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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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 Tin Ngwe attends launching ceremony of Home Decoration and Furniture Electronic 2010

YANGON, 2 Dec — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of Home Decoration and Furniture Electronic 2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road, here, this morning.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, the Vice-Chairman of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, officials from Naing

Group Construction Co Ltd and Silver Stone Co Ltd, members of exhibition holding committee and guests.

The commander and official formally opened the exhibition.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander and officials viewed the pavilions.

About 140 pavilions are showcasing home decoration materials, electronics and furniture at the exhibition, which runs up to 5 December.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Myanmar achieves unique distinction of bringing gradual decline in HIV prevalence of 0.94% in 2000, 0.67% in 2007 and 0.61% in 2009

World AIDS Day 2010 observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — A ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day 2010 took place at the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said: Today, we are celebrating the World AIDS Day Commemora-

tion Ceremony. Every year World AIDS Day commemorative activities are being implemented on 1st December and following 7 days in all the countries around the world. The commemorative activity of the ceremony is to be participated with the entire people including departments, social organizations and HIV patients.

Every year, appropriate slogans are selected for implementing World AIDS Day commemorative activities. This year slogan is "Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise. Avoid Stigma and Discrimination: Towards Universal Access". By reselecting last year World AIDS Day slogan, "Stop AIDS, keep the promise" which is meant to strengthen the coordinated efforts of implementing HIV/AIDS prevention and care activities by related departments, NGOs, the media, local businesses, community members in-



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials visit booth to mark 2010 World AIDS Day.—MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presents prize to a student in essay, cartoon and painting contest to mark 2010 World AIDS Day.—MNA

cluding people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in countries all over the world.

Second line of this year World AIDS Day slogan is "Avoid Stigma and Discrimination: Towards Universal Access". This is chosen so as to have empathy towards people living with HIV and AIDS and their families and to give psychological sup-

port without stigma and discriminations and to make them accessible to available services.

Following the diagnosis of first AIDS case in 1981, HIV has spread to all countries throughout the world. According to Global AIDS epidemic update 2009, a total of 33.3 million individuals have been living with HIV and AIDS globally in 2009.

Due to the rapid spread of HIV, 2.6 million individuals had been infected with HIV and 1.8 million individuals had died during 2009. All over the world, highest mortality of individuals between age group of 15-49 years is due to AIDS. In some countries, life expectancy is now declining because of AIDS.

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A new transport facility

Plans benefiting economic and social sectors are under implementation for development of the nation in all aspects. Many infrastructures are being constructed in the areas where transport was poor due to natural barriers. New motor roads and railroads have been constructed in such areas. Large and small bridges have also been built one after another.

Kaunghmulon Suspension Bridge across Malikha River was inaugurated in Putao Township, Kachin State, on 28 November. It is a 700 feet long reinforced concrete bailey suspension bridge on Putao-Htawadam-Kaunghmulon-Nagmon motor road.

Before construction of Kaunghmulon suspension bridge, those wishing to travel to Machanbaw, Nagmon, Pannandin and Khaunglanphu from Putao relied on wooden boats to pass Malikha River near Htawadam Village. Sometimes, the boats carrying passengers and commodities encountered dangers in crossing Malikha River.

Thanks to the new suspension bridge, local products have easy access to the market. The local people have the opportunity to extend their trade and businesses. The area can attract larger number of local and foreign visitors. The bridge can contribute much to enhancement of regional development tasks, economic, education and health sectors of the local people.

Kaunghmulon Suspension Bridge is the 20th facility of its kind in Kachin State. It is the 250th bridge above 180 feet long in the nation.

In striving for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union, transport infrastructures are being built in all regions. Development projects are being implemented in the respective regions. New roads and bridges are being built with the aim of improving socio-economic status of the entire people.

Nippon noodle introduced



Managing Director U Thein Htwe of Ngu ShweWah Co Ltd explains production of instant Nippon Noodle.—MNA

YANGON, 2 Dec—Ngu Shwe Wah Co Ltd introduced its Nippon noodle to sales agents from the four corners of the country and media at the Sedona

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

A&I Minister receives Japanese Ambassador, AVSI Country Director

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Country Director Mr Luciano Valla of AVSI Foundation an Italian-based INGO at the Irrigation Department in Yankin afternoon on the same day Township of Yangon on 29 November.

They discussed



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Laotian Ambassador Mr Kouily A Souphakhet at the reception to mark 35th Anniversary of founding of the Lao PDR on 2 December.

MNA

projects related to cooperation in agriculture sector being implemented in Myanmar.

In the afternoon on the same day, the minister received Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi

Saito at the same venue. They talked about agriculture cooperation and friendly relations.—MNA

Deputy Minister inspects Thagyidaung oilfield

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday inspected replacing of old pipelines with new ones along Kyaukhwet-Letpanto-Thagyidaung-Ayadaw under the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and oil-wells in Thagyidaung oilfield in Pakokku Township, Magway Region.

The deputy minister inspected progress in laying pipelines near Kamma Village in Pakokku Township, repairing pipelines, and replacing

old pipelines with 10-inch diameter ones near Yonepinyoe Village, and gave instructions.

He inspected the drilling of the test oil-well with ZK 52 L drilling machine in Thagyidaung oilfield. The oilfield manager and officials reported on ongoing tasks and conditions of sand layers. The deputy minister gave instructions and viewed the drilling machine.

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Special meeting of MWJA held

YANGON, 2 Dec—The special meeting of Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the meeting hall of MWJA today. It was attended by Acting Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) of the committee, Secretary U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) and committee members.

At the meeting, U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) was elected as chairman, U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw), U Chit Naing (Chit Naing-psychology) and U Ko Ko Hlaing (Ko Ko Hlaing) as vice-chairmen, U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Heyma) as treasurer, and U Maung Myo (Maung Myo-two cats) as joint-secretary.

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Hotel here on 29 November.

Managing Director of the Co Ltd U Thein Htwe extended greetings, explaining the purpose of international level noodle boxes. The process of producing Nippon noodle boxes was demonstrated.

Nippon noodle is of two types: prawn Kimchi and Tonyman. Nippon noodle is on sale across the nation. Those wishing to place orders for Nippon noodle may contact the sales department of the Nippon Noodle Factory (Ph: 01-612723, 612674 and 01-614052 to 6).—MNA

Respect-paying ceremony of Myanmar Department on 26 December

YANGON, 2 Dec — The 10th ceremony to pay respects to 48 retired teachers aged 70 and above who served in Myanmar Department of Yangon University will be held in conjunction with get-together at Universities Dhammayon at 1 pm on 26 December.

Old teachers and students are invited to attend the ceremony without fail. Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the ceremony may contact Professor/Head Dr Khin Hsan Oo (Ph: 01 536072), Retired Professor/Head Dr Khin Swe Myint (Ph: 095067200), Professor Dr Aung Myint Oo (Ph: 09508871), Associate Professor U Myo Thant (Ph: 0950 10754), Daw Thet Thet Swe (Ph: 577126), Col Myint Ohn (Retd) (Ph:0951 71894), Lt-Col Ye Myint Hlaing (Ph: 0951 92417), U Tin Aung (Ph: 0955 04703), U Khin Maung Myint (Ph:095157649), U Thein Htut (Ph: 291151), Royal Rose U Soe Nyunt (Ph: 542720), U Aung Soe Oo (Ph: 0980 24141), U Thein Lwin (Ph: 291305) and U Maung Maung Kyi (Ph: 222 464). — MNA

Putin warns West over missile defence



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

MOSCOW, 2 Dec—Prime Minister Vladimir Putin told *CNN* television Russia would deploy nuclear weapons and “strike forces” if it were shut out of a Western missile shield, adding punch to a warning from President Dmitry Medvedev. In an interview with Larry King taped Tuesday, Putin said the WikiLeaks scandal was

“no catastrophe” and warned the United States not to meddle with Russian elections.

Putin said missile threats against Europe must be tackled jointly a reference to an agreement reached at a 20 November Russia-NATO summit to cooperate on missile defence. Plans are sketchy and Russia has warned it wants an equal role.

If Russia’s proposals are rejected and Western missile defence installations create “additional threats” near its borders, “Russia will have to ensure its own security,” he said. Russia would “put in place new strike forces against the new threats which will have been created along our

borders,” he said, according to a translation in an excerpt on CNN’s website. “New missile, nuclear technologies will be put in place.”

Putin said Russia was not threatening the West. But the remarks underscored the Kremlin’s insistence on maintaining a significant role in a missile defence system and suggested improving ties could sour again if agreement is not reached. In his state of the nation address on Tuesday, Medvedev warned that a new arms race would erupt if US and NATO offers of cooperation on missile defence failed to produce a concrete agreement within a decade.

Internet

Two walls give way in latest Pompeii collapse

ROME, 2 Dec—Two more walls have given way inside Pompeii’s 2,000-year-old archaeological site, Italian officials said Wednesday — the second collapse at the popular tourist attraction in as many days.

Officials sought to play down the latest collapses, saying they only concerned the upper parts of two walls that had no artistic value. But the repeated damage at one of the world’s most important archaeological sites is proving an embarrassment for Italy, and giving credence to accusations that the entire ancient city is in a state of decay.

The collapses have drawn the attention of the UNESCO experts, who will travel to Pompeii on Thursday to inspect the damage and look for other possible areas at risk. Some 3 million people every year visit the ancient ruins of Pompeii, a busy Roman city that was destroyed in A 79 by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The eruption killed thousands and buried the city in 20 feet (6 metres) of volcanic ash, providing priceless information on what life was like in the ancient world.

