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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister U Thein Sein on his return from Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at 10.30 am today welcomed back Prime Minister U Thein Sein who arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport after attending the 5th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit and the 4th Ayeyawady-Chaophraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at the invitation of Prime Minister of Cambodia H.E. Samdech Hun Sen.

Also present at the airport together with the Senior General were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo,



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister U Thein Sein on his return from 5th CLMV Summit and 4th ACMECS Summit.—MNA



Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, departmental heads, and Charge d' Affaires of the Cambodian Embassy Mr Veth Nareth.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and senior officers who accompanied the Prime Minister also arrived back on the same flight.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance tourism industry in open season

Tourists visit Myanmar in the open season beginning October yearly. They are interested in ancient cultural works of fine arts, cultural properties and natural resources. Peace and stability of the nation, and hospitality and warm welcomes of the local people attract the tourists.

The number of tourists is on the increase in this year's tourism season. Most of tourists head for Bagan area to enjoy ancient cultural works. They also observe natural beauty of Inlay Lake and Pindaya area and traditional products in Shan State (South).

Traditional new year festivities of national races, region-wise traditional festivals and cultural shows charm the tourists. Moreover, they cast covetous eye at Tazaungdine hot air balloon festival in Taunggyi.

Natural reserve forests, sanctuaries for conservation of bio-diversities, national parks and beautiful beaches and recreation centres are also tourist attractions.

On arrival of tourists, quality of hospitality services is to be enhanced. Especially, better arrangements are to be made for convenience of tourists in accommodation, international level services and tour guides, and transportation services of flights, automobiles, trains, chartered vessels and cruise liners.

The global countries are focusing on tourism industry. In fact, the tourism industry is achieving greater success. Asia-Pacific region including Myanmar is a main destination of the most of tourists. As such, priority is to be given to improvement of transportation, accommodation, package tours and other services for convenience of the tourists.

Golf tournament to mark Ketumadi (Toungoo) centennial from 2-5 Dec

YANGON, 18 Nov—To mark the 5th centennial founding anniversary of Ketumadi (Toungoo), a golf tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and mainly sponsored International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC), will be held at Southern Star Golf Course in Ketumadi Myothit (Toungoo) from 2 to 5 December.

Winners for Hole In One Award in the tournament which can be partaken in only for Professional level (Myanmar PGA) and Handicap 0-12 level golfers are worth special prizes.

Participants may inquire for more information at Myanmar Golf Training Course in Mayangon Township here, not later than 30 November, and dial 651374 or 09-2037671.

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People's Voice

- * 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

Industry-2 Minister supervises rebuilding tasks in Kyaukpau

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein on 14 November inspected reconstruction of school buildings, educational college and governmental buildings and repair of dam in Kyaukpau of Rakhine State, which was ravaged by Giri cyclonic storm.

The minister met departmental officials at the office of Kyaukpau District Peace and Development Council where he fulfilled the needs after discussing

the progress of rehabilitation tasks.

He then cordially greeted faculty members and students at Educational College.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director U Tint Lwin of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on expiry of the one-year probation period.—MNA

MoH, Global Fund sign MoU for fighting three diseases

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov —Ministry of Health and Global Fund signed MoU for fighting the three diseases today.

The ceremony to sign MoU between the Ministry of Health and Principal Recipients for Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria took place at Thingaha Hotel here. Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint and Mr. Wan Yu, Asia-Pacific regional director of UNOPS and Ms. Victoria Reynolds Clawson, Director of Asian region of the Save the Children (USA) signed the MoU and exchanged the documents.

Ministry of Health and Global Fund signed the MoU to fund Myanmar



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint attends signing ceremony of MoU between the Ministry of Health and Principal Recipients for Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.—MNA

from the Global Fund for the 9th times to fight the three diseases — AIDS, TB and Malaria — in the country.

The MoU was agreed at the 20th meeting of the board of the Global Fund in Ethiopia in November

last year.

The Global Fund and the principal recipients — United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Save the Children (USA) — also signed the agreement for the fund on 2 November.

According to the MoU, the 9th fund from the Global Fund is to be spent on fighting the three diseases during the five-year period, and \$ 105.2 million is allocated for the two-year period.

MNA

MHF gets Theo Ykema Award

YANGON, 18 Nov — Vice-President (1) U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing (Smart) of Myanmar Hockey Federation arrived back here yesterday after attending the 42nd Congress, Forum and Meeting, organized by Federation of International Hockey, at Montreux in Switzerland. He was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by the secretary of the federation and executives.

On behalf of the federation, U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing received

Theo Ykema Award medal and cash reward presented by FIH to MHF.

These medal and cash reward are presented once every two year to the nation that made strenuous efforts for development of sports techniques in the country.

Myanmar was awarded as it hosted Asia Youth Hockey Tournament 2009 successfully and strived to develop hockey techniques and to turn out new generations in the country.

Kyemon



MHF Vice-President (1) U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing being welcomed back by MHF officials at Yangon International Airport.

KYEMON

Nigerian military free 19 oil delta hostages

LAGOS, 18 Nov—Nigeria's military rescued 19 hostages including foreigners being held by militants in the Niger Delta oil region in a land, air and sea operation on Wednesday, security sources said.

Those freed included two Americans, two Frenchmen, two Indonesians and a Canadian taken from an Afren oil rig, eight Nigerians abducted from an Exxon Mobil platform and four others, two sources involved in the operation said.

"It was a land, air and marine assault. They have all been freed, all 19 of them," one of the sources

told *Reuters*, asking not to be named due to the sensitive nature of the operation.

The release of the hostages is a boost for President Goodluck Jonathan ahead of elections next April. As the first Nigerian head of state from the Niger Delta and the man who brokered an amnesty with militants in the region last year, resurgent unrest risked undermining his credibility.

The military taskforce responsible for security in the vast wetlands region, the heartland of Africa's biggest oil and gas industry, said earlier it was carrying

out several operations simultaneously across the Niger Delta but gave no details.

A military spokesman declined to comment further on the operation or confirm whether the hostages had been freed, saying a statement would be issued on Thursday. There was no immediate comment from the companies whose employees were abducted.

MNA/Reuters

An Afghan boy stands by a motorbike used by a suicide bomber in Kandahar City.

INTERNET



Germany raises security alert after attack warnings

BERLIN, 18 Nov—Germany said on Wednesday it had strong evidence militants were planning attacks in the next two weeks and ordered security at potential targets such as train stations and airports to be tightened.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said details of the plot emerged after parcel bombs were dispatched from Yemen to US targets at the end of October, and separate postal bombs by suspected Greek militants were sent to prominent figures including Chancellor Angela Merkel.

At a news conference hastily convened at his ministry in Berlin, de Maiziere said the security

threat in Germany had risen and that intelligence services had received concrete indications that attacks were planned at the end of November.

"There are grounds for concern but not for hysteria," said the minister. "We have obtained further relevant information in addition to the previous findings which justify the view that we are now dealing with a new situation".

The government did not give details, but security officials in the capital said three suspected threats had arisen. Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said one involved senior al-Qaeda leader Younis al

Mauretani, who was planning an operation against Europe and the United States. However, it was not clear whether this involved specific attacks.

