumatra Island on Wednesday, but there was no report of casualty or damages, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here. The quake rattled at 10:43 Jakarta Time (0343 GMT) with epicentre at 280 kilometres southwest Lais town of Bengkulu Province and at 30 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency who goes with single name Setiaji told Xinhua.

Twenty-three people were killed and thousands of buildings were destroyed last month after a 7.9 Richter Scale quake, that was potential for tsunami, rocked Bengkulu Province in September. — MNA/Xinhua

Rainbow is seen over the rain forest in Baram region in Sarawak state, Malaysia, on 12 Dec, 2007.

INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

Malaysia demands developing nations to look at R&D, innovation

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Dec—Malaysia called on developing countries to look at Research and Development (R&D) and Innovation as a way to promote their economies.

Developing countries, for a start, should adopt the current available technology and localize it to suit specific community needs, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said here on Tuesday.

“I’m confident that such efforts can help bridge the technology divide between countries and ensure more sustainable national development,” he said in his speech at the opening of the 3rd Global Knowledge

Conference (GK3). As the leader of a developing country, he was aware of some of the challenges faced by countries seeking to modernize and develop themselves, like lack of access to knowledge and technology, Badawi said.

“Developing countries also face challenges in the form of wider access to quality education, health-care and housing, as well as the provision of effective government service. However, for many underdeveloped and developing countries, poverty remains the single most fundamental challenge that needs to be addressed,” Malaysian national news agency *Bernama* quoted Badawi

as saying.

Malaysia recognized the significant role that knowledge technology and innovation could play in helping to create wealth and spur economic growth, Badawi said.

MNA/Xinhua



Labourers work at the World Financial Centre in Shanghai on 10 Dec, 2007. The building, which will stand at 101 storeys and 492 metres when completed in 2008, aims to be the tallest building in China.—INTERNET



Boeing Co has won a contract potentially worth 800 million US dollars to build the flight-control unit for the Ares I rocket, NASA’s new astronaut launcher, media reported on 12 Dec, 2007.—XINHUA

Japan to provide \$300m as new loan to Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 Dec—Japan will provide a new loan worth 21 billion taka (about 300 million US dollars) for a power plant and two other projects under a newly devised financing package.

An agreement to this effect was signed between the governments of Japan and Bangladesh here Tuesday, private news agency *UNB* reported.

Japan will provide the

loan to the Bangladeshi Government through Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for the implementation of the three projects.

Of the total, 10 billion taka (about 143 million US dollars) will be provided for implementing the New Haripur Power Plant (360 megawatts) Development Project (Part I), located in

the country’s northeastern Sylhet District.

Seven billion taka (about 100 million US dollars) will be given to Dhaka-Chittagong (a port city in southeastern Bangladesh) Railway Development Project and three billion taka (about 43 million US dollars) for Small Scale Water Resources Development Project.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian capital plans ban on diesel cars

NEW DELHI, 12 Dec—The government of India’s capital may ban diesel vehicles in the city if other measures to curb pollution do not work, Delhi environment secretary JK Dadoo on Monday said, according to local newspaper the *Times of India* Tuesday. “We will come down with a strong hand and ban registration of diesel vehicles in Delhi if everything else fails,”

Dadoo told a roundtable of the automotive industry and civil society on Monday.

The government is determined to tackle rising air pollution due to vehicular emission, Dadoo said. “Delhi can ban the use of any fuel it wants. We have the legal powers under the Air Pollution Act to ban the use of any fuel in the capital,” he declared.

The report said that this suggestion is a potential bombshell because in 2005-06, 18 per cent of all cars in the city were running on diesel. This figure is expected to have gone up since. So, banning them would not only upset their manufacturers but a large number of car owners.

Dadoo made clear that the government will press hard for Euro 4 norms. “Delhi wants the Euro 4 pollution norms to be brought in before 2010 (the scheduled date for its implementation),” he said.—MNA/Xinhua

EU food firms agree to change ads for children

BRUSSELS, 12 Dec—Leading companies in Europe’s vast food and drinks industry have agreed to change their policy on advertising for children, setting standards on nutritional content to encourage healthier lifestyles, they said on Tuesday.

The move followed recent calls by the European Union for the food

industry to use commercial communications to support parents in making the right diet and lifestyle choices for their children, the 11 companies said in a joint statement.

They agreed not to advertise food and drink products on television programmes, websites or in print media where children under the age of 12 could be seen as a target

audience, except for products that met specific nutrition criteria.

Neither would they engage in any commercial communications related to food and drink products in primary schools, except where specifically requested by or agreed with the school administration for educational purposes, the statement said.—MNA/Reuters



A huge steel box being loaded on a towboat at the port of south China’s Guangzhou city. The steel box will be transported to the archaeological site of “Nanhai No 1” off the shores of Guangdong Province around 8th May.

XINHUA

China's "Chang'e-1" photographs dark side of the moon

BEIJING, 12 Dec — The charge-coupled device (CCD) camera on *Chang'e-1*, China's first lunar orbiter, has started imaging probes on the dark side of the moon and captured photos of parts of this region, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) announced Tuesday.

The CNSA said that the orbiter is operating normally in terms of flying, probing, land control and communication, as well as data transmitting and processing.

The CNSA released the first picture of the moon captured by *Chang'e-1* on 26 November, marking the full success of the lunar probe project.

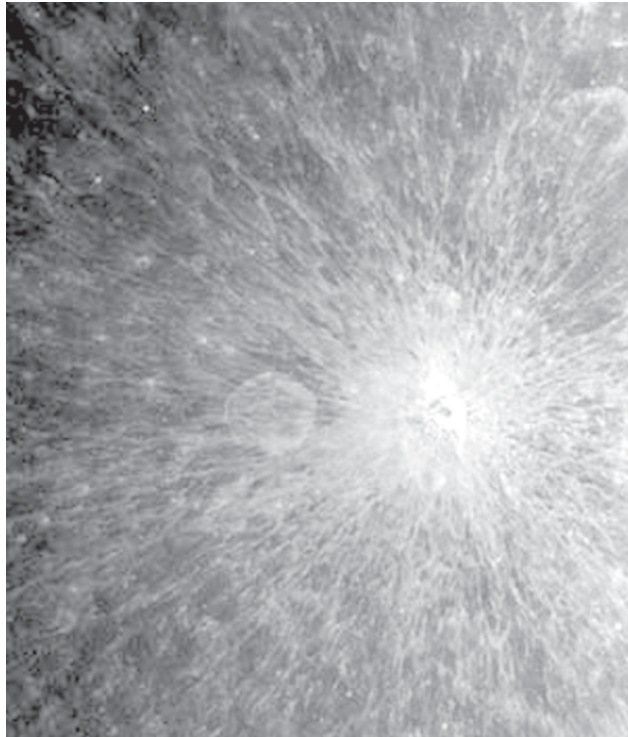
Chang'e-1, named after a mythical Chinese goddess who, according to legend, flew to the

moon, blasted off on a *Long March 3A* carrier rocket at 6:05 pm on 24 October from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the southwestern Sichuan

Province.

The 2,350-kilo satellite carries eight probing facilities with a range of instruments.

MNA/Xinhua



This undated photo shows a ray crater on the moon issued by the China National Space Administration (CNSA) on 11 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

Bird flu returns in Vietnam

HANOI, 12 Dec — Bird flu has reoccurred in Vietnam's southern Tra Vinh Province when a poultry flock in the locality was infected with the disease, local newspaper *Pioneer* reported Tuesday.