Pompeii was made a World Heritage site in 1979, a status that means its deterioration would be



A stretch of garden wall ringing an ancient house in Pompeii which gave way after days of torrential rain is cordoned-off in Pompeii, Italy, on 30 Nov, 2010. — INTERNET

“a harmful impoverishment” to the world. Two walls collapsed Wednesday morning, likely as a result of heavy rains over the past several days, the office of Pompeii’s archaeological superintendent said. One concerned the 2-metre by 3-metre (6 1/2 feet by nearly 10 foot) upper chunk of a partition wall between two buildings along the central route of Via Stabiana.— *Internet*

Iran to boost security for nuclear scientists

TEHRAN, 2 Dec—Iran said Wednesday it will increase security for its nuclear scientists as a funeral was held for a leading expert killed in a mysterious assassination that the government blamed on the Mossad and the CIA. Iranian state media said the killing of the scientist and the wounding of another on Monday was part of a Western campaign to sabotage its nuclear

programme, which the US and its allies suspect is aimed at producing weapons something Iran denies. According to Iran, that campaign included the abduction of Iranian scientists, the sale of faulty equipment and the planting of a destructive computer worm known as Stuxnet, which briefly brought Iran’s uranium enrichment activity to a halt last month.

Iran’s chief suspect is

archenemy Israel, whose Mossad spy agency has a long history of assassinating foes far beyond the country’s borders. In this case, Iran accuses Israel of enlisting agents of an Iranian opposition group, the People’s Mujahedeen, to carry out the hit, the defence minister said. There was also coordination with the CIA and Britain’s MI6, he claimed.

Internet

NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Dec—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed on Thursday, bringing to two the number of the military alliance casualties over the past two days. “An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” a press release of ISAF said.

The nationality of the victim had not been revealed in the press release. “It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.” Another ISAF soldier was killed in similar attack in Afghanistan’s restive southern region on Wednesday.

More than 660 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of this year. Taliban militants have often attacked Afghan and NATO-led forces with IEDs and roadside bombs but the lethal weapons also inflict casualties on civilians.— *Xinhua*

Special forces operations down by half in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec—Elite counterterrorism units in Iraq are running half as many operations this year as they have annually since 2008, in part because of a nationwide drop in violence, senior US military officials said on Wednesday. Joint US-Iraqi special forces missions have been one

of President Barack Obama’s top priorities for the some 50,000 US troops still in Iraq. The teams hunt down militants and help train Iraqi commandoes and SWAT units.

The tempo of counterterrorism raids “is down in comparison to years past, in accordance with the decreasing level of violence,” said Col Mark Mitchell, commander of an Airborne special forces unit based in Balad, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of Baghdad.

Internet

US soldier gets nine months for killing Afghan civilians

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—A US soldier was sentenced to nine months in prison after pleading guilty to shooting at Afghan civilians. Staff Sergeant Robert Stevens, 25, also was demoted to the rank of private but was spared discharge from the military under the sentence handed down in the first court martial linked to a rogue army unit alleged to have killed Afghans for sport.

Stevens pleaded guilty to four of the five charges against him, including shooting “in the direction of” men he knew to be civilians rather than enemy fighters. He also admitted to wrongly having a grenade that he claims Staff Sergeant Calvin Gibbs, the alleged ringleader of the rogue soldiers, gave him near the end of last year.

As part of the plea agreement, Stevens will also now testify against other soldiers accused of more grisly crimes in Afghanistan.

A dozen soldiers face charges related to attacks on Afghan civilians earlier this year, including three murders, in which victims’ bodies were alleged to have been mutilated.— *Internet*



This photo released by Fars News Agency is claimed by them to show one of the damaged cars following bomb attacks on the vehicles of two nuclear scientists in Teheran, Iran, on 29 Nov, 2010.

INTERNET

Israel discloses technology to deal with rockets

TSRIFIN MILITARY BASE, 2 Dec—An Israeli military unit on Wednesday showed off a new system to counter chemical attacks. It quickly measures temperature and wind direction to determine areas to evacuate and then feeds hospitals casualty assessments.

The high-tech Lotem unit gave a rare exhibition of the technologies it has developed to protect against rocket attacks—one of Israel's main security fears. The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah lobbed 4,000 rockets into Israel in 2006, and Hamas has launched thousands from Gaza. None of those rockets contained chemical warheads, but Israel claims neighboring states have them.

"We need to bring in advanced technology to meet these needs," said Brig Gen Ayala Hakim, commander of the Lotem unit that manages the



Israeli soldiers stand near the 'Mountain Rose' mobile cellular phone network for internal military use, at Tsrifin Military Base in Rishon Letzion, central Israel, on 1 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

military's computer and communications systems. Military officials described the new technologies as "next generation" infrastructure, comparing it in sophistication to the rapid innovation of smart phones and other gadgets on the commercial market.

They said one technology, dubbed "Deer Horn," analyzes a rocket's trajectory within seconds to estimate where it will land, and activates sirens in the

targeted area. It can also override media broadcasts to issue warnings. An additional system being developed would send cell phone text messages to civilians in the line of fire. Another communications system now in use—code named "Mountain Rose"—is a portable satellite dish on the roof of a Hummer vehicle that secures communications between the battlefield, commanders and headquarters.

Internet

Diets rich in Omega-3 help reduce eye disease risk

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec—Seniors who often eat diets rich in Omega-3 are less likely to develop a serious eye disease known as age-related macular degeneration (AMD), US researchers have found. The findings were based on a fresh analysis of a one-year dietary survey conducted in the early 1990s, said researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

The study involved nearly 2,400 seniors between the ages of 65 and 84 living in Maryland's Eastern Shore region, where fish and shellfish are eaten routinely. After their food intake was assessed, participants underwent eye exams. About 450 had AMD, including 68 who had an advanced stage of the disease, which can lead to severe vision impairment or blindness.

The results showed that participants who often ate omega-3-rich fish and shellfish had a lower rate of AMD. "Our study corroborates earlier findings that eating omega-3-rich fish and shellfish may protect against advanced AMD," said study lead author Sheila K. West, of the Wilmer Eye Institute at the school.

"While participants in all groups, including controls, averaged at least one serving of fish or shellfish per week, those who

had advanced AMD were significantly less likely to consume high omega-3 fish and seafood," she said in a news release from the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). The researchers reported their findings in the December issue of Ophthalmology.—Xinhua



A chef inspects grilled fish during the International Culinary Festival in Supetar, southern Adriatic island of Brac, on 10 April, 2010.

INTERNET

Verizon Wireless to launch 4G service on Sunday

NEW YORK, 2 Dec—Verizon Wireless says its new "4G" wireless broadband network will start accepting customers on Sunday in 38 cities. Initially, only laptop users will be able to take advantage of the higher data speeds offered by the network, compared with Verizon's 3G network. The speeds are somewhat higher than those offered by T-Mobile USA's and AT&T Inc where their 3G networks have been upgraded to the highest speeds.

In a surprise, Verizon is charging less for 4G than for 3G. One data plan will cost \$50 per month for 5 gigabytes of data, compared with \$60 for 3G. Another plan will provide 10 gigabytes of data for \$80 per month. Verizon Wireless' chief technology officer, Tony Melone, said he expects many customers will find 5 gigabytes isn't enough. When downloading at top 4G speeds, it takes about an hour to exhaust a monthly allotment of 5 gigabytes of data.

Only Windows PCs will be able to take advantage of the network, at first. On Sunday, Verizon will start selling a USB dongle from LG Electronics Inc for \$99 with a two-year contract. It will fall back on Verizon's 3G network where there is no 4G coverage. There's no Macintosh software for the dongle yet. Melone said Verizon should have 4G smart phones available by next summer.

Internet

NASA's Cassini spacecraft sends back images of bright jets at Enceladus

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec — NASA's Cassini spacecraft has sent back shadowy images of brilliant jets at Saturn's moon Enceladus after a recent flyby mission, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said on its website on Wednesday. Cassini successfully dipped near the surface of Enceladus on 30 Nov.

Though Cassini's closest approach took it to within about 48 kilometres (30 miles) of the moon's northern hemisphere, the spacecraft captured shadowy images of the tortured south polar terrain and the brilliant jets that spray out from it, JPL said.

Many of the raw images feature darkened terrain because winter has descended upon the southern hemisphere of Enceladus, but sunlight behind the moon backlights the jets of water vapour and icy particles, said JPL in Pasadena, Los Angeles. In some images, the jets line up in rows, forming curtains of spray.

Xinhua

Starry starry starry night: Star count may triple



This photo provided by NASA, taken in 2006 by the Hubble Space Telescope shows a cluster of diverse galaxies. A new study led by a Yale University astronomer looks at elliptical galaxies, such as the bright one in the top middle of this 2006 Hubble Space Telescope photograph, and finds they have far more stars than initially thought.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec — The universe may glitter with far more stars than even Carl Sagan imagined when he rhapsodized about billions upon billions. A new study suggests there are a mind-blowing 300 sextillion of them, or three times as many as scientists previously calculated. That is a 3

followed by 23 zeros. Or 3 trillion times 100 billion.