MNA/Reuters



People seen at the explosion site after a roadside bomb attack killed a number of people travelling aboard a minibus near the village of Gecitli in the rugged Hakkari Province bordering Iran and Iraq, Turkey recently, in the latest violence to shake Turkey's turbulent southeast, where Kurdish guerrillas have been fighting for autonomy for decades, authorities said.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill five guarding Perenco oil site off Cameroon

YAOUNDE, 18 Nov—Suspected pirates in a speedboat killed five Cameroonian soldiers and security contractors in an attack near an oil facility in the Gulf of Guinea operated by French oil and gas firm Perenco, the company said on Wednesday.

The overnight attack near the company's Moudi floating storage and offloading unit (FSO) comes after a series of recent raids on offshore oil facilities in neighbouring Nigeria, home to Africa's biggest oil and gas industry. "The incident tragically led to the deaths of five Cameroonian personnel, three from the Bataillon d'Intervention Rapide (BIR), a national defence force involved in the security of offshore oil and gas installations, and two civilian security contractors," Perenco said in a statement. It said the attack was still being investigated. "People suspected to be pirates waylaid the BIR boat

shortly after midnight, took them completely unaware and opened fire on them immediately," said a local security source at the BIR office in the port town of Douala. "Before they could react, five people were already killed," he said, adding the attack took place off the coast of the Bakassi peninsula, which lies on the border with Nigeria.

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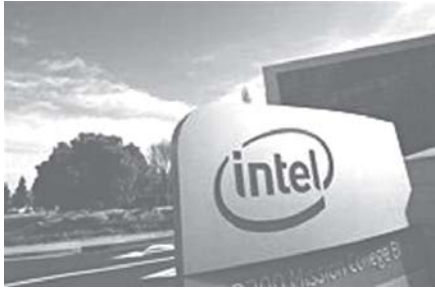


In the file photo, an Iraqi policeman inspects residents at a checkpoint in Baghdad. Iraq vowed to probe allegations that police or soldiers committed crimes in the country's sectarian war, after WikiLeaks released classified US files that revealed prisoner abuse by Iraqi forces.

INTERNET

Afghan policemen investigate at the site of a suicide attack at the UN compound in Herat recently. Four Taliban suicide bombers dressed as women and police attacked the main United Nations compound in western Afghanistan, officials said, but there were no casualties among UN staff.—INTERNET

Intel Capital unveils \$77 million in start-up stakes



A sign is shown at the entrance to the headquarters of Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, California.—

INTERNET

HUNTINGTON BEACH, 18 Nov—Chipmaker Intel Corp has invested \$77 million in start-ups whose focuses include cloud computing and Web-enabled television.

Intel Capital, charged with backing business models that complement its Santa Clara, California parent's long-term strategy, said it has taken new equity stakes in 18 companies.

"One of the most exciting areas that is emerging is TV being connected to the Internet," Intel Capital president Arvind Sodhani told reporters.

"We have a number of investments announced today as well as previously done that are bringing the power and the capability of the Internet, combined with TV, which allows you to watch what you want when you want it, as opposed to watching what the cable company or the network operators

want you to watch when they want you to watch it," he said.

One of Intel Capital's new investments is in Malaysian start-up Select-TV, which sells to hotels web-enabled set-top boxes that use Intel's Atom processor.

Reuters

Beatles' songs are finally available on iTunes

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov—Nearly 50 years after the Beatles took television by storm, the Fab Four's songs became available on iTunes on Tuesday, setting the stage for a possible new outbreak of Beatlemania — this one online.

After many a hard day's night of negotiations, Apple announced a deal Tuesday to immediately begin selling the Beatles' music by the song or the album. Until now, the biggest-selling, most influential group in rock history has been glaringly absent from iTunes and other legal online music services.

"The Beatles are one of those groups that parents and young people can kind of come together on, no pun intended," said Craig Marks, editor of *Billboard* magazine. "There are kids and there are baby boomers and people in between who, for whatever reason, never did download those Beatles songs because they weren't on iTunes, and now they're going to have the opportunity to do so."

Within hours of their availability Tuesday, eight Beatles recordings were at one point among the top 25 albums sold on iTunes, including a \$149 boxed set at No 13. The eight also included "Abbey Road," "The White Album" and "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Internet



In this undated file photograph British pop band The Beatles. INTERNET

Facebook swats bug that disabled accounts

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—Facebook said a bug in a system designed to detect fake profiles had disabled a number of legitimate accounts on the social network.

Facebook did not say how many accounts were disabled by the bug, which primarily affected women's accounts, according to technology blogs.

"Earlier today, we discovered a bug in a system designed to detect and disable likely fake accounts," a Facebook spokesman said on Tuesday.

"The bug, which was live for a short period of time, caused a very small percentage of Facebook accounts to be mistakenly disabled," the spokesman said in a statement.

"Upon discovering the bug, we immediately worked to resolve it," he said. "It's now been fixed, and we're in the process of reactivating and notifying the people who were affected."

Facebook has more than 500 million members around the world.

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China and South Africa sign energy deal

CAPE TOWN, 18 Nov—Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping signed an energy deal with resource-rich South Africa on Wednesday in a visit aimed at obtaining minerals the Asian giant needs to fuel its blistering growth.

China is South Africa's biggest bilateral trading partner and the focal point of its plan to divert more trade and investment from traditional markets in Europe and North America to the world's fastest growing economies.

Xi, touted as China's next president, on Tuesday began a three-day visit to Africa's largest economy, which is seeking to reduce a deficit in trade with China that hit 2.7 billion US dollars last year, skewed in Beijing's favour.

South African Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe and Xi co-chaired the 4th China-South Africa bilateral commission and signed a number of agreements, including an energy deal.

No monetary details were

released.

"The Chinese government undertook to encourage more imports from South Africa, especially value added products and will urge Chinese companies to invest in infrastructure development, automotive manufacturing, energy and information and communication technology," Motlanthe said in a statement.

South Africa has also signed a deal with China's Yingli Solar to build a 435 million US dollars manufacturing plant with a local partner, a senior government official said.

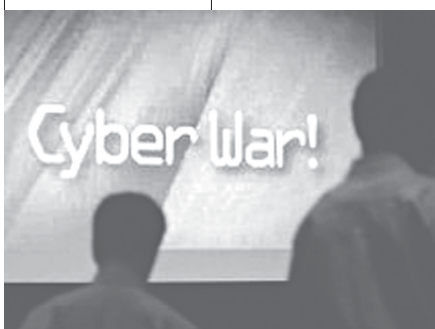
Yingli will partner with a local company and aimed to start building the plant within 12 months.

South African exports about 5.5 billion US dollars a year in minerals to the state and has been increasingly a destination of Chinese foreign direct investment.

MNA/Reuters

People attend a conference on cyber security.

INTERNET



US faces 'huge' cyber threat in the future

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—Defence Secretary Robert Gates warned Tuesday that potential cyber attacks posed a "huge" future threat that had to be tackled through joint efforts by US military and civilian agencies. Asked to assess the danger posed to digital networks, Gates said "There is a huge future threat and there is a considerable current threat."

"And that's just the reality that we all face."

He said the Pentagon had bolstered security for the military's networks and hoped to do the same

for defence industry contractors.

"We are working with our partners in the defence industrial base to bring them under that umbrella, to provide them with protection," he said at a *Wall Street Journal* conference of chief executives. Gates said the challenge for cyber security efforts inside the United States is that resources and expertise are concentrated in the military and the National Security Agency (NSA), which raises thorny legal questions about civil liberties.—Internet

Economy splits for Wal-Mart, Saks clienteles

NEW YORK, 18 Nov—Third-quarter earnings reports from Wal-Mart Stores Inc and Saks Fifth Avenue show the far different streets their customers are living on.