Samples from the flock of 1,300 ducks raised by a household in Cau Ngang District were tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1, after a number of ducks in the flock died, the paper quoted the Regional Veterinary Centre No 7 in southern

Can Tho City as reporting.

Local veterinary agencies have culled all

ducks in the flock to prevent the disease's spread.

MNA/Xinhua



UAE to introduce HIV Voluntary Counselling, Testing programme

ABU DHABI, 12 Dec — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Government is planning to introduce a Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) programme for HIV-positive people, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported Monday.

Gulf News quoted Nada Al Marzouqi, head of the National HIV Committee, as saying on its website that UAE Ministry of Health (MOH) "is working hard to plan for anonymous voluntary testing and counselling centres in the future

strategy of HIV prevention planning".

As part of a proposal by the UAE MOH, the programme aims to prevent, detect and control the spread of the infectious disease in the country, said the report.

It added that the programme will provide a safe and anonymous environment to the people

positive of HIV, ensuring that they know their status so that they may begin treatment and take steps to protect their beloved and the public.

In first 11 months of 2007, 35 new HIV cases were reported among UAE nationals, bringing the total number of HIV cases among UAE nationals to

734. — MNA/Xinhua

The first regular South Korean cargo train leaves for the DPRK as people wave reunification flags at the Dorasan Station in Paju, north of Seoul, on 11 Dec, 2007. South Korea and the DPRK on Tuesday started their first regular train service since the 1950-1953 war by sending freight cars across their heavily armed border for a run.—XINHUA

S'pore provides humanitarian aid to Bangladesh's Sidr victims

SINGAPORE, 12 Dec — Singapore said on Tuesday that the city state has contributed 20,000 US dollars through the Singapore Red Cross Society (SRCS) to the victims of the Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh.

According to a joint statement issued by Singapore's Foreign Ministry and the SRCS, which has also collected 20,185 Singapore dollars (about 14,017 US dollars) for the humanitarian relief efforts in Bangladesh, will be remitting the cash donations to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and this will be used to help provide relief and humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh's 243,000 families affected by the natural disaster in November this year. — MNA/Xinhua

New-born baby thrown from HK building

HONG KONG, 12 Dec — A new-born baby with its umbilical cord attached was thrown to its death from a high-rise flat in Hong Kong on Tuesday, and police have arrested a 14-year-old girl in connection with the crime.

The child's body was found early on Tuesday at the foot of a low-cost public housing block in northern Hong Kong.

"We believe it was a new-born baby, and it had an umbilical cord attached to its body," a police officer surnamed Chow told Hong Kong's Cable Television.

He said that the baby had probably just been born in one of the flats in the building.

A police spokeswoman said a 14-year old girl had been arrested in connection with the crime.

Cable Television reported that the baby had been thrown from a height of more than 20 storeys.

MNA/Reuters

At least four dead in blast near Beirut

BEIRUT, 13 Dec — At least four people were killed and more than 10 wounded in an explosion in a Christian town east of Beirut on Wednesday, security sources said. The sources said the blast in Baabda, the site of Lebanon's presidential palace on the outskirts of

the capital, was caused by an explosive device.

On Monday, Lebanon's Parliament speaker postponed a presidential election to 17 December, the 8th delay of a vote repeatedly put off over differences between the anti-Syrian governing coalition and the opposition

backed by Damascus.

The feuding camps agreed last week on General Michel Suleiman, a Maronite Christian, as a consensus candidate for the post, which has been vacant since 24 November after the term of Emile Lahoud ended.

MNA/Reuters



Firemen extinguish cars on fire at the site of an explosion in the Christian town of Baabda, east of Beirut, on 12 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET



Visitors take photos of a Spyder racing car during the 3rd China (Changsha) International Automobile Exposition held in Changsha, capital of central-south China's Hunan Province, on 13 Dec, 2007. — XINHUA

Costa Rican authorities arrest 7 human traffickers

SAN JOSE, 13 Dec—Costa Rican authorities have arrested four men and three women suspected of human trafficking, said the country's Judicial Investigation Organization (OIJ) Tuesday.

All the arrested were Costa Ricans, said OIJ director Jorge Rojas Vargas, adding that the group they belonged to had maintained links with an overseas human trafficking ring to smuggle Ecuadoreans, Bolivians and Peruvians into the United States. According to police records, at least 30 people pass through Costa Rica illegally every week.

Rojas said Ecuadorean and Peruvian illegal travellers usually first go to Panama by boat, enter Costa Rica at Paso Canoas, then travel to the country's capital by private car and head for Penas Blancas to cross into Nicaragua to continue their bid to reach the United States.

Bolivians usually arrive by plane at Costa Rica's Juan Santamaria International Airport before joining the others on the way to Penas Blancas, as Costa Rica does not demand visas from Bolivians.

MNA/Xinhua

Tropical storm flooding kills 8 in Caribbean

SANTO DOMINGO (Dominican Republic), 13 Dec — Flash flooding after torrential rains from Tropical Storm Olga killed at least seven people in the Dominican Republic and forced 30,000 to flee their homes, government officials said on Wednesday.

Olga was also blamed for mudslides that killed a man in Puerto Rico.

The storm weakened on Wednesday as it exited Hispaniola, the island shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. But flooding remained a deadly threat as Olga moved west across the Caribbean, forecasters at the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said.

At 10 a.m. EST (1500 GMT), the storm's centre was about 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of Guantanamo, Cuba. Olga was moving rapidly west at 23 miles per hour (37 kilometres per hour) on a course that would keep the centre south of Cuba and take it over Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula by Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

China to donate \$ 250,000 to UNHCR

GENEVA, 13 Dec — China will donate 250,000 US dollars to the UN refugee agency for its humanitarian work in 2008, a senior Chinese diplomat said here on Tuesday.

Li Baodong, Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva, said China makes the donation in the spirit of "international solidarity and burden sharing", adding that the amount will be used for helping developing countries' capability building.

Addressing the annual

Pledging Conference of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Li said the total number of world refugees increased dramatically to nearly 10 million last year, the first such increase since 2000.

"China believes that the UNHCR, as an important international organization in the field

of humanitarian assistance, has both the obligation and capability to tackle various humanitarian challenges in cooperation with all governments," he said.

According to the ambassador, about three quarters of the world's refugees are now being sheltered in poor developing countries.

"Helping those developing countries build up their capability for refugee protection is a major task faced by the international community," he said.

Li added that the Chinese Government will try its best to provide timely assistance to those developing countries that have received large numbers of refugees.

MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong Express Airways to start direct to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 13 Dec — Hong Kong Express Airways is operating thrice-weekly direct flights between Hong Kong and Nepali capital Kathmandu from on 13 Dec, 2007, becoming the eighth international air carrier to connect Nepal over the past 13 months.

With the operation of Hong Kong Express Airways, which flies on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, there will be daily flight between Kathmandu and Hong Kong, as Dragon Air is flying four times a week on alternate days.

According to a Press release of Nepal Tourism Board, daily flights to a great extent will cater to the growing traffic in this region. China's Hong Kong is the potential

emerging market for Nepal.

Foreign airlines are finding Nepal a sought-after destination among tourists as peace has returned to the Himalayan country. The number of

airlines offering services to Nepal has doubled during the last 13 months. Many airlines have expanded frequency, while some are in the process of doing so.

MNA/Xinhua

India says to have missile defence system in 3 years

NEW DELHI, 13 Dec — The first tests of India's home-grown anti-ballistic missile system have been successful and the country

expects it to be ready for military use in three years, its top missile scientist said on Wednesday.