The estimate, contained in a study published online Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, is based on findings that there are many more red dwarf stars—the most common star in the universe—than once thought. But the research goes deeper than that. The study by Yale University astronomer Pieter van Dokkum and Harvard astrophysicist Charlie Conroy questions a key assumption that astronomers often use: that most galaxies have the same properties as our Milky Way. And that conclusion is deeply unsettling to astronomers who want a more orderly cosmos.

When scientists previously estimated the total number of stars, they assumed that all galaxies had the same ratio of dwarf stars as the Milky Way, which is spiral-shaped. Much of our understanding of the universe is based on observations made inside our own galaxy and then extrapolated to other galaxies. But about one-third of the galaxies in the universe are elliptical, not spiral, and van Dokkum found they aren't really made up the same way as ours.—Internet

'Virtual biopsy' may detect athletes' brain injury

CHICAGO, 2 Dec—Football players with memory and behaviour problems have no way of knowing for sure if getting hit too many times caused brain damage. The only test to diagnose their condition is done after death in an autopsy. But now, researchers are experimenting with an imaging technique to detect a debilitating condition caused by repeated concussions. And a study in Boston of five retired athletes — three NFL players, a boxer and a wrestler — is being called a preliminary first step toward diagnosis and maybe even treatment.

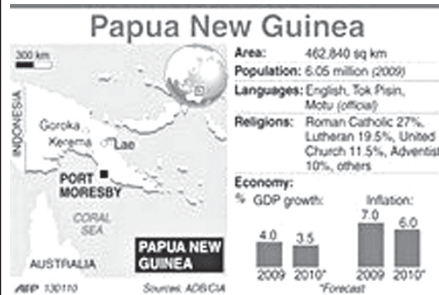
The imaging found suspicious chemical changes in the former athletes' brains. They'd suffered multiple hits to the head during play and showed behaviour symptoms indicating possible brain damage. The

chemical changes were not found in five healthy study participants. The results from this noninvasive "virtual biopsy" technique suggest that the athletes had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the study authors said. The disease is a suspected cause of "punch-drunk" symptoms, memory lapses and behavior changes in NFL players and others who have had repeated concussions.

The issue has gained scrutiny since autopsies found brain degeneration in a handful of former NFL players who died young. Concerns about the dangers of repeated concussions have led to congressional hearings, policy recommendations from doctor groups and restrictions on how soon professional and student athletes can return to play after being hit in the head.

Internet

Strong quake rattles Papua New Guinea



A strong 6.9-magnitude earthquake rattled Papua New Guinea on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said.— INTERNET

SYDNEY, 2 Dec — A strong 6.9-magnitude earthquake rattled Papua New Guinea on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said, but there was no immediate threat of a tsunami. The quake struck at a depth of 32 kilometres (20 miles), 37 kilometres northeast of Kandrian in the New Britain Region, USGS said.

The Hawaii-based

Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre, which monitors violent ocean movements generated by quakes, issued a bulletin saying "no destructive widespread tsunami threat exists based on historical earthquake and tsunami data."

Seismologists on the ground in PNG said they were still seeking information about the extent of any damage.

Internet

UNSG's message on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December 2010

The theme of this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities is "Keeping the promise: mainstreaming disability in the Millennium Development Goals".

Among the promises made by world leaders at the MDG Summit in September was a commitment to improve the lives of persons with disabilities.

This diverse group includes people close to us — family, friends and neighbours. Indeed, physical, mental and sensory impairments are very common, affecting about 10 per cent of the world's population.

Disability is also highly correlated with poverty. People with disabilities account for roughly 20 per cent of those living in poverty in developing countries. Worldwide, they suffer high rates of unemployment and often lack access to adequate education and healthcare. In many societies, there are simply no provisions made for this group and they end up living in isolation, disconnected from their own communities.

Despite these obstacles, persons with disabilities have displayed great courage and resilience. But even as we continue to be inspired by those who reach the highest levels of human achievement, such successes must not obscure the difficulties faced by those who live in desperate conditions and lack the rights, privileges and opportunities available to their fellow citizens.

Governments need to do more to support people with disabilities. That means implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. And it means integrating their needs into national Millennium Development Goal agendas. In the Action Plan adopted at the MDG Summit, world leaders recognized that current efforts are insufficient.

On this International Day, let us recognize that the battles against poverty, disease and discrimination will not be won without targeted laws, policies and programmes that empower this group. Let us pledge to keep the promise of the goals alive in the community of persons with disabilities. And let us include them not only as beneficiaries but as valued agents of change in our five-year push to reach the goals by the internationally agreed deadline of 2015. — UNIC

More action needed to prevent AIDS in children, treat those infected

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Dec — Though estimable progress has been made towards achieving an AIDS-free generation of children, there is still more work to be done, high-level UN officials said here Tuesday. These officials spoke at the launch of "Children and AIDS: Fifth Stocktaking Report 2010," an evaluation of progress towards preventing and treating AIDS in children authored by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in conjunction with other UN agencies.

Anthony Lake, executive director of UNICEF, explained that the statistics on children and AIDS have improved in recent years. He said that

compared to rates in 2005, five times as many HIV positive children now receive anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment and while in 2005 only two in 10 pregnant HIV positive women from low and middle income countries received ARV treatment, in 2010 over half do.

"This is all good news and it is proof that progress is possible," Lake said. "But everyday nearly 1,000 babies in sub-Saharan Africa are infected with the HIV virus through mother-to-child transmission. The majority will not receive treatment and without it, half of them will die before they reach their second birthdays." — Xinhua

Internet

The Hawaii-based

Internet



A woman walks past a red ribbon, the symbol of the worldwide campaign against AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), hanging outside the World Health Organization headquarters in Manila on 30 November, 2010. World AIDS Day is on 1 December. — XINHUA

NY pilot expands organ recovery to at-home deaths

NEW YORK, 2 Dec — Families choosing whether to donate a loved one's organs usually have days to grapple with their decision, all while the patient lies hooked up to machines in a hospital bed. But they would have only about 20 minutes to make the choice in a new pilot programme meant to recover organs from patients who die at home. That's roughly how long a team of organ specialists will have after a cardiac-arrest patient is declared dead to arrive at the home, check a donor registry, determine medical eligibility, obtain a family member's consent and get the person into a specialized ambulance.

The programme launching Wednesday — the first of its kind in the US, according to organizers and other experts — could eventually lead to thousands

more organs donated each year nationwide. But the six-month trial, a collaboration between Bellevue Hospital and New York City's police and fire departments, could be declared a success without a single organ being recovered, organizers say. Instead, what's being tested is the ability of the team — composed of two EMTs, an organ donor family services specialist and a Bellevue emergency physician — to successfully interact with grieving and shocked family members in the limited time available before it is too late to use a person's organs. A police detective will arrive at the scene before the team to make sure there's nothing about the death that warrants a criminal investigation.

Internet



File photo shows released by the New York City Fire Department, shows the FDNY's Organ Preservation Unit. As part of a new six month pilot programme, the vehicle will be staffed with personnel trained to get a donor family's consent, perform medical procedures necessary to keep the donor organ viable, as well as transport the donor to the hospital to harvest the organs for transplant. If someone dies at home, the team will have roughly 20 minutes to start preservation procedures.

INTERNET



A woman walks in the snow in Princes Street gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland on 28 November, 2010. Freezing temperatures were recorded around the country after heavy overnight snowfalls, local media reported.

XINHUA

Big freeze sweeps country with more snow on way

LONDON, 2 Dec—Snow fell across many parts of Britain on Tuesday, creeping southwards overnight, with forecasters predicting blizzards and freezing Arctic conditions for the rest of this week.

The Met Office has issued severe weather warnings across most of

the country with the southeast and London expected to be hit by fresh snowfalls and ice as the day progresses.

Only the Scottish Highlands, western Wales and southwest England will miss the onslaught. The big freeze caused travel misery on many roads, disrupted train services and caused

flight delays and cancellations at Edinburgh and at Newcastle International Airport.

The AA said Monday was one of its busiest days ever as it responded to some 20,000 breakdowns. "The fact we're only in the end of November and we've had what will turn out to be one of our top busiest days ever is pretty exceptional," a spokesman said.

Forecasters said the heaviest snowfalls overnight were in northeast England with up to six inches reported in some places. Hundreds of schools remained closed in Scotland and northern England with some also shut as far south as Kent and Essex, according to the BBC.

MNA/Reuters

US State Department limits access to its cables

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—The US State Department said on Tuesday it has severed its database of cables from one classified US Government network in the wake of a release of diplomatic documents by WikiLeaks but it declined to say which network.

The State Department took the action within the last week, State Department spokesman PJ Crowley told reporters. On Sunday, news organizations published reports on more than 250,000 confidential US diplomatic cables that were obtained by the whistleblower website.

"We have temporarily, you know, severed the connection between this database and one classified network," Crowley said, declining to identify the network.

MNA/Reuters

New charges against NY bomb plotter's father

NEW YORK, 2 Dec—US prosecutors announced fresh charges on Tuesday against the father of an Afghan-born man who admitted to plotting an al Qaeda-inspired bomb attack on New York City.

Mohammed Wali Zazi, 54, faces six counts of obstruction of justice and witness tampering, according to an indictment made public on Tuesday and filed in Brooklyn federal court.

His son, Najibullah Zazi was arrested in September 2009 and pleaded guilty to plotting a bomb attack in New York City on the anniversary of the 11 September attacks. He is cooperating with officials as he awaits

sentencing.