Wal-Mart's third-quarter sales in the US got squeezed as its financially strapped customers dealt with dire economic straits. Saks' affluent clientele, encouraged by a rallying stock market, is starting to spend again, albeit cautiously, and is willing to shell out full price for designer labels more often. "You have the Wal-Mart customers who are going to dollar stores



In this file photo, shoppers leave a Wal-Mart in Danvers, Mass. Wal-Mart Stores. INTERNET

toward the end of the month," said Wall Street Strategies analyst Brian Sozzi. "And on the other end, you have the Saks customers going out there spending more freely." As profit reports from major retailers flow in, it's clear that lower-to middle-class consumers are unlikely to

open their wallets wide this holiday season amid an unemployment rate that's stuck at almost 10 percent.

The wealthy are recovering faster, buoyed by a rising stock market. But their spending still isn't quite back to where it was before the Great Recession.—*Internet*

Swiss pharmaceutical giant Roche to shed 4,800 jobs

ZURICH, 18 Nov—Swiss pharmaceutical giant Roche on Wednesday announced it was shedding 4,800 jobs worldwide as part of a cost-cutting programme, amounting to around six percent of its workforce.

As well as the job losses, it said it was transferring another 800 posts from its Swiss headquarters to other parts of the group and outsourcing another 700 jobs.

In total, 6,300 jobs are affected by the cost-cutting exercise which Roche first announced in September and hopes will generate 1.8 billion

Swiss francs (1.3 billion euros) of savings next year and 2.4 billion from 2012.

The restructuring will cost around 2.7 billion.

The pharmaceutical giant, which makes drugs such as flu medication Tamiflu, currently employs 80,000 people.

Internet



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Europe, IMF launch 'urgent' Irish rescue mission

BRUSSELS, 18 Nov—Europe and the International Monetary Fund announced the launch of an urgent mission to Dublin to finalise emergency support for Ireland's devastated banking sector. The arrival of experts from the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the IMF represents a further blow to Irish hopes it can ride out its debt crisis alone, although Dublin has yet to accept money.

It underlines fears among euro partners for the broader stability of the soon-to-be 17-nation currency area, after a bottomless banking bailout pushed Ireland's public deficit beyond 30 percent of output this year. As late as Monday evening, when fog-bound Irish Finance Minister Brian Lenihan arrived two hours late for crunch Brussels talks, following days of pressure driven by the ECB, his Prime Minister Brian Cowen was insisting there was no request for emergency funding.



Pedestrians walk past a shop advertising a 'Closing down sale' in Dublin, on 15 November, 2010. —INTERNET

But little over three hours later — a blink of an eye in Brussels time — Lenihan admitted that the final decision on whether to call in the cavalry was imminent.

"The government did not commit to enter a facility," Lenihan said, "but there have been serious disturbances" on markets.—*Internet*

Settling foreclosure probe best solution

CHARLOTTE, 18 Nov—A quick settlement of the 50-state probe of the mortgage foreclosure crisis would be the best solution for all involved, the chief executive of Bank of America said on Tuesday.

The call for a settlement by Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan was followed by comments from Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, who told a Senate hearing that a settlement with lenders was still months off.

"We're thinking in terms of months rather than a year or longer but it depends really on how far we get," said Miller, who is heading up a probe by all 50

state attorneys general.

Banks are accused of having used "robo-signers" to sign hundreds of foreclosure documents per day without proper legal review. The allegations that banks' use of shoddy paperwork resulted in struggling borrowers being illegally evicted from their homes reignited public anger with banks that received billions of dollars in taxpayer aid during the financial crisis.

In addition to the probe by the 50 states, major lenders are facing investigations by the US Justice Department and federal bank regulators.

Miller, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee on issues concerning mortgage servicing and foreclosures, said the timeline for a settlement could stretch as attorneys general consider whether to expand their probe.

Internet

Experts rare earths headed for 2011 supply crunch



Rare earths are loaded on to a ship at a port in Lianyungang, in eastern China's Jiangsu Province. —INTERNET

SYDNEY, 18 Nov—Global demand for the increasingly important "rare earth" minerals that power a range of digital products could outstrip supply by next year as dominant producer China slashes exports, analysts warn.

Australian experts say the world must find new technologies or prioritise use of

the glowing or highly magnetic metals behind iPhones and flat-screen TVs, as well as eco-friendly hybrid cars, solar panels and wind turbines. "We have a classic supply and demand crisis. Under normal conditions the global demand exceeds supply in about 2011," Professor Brent McInnes from Curtin University in Western Australia told an online briefing last week. "In 2016, it's quite evident that the Chinese demand itself will exceed the global supply of rare earth elements." Demand for rare earths has soared with the popularity of smartphones and low-power light bulbs, at the same time that China, which produces 95 percent of the world's total, is limiting exports to feed its domestic market.—*Internet*

A vacant home for sale is pictured in Yonkers, New York, on 26 October, 2010.

INTERNET



US, China launch clean energy research initiative



A wind turbine complex is pictured in China's southwestern province of Yunnan.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 18 Nov — US Energy Secretary Steven Chu said Wednesday the United States and China had launched a joint clean energy initiative — one of the largest research collaborations between two countries in the world.

The scheme aims to enable joint

research and development of clean energy technologies, including carbon capture, electric vehicles and energy-efficient buildings.

"This is one of the largest research collaborations between two countries," Chu said, pointing to the 150-million-dollar investment earmarked for the initiative over five years from private and public funding.

It does not involve a physical centre but will see teams of scientists and engineers from both countries collaborating.

The plan was first announced in November 2009 when US President Barack Obama came to China for a state visit.

"In the next several decades, the (Chinese) leadership says that there will be one United States' worth of infrastructure that has to be built in China," Chu told reporters.

He said both China and the United States — the world's biggest greenhouse gas emitters — were now keen to build their infrastructure in the most energy-efficient way possible.

Internet

Bluefin tuna showdown pits economy vs ecology



Tuna fillets are seen here on display at a fish shop in Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market.

INTERNET

PARIS, 18 Nov — Dozens of nations gathered in Paris to decide catch quotas for Atlantic bluefin tuna, a highly-prized luxury food consumed raw in Japan as sashimi or sushi.

The 10-day meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), starting Wednesday, will seek an

elusive compromise between boosting stocks of the dwindling species and salvaging a multi-billion dollar industry spread around the Mediterranean rim. Conservationists argue that no real compromise is possible. "Bluefin tuna fishing does not have a future unless ICCAT shuts down purse-seine fishing and farming," said

Maria-Jose Cornax, an expert with advocacy group Oceana.

Purse-seine fishing in the Mediterranean, is when bluefin are trapped during spawning season in floating drawstring nets that can capture thousands of fish at once, and then hauled to coastal "farms" where they are fattened for market.

Internet

App-centric iPhone model is overrated

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Nov — The head of BlackBerry maker Research In Motion (RIM) fired a shot at rival Apple, slamming the notion that smartphones need "apps."

"You don't need an app for the Web," RIM chief executive Jim Balsillie said during an on-stage interview at a Web 2.0 Summit in San Francisco. "We believe you can bring the mobile to the Web, but you don't need to go through some kind of control point."

Applications must get Apple's approval before being allowed into the App Store at iTunes that serves as an exclusive shop for programs for iPhones, iPads, and iPod touch media players.

"It is really not about a set of proprietary rules or about appifying the Web," Balsillie said. "The Web needs a platform that allows you to use your existing Web content, not apps."