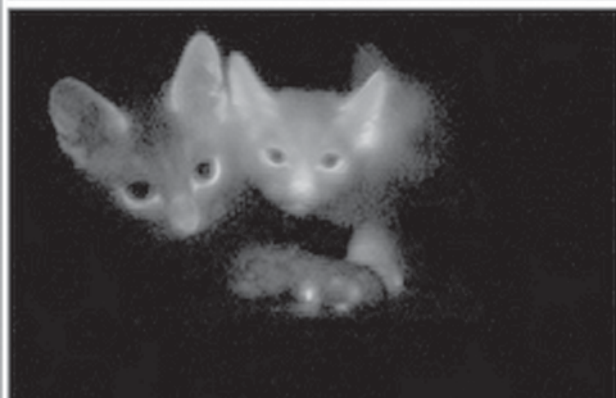
India is also designing Agni IV, a new version of its longest-range ballistic missile, which will be capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and hit targets more than 5,000 kilometres (3,000 miles) away, VK Saraswat said.

The announcement came days after defence scientists said they had conducted a successful

second test of an interceptor missile that destroyed a supersonic missile at an altitude of 15 kilometres on the country's east coast.

India needed a missile shield as it had a policy not to use nuclear weapons unless it became a victim of a nuclear attack, Saraswat said, adding that this made India the fourth country after the US, Russia and Israel with such a capability.

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This handout photo released in Seoul by the Ministry of Science and Technology shows a combo of cloned cats that have a fluorescence protein gene and glowing under ultraviolet beams. The technology could help develop treatments for human genetic diseases, the developers said.

INTERNET

Somali pirates leave Japan-owned ship

LONDON, 13 Dec — Somali pirates who seized a Japanese-owned chemical tanker in October and were demanding ransom have left the vessel without hurting any of its crew, a US military spokesman said on Wednesday.

The Panama-registered Golden Nori was carrying benzene from Singapore to Israel when it was hijacked on 28 Oct, just off Somalia, one of the world's most dangerous shipping lanes.

US Navy ships had cornered the vessel, opening fire and destroying speedboats the hijacked tanker had in tow, earlier this month.

MNA/Reuters

Winners awarded in Commander's Shield Shooting Championship

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the Northern Command Commander's Shield Shooting Championship was held at the local training depot in Pyihtaung village of Myitkyina Township on 7 December morning.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, the deputy commander and senior military officers and their wives, station commanders, teams and guests attended the ceremony.

Daw Nu Nu Swe, Patron of Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization, presented clothes to 187 women shooters who competed in the shooting event.



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presents trophy to a shooting championship team.—MNA

The commander, the deputy commander and Daw Nu Nu Swe gave championship shield, championship trophies and awards to the respective winning teams. Later, the commander made a speech and greeted those athletes.— MNA



Deputy Religious Affairs Minister calls for friendship and cooperation among all religions



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko meeting with responsible personnel of Christian, Islam and Hindu religious associations.— MNA

YANGON, 13 Dec — Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko met chairmen, general secretaries and members of Christian, Islam and Hindu associations at the ministry on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here this afternoon.

The deputy minister called for friendship and cooperation among all religions. He also stressed the need for establishing

close contacts between the religions.

Retired ambassador U Hla Maung and responsible persons of the associations reported on religious matters. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the deputy minister.

It was attended by Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Ant Maung, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department,

officials of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, members of Myanmar Council of Churches, Myanmar Baptist Convention, Church of the Province of Myanmar, Myanmar Young Men's Christian Association, Myanmar Mawlawi Federation, Myanmar Muslim Youth Association, Myanmar Muslim Federation and Myanmar Hindu Federation.—MNA

Prizes awarded to winners in ASEAN Quiz, Poster Contest

YANGON, 13 Dec — The prize presentation ceremony for the ASEAN Quiz and Poster Contest to mark the ASEAN Schools Tour 2007, jointly organized by the Ministries of foreign of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretariat, took place at No 1 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township this morning.

Headmaster Dr Aung

Ko Ko of Dagon BEHS No 1, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department and Deputy ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Soeung Rathchavy delivered speeches.

After presenting documentary video on cooperation among ASEAN countries, officials of the ASEAN Secretariat replied to queries raised by the students.

Officials reported on matters related to finalist posters. Next, Deputy ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Soeung Rathchavy and Director-General U Aye Kyu presented prizes and certificates of honour to the winners in the ASEAN quiz and poster contest.

Later, the director-general of No 3 BED gave concluding remarks.

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U Aye Kyu, Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department, presents prizes to winners of the quiz to mark the ASEAN Schools Tour 2007.— EDUCATION

239 drug-related cases exposed in November

YANGON, 13 Dec — The Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 239 drug-related cases in November.

They seized 38.9343 kilos of opium in 26 cases, 0.7175 kilos of heroin in 84 cases, 1,110 kilos of morphine in two cases, 28.6614 kilos of opium oil in 17 cases, 10,623.65 kilos of low-grade opium in 24 cases,

1.4001 kilos of marijuana in 13 cases, 107,220 stimulant tablets in 49 cases, 16.04 kilos of opium speciosa in five cases, 0.495 kilos of stimulant powder, 0.01 liter of syrup cough, nine kilos of ephedrine in one case, seven bottles of morphine injection in two cases, 3.26 kilos of opium seeds, 2,002.8 liters of chemical liquid in one case, 525 kilos of chemical powder and 15 other cases. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander inspects Kanparni Sugercane Reproduction Farm in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Dec—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected Kanparni Sugercane Reproduction Farm at Kanparni Village in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township this morning.

After greeting sugarcane cultivators, he fulfilled the needs. He went over preparations on 17 acres of land to systematically grow sugarcane.

He looked into maiden land at Pin Thaug Village in the township that can be used for plantation.

Upon his arrival at Tantbar Village-tract, he viewed reclamation of vacant and virgin land by Agricultural Mechanization Department with the use of heavy machinery near Seik Phuu Taung Village.

Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinana District has targeted to reclaim 200 acres of virgin land in 2007-08. So far, 105 acres of land had been reclaimed and distributed to cultivators. 26 acres of land are underway and efforts are being made to reclaim the remaining acres of land.—MNA

Ayeyawady Division WAO concludes basic computer course

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Dec — A basic computer course conducted by Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization was concluded in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division, on 8 December.

A total of 39 trainees attended the course. Patron of Ayeyawady Division WAO Daw Win Win Maw wife of the commander of Ayeyawady Command, delivered an address and presented certificates to the trainees and gifts to the principal of Pathein University of Computer Science and course instructors.

A trainee spoke words of thanks and the ceremony concluded. — MNA

Daw Win Win Maw, Patron of Ayeyawady Division WAO, presents a certificate to a trainee of the basic computer course of the organization. — MNA



2nd round matches of Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Dec — The 2nd round matches of Inter-Ministry Volleyball Tournament were held at the designated venues here this morning.

In the morning events, Ministry of Industry-1 won over Ministry of

Livestock and Fisheries with 3-1 in the group-AA. Likewise, Ministry of Home Affairs defeated Ministry of Information with 3-0 in the group-CC. In the evening events, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development

Affairs crashed Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement with 3-1 in the group-BB. Likewise, Ministry of Finance and Revenue passed through Ministry of Electric Power-1 with 3-1 in the group-DD.

MNA



Ministry of Industry-1 Team plays against Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Team. — MNA

Fires broke out in Mon State, Mandalay

YANGON, 13 Dec — A fire broke out in Dawna Street, Kawswe Ward, Maukkanin Village, Ye Township, Mon State, at 15:45 yesterday. The fire that started from a two-story house in the street was due to the embers. The fire destroyed the house and 10 others leaving 56 people homeless.