US Attorney General Eric Holder called it one of the most serious security threats to the United States since the hijacked airliner attacks of 11 September, 2001. Zazi's father, who lives near Denver, Colorado, pleaded not guilty in February to one charge of obstruction of justice.

His attorney, Deborah Colson, said he will also plead not guilty to the new charges and fight them at trial. "We continue to ask the public to withhold judgment until all the facts are revealed," Colson said.

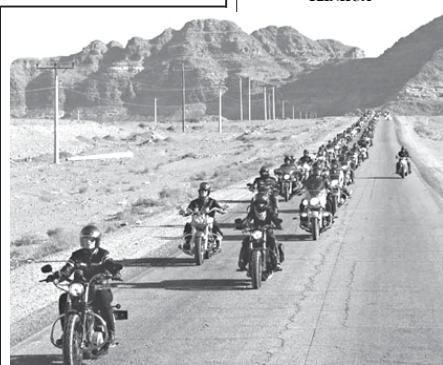
US prosecutors accused Mohammed Wali Zazi of conspiring to alter, destroy and conceal objects, in-

cluding liquid chemicals, "with the intent to impair the objects' integrity and availability for use in an official proceeding." Mohammed Wali Zazi is due to appear in Brooklyn federal court on 9 December.

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A convoy of some 200 Harley-Davidson bikers from all over the world ride through the desert in Wadi Rum, 320 km (200 miles) south of Amman, on 27 November, 2010, during the 1st annual Harley Davidson rally in Jordan.

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Mugabe attacks indictment of Sudan's president

TRIPOLI, 2 Dec—Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe on Tuesday asked why the International Criminal Court (ICC) is not indicting Tony Blair and George W. Bush for war crimes instead of prosecuting Sudan's leader.

Mugabe, speaking at a joint summit of the European Union and African states, said the ICC was applying a double standard by indicting Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir on charges of war crimes and genocide.

Sudan's Government has said it was boycotting the EU-Africa summit in protest at EU pressure for Bashir to stay away. "Why does this court not do the same with Tony Blair and George W. Bush, both of whom occupied Iraq and killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqi people?" Mugabe said in a speech to the summit in Libya's capital.

As US president, George W Bush called Mugabe's rule "tyrannical," while Blair, the former British prime minister, accused Mugabe of human rights abuses and running down what was once one of Africa's most prosperous economies. Mugabe, in power since independence in 1980, denies those accusations and says the West, and especially Zimbabwe's former colonial ruler Britain, is trying to sabotage his country.

MNA/Reuters

US, Russia to finalize adoption agreement soon

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—The US Government said it expects to finalize an agreement with Russia on Wednesday to regulate adoptions after an American woman rejected her adopted son and sent him back to Russia alone in April.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said a fifth round of talks between US and Russian officials would take place on Wednesday, when the two sides were expected to complete the agreement so that it can be signed "in the near future."

Russian officials began pushing for a treaty on adoptions after an American woman sent her seven-year-old adopted son back to Moscow on a plane with a note describing him as mentally unbalanced and violent.

The incident compounded anger in Russia over the deaths of 15 Russian-born children as an apparent result of abuse by their adoptive American parents in the years since such adoptions began.

More than 60,000 Russian children have been adopted by foreigners, mostly Americans, since the 1991 collapse of Communism opened up Russia to the

West.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev asked for an agreement establishing the duties of American parents adopting children from Russia and creating a system to monitor the treatment of adopted children.

Crowley declined to provide details on the agreement other than to say it would provide for greater "transparency."

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A gaucho, or cowboy, rides a horse as he competes during a rodeo in Escobar, Argentina, on 28 Nov, 2010.

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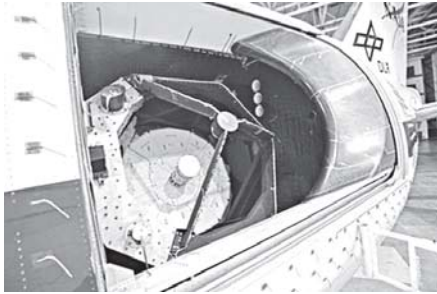


Flying observatory achieves 1st science flight

PALMDALE, 2 Dec — A US German infrared observatory mounted in a jumbo jet flew its inaugural science flight Wednesday, a mission to better understand how stars form. The highly modified Boeing 747SP jetliner returned to its base at Palmdale in the Mojave Desert after 10 hours of cruising at high altitude.

It was the first of three science flights planned before Christmas, and marks the start of a 20-year observing campaign. The observatory, which is equipped with a 100-inch-diameter telescope, targeted the star-making factory Orion nebula and a young forming star cluster 3,000 light-years from Earth during the flight. A special camera developed by Cornell University recorded the images.

By flying at high altitudes — between



This 20 April, 2010 file photo shows the bay of a modified Boeing 747SP jetliner containing the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) telescope at a NASA Dryden Flight Research Centre test facility in Palmdale, Calif. The US-German infrared observatory has flown its inaugural science flight, a mission to better understand how stars form.

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39,000 feet and 45,000 feet — the telescope peering from a cavernous hole in the side of the aircraft avoids most of the atmospheric water vapor that interferes with ground-based observatories. The joint NASA and German Aerospace Centre project is called the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, or SOFIA for short. NASA's share to date is \$810.3 million, the space agency said.

Internet

Obama rejects drilling in eastern Gulf of Mexico

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec — Pointing to the BP blowout and risks of a new environmental disaster, the Obama administration reversed itself Wednesday and promised not to pursue offshore drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico or anywhere else along the nation's East Coast. The decision was generally hailed in Florida, which depends on tourists drawn by the state's white beaches, but criticized by the oil industry, which said the

administration was stifling crucial US energy production and costing recession-battered jobseekers golden opportunities for new work.

The administration had backed a major expansion of offshore drilling earlier this year, in part to gain support for comprehensive climate legislation in Congress, one of President Barack Obama's top legislative goals. With that bill now off the table, the president stands much to gain

politically by saying no to powerful oil interests, particularly in Florida, which is expected to be a crucial swing state in the 2012 election campaign.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar denied politics played any role, saying the BP spill taught officials a number of lessons, "most importantly that we need to proceed with caution and focus on creating a more stringent regulatory regime."

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A file photo shows crews work to clean up oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill washed ashore at Pensacola Beach in Pensacola Fla. In a reversal, the Obama administration says it will not pursue offshore drilling in East Coast waters, including the eastern Gulf of Mexico.— INTERNET



India successfully testfires BrahMos missile off coast of eastern state

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec — India Thursday successfully testfired BrahMos missile off the coast of the eastern state of Orissa, said official sources. The BrahMos missile, developed jointly by India's Defence Research and Development Organization and Russia, was testfired from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off Orissa coast, the sources said.

BrahMos is capable of being launched from multiple platforms like submarine, ship, aircraft and landbased Mobile Autonomous Launchers. It travels at speeds of Mach 2.5 to 2.8. It's three-and-a-half times faster than the US subsonic Harpoon cruise missile.

The missile, a joint venture between India's DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya who have formed the

BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited, can carry conventional warheads up to 300 kg for a range of 290 km and can effectively engage ground targets from an altitude as low as 10 metres.

Xinhua



Damage to a car is seen following the detonation of a planted bomb in this still image taken from video in Teheran on 29 Nov, 2010. Two car bomb

blasts killed one Iranian nuclear scientist and wounded another in Teheran on Monday, Iran's al Alam Arabic language television reported.

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A380 engines may have manufacturing fault

SYDNEY, 2 Dec — Australian officials investigating the mid-air disintegration of an engine on a Qantas juperjumbo said Thursday they identified a potential manufacturing defect in Rolls-Royce engines in 20 A380s worldwide.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau issued a safety recommendation, the day before it was due to release an interim report on the Qantas blowout — the most serious safety problem for the world's newest and largest jetliner. It said there is "a potential manufacturing defect with an oil tube connection" in the Trent 900 engine. "The problem relates to the potential for misaligned oil pipe counter-boring, which

could lead to fatigue cracking, oil leakage and potential engine failure from an oil fire," the bureau said in a statement.

The bureau said on the recommendations of Rolls-Royce, affected airlines and safety regulators were taking action to ensure planes using the engines were safe. This involved close inspection of engines "and the removal from service of any engine which displays the counter-boring problem," the bureau said. After the bureau's statement, Qantas said Thursday it would conduct detailed one-off inspections of Trent 900 engines on its A380s.

Internet

Study says even being a bit overweight is risky

NEW YORK, 2 Dec — Lugging around a few extra pounds? One of the largest studies to look at health and weight finds that you don't have to be obese to raise your risk of premature death. Merely being overweight carries some risk, too.

Obesity increases the risk of death from heart disease, stroke and certain cancers. But whether being merely overweight contributes to an early death as well has been uncertain and controversial. Some research has suggested being a little pudgy has little effect or can even be a good thing. The latest research involving about 1.5 million people concluded that healthy white adults who were overweight were 13 percent more likely to die during the time they were followed in the study than those whose weight is in an ideal range.

"Having a little extra meat on your bones — if that meat happens to be fat — is harmful, not beneficial," said Dr Michael Thun of the American Cancer Society, senior author of the study. The study's conclusions, published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*, are similar to three other large studies, said the lead author, Amy Berrington of the National Cancer Institute.— Internet

Myanmar achieves unique distinction of bringing ...