The new BlackBerry PlayBook is displayed during the BlackBerry DevCon 2010 in September 2010 in San Francisco.—INTERNET

Balsillie gave as an example the multitude of online videos done in Flash software shunned by Apple and publicly ridiculed by Apple chief executive Steve Jobs. He predicted that the era of smartphone applications would "pass real quick."

Internet

Choosing apples over cookies may help bone health

NEW YORK, 18 Nov — Reaching for an apple instead of a cookie doesn't only keep the weight off, it may also prevent broken bones later in life, according to a study. Older women who eat plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains may have a lower chance of bone fractures than those who pass on such healthy fare, the study published online in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* added. While other

studies have found that people with higher intakes of specific nutrients, like calcium and vitamin D, have greater bone mass and suffer fewer fractures as they age, little has been known about the impact of overall diet patterns. "Previous research has shown that dietary patterns are related to the risk of several adverse health outcomes, but the relation of these patterns to skeletal fragility is not well understood," wrote Lisa Langsetmo at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, who headed the research team. Langsetmo and her colleagues studied 3,539 postmenopausal women and 1,649 men aged 50 or older, focusing on the relationship between "nutrient density" a food's concentration of nutrients in relation to calories and the risk of bone fractures.

At the start of the study, participants filled out detailed diet questionnaires.

MNA/Reuters

Put rare Hawaii dolphin on endangered list

HONOLULU, 18 Nov — The federal government is recommending that a small population of dolphins living near Hawaii be placed on the endangered species list.

The National Marine Fisheries Service said Tuesday it's identified 29 threats to the population's survival.

The agency is due to post its recommendation in the Federal Register on Wednesday.

The species is called the "false killer whale" even though it's a dolphin and doesn't look like a killer whale.

An agency study published in August says the small population is in danger of inbreeding and of getting caught on fishing lines.

False killer whales are found in tropical and temperate waters worldwide. But scientists estimate only about 150 or 170 live in waters up to 87 miles off Hawaii.

Internet



In this April 2006 file photo provided by Earthjustice, a false killer whale is seen leaping while chasing prey in waters off Hawaii.

INTERNET

Anti-cholesterol statin drugs may be over-prescribed

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov —Cholesterol-lowering statin medications, miracle drugs for those suffering from heart disease, may be over-prescribed as a preventative measure for healthy adults, a new study said Tuesday.

The study by cardiologists at Johns Hopkins University found that, among healthy adults, only those with measurable buildup of artery-hardening calcium would significantly benefit from the treatment.

"Our results tell us that only those with calcium buildup in their arteries have a clear benefit from statin



Lipitor tablets sit in a tray at a pharmacy in Chicago.—INTERNET

therapy," the study's lead investigator Michael Blaha said in a statement.

"Those who are otherwise healthy and have no significant calcification should, with their physician, focus on aggressive lifestyle improvements instead of early initiation of statin medications," he added. The statin class of pharmaceuticals, including the popular cholesterol-lowering drugs Lipitor and Crestor, lowers cholesterol by blocking an enzyme in the liver.

Internet

An advisory panel for the US Food and Drug Administration recommended a new drug treatment Tuesday. INTERNET



High-caffeine energy drinks linked to alcohol abuse

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — Regularly consuming high-caffeine energy drinks significantly increases the risk of becoming alcohol-dependent and engaging in bouts of heavy drinking, a study published Tuesday found.

The study of more than 1,000 students at a US university found that those who consumed caffeinated energy drinks on a weekly or daily basis drank alcohol more often and in greater quantities, and were more likely to become alcohol dependent than students who used energy drinks occasionally or not at all.

High consumers of energy drinks also had greater risk for alcohol-related problems such as blackouts or missing class because they were hung over, and were more susceptible to self-injury than non- or light users of energy drinks, said the study, led by University of Maryland researcher Amelia Arria.

The study, which was released online ahead of publication next year in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, adds to earlier research that found links between heavy energy drink consumption and substance abuse and high-risk behaviour.—*Internet*



Regularly consuming high-caffeine energy drinks significantly increases the risk of becoming alcohol-dependent and engaging in bouts of heavy drinking. INTERNET

Child ear infections not helped much by antibiotics

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov —Using antibiotics to treat ear infections in children is only slightly more effective than offering no treatment at all, said a study published on Tuesday.

Infections of the middle ear are the most common childhood infection for which antibiotics are prescribed in the United States, said the study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A 2006 study

showed that an average of 350 dollars per child is spent on treating such ear infections, known as acute otitis media (AOM), for a total of 2.8 billion dollars spent per year.

But giving young ones the drugs offered only minimal benefits. "Our findings reinforce the existing knowledge that the best antibiotic treatment for common childhood ear infections may be no antibiotic treatment at all," said lead author of the study Tumaini Coker.—*Internet*



A young boy has his temperature taken by having a thermometer put in his ear. INTERNET

FDA panel recommends first lupus drug in 50 years

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — An advisory panel for the US Food and Drug Administration recommended a new drug treatment Tuesday for lupus that if approved would be the first for the disease in over 50 years.

An FDA spokeswoman said the committee voted 13-2 in favour of Benlysta, an experimental drug therapy developed by pharmaceutical companies Human Genome Sciences and GlaxoSmithKline.

The full FDA must next consider whether to approve the drug for the market, likely in December. Typically, the agency follows the advisory panel's recommendations.

"It is possible that BENLYSTA could receive regulatory approval in the United States before the end of 2010," Human Genome Sciences said on its website, noting that the FDA was scheduled to take up the matter on 9 December.

There have been no new treatments in the last several decades for lupus, a disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own organs and tissues and is most often seen in women of child-bearing age.

Symptoms can include fever, swollen joints, skin rashes and severe damage of the kidneys, lungs or central nervous system.—*Internet*



Surgeons working on a patient. Doctors in Spain are looking for a suitable match from a dead donor to carry out the world's first leg transplant. INTERNET

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Spain seeking donor for world's first leg transplant

MADRID, 18 Nov — Doctors in Spain are looking for a suitable match from a dead donor to carry out the world's first leg transplant, the health ministry said Tuesday.

The ministry's transplant commission last May authorised Valencia's Hospital de la Fe to carry out the procedure, which will involve both legs, a spokeswoman said.

If successful, the operation would be the first leg transplant in the world, she said, and could offer hope to millions of amputees and injured war veterans.

"They are looking for a suitable donor. We still don't know the months or six months, it all depends on when an adequate donor is found," the spokeswoman said.

The recipient will be an unidentified man who had both legs amputated above the knee after an accident. He faces life in a wheelchair because prosthetic limbs are not suitable for him.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets Cambodian Prime Minister



Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets Cambodian Prime Minister H. E. Samdech Hun Sen at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Prime Minister U Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar met H. E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia at Rumchek Room on the second floor of Peace Palace in Phnom

Penh, Cambodia, at 4.40 pm on 16 November.

Also present at the call together with the Prime Minister were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Win Shein, Director-General of Government Office U Thant Shin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department, Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. H. E. Samdech Hun Sen was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister at the Ministers' Office Mr Sok An, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr Sry Thamarong, Joint Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Mr Aun Porn Moniroth, Minister for Commerce Mr Cham Prasidh and high-ranking officials.