Similarly, a fire broke out at Mattara Monastery in Dhamma Paragu Kyaungtaik, the corner of 16th and 26th Streets, Dawnahwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division. The fire started due to negligence and destroyed a two-story building — MNA

Don't smoke

DISTRICT NEWS



Officials of Kachin State Development Affairs Department inspect the renovation of a tank with a capacity of 1,600 gallons of water in Kaunggyayan Village in Bhamo Township on 15 November, 2007 as the department has been making efforts for supplying water to villages in the township.

TOWNSHIP DAD

Yinmabin Tsp IPRD conducts reading session

YINMABIN, 3 Dec — Yinmabin Township Information and Public Relations Department conducted a reading session at a library in Pyan-hle Village, Yinmabin Township, Monywa District on 23 November.

Head of the township IPRD Daw Soe Soe Win and two staff read articles covered in dailies and in the Dokyeywa Journal and discussed the detailed analysis of the articles.—MYANMA ALIN



Officials of Labutta Township Development Affairs Department supervise laying water pipes to tanks in wards in Labutta Township on 22 November, 2007. — TOWNSHIP DAD



Officials of Npawudaw Township Development Affairs Department supervise preparations for paving of Yinma Road in the township on 1 November, 2007. — TOWNSHIP DAD

UNSG 2009 deadline for climate deal

NUSA DUA (Indonesia), 13 Dec — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged the world on Wednesday to agree a sweeping treaty to fight climate change by 2009, telling UN-led talks in Bali to act now on “the moral challenge of our generation”.

Ban also told more than 120 environment ministers at the 3-14 December meeting that the problem of global warming had a “silver lining” because creative solutions could create jobs and ease poverty in developing nations from Africa to Asia.

Minutes earlier, Australia’s Prime Minister Kevin Rudd handed formal papers to Ban ratifying the

Kyoto Protocol, isolating the United States as the only rich nation without binding caps on greenhouse gas emissions under the UN deal.

“This is the moral challenge of our generation,” Ban told the ministers. “Not only are the eyes of the world upon us. More important, succeeding generations depend on us. We cannot

rob our children of their future,” he said.

He said the Bali meeting, which is split over exact terms for launching negotiations on a broader pact to fight climate change after Kyoto’s first period runs out at the end of 2012, should set a firm two-year deadline for a deal involving all.

MNA/Reuters

IEA says world not doing enough on climate change

NUSA DUA (Indonesia), 13 Dec— The world has tools to cut emissions massively but is not using them or investing enough in technology needed to avert dangerous climate change, the head of the International Energy Agency said on Tuesday.

Nobuo Tanaka said little time should be spent on celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Kyoto

Protocol to tackle global warming, because rapid emissions growth was making its targets less relevant and governments were moving too slowly.

“The most scarce resource on earth is not natural resources, nor the capital investment or money, but time. And now is the time for action,” he

told a news conference on the sidelines of UN climate talks in the Indonesian island of Bali.

“The new technologies need reasearch and development, but...our efforts are not so promising,” he said.

The IEA is the energy policy advisor to 26 industrialized countries.

MNA/Reuters

Colorado gunman killed himself after rampage

COLORADO SPRINGS (Colorado), 13 Dec — A Colorado man who shot dead four people at a Christian Missionary training centre and a church over the weekend died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after the rampage, authorities said on Tuesday.

Police have said 24-year-old Matthew Murray was responsible for the weekend shootings 70 miles (113 kilometres) apart, apparently over a grudge he bore against the missionary training centre in Arvada, Colorado.

Authorities had previously said that Murray was killed by a security guard who opened fire on him at the New Life Church in Colorado Springs, where he had already shot two teenage sisters dead in the parking lot.

“The death of Matthew Murray has been ruled a suicide,” the El Paso County Coroner’s Office said in a statement. “It should be noted that he was struck multiple times by the security officer which put him down. He then fired a single round killing himself.”

MNA/Reuters

Bomb blast injures 15 soldiers in Thai south

BANGKOK, 13 Dec — Insurgents detonated a bomb to ambush military buses that carry replacement personnel to Thailand’s southern province of Pattani on Wednesday, injuring 15 soldiers, local radio reported.

The huge bomb, installed beside a main road in Nong Chik District, was triggered before noon, the FM 100 Traffic Radio said.

Local police said the three buses from northeastern Khon Kaen Province were carrying soldiers to replace those who have earlier been deployed to the province.

One of the bus was damaged by the bomb and a total of 15 soldiers inside were injured.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Navy launches first ENC

JAKARTA, 13 Dec — The Indonesian Navy has just launched its new Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) that will provide more accurate navigational data at sea than manual charts, local Press said on Wednesday.

The ENC, a compact disc containing navigational charts displayed by an Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), was put together by the Navy’s Hydrographic Agency on Tuesday.

The ENC would provide a number of advantages, including accident alarms and continuous ship positioning.

The Hydrographic Agency, with the support of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), the Marine Port Authority of Singapore and the Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA), has completed electronic charts for sea traffic at 18 out of a total of 25 international ports in Indonesia.

MNA/Reuters



Security is increased at Mojave high school in Las Vegas, Nev on 12 Dec, 2007 after six young people were shot on Tuesday afternoon at a nearby bus stop. Tight security greeted Mojave students on Wednesday as police searched for the gunmen in an attack that officials believe stemmed from a fight about a girl.— INTERNET

Six school children shot, wounded in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 13 Dec — Six children were shot and wounded in Las Vegas on Tuesday after getting off a school bus, but none of the injuries was life-threatening, police said.

Initial reports said the six high school students had just stepped off a school bus when at least two suspects opened fire on them from a car that had been parked across the street.

“The original report said that (witnesses) heard four to five shots and saw two children on the ground. Seconds later we got another call that another person heard about 10 gunshots and saw four kids (fall),” Las Vegas Police spokesman Ramon Denby said.

“A total of six children, all of them high

schoolers, have been shot,” Denby said. “All of the injuries are non-life-threatening and all of the victims have been transported to the trauma centre and are seeing doctors there.”

A spokeswoman for University Medical Centre in Las Vegas, where the victims had been transported, declined to comment.

The incident followed two other highly publicized gun tragedies in recent days — a pair of weekend shootings at a Christian Missionary training centre and a

church in Colorado in which a 24-year-old man killed four people and then himself, and a shopping mall rampage in Omaha, Nebraska, in which a 19-year-old killed eight people and then himself with an assault rifle last week. — MNA/Reuters