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Coordinated and collaborative efforts of all implementing partners have become essential to achieve the target of United Nations Millennium Development Goal 6: "have halted by 2015 and began to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS": as well as to achieve "Universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by 2015". In Myanmar, 11 local NGOs, 21 International NGOs and 7 UN agencies

NGOs, and AIDS Committees were formed at various administrative levels. Myanmar Country Coordination Mechanism is also formed, comprising Ministry of Health, related ministries, UN agencies, National and International NGOs, and people living with HIV in order to get effective co-ordinated response to HIV/AIDS.

As national response to HIV, National AIDS Programme, Department of Health with

and community home based care for AIDS patients and their families with involvement of PLHIVs; promotion of multi-sectoral collaboration and cooperation; and implementation of monitoring, supervision and evaluation activities have been implementing by the National AIDS Programme.

Since 2005, ART has been provided to the patients at Specialist Hospitals (Waibagi) and (Mingaladon) from government sector; and more than 26,300 PLHIVs are accessing to ART from both government and



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence visits Home Decoration and Furniture Electronic 2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre.(News on page 1)—MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at the ceremony to mark 2010 World AIDS Day.—MNA

are actively collaborating with the Ministry of Health in responding to HIV and AIDS. Moreover, being a member nation of ASEAN and a member of ATFOA (ASEAN Task Force on AIDS), Myanmar is actively participating in the ASEAN work programme in HIV and AIDS; and Mekong regional HIV and AIDS projects. In addition, Myanmar has been actively participating in the global and regional activities initiated by various UN agencies.

In Myanmar, AIDS is one of the priority diseases of the National Health Plan and Prevention and Care activities for HIV/AIDS are being implemented as a National Concern. Since 1989, multi-sectoral National AIDS Committee was formed in accordance with the guidelines laid down by National Health Committee. Under National AIDS Committee, a Working Committee was organized with various departments and national

coordinated efforts of related ministries, UN agencies, NGOs and other implementing partners has developed and is implementing National Strategic Plan on HIV and AIDS (2006-2010) through multi-sectoral approach. In accordance with 13 Strategic Directions of the National Strategic Plan, the following ten major activities comprising of Advocacy Meetings; Awareness raising on HIV/AIDS for various population groups; 100% targeted condom promotion programme in 170 townships; voluntary confidential counselling and testing services; provision of STI services to prevent sexual transmission of HIV; prevention of transmission of HIV among intravenous drug users; nationwide screening of HIV for safe blood supply; prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV in 210 townships and 38 general hospitals; provision of ART treatment in 30 hospitals; treatment of opportunistic infections;

NGOs. In order to make PLHIVs stay conveniently in a healthy surrounding while coming to Yangon for ART, arrangements are being made for them to stay in Thakayta Hospital very recently.

efforts of all implementing partners and the entire community.

Besides the strong national commitment towards the fight against HIV/AIDS and support from three disease fund, Myanmar has successfully

ties.

In conclusion, I would like to express our sincere thanks to related departments, UN organizations, local and international NGOs, community based organizations that have contributed to the

Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe awarded winners in the basic education primary and middle level painting contests.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National



UNAIDS Country Coordinator Dr Sun Gang reads message sent by UNAIDS. MNA



UNHCR Resident Representative Mr Bhairaja Panday reads message sent by UNSG. MNA

According to the results of the Workshop on Estimation and Projection of HIV and AIDS in Myanmar which was conducted with technical inputs from UNAIDS and WHO, it is evident that Myanmar has achieved a unique distinction of bringing a gradual decline in HIV prevalence of 0.94 per cent in 2000, 0.67% in 2007 and 0.61% in 2009. Such an achievement is due to multisectoral coordinated

gained round 9 global fund grants in 2010. With all these, we are quite sure that prevention, treatment, and care activities could be momentarily scaling up in the coming years.

We would like to encourage all implementing partners to keep on the speed of fighting against HIV/AIDS so as to maintain the current achievement while giving equal weight on scaling up the implementation of prevention and treatment activi-

commemoration of the 2010 World AIDS Day.

UNHCR Resident Representative Mr Bhairaja Panday read the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.

UNAIDS Country Coordinator Dr Sun Gang read the message of UNAIDS.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented prizes to winners in the basic education high school level essay contest.

Deputy Ministers Dr

Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Sein and officials.

After the ceremony, the minister and the deputy ministers visited the booth to mark the World AIDS Day 2010.

This year's motto for World AIDS Day 2010 is "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise. Avoid Stigma and Discrimination: Towards Universal Access".

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Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec —On his inspection tour of worksite of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) being built by Special Project Group (2) of the Public Works near Sinkhin village in Bhamo Township on 29 November, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected PC Girder work for the approach road of the bridge on the side of Bhamo.

On 30 November, the minister heard reports on work progress, heavy machinery and manpower presented by an official at the briefing hall and called for timely completion of construction work meeting

set standards and worksite safety.

Next, the minister looked into construction of approach road and work progress.

The lower structure of the rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) is broad crest type and the upper is steel truss. The main bridge is 3215 feet long. The bridge with 28 feet wide motorway has 4630 feet long motorway inclusive of the approach road and the 14 feet wide railroad is 5510 feet long. The motorway is flanked by three feet wide pedestrian lane and it can withstand 60 tons of load.—MNA

Library opened in Kyaukhtu Tsp, Gangaw District

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Honouring the 90th Anniversary National Day, the opening of new building of Moe Thaukkye library took place in Panhsan Village, Kyaukhtu, Saw Township of Gangaw District yesterday.

Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council U Phone Maw Shwe and an official of the district opened the library. Next, cash and publications donation followed.

The newly-constructed library building is 24 feet long and 21 feet wide one-storey one built at a cost of K 1 million contributed by the State and K 1,477,900 by the people.

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Second International Conference on Science and Engineering (2010) commences

YANGON, 2 Dec—The Second International Conference on Science and Engineering (2010) organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology was opened at Sedona Hotel here today.

It was attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general of the ministry, faculty

members from technological universities and universities of computer studies, NGO representatives, students, professors and researchers from Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Belgium, Iran, Pakistan, China and

Bangladesh, resource personnel at home and abroad, students and observers.

Director-General Dr Ko Ko Oo from the Ministry of Science and Technology made an opening speech.

The opening cer-

emony came to an end after President Prof Dr Said Irandoust of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) had delivered an address.

Later, talks and paper reading sessions were held at designated places.—MNA



Director-General Dr Ko Ko Oo addresses opening of paper reading session of Second International Conference on Science and Engineering (2010).

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Wagadok Dam helps green area within 30 miles...

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The purpose of the dam is designed to supply water to Moeyungyi Lake, to help green the eastern part of the area 30 miles radius of Yangon, and to irrigate agricultural farms

in summer. Moeyungyi Lake on Yangon-Bago-Mandalay Highway in Bago Township is undertaken by the Irrigation Department (Maintenance). The water that flows into the lake is diverted into Sittoung Canal. And the

water is diverted the Ohnnhe Creek through Bago-Sittoung Canal. Then, the irrigation water is supplied to the farms on both sides of Thanatpin-Thongwa Road through canals.

Wagadok Dam is a supporting dam for Moeyungyi Lake. Moeyungyi Lake was built in 1875. Water from the

lake for 2009-2010 has been supplied since 9 February 2010. So far, it has irrigated 17,649 acres of farmlands. Wagadok Dam is 86 feet high and 6400 feet long. Its dyke is 3155 feet long. Annually, it gets 32,406 acre feet of water from a catchment area of 10 square miles. Its full tank water storage capacity is 32,600 acre



The main canal of Wagadok Dam.



Wagadok Dam is seen with its control tower.

feet; dead water storage capacity, 1200 acre feet; and its water spread area, 1403 acres.

The dam has one 255 feet long broad crest type outfall conduit, whose water velocity is 300 cubic feet per second, and one broad crest type spillway, whose water velocity is 338 cubic feet per second.

The region has an average annual rainfall of 132 inches. So, the dam gets a high volume of inflow water from its catchment area. Through

Moeyungyi Lake, Wagadok Dam makes substantial contribution towards paddy fields, greening the eastern part of the area 30 miles radius of Yangon, and farms of other crops.

Wagadok Dam has benefited nearby agricultural farms since 2009. Being close to Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, Wagadok Dam needs regular maintenance for its durability.

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Singapore hospitals on alert for killer bug

SINGAPORE, 2 Dec — Singapore is gearing up for a killer bug that could head this way, as hospitals step up checks on the more susceptible patients including those on antibiotics and the elderly, local media reported on Thursday. The immediate symptom is diarrhoea. All patients suffering from diarrhoea and who are on antibiotics are undergoing checks, local daily *The Straits Times* reported.

Doctors in public hospitals want to be certain that such patients are not infected with the killer strain of the *Clostridium difficile* bacterium called the ribotype 027. The strain wreaked havoc in about 30 hospitals in Quebec Province in Canada in 2003 and 2004, infecting more than 1,400 patients. Many needed urgent surgery and about 14 percent died within one month of diagnosis.