At the call, the Prime Minister cordially discussed promotion of friendly relations and mutual cooperation between the two countries. He also explained facts about successful completion of free and fair Multiparty Democracy General Election, which is the fifth step of Seven-step Road Map, the remaining steps to be implemented and progress of political affairs.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein arrives at Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Prime Minister U Thein Sein being welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Ouch Borith at Phnom Penh International Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—At the invitation of H. E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, Prime Minister U Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental officials, left here on 15 November for Cambodia by special flight to attend the 4th Ayeyawady-Chaophraya-Mekong

Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit and the 5th Cambodia - Laos - Myanmar - Vietnam (CLMV) Summit to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Myanmar delegation arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport, Cambodia at 12:30 pm Local standard time.

Myanmar Ambassador U Win Shein and Deputy Director-General of Protocol Department of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodian Mr Rak Ngoung Hong welcomed Prime Minister U Thein Sein on board the plane.

A young Cambodian girl presented a garland to the Prime Minister. After that, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Ouch Borith and high-ranking officials.

Afterwards, a

Myanmar young girl presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. Then, the Prime Minister was welcomed by wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to

Cambodia Daw Su Nyunt Oo, Military Attache' Brig-Gen Than Win and staff and families from Myanmar embassy and office of military attaché embassy.

Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister arrived at Phnom Penh Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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PM U Thein Sein visits Myanmar Embassy

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Prime Minister U Thein Sein arriving in Phnom Penh of Cambodia received courtesy respect from Ambassador U Win Shein and wife Daw Su Nyunt Oo, Military Attache' Brig-Gen Than Win, embassy staff and their families, and trainees taking courses abroad at Myanmar Embassy in Phnom Penh on 15 November. First, the ambassador, the military attaché, the embassy staff and their families paid respects to the Prime

Minister according to Myanmar tradition. In meeting with them, the Prime Minister explained holding of free and fair Multiparty Democracy General Elections on 7 November 2010, which is the fifth step of seven-step Road Map to ensure democracy transition, permission for foreign ambassadors and officials of the United Nations in Myanmar to observe voting process, remaining tasks to be carried and building the country from agro-based economy to

industrial one for the development of the country. He called for observance of diplomatic ethics, and serving bilateral interests and further strengthening the existing friendly relations between Myanmar and Cambodia.

The Prime Minister then presented gifts to the ambassador and wife, military attaché and trainees and cordially greeted them.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister attended the dinner.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets Myanmar Ambassador, Military Attache', staff and families of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attache' Office and students.—MNA

PM attends gala dinner hosted by Cambodian counterpart and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — A Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister U Thein Sein, together with leaders from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam, attended the dinner hosted by Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen and wife at Rum Duol Room on the first floor of the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh on 16 November.

Present at the

dinner were Prime Minister of Cambodia H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Ambassador of Myanmar to Cambodia U Win Shein and departmental heads, foreign ministers from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, private business men and guests. The Cambodian Prime Minister extended greetings before the dinner. Afterwards, Prime Minister U Thein Sein

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and members of Myanmar delegation attending the dinner at which Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen delivers an address.

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together with Prime Ministers from CLMV countries had dinner. During the dinner, a Cambodian cultural troupe entertained the leaders and guests with traditional music and dance.

After the dinner, the Myanmar delegation went back to Phnom Penh Hotel. —MNA



Mines Minister visits 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium



Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint inspects pearl lots to be sold through tender system

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NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint viewed pearl lots at the Gems Museum, here, this afternoon and cordially conversed with local and foreign gem merchants.

The minister also visited the jewellery shops on the second floor of the museum. He heard reports on tasks being undertaken by officials of the subcommittees. This morning, sales of pearl lots of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise and local pearl companies commenced



Local and foreign gems merchants view jade and jewellery lots at 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium.—MNA

through tender system. A total of 72 lots of pearl were sold this morning and 65 lots of pearl in the afternoon.

In selling jade and jewellery lots, local and foreign merchants put tender proposals into the respective tender boxes.

Four time bombs defused, people urged to come forward with information over suspect ones

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Four time bombs planted at an internet café in Kyauktada Township were defused yesterday evening.

Acting on a tip-off, officials concerned discovered the four time bombs in two packages left under a table at Star Net internet café opened at

the ground floor of City Star Hotel in Kyauktada Township and defused the bombs. The incident is under investigation to arrest the destructive elements who planted the bombs.

Insurgents, destructionists and political exploiters have committed destructive acts to harm and kill the people and to cause

instability in the nation, and their sabotage acts have become abhorrent to the majority of the people.

Thanks the duty-conscious citizen, the sabotage act could be prevented in time.

The authorities have urged the people to come forward with information over suspect ones.—MNA

The mid-year gems emporium will last up to 29 November.

At the museum, Myanmar Posts and

Telecommunications sells GSM cards worth 20 FECs and CDMA cards worth 50 FECs for convenience of merchants

and arranges Wi-Fi Internet for the merchants free of charge during the period of emporium.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein addresses opening...



Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers an address at opening of 5th CLMV Summit.—MNA

among CLMV countries, development of tourism industry, preservation of cultural heritage, and cooperation in exchange of experience on prevention against illegal trading of ancient cultural heritage. He stressed the need for all member countries to strive for enhancement of their socio-economy sector and to seek assistance of ASEAN and partnership countries. In conclusion, he called for speeding up the ASEAN Integration tasks by further promoting cooperation among the CLMV countries.

Next, the Vietnamese Prime Minister and the ASEAN Secretary-General delivered addresses.

At the summit, the Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam focused on concerted efforts to be made for achieving greater success in cooperation tasks based on friendly relationship and the spirit of good neighbourhood, and enhancement for close relationship with ASEAN partnership countries for implementation of CLMV cooperation plans. They took pride of successfully holding the multiparty democracy general elections on 7 November 2010, and they wish Myanmar developed and well-being in the future. Next, the opening of 5th CLMV Summit came to a close. The Summit continued at Champei Room on the third floor of Peace Palace, presided over by the Cambodian Prime Minister.

Heads of State/Government reviewed implementation of the tasks adopted by the 4th CLMV Summit and progress of cooperation task, exchanged views on the future tasks of CLMV cooperation and discussed enhancement of cooperation in economic sector among CLMV countries within the frameworks of sub-region and region so as to narrow the development gap.

They approved the priority projects to be jointly undertaken by CLMV countries and the joint-declaration of the 5th CLMV Summit.

Later, the Cambodian Prime Minister delivered a concluding remark at the summit. The 5th CLMV Summit came to an end in the evening.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein being welcomed by Cambodian Prime Minister H. E. Samdech Hun Sen at opening of 5th CLMV Summit.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends 5th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit.

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At the opening ceremony, Cambodian Prime Minister H. E. Samdech Hun Sen delivered an opening address. Next, Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh made a speech.

In his address, Prime Minister U Thein Sein pointed out further strengthening close cooperation among CLMV countries, efforts to be made for rapid integration in ASEAN Community, promotion of trade and investment in the region by organizing trade fairs, inviting more investments in energy and industrial sectors, extension of trade, investment and tourism industries, establishment of more aviation between major and small towns of CLMV member countries, betterment for communication networks among regional countries of the East-West Economic Corridor and the Southern Economic Corridor, construction of Mekong Friendship Bridge between Laos and Myanmar, exchange of culture



Prime Minister U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam and ASEAN Secretary-General at 5th CLMV Summit.—MNA

Pakistan filmmakers dream of post-Taleban renaissance

LAHORE, 18 Nov—Spinning tales of love and revenge packed with testosterone, filmmakers from Pakistan's Taleban-hit northwest dream of stamping out militancy and restoring their culture to a bygone era.