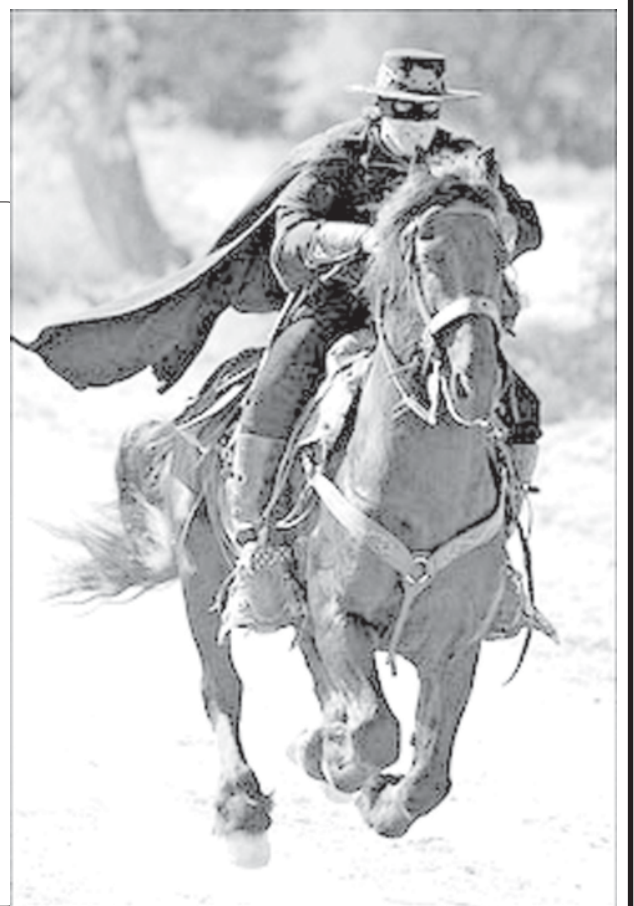
An undated artist’s rendering shows *Parapropalaeohoplorus septentrionalis*, a newly discovered extinct armadillo relative that lived about 18 million years ago in South America. Scientists searching for fossils high in the Andes mountains in Chile unearthed the remains of this tank-like mammal that grazed on grasses 18 million years ago in South America. It was about 200 pounds (90 kg) and 2-1/2 feet long (76 cm). It was a primitive member of a line of heavily armoured mammals that culminated in the massive, impregnable *Glyptodon*, a two-tonne, 10-foot (3 metres) long beast covered in armoured plates and a spiky tail that lived until 10,000 years ago.— INTERNET



Images of the Day



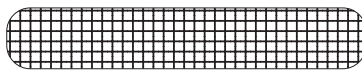
Hugh DeLaRosa, 3, looks over his shoulder, on 3 Dec, 2007, as he drives his motorized toy stock car across a downtown street in Waco, Texas, while his parents, not pictured, walk just ahead of him.—INTERNET



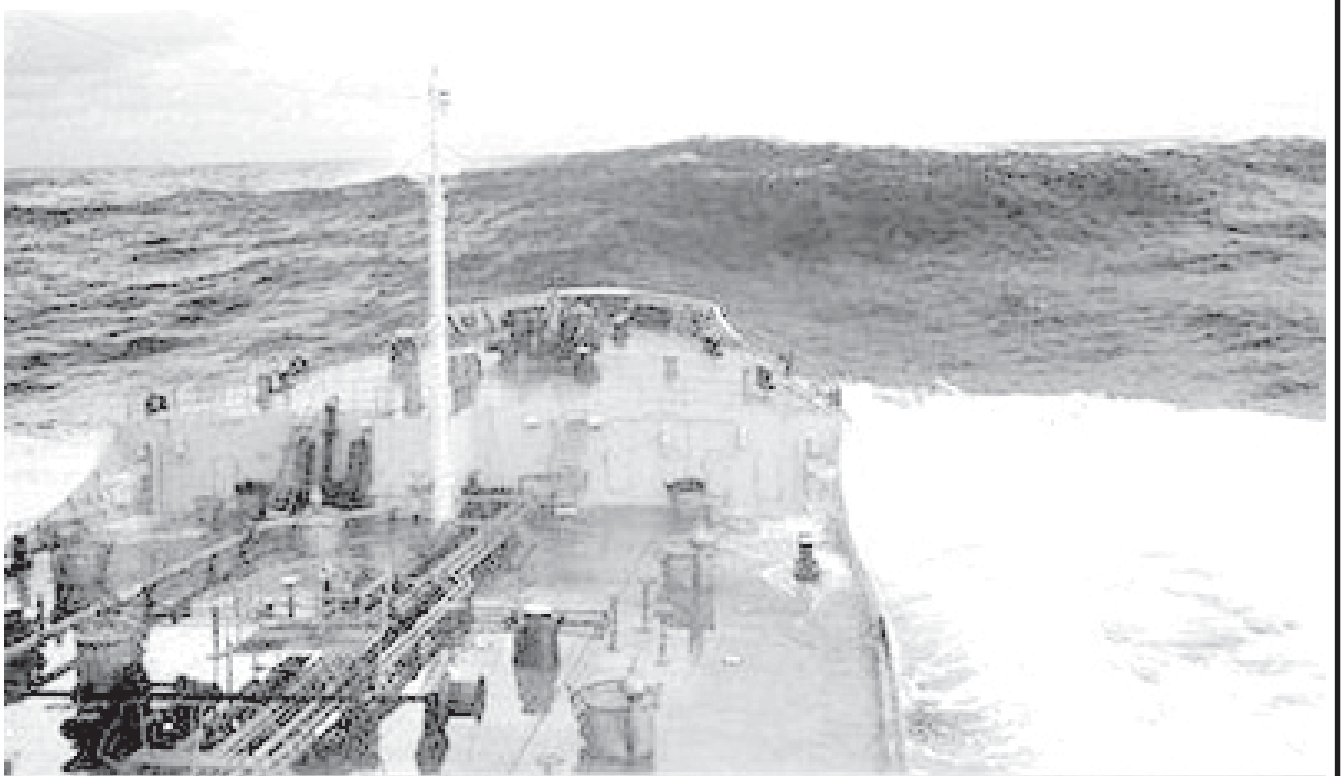
Still image from a Zorro movie featuring actor Antonio Banderas. The masked man in black, El Zorro, a fictional defender of townspeople played on the silver screen by Antonio Banderas and Douglas Fairbanks, on Wednesday was honoured with a statue in his home town.

INTERNET

A view of the Contemporary Art Museum (MAC) designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer in Niteroi city near Rio de Janeiro on 11 Dec, 2007. Renowned Brazilian architect Niemeyer, who won the prestigious Pritzker Prize in 1998, will celebrate his 100th birthday on 15 December.—INTERNET



A rogue wave estimated at 60 feet is seen moving away from a ship after crashing into it a short time earlier in the Gulf Stream off Charleston, South Carolina, in an undated photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ocean waves as tall as an eight-story building, once dismissed as maritime folklore, can be studied using waves of light, offering hope of predicting where these monsters may appear, US researchers said on Wednesday.—INTERNET



Isabelle Dinoire (L), who received the world's first partial face transplant, looks at a screen showing her face immediately after the operation, during a news conference at Amiens hospital in northern France.

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**Rising oil prices threat to
Malaysia's 2007 eco growth**

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Dec—Malaysia can meet its 6 per cent economic growth target for 2007, but rising crude oil prices remain a threat, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said, the *New Straits Times* reported on Tuesday.

The growth rate of 6.7 per cent achieved in the third quarter bodes well for the full-year target to be met, he made the remarks at government-linked company (GLC) Transformation Programme 2007 Interim Progress Review in Putrajaya, the administrative centre of Malaysia on Monday.

"However, we are also concerned with high oil prices. This could be a problem for all of us," the *New Straits Times* quoted Badawi as saying.

While higher crude oil prices mean higher revenues for Malaysia, which is a net exporter of oil, the government is also under pressure to raise fuel prices which are heavily subsidized.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven die, 28 injured in bus-tanker collision in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Dec — Seven people died and 28 others were injured when a tour bus crashed into the back of a tanker carrying chemicals near Ipoh, capital city of Malaysian northern Perak State, on Tuesday morning.

The driver and co-driver of the bus and four passengers died on the spot in the 5 am accident, and another victim died at the Ipoh Hospital, a police spokesman said.

All the victims had been taken to the Ipoh Hospital. "The bus was on its way from Kubang Pasu (northern Kedah State) to Cameron Highlands (central Pahang State) when the accident occurred," the national news agency *Bernama* quoted the spokesman as saying.