Several hospitals in the United States were also affected. The bug has since crossed the Atlantic and has emerged in hospitals in Britain, Ireland and Denmark over the past two years. Doctors fear that it is only a matter of time before it finds its way to Asia. The bacterium, commonly known as *C difficile*, has been around for a long time, and is a common hospital-acquired bug. — *Internet*



A monkey enjoys eating fruit in front of an ancient temple during the annual "monkey buffet" in Lopburi province, some 150 kms north of Bangkok on 28 November, 2010. More than 4,000 kilos of fruits and vegetables were offered to monkeys during the annual festival to help promote tourism in the area.— XINHUA

'Potter' fends off newcomer 'Rapunzel' overseas



This file photo film publicity image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Robbie Coltrane, left, and Daniel Radcliffe in a scene from 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1.'

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LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec — "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1" continues to dominate the international marketplace with a gross that is nearly \$85 million ahead of the second place film. An amazing 10-day sprint to nearly \$600 million in global revenue puts the movie in a class by itself, and with 50 territories on board, there seems to be no end in sight for the magic box office spell of "Potter."

Second place in the international arena belongs to "Rapunzel"

("Tangled" in North America) in just seven territories and a weekend debut of \$16.5 million. With a worldwide total approaching \$90 million, there is no doubt that the family-friendly film will continue to do well with international audiences as it expands into more territories in the coming weeks. As it is in North America, so goes the international marketplace as "Unstop-pable" proves that Denzel Washington's appeal is truly universal. With a solid \$7.4 million in its third weekend, the film continues to impress in 40 territories and a worldwide total that is barreling toward \$100 million.

Internet

American Airlines plane slides off Montreal runway

MONTREAL, 2 Dec — An American Airlines plane with 111 people aboard has slid off a runway shortly after landing in Montreal. An airport spokeswoman says no one on the plane was injured. The *Boeing 737* didn't sustain any significant damage.

The flight from Dallas landed Tuesday night at Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport and was apparently rolling along the runway at a slow speed when the incident occurred.

The 105 passengers and six crew members were transported to the airport terminal by bus. The federal Transportation Safety Board says it will launch an investigation. AMR Corp is the parent company of American Airlines.

Internet

Group grades Tahoe Sierra ski areas on green scale

RENO, 2 Dec — An environmental report card from conservationists says Sierra ski resorts are continuing a trend toward going green.

The *Reno Gazette-Journal* reports that Squaw Valley USA placed first and Alpine Meadows ranked third in the Ski Area Citizens Coalition rating of 82 western ski resorts. Sugar Bowl and Boreal also rated "A," while "B" grades went to Kirkwood Mountain, Homewood Mountain, Sierra-at-Tahoe and Mt Rose-Ski Tahoe. Northstar-at-Tahoe and Heavenly Mountain received "C" grades. The annual evaluation found improved environmental performance for a fourth year in a row. California Ski Industry Association chief Bob Roberts says that reflects a growing priority by Sierra resorts to increase energy efficiency, recycle and take other steps to protect the environment and address climate change.

Internet

Madonna's new Mexico City gym gets OK to open

MEXICO CITY, 2 Dec — Mexican authorities have given Madonna's fitness club the green light to open after saying the gym was in danger of being shut down because it lacked several permits.

Authorities in the Miguel Hidalgo district, where the gym is located, said Wednesday that the legal representatives of the singer's Hard Candy Fitness had presented all the missing documents and the gym is free to begin operating.

Earlier Wednesday, Demetrio Sodi, Miguel Hidalgo's chief, had said the posh new gym lacked a security plan, a certificate showing it has parking and a land use permit. Sodi said he granted a special permit for the gym's opening ceremony Monday night even though it "didn't

have any permits." Madonna attended the ribbon-cutting and taught a dance class for 20 hand-picked gym members with music by Paul Oakenfold, the DJ who opened her last tour.

Madonna said in a statement last week that she wanted to use Mexico City "as a place to fine-tune our brand and then expand it to other countries and, in the long term, develop a global brand that includes the United States."

Internet

Shark maims four Russian swimmers in Egypt's Red Sea

CAIRO, 2 Dec — An oceanic white tip shark badly mauled four Russian tourists swimming close to their beach hotels in two separate attacks at an Egyptian Red Sea resort, a local conservation official said on Wednesday. Director of Sinai Conservation Mohammed Salem said the shark attacked two Russians swimming in the Ras Nasrani area near the famed Sharm el-Sheikh resort in the Sinai Peninsula and bit their arms off.

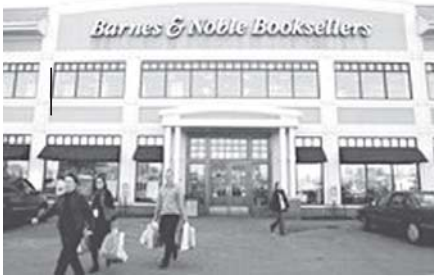
The same shark may also have been involved in an attack on another pair of Russians on Tuesday swimming close to the resort beach, he added. The shark badly injured a middle-aged woman's legs and back and bit off her hand. She had a heart attack and had to be resuscitated at the hospital. The second victim, a 70-year-old woman was found with her right hand and left leg torn off. Diving instructor Hassan Salem (no related to Mohammed Salem) said he was on a dive at the same time of the attack and was circled by the same shark before it went after the couple.

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A woman walks through Hard Candy Fitness before its opening in Mexico City, on 28 Nov, 2010. Madonna will attend the opening of her new gym in Mexico City on Monday.

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Shoppers leave the Barnes and Noble store on 29 Nov, 2010 in South Burlington.
INTERNET

Irish consumer morale steadies, political doubts linger

DUBLIN, 2 Dec — Irish consumer sentiment steadied in November, easing fears of a collapse, but economists warned that continued political uncertainty in the coming months could undermine the population's already fragile sense of security.

The surprisingly strong survey results, released just days after a 85-billion-euro (112) billion US dollars EU/IMF bailout of Ireland's finances and banks, came as Ireland's Justice Minister Dermot Ahern and another lawmaker from Prime Minister Brian Cowen's Fianna Fail party announced plans to stand down.

Those following the deepening euro zone crisis have turned their attention to Portugal following Sunday's rescue deal but uncertainty hangs over

Ireland's ability to mend its finances given the fragility of Cowen's government and a likely early general election next year.

The KBC Ireland / ESRI Consumer Sentiment Index inched up to 48.4 this month from 48.1 in October. That is well below the series high of 130.9 set in January 2000 and below a year-ago figure of 53.6, but comfortably above an all-time low of 39.6 set in July 2008.

KBC Chief Economist Austin Hughes described the results as surprisingly robust but said it was too early to draw conclusions about longer-term trends.

"In the light of the EU/IMF intervention that followed the survey period and the political uncertainty that still persists, it could be some months before Irish consumers are com-

pletely sure about their fate," he wrote in a report accompanying on Tuesday's survey.

MNA/Reuters

US environmentalists urge bluefin tuna boycott

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—A US environmental group on Tuesday urged consumers to boycott bluefin tuna after a conference of major fishing nations left the eastern Atlantic catch largely unchanged.

The Centre for Biological Diversity launched a campaign asking people to sign a pledge not to eat bluefin tuna or to patronize restaurants, among them some of the ritziest sushi joints in the United States, that serve the fish.

The 48-nation International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) last week rejected calls backed by the United States for a sharper reduction in the catch to ensure the species' survival.

"If regulators won't protect these magnificent fish, it's up to consumers and restaurants to eliminate the market demand, and that means refusing to eat, buy or serve this species," said Catherine Kilduff, a staff attorney for the advocacy group.

heavily in its e-readers, including the new Nookcolor, an associated book store and content such as children's books as it tries to retool itself for the future.

"We see a massive opportunity for Barnes & Noble in the growth of digital reading over the next five years," said CEO William Lynch. The e-reading push is necessary to offset tough competition from discounters and online

retailers and capitalize on the increasing popularity of digital books, he said.

"It's clear the market for physical books is flattening and will shrink in the future as digital content scales quickly," Lynch said. "With these dynamics driving the industry, there will be fewer book stores in this country, and we expect fewer non-book retailers selling books."

Internet

A sushi selection made from bluefin tuna.—INTERNET



While the Paris meeting related to eastern Atlantic bluefin tuna, Kilduff said that the group was encouraging a boycott of all bluefin tuna varieties due to fears for the species' survival.

Internet

Negotiators get down to details at UN climate talks

CANCUN, 2 Dec—Negotiators got down to the nitty-gritty on the second day of the world climate talks on Tuesday, grappling for a breakthrough on half a dozen issues that will revive the battered UN process.

By 10 December, the 12-day gathering hopes to kickstart operational work after a year in which political interest in climate change has all but dropped off the map.

"The discussions yesterday were generally good, but there are holes," said Nina Jamal of Indyact, a watchdog on green and social issues.

"But the negotiations are going to be complex if there is no flexibility by the parties and no political will."

The mood in Cancun remains darkened by memories of the December 2009 Copenhagen summit, where more than 120 world leaders came close to a historic fiasco.

A man walks in front of the main entrance of the Cancun Meese Convention Centre in Cancun, Mexico.
INTERNET



They had gone to the Danish Capital to bless an expected post-2012 pact to brake man-made greenhouse gases, blamed for driving the planet to a future of flood, drought, rising seas and freakish storms.—Internet

WTO's Lamy says final Doha countdown has begun

GENEVA, 2 Dec—Political leaders want negotiators to deliver them a global trade deal next year and the clock has started ticking on intensified talks, the head of the World Trade Organization said on Tuesday.

WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy said the G-20 and APEC summits this month had signaled they wanted the nine-year-old Doha Round concluded and 2011 was a window of opportunity.