Coming from an area known as a Taleban and Al-Qaeda stronghold infamous for religious seminaries that recruit young men into "holy war", Pashtun actors say they are promoting the benign side of their heritage.

Clad in traditional white shalwar kameez and topi prayer cap, director Ajab Gul says he uses cinema to promote pride in his warrior culture and provide an outlet for young men at risk of being lured by militant mullahs.

"The young generation is illiterate and unemployed and having a lot of problems. They need to be involved," says the 45-year-old former actor.

"If you do not entertain and pay

attention to the youth they will end up into terrorism."

Filmmakers brush aside fears of militants attacks, but working with ageing equipment and desperate to keep their loss-hit industry alive, they admit the sector is in financial crisis. But it was not always that way.

Internet



Entrance of a cinema hall, pictured here in Peshawar. Spinning tales of love and revenge packed with testosterone, filmmakers from Pakistan's Taleban-hit northwest dream of stamping out militancy and restoring their culture to a bygone era.—INTERNET

Japanese spacecraft captured dust from asteroid

TOKYO, 18 Nov—A Japanese spacecraft that returned to Earth in June successfully captured dust from an asteroid for the first time in history, scientists said Tuesday.

They said an analysis of samples brought back by the Hayabusa spacecraft showed some came from an asteroid called Itokawa, which could offer insight into the creation and makeup of the solar system. It is only the fourth set of samples to be returned from space in history — including moon matter collected by the Apollo missions, comet material by Stardust, and solar matter from the Genesis mission.

The spacecraft's capsule landed successfully in the Australian Outback in June after a seven-year, 4 billion-mile (6 billion-kilometre) journey, despite a series of technical glitches that threatened the mission.

"These results have exceeded our expectations. I'm not sure how you express something that surpasses your dreams, but I'm filled with emotion," project chief Junichiro Kawaguchi said. Hayabusa, launched in 2003, reached Itokawa

in 2005. After taking photos of the 1,640-foot (500-metre)-long asteroid, Hayabusa landed on it twice in November 2005. The spacecraft then limped home after developing a fuel leak and losing contact with Earth for seven weeks.

The craft was designed to shoot a bullet into the surface of the asteroid that would crush and propel material through a long tube into a sample collection container. There is no certainty the bullet actually fired, scientists say, but they believe the impact of the tube's landing would have forced some material upward and into the collection chamber.

JAXA, the Japanese space agency, said the aim of the \$200 million project was to understand more about the origin and evolution of the solar system. Scientists hope to study how and when the asteroid was formed, its physical properties, what other bodies it may have been in contact with, and how solar wind and radiation have affected it.

Experts from NASA and Australia were also involved in the mission.

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This image, which combines X-ray, infrared and optical images, shows a supernova within the galaxy M100 that may contain the youngest known black hole in our cosmic neighbourhood.—INTERNET

Eight detained after Shanghai apartment fire kills 53

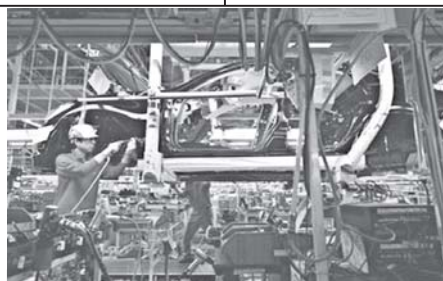
SHANGHAI, 18 Nov—Chinese police held eight suspects on Tuesday after a Shanghai apartment fire that killed at least 53 people was blamed on unlicensed welding, in a jolt for the growing number of people who live in high-rises in China. The fire gutted a 28-storey high-rise in China's busy commercial hub, sending plumes of black smoke over the city.

"The fire started because someone was illegally welding on the 10th floor and the spark led to the big fire. The sparks hit the nylon mesh on the outside of the building," Cheng Jiulong, deputy head of the Shanghai police, told a news conference.

He said the eight people would be charged

with "responsibility for a major accident", declining to answer repeated questions about who exactly had been detained.

MNA/Reuters



Nissan Motor employees are seen on a production line at the company's Tochigi Plant close to Tokyo. Japan is considering joining negotiations for a free trade partnership among Asia-Pacific nations in a bid to bolster its ailing economy, the foreign minister said.

INTERNET

Pilots among those dismayed at scanners, pat-downs

CHICAGO, 18 Nov—Airport security stops one airline pilot because he's carrying a

butter knife. Elsewhere, crews opt for pat-down searches because they fear low-level radiation from body scanners could be harmful. And Annoyance at security hassles has been on the rise among airline crews and passengers for years, but the widespread use of full-body image detectors this year and the simultaneous introduction of more intrusive pat-downs seems to have ramped up the frustration.

As passengers have simmered over being forced to choose scans by full-body image detectors or rigorous

pat-downs inspections, some airline pilots are pushing back. Much of the criticism is directed at the Transportation Security Administration.

"I would say that pilots are beyond fed up," said Tom Walsh, a pilot and sometimes aviation security consultant. "The TSA is wasting valuable time and money searching the crew — who are not a threat." Even one of the nation's most celebrated pilots, Capt Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, has detected the growing unease.

Internet

UK starts world's first stroke stem cell trial

LONDON, 18 Nov—Doctors in Scotland working with British biotech company ReNeuron have injected stem cells into the brain of a man in a pioneering clinical trial to test the safety of a therapy for patients disabled by stroke.

The trial is the first in the world to use neural stem cell therapy in stroke patients, its organizers said on Tuesday, and external experts said it was grounds for "cautious optimism".

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Vows of EU support but no bailout yet for Ireland

BRUSSELS, 18 NOV—An anxiously awaited meeting of European finance ministers ended on Tuesday without an agreement to bail out Ireland's debt-stricken government, though both Irish and EU officials vowed to stabilize the banks at the centre of the crisis and keep it from spreading to other fragile economies connected by the euro.

Ireland has taken over three banks and is expected to take over more in a bailout that has already reached euro45 billion (\$61 billion) and likely will push the nation's 2010 deficit to a staggering 32 percent of GDP. The government in Dublin insists that it doesn't need a bailout

from Europe, but growing doubts about Ireland's ability to pay its bills have sent interest rates soaring on Irish bonds.

Representatives of the European Union, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund will travel to Ireland this week to determine what to do about the banks, Irish Finance Minister Brian Lenihan said.

"Ireland is now engaging in an intensive, and disclosed, engagement in relation to the problems in the banking sector," said Lenihan. "We will take whatever decisive measures that are required to stabilize our banking system as part of the stability of the wider eurozone."

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A newspaper seller in Dublin, Ireland, on 15 Nov, 2010.—INTERNET

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6.	Felt	22 Rolls	18.11.2010	6.12.2010
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Prince William to marry girlfriend Kate Middleton

LONDON, 18 Nov — Britain's Prince William will marry his long-term girlfriend Kate Middleton next year after an on-off courtship that has lasted nearly a decade.

The elder son of heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana proposed to Middleton with the large blue oval sapphire and diamond engagement ring his mother once wore as Charles's 19-year-old fiancée.

"It's very special to me," William told reporters on Tuesday. "It's my way of making sure my mother didn't miss out on today and the excitement and the fact we are going to spend the rest of our lives together."

The two 28-year-olds will marry in the spring or summer of 2011, 30 years after Charles and Diana's spectacular but ultimately ill-fated wedding.

"I didn't realize it was a race, other-



Britain's Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton pose for the media at St James's Palace in London.—INTERNET

wise I would have been a lot quicker, but also the timing is right now, we're both very happy, and I'm very glad that I have done it," William told reporters in London as the beaming couple posed arm-in-arm for the cameras of the world press.