The bus with 35 people on board was believed to have left Kubang Pasu at midnight, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

**Britain's population growing at
fastest rate in 40 years**

LONDON, 12 Dec—The population of the UK is growing at its fastest rate since the 1960s, boosted by women having more babies, official figures showed on Tuesday.

The population rose by 1.5 million to more than 60 million between 2001 and 2006 and is projected to jump to 65 million by 2016, the Office for National Statistics said in its first annual report on

the UK population.

One of the main factors behind the rise was an increase in fertility rates, especially among women in their late 20s and in their 30s, the statistics office said. The average number of children born to each woman in the UK rose from 1.6 in 2001 to 1.8 in 2006, the highest level since 1980. The rate is higher among women who have migrated to

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**Shell seeks to make diesel
fuel from algae**

LONDON, 12 Dec—Royal Dutch Shell Plc is to fund a project that aims to produce transport fuel from algae, as biofuel production from palm oil and crops are increasingly criticized for causing deforestation and higher food prices.

Oil major Shell said on Tuesday it would build a pilot facility in Hawaii to grow marine algae from which it would extract vegetable oil that would be converted into a form

of diesel for use in trucks and cars.

The Anglo-Dutch company said the research plant, which is being built with Hawaii-headquartered HR Bio-petroleum Inc, would only use non-genetically modified algae.

Climate change and oil prices that almost reached 100 per barrel US dollars are driving strong interest in biofuels.

Scientists are excited about algae as a feedstock

because they overcome the key shortcomings associated with the current generation of biofuels such as ethanol.

Palm oil or sugar cane plantations, cornfields and other feedstocks require land that would otherwise be used for food crops or left as forest.

However, algae grow rapidly, at any time of year, are rich in vegetable oil and can be cultivated in waste or sea water.

MNA/Reuters

Orient Thai to fly to Nepal from 18 December

KATHMANDU, 12 Dec—Orient Thai Airlines is beginning thrice-weekly flights between Bangkok and Kathmandu from 18 December. The carrier is the ninth airline to enter Nepal's skies over the last 13 months, *The Kathmandu Post* reported on Tuesday.

Atsawadut Phuengsat,

the airline's station manager in Nepal, was quoted by the daily as saying that they decided to connect Nepal because of its growing popularity among foreign travellers.

"The flights will also be helpful in luring religious tourists from Thailand to the birthplace of Gautam Buddha," he said.

Foreign airlines are finding Nepal a sought-after destination among tourists as peace has returned to the Himalayan nation. The national flag carrier Nepal Airlines Corporation (NAC),

which owns only two airplanes carrying on international flights operation, grounded in endless problems as the traffic of Nepali workers and corporate travellers rising to new heights, international carriers are also seeing opportunities galore in Nepal's skies.

Due to the shortage of airplanes, NAC has cancelled all its international flights for nearly two weeks from 18 December as its only other plane is flying off to Brunei for a C-check, the daily said—MNA/Xinhua

**15 dolphins
found dead in
Madagascar's
archipelago**

ANTANANARIVO, 13 Dec—Fifteen dolphins, which had already reached their adulthood, were found dead in one of Madagascar's archipelago.

Three fishermen discovered last Friday fifteen dead dolphins, measuring two metres each, at a beach in the archipelago of Nosy Hara, in northern Antsir-anana Province.

Soon after receiving reports from the fishermen of the tragedy, specialists, local officials and veterinarians rushed to the scene to examine the dead animals, according to the French-language daily, *Les Nouvelles*, on Tuesday. It was the first time that such incident has occurred since 2005, when the National Association for the Management of Protected Areas (NAMP) took over the management of the area.

MNA/Xinhua



A video grab from the Indian Ministry of Defence of the nuclear-capable Agni-III missile. India announced major plans to increase its nuclear capabilities Wednesday, saying it was close to testing a ballistic missile capable of hitting targets up to 6,000 kms (3,800 miles) away.—INTERNET

Researchers find smoking raises risk of diabetes

GENEVA, 12 Dec—Swiss researchers have discovered that smokers also face an increased risk of developing diabetes besides lung cancer and heart disease, the local Swissinfo website reported on Wednesday.

Those who light up regularly face a 44 percent increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes compared with non-smokers, according to the report.

“We knew a few studies had already assessed this link, but we didn’t expect

to find so many—we found 25 studies and all except one showed that smokers faced an increased risk of diabetes,” Carole Willi from Lausanne University told Swissinfo.

Willi and colleagues conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of studies describing the association between active smoking and the incidence of type 2 diabetes or other glucose metabolism irregularities.

Type 2 diabetes — the form of the disease often associated with excess

body weight, poor diet and a sedentary lifestyle — is becoming increasingly common in many countries, including Switzerland.

Willi found that the risk of developing this type of diabetes was even higher for heavy smokers. Those who sparked up at least 20 times a day had a 61 percent higher risk for diabetes than non-smokers.

Internet



A band of Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights, stretches over the Chugach Range near Palmer, Alaska in this February file photo. Scientists think they have discovered the energy source of the spectacular colour displays seen in the northern lights.—INTERENT

Three dead, 20 injures in bus accident in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 Dec—Three people were burnt to death and 20 others suffered injuries as a passenger bus went up into flames after ramming into a tree in Bangladesh’s Manikganj District, 45 kilometres southwest of capital Dhaka, Monday afternoon.

Police and witnesses were quoted by private news agency UNB as saying two cylinders of a bus from Dhaka exploded into fire when the bus hit a roadside tree at about 5:15 pm local time, burning two passengers alive inside the bus and injuring 21 others.

Another succumbed to his injuries in hospital after admission.

MNA/Xinhua

Global death toll in disasters drops in 2006

GENEVA, 13 Dec—A total of 23,833 people worldwide were killed by natural disasters in 2006, down nearly 75 percent compared with the number in 2005, the international Red Cross said in a report released Thursday.

The combined death toll from natural and technological disasters was 33,733 in 2006, which was the lowest figure in the past decade (1997-2006), said the annual World Disasters Report.

The report said there

were altogether 427 natural disasters in 2006, which were responsible for the overwhelming majority of people affected by all disasters. However, the total number of people affected was almost 50 percent lower than the decade average of 268 million per year.

The earthquake in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 27 May, 2006 represented the deadliest disaster last year, resulting in the death of 5,778 people.

The financial damage inflicted by natural disasters in 2006 was estimated at nearly 34.5 billion US dollars —the second lowest figure of the past decade and less than half the decade average of 78.7 billion dollars per year.—Internet

World Bank launches forest carbon fund

NUSA DUA (Indonesia), 12 Dec—The World Bank on Tuesday launched plans for a 300-million-US-dollar fund to fend off global warming by preserving forests, but protesters said it risked turning homes of indigenous people into an asset for the rich.

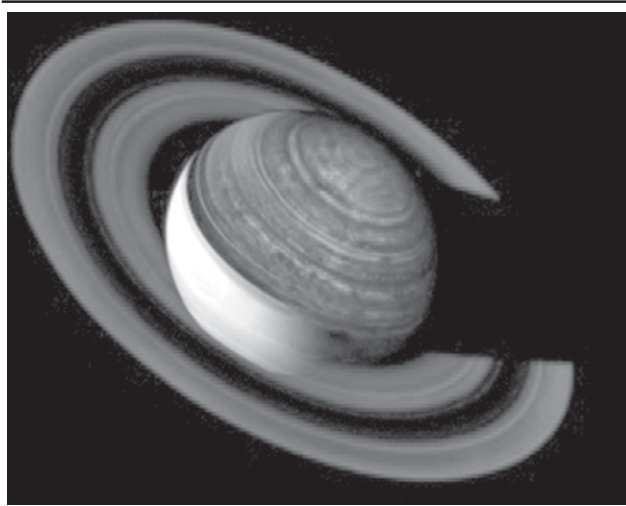
The new financing mechanism, launched at UN talks on tackling climate change, aims to turn better forest management into a tradeable commodity to try to halt destruction so rapid it accounts for around a fifth of annual carbon emissions.