"We have the political signal, we have the technical expertise and we have the work programme," Lamy told a WTO meeting called to review the state of the Doha talks. "The final countdown starts now." In Washington, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said a deal was "possible" in 2011 but criticized President Barack Obama's Administration for not doing more to accommodate developing countries' concerns.

The talks, launched to open up world trade and help developing countries prosper through increased commerce, have been stalled for two years. But a series of brainstorming contacts among WTO ambassadors in recent months has suggested ways to break the deadlock. At a meeting of the WTO's Trade Negotiations Committee, Lamy laid out a programme of intensified work for the coming months, starting in December, endorsed by almost all 153 members.

MNA/Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (359)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (359) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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File picture shows a technician preparing a power converter at a plant of Swiss engineering group ABB.—INTERNET

ABB to buy Baldor Electric for \$3.1 billion

ZURICH, 2 Dec—Swiss engineering group ABB (ABBN.VX) is to buy US industrial motors firm Baldor Electric Co (BEZ.N) for \$3.1 billion to capitalize on a global push for energy efficiency and boost its North American presence.

ABB agreed to pay \$63.50 a share, a 41 percent premium to Baldor's closing price on 29 November and an offer analysts regarded as pricey. The deal also included \$1.1 billion in net debt.

"The acquisition of Baldor would make sense strategically and is therefore a welcome," Vontobel analyst Panagiotis Spiliopoulos said in a note. "Yet the recommended purchase price is at the upper end of the economically defensible range."

Shares in ABB, which makes equipment for oil, gas and utilities companies, were up 0.56 percent at 19.62 Swiss francs, at 1034 GMT, compared with a 0.94 percent firmer STOXX industrial goods and services index (SXNP).—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DELIGHT VOY NO (144)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (144) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S PERAN SHIPPING S.A**

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September home prices fall faster than expected

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—Prices of single-family homes in September fell more than twice as fast as expected from the prior month, while prices compared to a year earlier rose more slowly than forecast, according to a widely watched index of US home prices released on Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller composite index of 20 metropolitan areas declined 0.8

percent in September from August on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Economists polled by Reuters had expected a decline of 0.3 percent.

S&P, which publishes the indexes, also said home prices in the 20 cities index rose 0.6 percent from September 2009, slower than the 1.1 percent expected.

Internet

Indian vegetable vendors sort through potatoes at market in New Delhi in August.—INTERNET

**INVITATION TO TENDER****Tender No.0001/Electric(Private)2010-2011**

Tenderers are invited to quote for the supply of materials for the Ingonc-Tawntawkwinn 132kV single circuit Transmission Line (11-miles) including Design and Technical Services.

Issuing Date 2.12.2010

Closing Date 15.12.2010

Tender forms and documents are available at the Marketing Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during Office hours. Tenderers shall be accepted only from bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially. (For Further details, Contact telephone number. 067-408298)

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In this photo taken on 14 Oct, 2010, Stephen Marshall, owner of Little House on the Trailer, relaxes in one of his one room houses in Petaluma, Calif.

INTERNET



India economy grows by forecast-beating 8.9 percent

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec—India's economy grew a forecast-beating 8.9 percent year-on-year in the July-September quarter,

data showed on Tuesday, underscoring the country's brisk recovery from the global financial crisis.

The healthy numbers brought temporary cheer to the Congress-led government, buffeted by a string of scandals including a damaging telecom corruption scam that could have cost the treasury up to 40 billion dollars.

"Amid all the depressing news, there is

a good news," Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said.

He said growth for the fiscal year to March 2011 could reach 8.75 percent "and maybe more" — higher than his initial 8.5 percent forecast — while the government's chief economic adviser Kaushik Basu said it was "not impossible" the country could log nine percent growth.

Internet

Jackson wrongful death case refiled

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec—Michael Jackson's father refiled a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday against the doctor charged in his son's death and added as a defendant a Las Vegas pharmacy that records show sold the physician a powerful anesthetic blamed for his death.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages against Dr Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty in the separate criminal case to involuntary manslaughter in the singer's June 2009 death.

Joe Jackson initially filed his case against Murray in federal court on the first anniversary of his son's death. A judge, however, refused to hear the case and said it should be handled in state court, where it was refiled Tuesday.

"This has been a long process and the facts of Michael's death have been way too slow in emerging," said Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman. "There is still much to discover and we're going to find it out."

The lawsuit also names Applied Pharmacy Services, which court records show sold Murray the anesthetic propofol during the month before the



In this on 5 March, 2009 file photo, US singer Michael Jackson is shown at a press conference.

INTERNET

singer's death. The pharmacy is accused of selling Murray excessive quantities of the anesthetic, which is normally administered in hospital settings.

Authorities have said the sale was legal.

Internet

'Winter's Bone' leads Spirit Awards with seven noms

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec—The rural crime thriller "Winter's Bone" earned a leading seven nominations Tuesday for the Spirit Awards honouring independent film, including best picture and acting honors for Jennifer Lawrence, John Hawkes and Dale Dickey.

Also nominated for best picture were James Franco's survival tale "127 Hours," Natalie Portman's ballet drama "Black Swan," Ben Stiller's dark romance "Greenberg" and Annette Bening's lesbian family drama "The Kids Are All Right."

The awards will be presented 26 Feb, the day before the Academy Awards.

"Winter's Bone," which won the top prize at last winter's Sundance



In this film publicity image released by Lionsgate, Jennifer Lawrence is shown in a scene.—INTERNET

Film Festival, also earned a best actress nomination for Lawrence, who stars as an Ozark Mountains teen on a desperate search through the region's criminal underbelly to find her missing father and save her family home.

The film also picked up supporting-acting slots for Hawkes and Dickey, a directing nomination for Debra Granik, a screenplay honour for Granik and cowriter Anne Rosellini, and a cinematography nomination.

"The Kids Are All Right" was second with five nominations, including a best-actress honour for Bening and a supporting actor slot for Mark Ruffalo.

Co star Julianne Moore missed out on a nomination for the comic drama about lesbian parents whose teenage children make contact with their sperm donor father.

Internet

NYC's Rockefeller Centre lit as thousands watch

The Rockefeller Centre Christmas tree stands lit during the 78th annual lighting ceremony on Tuesday.
INTERNET



NEW YORK, 2 Dec—Tens of thousands of people gathered in Rockefeller Centre on Tuesday night to watch the lighting of the country's most famous Christmas tree, just days after a terror scare at a tree lighting in Oregon. Mayor Michael Bloomberg helped turn on the 30,000 energy-efficient lights dressing the Christmas tree following a show featuring performances by Jessica Simpson, Sheryl Crow, Josh Groban, British singer Katherine Jenkins and teen pop star Charice. The 74-foot Norway spruce, donated by Peter and Stephanie Acton of Mahopac, NY,

will be on view until 7 Jan.

The event took place less than a week after the arrest of a 19-year-old Somali-American man charged in an alleged plot to blow up a car bomb at an Oregon Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Portland. "It kind of crossed my mind but not enough to keep me away," said 44-year-old Lisa Kingston, who was visiting from Canada with her friend and had wanted to see the event in person after many years of watching it on TV. Her sentiments were echoed by 41-year-old Bonnie Hixson of Lubbock, Texas.

Internet

'Jackass 3.5' to be released in Web installments

NEW YORK, 2 Dec—Johnny Knoxville's crew is again following a box-office release with a digital addendum called "Jackass 3.5."

Producers Paramount Pictures and MTV Films announced on Tuesday that "Jackass 3.5" will be released in weekly online installments, with a subsequent feature-length film released digitally in March. Exactly where "Jackass 3.5" will be available wasn't announced.

The footage will feature surplus stunts

from "Jackass 3D," which has earned more than \$116 million at the box office since its October release.

In 2007, "Jackass 2.5" similarly followed "Jackass Number Two." It claimed to be the first broadband movie distributed by a major studio. "Jackass 2.5" was streamed for a week for free by Blockbuster Inc, then made available for download and on DVD. A representative for the film says "Jackass 3.5" and "Jackass 3D" are different projects.

Internet



Pop megastar Lady Gaga.

INTERNET

Gaga urges repeal of US ban on gays in military

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—Pop megastar Lady Gaga used her celebrity platform to press for repeal of a US law forbidding gays from serving openly in the military, as lawmakers prepared Tuesday to receive a report on the effects of ending the controversial ban.

"The Senate needs to get this bill passed this year to repeal 'Don't Ask Don't Tell,' otherwise it can take years for it to happen," the singer says in the two-minute long YouTube video released late Monday.

"We have to end this law because it reinforces discrimination and it's setting a bad example," says Gaga, curled on a couch wearing cropped bangs and her signature oversized sunglasses.

"We've known for many years that an overwhelming majority of Americans are ready to repeal," Lady Gaga said, drawing a link between a recent spate of gay suicides and the ban which she said is emblematic of "government repression that is killing our youth."—Internet



President of the Football Association, Britain's Prince William, left, with Britain's Prime Minister.

INTERNET

For soccer peace, cup bidding must be reformed

ZURICH, 2 Dec — It will be great drama: Soccer supremo Sepp Blatter announcing which countries — by bending over backward, twisting arms and offering who knows what else in promises — have won the right to host the World Cups of 2018 and 2022.

But there won't be peace of mind. Not after the unseemly developments of recent weeks that proved the World Cup bidding process and those who manage it need reforming to be more credible. Not after the allegations of back-room deals, votes for sale

and corruption that have tainted Blatter's organization but don't appear to bother the FIFA president as much as they should.