Internet



Firefighters battle a huge blaze that engulfed a high-rise building in Shanghai.—INTERNET

Shanghai blaze prompts China fire-safety push

SHANGHAI, 18 NOV—China has ordered a nationwide overhaul of fire-control measures after a blaze at a Shanghai high-rise killed 53 people and highlighted the country's chronic problem with lax safety enforcement.

The inferno in the 28-storey apartment block raged for several hours on Monday, causing panicked residents to jump or seek refuge on rickety construction scaffolding surrounding the building, which

was being renovated.

The State Council, China's cabinet, issued an order late Tuesday calling for a crackdown on lax observation and enforcement of fire-safety measures to "resolutely prevent and curb the occurrence of major fires".

The Shanghai blaze was the country's worst since a shopping mall fire in the northeastern city of Jilin also killed 53 people in February 2004, according to state media.—Internet

Australian airline Qantas hit by bird strike

SYDNEY, 18 NOV — A Qantas Boeing 747 had to turn back to Johannesburg after one of its engines suffered a bird strike, the airline said on Wednesday, the latest in a string of incidents to beset the Australian carrier.

Qantas said the plane's number two engine lost power after sucking in a bird shortly after takeoff late Tuesday, with damaged turbines forcing an unplanned landing. There were 171 passengers on board.

"The aircraft is being worked on by engineers," a Qantas spokesman told AFP. "It's just a bit of damage to some of the turbine blades, it's not a huge thing." One of Qantas' smaller Boeing 717s was hit by lightning on a regional flight between the Australian destinations of Alice Springs and Darwin hours earlier, causing "minor damage" to the exterior.—Internet

A Qantas Boeing 747 has been forced to turn back to Johannesburg after one of its engines suffered a bird strike, the airline has said.

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Sotheby's employee displays a 24.78 carat fancy intense pink emerald-cut diamond ring during an auction.—INTERNET

Pink diamond sells for record \$46M at auction

GENEVA, 18 Nov — A rare pink diamond smashed the world record for a jewel at auction Tuesday, selling for more than \$46 million to a well-known gem dealer.

London jeweler Laurence Graff paid \$46,158,674, for the 24.78-carat "fancy intense pink" diamond, which he immediately named "The Graff Pink."

"It is the most fabulous diamond I've seen in the history of my career and I'm delighted to have bought it," Graff said in a statement released by auction house Sotheby's, which offered the stone at its Geneva sale.—Internet

Producer suspected of wife's killing due in court



In this 26 May, 2010 file photo, Bruce Beresford-Redman, the former 'Survivor' producer pauses for a photo at his home in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Redman was arrested Tuesday 16 Nov, 2010 at his home as a fugitive.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov—A reality TV producer suspected of killing his wife in Mexico is due in a Los Angeles court Wednesday for the first hearing in what is expected to be a long fight over his extradition.

Federal authorities arrested Bruce Beresford-Redman on Tuesday, more than seven months after his wife Monica's body was found at an upscale Cancun resort.

Mexican authorities want him returned to stand trial on an aggravated homicide charge, although Beresford-Redman has previously indicated through his attorney that he plans to fight extradition.

The family of Monica Beresford-Redman is also expecting a lengthy fight, and their attorney said they are prepared for more months of legal wrangling.

"They know that this is not the end in their quest for justice for their sister Monica and are prepared to pursue this horrific tragedy to the end," attorney Alison Triessl said in a statement.

Internet

Fortune-tellers warn of rocky road for William and Kate



Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton arrive for a photocall to mark their engagement.—INTERNET

HONG KONG, 18 Nov—Asian fortune-tellers are divining mixed blessings for Britain's Prince William and fiancée Kate Middleton, with the gloomier oracles warning of affairs, divorce and trouble having children.

Arun Kumar Bansal, president of the All India Federation of Astrologers' Societies, saw a mostly rosy future for the second in line to the throne and his wife-to-be, who on Tuesday announced they would marry next year. "They match quite well.

Together they score 24 points out of 36 on general compatibility," he told AFP after poring over the couple's astrological birth charts, which he said showed the benign influence of the planet Mercury. "She has a softer personality than him.

She will agree to his demands, and be accommodating of his needs.

They will share a good friendship. They will not fight, in public or private — and Kate will conduct herself well in public.

"William is going through the best phase of his life right now.

It will last for 15 to 20 years. But he will not be king for a very long time, at least 15 years," he said.—Internet

New book takes a fresh look at Cleopatra's life

NEW YORK, 18 Nov—"Cleopatra: A Life" (Little, Brown, \$29.99), by Stacy Schiff: It's as though Cleopatra lives and breathes once again in the pages of Stacy Schiff's exquisitely researched and well-written "Cleopatra: A Life."

The book injects the Egyptian queen with a

complexity and humanity that has long since been forgotten. Schiff's Cleopatra is no Elizabeth Taylor, who played her in the 1963 film of the same name.

Although she may not have been a beauty, she used her charm and intellect to captivate Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, and had children with both men.

"Best of all, Cleopatra's timing was impeccable; she indeed seems to have had help — or great good luck — in producing children precisely when it was most advantageous to do so," Schiff writes.

Cleopatra, a descendant of the Ptolemaic dynasty, ruled for almost 22 years with immense wealth and splendor. The dynasty, of Greek descent, was particularly violent with each other. They were also great hosts and knew how to throw a party. Schiff tries to look at Cleopatra as objectively as possible. The writing is thought-provoking and eloquent.

Internet



In this book cover image released by Little, Brown and Company, 'Cleopatra'.

INTERNET

Relics from King Richard II's tomb discovered

LONDON, 18 Nov—Relics from the tomb of the medieval English King Richard II have been found by an archivist researching the papers of the National Portrait Gallery's first director George Scharf, the London gallery said on Tuesday.

Among hundreds of diaries and notebooks left in boxes not opened for years were contents from the coffin of the ill-fated monarch and sketches of his skull and bones.

The contents of a cigarette box dated 31 August, 1871 were only identified as relics from a royal tomb when it was possible to cross reference the date on the box with diary entries and sketches made on the same day.

The box contained fragments of wood possibly from the coffin itself and some fabric.

Records from this date show Scharf was present at

an opening of the royal graves at Westminster Abbey, and a piece of leather corresponds with his sketch of a glove contained in the coffin.

According to the National Portrait Gallery, a full account of the event was recorded by the Very Reverend Arthur Stanley, Dean of Westminster.

His account was published in 1879.

Scharf, who also witnessed the opening of the graves of Richard II, Edward VI, Henry VII, James I and Elizabeth of York, made careful sketches of Richard II's skull and bones, including detailed measurements.

MNA/Reuters



A model poses in front of a Daihatsu vehicle at an auto show in Frankfurt, Germany. Daihatsu Motor, a subsidiary of Japan's Toyota Motor, said that it would recall almost 900,000 mini-vehicles in Japan due to defective door mirrors.

INTERNET

Diva Duo at the "Burlesque" Premiere

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov—When it comes to the word "diva," there's no one that quite fits that bill like Cher.

The iconic singer and star of stage, screen and television returned triumphantly to Hollywood and the red carpet on Monday, 15 Nov, to celebrate the premiere of "Burlesque," her first film in almost ten years.

Hordes of fans lined the sidewalk across from Grauman's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard to get a glimpse of the Oscar-winning star, who in many ways is handing over the mantle of "diva" to a younger version of herself.