“If we don’t focus on retaining the world’s remaining tropical forests, we drastically narrow the options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” World Bank President Robert Zoellick told the project’s launch.

“Deforestation and changes in land use are the second leading cause of global warming,” he said, adding the project was just the start of tackling the problem.

He quoted economist Nicholas Stern’s estimate that more than five billion US dollars a year was needed to halt deforestation. A 100 million US dollars “readiness” fund will provide grants to around 20 countries to prepare them for large-scale forest protection under a future climate change deal, also known as reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD) in developing countries.

Grants will fund projects including surveys of current forest assets, monitoring systems and tightening governance.—MNA/Reuters



This image provided by NASA on 31 May, 2007 was taken as the Cassini spacecraft flew over the unlit side of Saturn, capturing Saturn’s glow. Saturn’s shimmering rings may be as old as the solar system, scientists said on 12 Dec, 2007, debunking earlier theories that the rings were formed during the dinosaur age.—INTERNET

Global jobs outlook healthy even as US dips

NEW YORK, 12 Dec—The global hiring outlook for the first quarter of 2008 remains healthy despite a slightly softer jobs forecast for the United States, a quarterly survey by Manpower Inc one of the world’s largest employment services companies, showed on Tuesday.

The rise of China, India and Eastern Europe as economic powers means that any US slowdown may have a more muted impact on the global jobs picture, said Manpower Chief Executive Jeff

Joerres. “When you average it all in, it’s a pretty healthy outlook,” Joerres said.

Of the 27 countries and territories surveyed by Manpower, 12 reported hiring prospects up from the fourth quarter, while 14 indicated weaker hiring plans and one — South Africa — showed no change. Italy, the Netherlands and France reported the best prospects since the survey began there in 2003. Ireland has the lowest hiring outlook in the survey.— MNA/Reuters

The world’s tallest man, Bao Xishun, who stands 2.36 metres (7 feet and 9 inches), shakes hands with He Pingping, who only measures 73 centimetres (2 feet and 5 inches), in Baotou, China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. INTERNET



SPORTS



Argentine club Boca Juniors' Ever Banega (L) and Tunisian club Etoile Sportive du Sahel's Mehdi Meriah battle for the ball in the second half of their FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2007 soccer semi-final match in Tokyo on 12 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

Banned Singapore striker Alam Shah eyes Indonesian chance

SINGAPORE, 12 Dec — Singapore striker Noh Alam Shah, banned for a year for a frenzied on-pitch attack on an international team mate, could be handed an Indonesian lifeline. The Tampines Rovers frontman was slapped with the 12-month ban on Monday for last month's Cup final attack on SAFFC defender Daniel Bennett.

Alam Shah kneed Bennett in the face and kicked him in the back as Tampines went down 4-3 in the fiery final. He had to be shepherded from the pitch by teammates as he struggled to break free.

The striker's ban only extends to Singaporean domestic competition, however, and former Singapore captain Fandi Ahmad is preparing to throw Alam Shah a lifeline at the Indonesian club he now coaches.

"Alam Shah will be an asset to Pelita (Jaya)," Fandi said. "He has the speed, physical presence and finishing power to be a feared striker."

"He is already very well known in Indonesia. He will be a good signing for us."

A fixture pile-up in Indonesia means Fandi

does not know when he will be making a bid for Alam Shah, though.

"Once I know when the season finishes I can plan on bringing Alam Shah over," he told the Straits Times newspaper.

MNA/Reuters

Wenger, Ferguson back Capello for England job

LONDON, 12 Dec — Arsene Wenger and Alex Ferguson are backing Italian Fabio Capello to take over the vacant job of England manager.

"The quality of the candidate is outstanding," Arsenal manager Wenger told reporters on Tuesday.

"I know Fabio for a long time. He is a strong man and a strong character. He has a clear idea of what he wants and when he is convinced of something he goes to the end of it. "He is a strong winner and is a guy who is convinced of the methods that he uses," added the Frenchman.

"I believe a manager is strong when he swims against the stream. I feel he can do that and that is quite a needed quality in this country." — *MNA/Reuters*



Oregon's Nicole Canepa, right, drives around Baylor's Jessika Bradley in a women's college basketball game on 12 Dec, 2007

INTERNET

FIFA executive committee to assess goal-line trial

BERNE (Switzerland), 12 Dec — The use of technology in deciding goal-line debates will be back on the agenda this weekend when FIFA's executive committee meets to assess trials being carried out at the Club World Cup in Tokyo.

In a statement released on Tuesday, world soccer's governing body said "the latest results and conclusions regarding goal-line technology will be one of the main topics" of Saturday's meeting in the Japanese capital.

The executive committee meeting, taking place the day before the Club World Cup final, will also reconsider controversial proposals to ban international football matches at high altitude stadiums.

FIFA introduced a ban on matches played more than 2,500 metres above sea level in May but lifted the ruling a month later following strong protests in South America and a visit to FIFA headquarters by Bolivian President Evo Morales.—*MNA/Reuters*

Danish fan jailed for referee attack

COPENHAGEN, 12 Dec — The Danish fan who attacked a referee during a Euro 2008 qualifier between Denmark and Sweden in June was sentenced to 20 days in jail by an appeals court on Tuesday.

The 29-year-old man, who remained unnamed, was convicted of attempted assault and trespassing by the Eastern Court of Appeals, overturning an earlier suspended sentence of 30 days plus 40-hours' com-

munity service. The man attacked Herbert Fandel when the German referee sent off Denmark's Christian Poulsen and awarded Sweden a penalty in the closing minutes of the match on June 2.

MNA/Reuters



AS Roma's Francesco Totti (L) and Manchester United's Johnny Evans fight for the ball during their Champions League Group F soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Rome on 12 Dec, 2007.

INTERNET

UEFA reports fall in doping cases

BERNE (Switzerland), 12 Dec — European soccer's governing body UEFA detected just three instances of doping last season after carrying out tests on more than 1,600 footballers.

UEFA said on Tuesday it had conducted a total of 1,662 doping tests during the 2006-7 season includ-

ing 938 tests for the blood boosting substance EPO.

Two of the three positive tests involved the use of cannabis during a futsal event while the third involved high levels of the steroid Betamethasone during a Euro 2008 qualifying match.

Azerbaijan defender Sergei Sokolov was handed an 18-month ban in January after testing positive for Betamethasone during his country's 3-0 defeat to Belgium in October 2006.

There were 506 out-of-competition tests on players competing in the Champions League, none of which returned positive results. The three positive tests were an improvement on the previous season which saw five players testing positive for banned substances, despite fewer tests being conducted.

MNA/Reuters



Houston Rockets' Yao Ming (11), of China, battles Detroit Pistons' Rasheed Wallace, right, for a rebound during the fourth quarter of a basketball game, on 12 Dec, 2007.

INTERNET

IOC will reschedule Beijing events affected by pollution

LAUSANNE (Switzerland), 13 Dec— The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will reschedule events at next year's Beijing Games if polluted air in the Chinese capital is a threat to the athletes.

"If...you know you have a risk and then apply your contingency and your (air quality) numbers are not better, you may have to decide to work on the rescheduling of the competition if necessary," Olympic Games Executive director Gilbert Felli told reporters on Tuesday.