That's singer-turned-actress Christina Aguilera, who makes her big-screen debut opposite the legend in "Burlesque," and who got her fair share of screams as she joined Cher on the long red carpet.

The two divas, one 29 and the other 64, embraced, then greeted their fellow stars of the musical film that follows the rise of a small-town girl to stardom in the big city.

Stanley Tucci, Eric Dane, Cam Gigandet and Peter Gallagher are the men who surround the two singer/actresses in the movie, and they did the same at the premiere and after party, posing with the ladies for the cameras while all the while acknowledging that the night was really about the two women.

At the press junket held the day before at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, first-time film actress Aguilera gushed about all the things that the older diva had taught her about both acting and life in general.—Internet



Cher and Christina Aguilera arrive at the film premiere of "Burlesque" in Los Angeles.

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Latin test in Doha for Brazil, Argentina

DOHA, 18 Nov — The fact they are thousands of miles from home will not dim the rivalry as Brazil and Argentina, seven World Cup wins between them, go up against each other in a friendly test in Doha.

After both nations flattered to deceive at the World Cup - Argentina thrashed by Germany in the quarter-finals and Brazil coming up short against Holland - it falls to respective coaches Mano Menezes and Sergio Batista to usher in a new era of success after replacing Dunga and Diego Maradona.

They get an early opportunity to establish their credentials in one of international football's most mouth-watering fixtures with Wednesday's meeting having the added bonus of being far from fanatical home crowds.

Both men have six months to work on their squads before they target glory in July's Copa America, which Argentina will host.—*Internet*



Brazilian players, seen here during a training session in Doha, on 15 November.—*INTERNET*

US investigation comes to France

LYON, 18 Nov — US investigators interviewed French anti-doping officials at Interpol headquarters Tuesday as part of a probe into allegations of drug use by cyclists, including Lance Armstrong, a French official told The Associated Press.

The investigation shifted its focus to France, with an American delegation seeking information from police officials and the national anti-doping agency (AFLD) that has stored some of

Armstrong's samples from the Tour de France. Armstrong won cycling's storied race seven straight times, from 1999 to 2005.

Francoise Lasne, director of the AFLD lab, and testing director Jean-Pierre Verdy were heard as witnesses Tuesday at Interpol, an official with knowledge of the meeting told the AP. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the case.—*Internet*



In this 3 July, 2009 file photo, Lance Armstrong, as he prepares to leave for a training in Monaco ahead of the start of the 96th edition of the Tour de France cycling race.—*INTERNET*

Capello hopes for positive end to painful 2010

LONDON, 18 Nov — Fabio Capello will bring the curtain down on a painful year for England by offering hope of a brighter future in Wednesday's friendly against France at Wembley.

Capello ends 2010 with his previously unblemished reputation significantly tarnished by England's abject failure at the World Cup.

The Italian appeared completely devoid of ideas as England crashed out with just one win from their four matches in South Africa, but he held



England's manager, Fabio Capello, hosts a press conference following a team training session at Wembley.

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onto his post despite an angry reaction from the English public and has been attempting to win back support with a cautious overhaul of his squad.

Internet

France players agree to forego World Cup bonuses

LONDON, 18 Nov — France's World Cup squad have finally agreed to forego bonuses linked to their image rights from the catastrophic campaign in South Africa, French Football Federation (FFF) interim president Fernand Duchaussoy said on Tuesday.

"Numerous cases of incorrect and erroneous information were published concerning the



President of the French football association (FFF) Fernand Duchaussoy (C).

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World Cup bonuses," said Duchaussoy.

"Yesterday evening I decided to meet the players in London to put an end to all the misunderstanding.

"The players confirm the commitment taken during the World Cup to forego their bonuses of whatever nature that are linked to the period of preparation matches as well as the final phase of the competition in South Africa.

"The players back the step taken by the French football federation consisting of allocating these bonuses, amounting to a global sum of three million euros, towards the financing of amateur football activities."

Internet

Barron returns from doping ban at Q-school

HUMBLE, 18 Nov — Doug Barron shot a 2-over 74 in the first round of the second stage of qualifying school Tuesday, his first round on the PGA Tour since his ban for violating the tour's anti-doping policy was lifted.

"It felt great out there, the juices were flowing this morning," Barron said. "The first couple of holes felt like the final round of a PGA Tour

event. I felt totally in control of my body. Which is a good thing."

Barron was the first player suspended under the drug policy, missing part of 2009 and most of 2010. The one-year suspension was lifted in September, with Barron granted a therapeutic use exemption for low testosterone. His lawsuit against the PGA Tour has been settled.

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In this 3 Aug, 2006 file photo, Doug Barron drives on the first hole during the first round of the Buick Open at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich.—*INTERNET*

Portugal fired up for Spain football friendly

PARIS, 18 Nov — Portugal host world champions and neighbours Spain Wednesday in a friendly match aimed at promoting the countries' joint bid for the 2018 World Cup.

The fixture is one of many being held in mid-week as Europe's national sides, in particular, look to maintain form and tweak tactics for the current qualifiers for the 2012 European Championships.

But despite the gloss, fans of Portugal will be looking forward to a good old grudge match.

The last time the sides

met was at the World Cup in South Africa where a second half goal from David Villa separated the sides and sent Spain on their way to a triumphant final against the Netherlands.—*Internet*



Spain's national football team captain Iker Casillas (left) and defender Carlos Marchena.

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Euro 2012 mascots unveiled in Poland

WARSAW, 18 Nov — The mascots for the Euro 2012 football championships to be co-hosted by Poland and Ukraine were officially unveiled on



Euro 2012 football championship mascots, one wearing Ukraine's national blue and yellow colors and the other Poland's white and red, are presented in Warsaw on 16 November.

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Tuesday at a Warsaw ceremony attended by senior UEFA officials and the two national football federations.

Like Euro-2008 co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland which had their twins Trix and Flix, the 2012 mascot also features footballing brothers, each wearing a jersey in their national colours, white and red for Poland, blue and yellow for Ukraine.

As in the 2008 championship, the names of the mascot brothers will be decided in a vote open to the public on UEFA's official website www.uefa.com. The result will be announced on 4 December.—*Internet*

Ana Ivanovic confirmed for Sydney International

SYDNEY, 18 Nov — Grand Slam champion Ana Ivanovic will play in next January's Sydney International, according to organisers.

The former world number one joins US Open champion Kim Clijsters and Australia's world number six Samantha Stosur in the

women's draw for the 9 to 15 January tournament.

The former French Open champion, 23, is ranked 17th on the WTA Tour after impressive late season performances, winning titles in Linz and the season-ending Tournament of Champions in Bali.

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Grand Slam champion Ana Ivanovic (pictured) will play in next January's Sydney International.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Prime Minister U Thein Sein addresses opening of 5th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the opening ceremony of 5th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit at Noun Srey Hall on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at 3 pm on 16 November.

Also present on the occasion were Prime Minister of Cambodia H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Win Shein,



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends opening ceremony of 5th CLMV Summit in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

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departmental heads, foreign affairs ministers and economic ministers of Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam, senior officers

and entrepreneurs.

The Prime Ministers arrived at Noun Srey Hall on the third floor of Peace Palace at 2.55 pm. They

were welcomed by Alternate Summit Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Samdech Hun Sen wel-

comed them.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein posed for documentary photo together with the Cambo-

dian, Laotian and Vietnamese Prime Ministers and the ASEAN Secretary-General. (See page 10)