Felli, who said any rescheduling would be de-

cidied just prior to or during the Games, was speaking after a progress report delivered by the Beijing organizing committee by video.

Doubts persist that Beijing organizers are aware of what they need to do to solve the problem despite assurances that contingency plans are being drawn up based on the results of trials last August, when 1.3 million cars were banned from the city's roads for four days.

Other plans include halting busy construction during the Olympics as well as shutting down polluting plants.

Felli said the latest figures on Beijing's air quality had been sent to the IOC which had yet to analyse them.

"We have just received now the numbers. We have not analysed them," he said. "We are trying to understand with a medical commission how this type of air quality could affect the athletes." "The Chinese reassessed this morning that they still have to finalise some of the work promised during the bid and contingency plans at the time of the Games if it (air quality) is not as we wish."

MNA/Reuters

US lawmakers unsatisfied with CIA testimony on tapes

WASHINGTON, 13 Dec — The US lawmakers were unsatisfied with the explanation by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Michael Hayden on Tuesday about reasons for the agency to make and then destroy videotapes of interrogating two terrorist suspects.

Many questions were left unanswered by Hayden's testimony to a 90-minute closed-door hearing at Congress, said the panel's Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller.

Other congressional Democrats also called for more investigation on the matter after the "useful and not yet complete hearing", leaving behind lingering questions such as who authorized destruction of the tapes, and why Congress was not notified

about it. After the hearing, Hayden told reporters that he had "a chance to lay out the narrative, the history of why the tapes were destroyed and the process that led to that decision". However, he was unable to offer answers to all questions on the matter since the tapes were made during former CIA Director George Tenet's term, and destroyed under another former Director Porter Goss, Hayden said.

"Other people in the

agency know about this far better than I," he said.

Hayden told CIA employees on Thursday that the tapes, which were made in 2002 during interrogation of two al-Qaeda suspects, were destroyed three years later due to concerns on safety of interrogators and their families.

He also said that Congress was notified both of the tapes' existence and CIA's intent to destroy them.

MNA/Xinhua

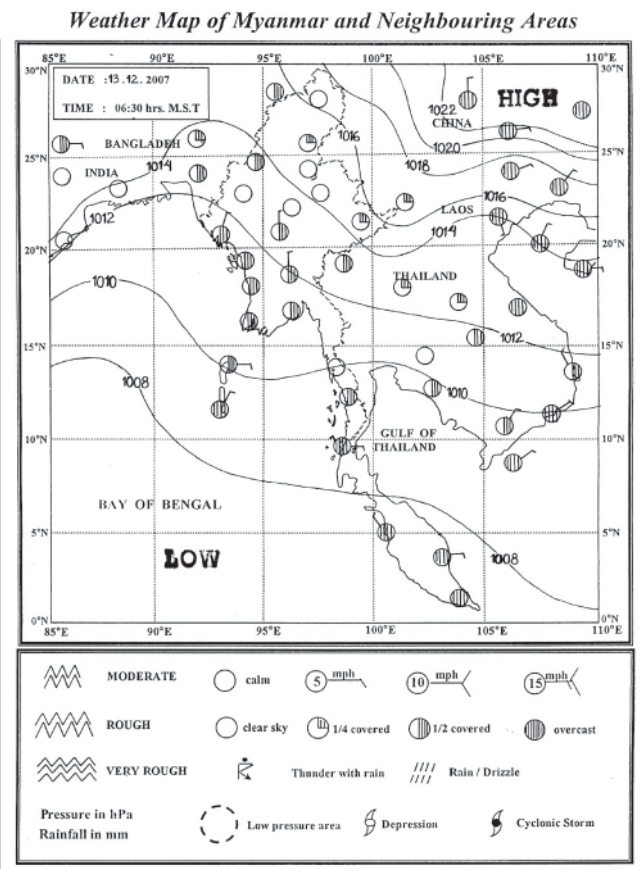
Four pedophilia suspects arrested in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Dec—Brazilian police on Tuesday arrested four suspects, including two US citizens, charged with pedophilia and trafficking of children in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, southern Brazil.

The suspects were arrested in the community Colina do Sol in the municipality of Taquara, 72 kilometres away from the state's capital city of Porto Alegre. Four laptops, photographs, VHS tapes, DVDs and a camcorder were also seized in the operation.

According to the police, the 63-year-old male of the US couple plotted the scheme. He was allegedly responsible for sending at least two underage boys to the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 13 December, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in Rakhine and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (4°C) above December average temperatures in Mon State and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Namhsam (2°C) each, Pinlaung (3°C) and Pyin Oo Lwin (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 12-12-2007 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 13-12-2007 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-12-2007 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 12-12-2007 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-12-2007 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 windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from North-east at (13:30) hours MST on 12-12-2007.

Bay inference: According to observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay still persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 14-12-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady, Bago 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 isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-12-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-12-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-12-2007: Generally fair weather.

Kadafi accuses Europeans of abusing immigrants

PARIS, 12 Dec—Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi fought back against criticism of his rights record on Tuesday by accusing European countries of abusing African immigrants.

"We, Africans, are victims of injustice. They brought us here like cattle to do hard and dirty work,

and then they throw us to live on the outskirts of towns and when we claim our rights, the police beat us," Kadafi said.

His comments at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) appeared to be aimed at France's

ethnically diverse suburbs where unemployment and resentment of the police are rampant and riots flared two years ago.


Kadafi said immigrants should have equal rights to Europeans or he would help them return to Africa.

MNA/Reuters

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 14 December
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
 -The model
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
 -Can you feel it?
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music:
 -We can do it
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
 -Rose garden
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
 -Love me for a reason
 -Stay another day
9:00pm W O M
9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Music at your request
 -Handy man
 -Always in my mind
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 14 December
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်</p>	<p>8:10 am 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:20 am 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:25 am 8. ချင်းပြည်နယ်ရဲ့ အလှတစ်ပါး ဗားရိတ်တား</p> <p>8:30 am 9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 10. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30pm 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာမှုပညာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာမှုပညာ)</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Song of national races</p> <p>4:55 pm 5. သွေးလျှင်များနေ့တေးများ</p>	<p>5:05 pm 6. "စီးစီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်" (နေအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေသာဦး၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ဓာဓာမင်းထက်)</p> <p>5:20 pm 7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>5:35 pm 8. သုတနံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်</p> <p>5:50 pm 9. (၂၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင် အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲ တော်လှုံ ပြိုင်ပွဲ (အမျိုးသား) တိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဗိုလ်လုပွဲ) (မြန်မာနှင့်ထိုင်း)</p> <p>7:45 pm 10. Musical programme</p> <p>8:00 pm 11. News</p> <p>12. International news</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p>14. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)</p> <p>15. The next day's programme</p>
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People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

Industry-1 Minister looks into herbal plants in PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Dec — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung accompanied by officials looked into Artemisia saplings

and plants to be used in fighting malaria at Dawna Shwe Wah nursery (PyinOoLwin) of Myanma Pharmaceutical

Industries this morning.

After hearing reports on thriving one-month seedlings and propagation methods presented by

Managing Director U Than Shwe of MPI and farm in-charge U Myo Thant, the minister gave instructions on maintenance of farm and keeping systematic records.

Next, the minister inspected 100-acre Artemisia plantation (Pwekauk) and stressed the need to extend the cultivation of the plants.

Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister U Aung Thaung met with the secretaries and executives of PyinOoLwin District and five townships at the office of PyinOoLwin District USDA and gave necessary instructions.

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Minister U Aung Thaung visits nursery of Artemisia plants in PyinOoLwin. — 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.

- ★ **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**