Nor can faith in FIFA be restored without more accountability, more transparency, more honesty. The two winners on Thursday, picked from nine bidders, will cheer, as they invariably do. But soccer shouldn't rejoice about the way its showcase tournament is fought for by governments and awarded by FIFA for reasons that aren't solely about the best bid.

INTERNET

Slick City sweep into Europa League knockout round

PARIS, 2 DEC — Manchester City soothed their domestic woes with a resounding 3-0 defeat of FC Salzburg to book their place in the knockout round of the Europa League on Wednesday.

Roberto Mancini side have slipped steadily down the Premier League standings in recent weeks and they came into this penultimate round in Europe's second-tier competition looking to perform after a disappointing 1-1

draw with Stoke last weekend.

Salzburg had yet to win any of their four



Manchester City's Irish goalkeeper Shay Given stands in the snow during the UEFA Europa League group.—INTERNET

FA condemn pitch invasion on eve of 2018 vote

LONDON, 2 Dec — English football chiefs pressed for the "stiffest available sanctions" for those involved in a pitch invasion following Birmingham's League Cup win over Aston Villa on Wednesday that threatened to tarnish their bid to stage the 2018 World Cup.

Just a day before delegates from world football governing body FIFA vote in Zurich on both the 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosts, there was a scene that Birmingham boss Alex McLeish said was a return to the "Dark Ages" of the 1980s when English football was synonymous with fan violence.

It was a further public relations problem for England bid bosses after the fall-out from a BBC television "Panorama" programme broadcast Monday that made allegations of corruption within FIFA.—INTERNET

Schalke keep faith with Magath

BERLIN, 2 Dec — Schalke 04 are to keep faith with embattled coach Felix Magath, the Bundesliga club confirmed after crisis talks late Wednesday.

Magath's future was in question after the Royal Blues were hammered 5-0 by Kaiserslautern last Saturday with one report suggesting former Tottenham boss Christian Gross was being lined up as a replacement.

But Schalke directors



Schalke 04 are to keep faith with embattled coach Felix Magath, seen here in November 2010, the Bundesliga.

INTERNET

emerged from a two hour meeting with Magath to confirm they were sticking by their manager.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Demolition man Cartu hit by UEFA ban



European football's ruling body UEFA has slapped a one-match European ban on Romanian coach Sorin Cartu.—INTERNET

PARIS, 2 Dec — European football's ruling body UEFA has slapped a one-match European ban on Romanian coach Sorin Cartu after he kicked down the visiting team dugout during a Champions League match at Basel last week. Cartu's moment of madness came as his side were crashing out of the competition on the back of a 1-0 loss to the Swiss side.

He repeatedly kicked the side of the shelter, smashing through the plastic structure and had to be restrained from causing further damage by another team official sitting next to him. Cartu has already been sacked by his club, Romanian champions Cluj, following the incident, and been replaced by Alin Munteanu.

As well as the ban, which is applicable to all European club competitions, UEFA handed Cartu a 10,000 euros fine for unsporting behaviour.

INTERNET



Birmingham City supporters invade the pitch after beating Aston Villa in the English Football League.—INTERNET

Czech Premier League facing cash crisis

PRAGUE, 2 Dec — Football clubs in the Czech Republic are so cash-strapped that the country's Premier League is sitting on a financial timebomb, according to press reports Wednesday.

Leading daily Sport pointed the finger at all clubs in the top flight but in particular 2008 and 2009 league champions Slavia Prague.

The report said the club owes its players back pay amounting to 30 million koruny (1.2 million euros) and owes 112 million koruny (4.5 million euros) to its former owner,

British investment company ENIC.

The situation has become so dire that players at the capital club currently languishing in 14th place after 17 league matches are looking elsewhere.—INTERNET



Football clubs in the Czech Republic, in particular 2008 and 2009 league champions Slavia Prague.—INTERNET

I don't need an ego-boost, insists Bayern's Gomez

BERLIN, 2 Dec — Bayern Munich striker Mario Gomez has refuted suggestions in the German press that his re-found form is only down to having his ego boosted by Bayern's Dutch coach van Gaal.

"I'm not as sensitive as I am often presented in the

media," the Germany forward, who has scored 15 goals in his last ten matches, told German magazine Sport Bild.

"I do not need to hear compliments every day. I just do my job the best I can and Louis van Gaal has chosen me when everyone was available."

The 25-year-old became the most expensive signing in Bundesliga history when he moved to Munich from Stuttgart in July 2009 for 30 million euros (39 million US dollars).—INTERNET



Bayern Munich striker Mario Gomez

Weather wipes out SPL programme

GLASGOW, 2 Dec — All of this Saturday's six matches in the Scottish Premier League (SPL) have been postponed because of the cold snap that has hit much of Britain.

That means there will be no action at all in the 12-club SPL this weekend, with Saturday's fixtures between Aberdeen and Celtic, Hibernian and St Mirren, Inverness and Dundee United, Motherwell and Kilmarnock, Rangers and Hearts and St Johnstone and Hamilton all having to be re-scheduled for a later date. An SPL statement read: "In light of the severe weather conditions across Scotland, which are fore-

cast to continue for some time, all Clydesdale Bank Premier League games have been postponed this Saturday, 4 December.

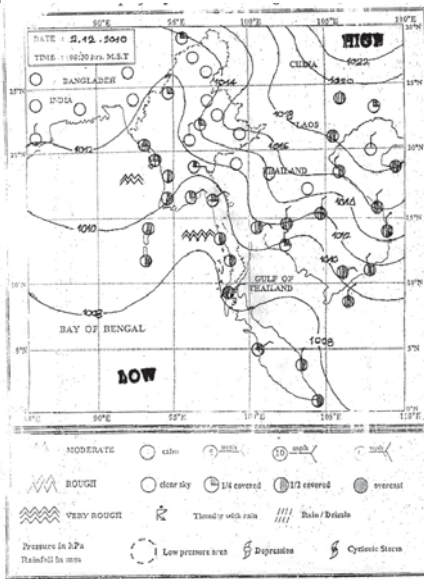
"It is hoped that this early notice of postponement, whilst disappointing, will allow everyone to plan accordingly. New dates for the fixtures will be announced in due course."

INTERNET



Heavy snow is pictured on cars in Linlithgow, in Scotland, on 30 November.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 2nd December, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) above December average temperatures in Shan and Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Pinlaung (5°C) and Machanbaw (6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded was Kawthoung (0.12) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-12-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 2-12-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-12-2010 was (74%). Rainfall on 2-12-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 1-12-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 2-12-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-12-2010 was (64%). Total sunshine hours on 1-12-2010 was (8.6) hours.

Rainfall on 2-12-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon,

Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.76) inches at Mingaladon, (96.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (17:30) hours MST on 1-12-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd December 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Four killed after Philippine robbers hijack bus

MANILA, 2 Dec — Robbers seized a passenger bus and engaged security forces in a highway chase and gunbattle that killed four civilians in the Philippines, police said on Thursday. The army initially blamed New People's Army rebels waging a 41-year rural-based insurgency for the shootout Wednesday east of the capital, Manila, as rebel and government representatives met in informal talks in Hong Kong.

An investigation later showed three robbers commandeered the bus as a getaway vehicle, rammed through police and army roadblocks and opened fire on security forces chasing them, said Quezon provincial police chief Eric Velasquez. He said the bus conductor, one male, and two female passengers were killed after the driver slammed the bus into a tree. Velasquez said two suspects were in custody and one escaped.—Internet



Photo taken on 27 Nov, 2010 shows the beautiful scenery of the grand canyon located in Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, central China's Hubei Province.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (3-12-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
 Oversea Transmission - (3-12-10 09:30 am ~ 4-12-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Those who never give up
- * News
- * Shrinking Footprints
- * News
- * IT Youths & Knowledge Age
- * Gothic Dream
- * News
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Mutton Curry"
- * Serenely Pleasant Pindaya

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- * Serenely Pleasant Pindaya
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Architecture of the Great Ananda
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments "Drum Making"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * City Mart
- * News
- * Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay
- * Myanmar Movie "Unchangeable Love"



Friday,
3 December
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:05 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:15 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:30 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Song Of National Races

4:30 pm

4. Songs Of Yester Years

4:40 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:15 pm

8. Documentary

5:25 pm

9. World Disable Day

5:35 pm

10. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoethwin

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)

19. TV Drama Series

20. Song Lover

- ★ 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

Wagadok Dam helps green area within 30 miles radius of Yangon

Byline & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



The control tower is kept clean.

Now, a plan is ongoing for greening the area 30 miles radius of Yangon all-year round. As part of the drive, Wagadok Dam Project was launched on 1 January 2004, which was put into service on 26 January 2008.

Wagadok Dam is about four miles upstream

Taunghsat-in Village in Bago Township, Bago Region. On our trip by Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Express Train, we dropped in Bago Station. From Phayagyi Junction, we drove for 13 miles along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Then, we turned right and arrived at the dam.

(See page 9)

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — The first round matches of the 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued at the venues of designated zones this afternoon.

At Eastern Command Zone (Taunggyi), Nay Pyi Taw Command (A) team beat Western Command (C) team 2-0. At South-West Command Zone (Patheingyi), South-East Command (A) team won over No (33) LID team 3-2. At North-West Command Zone (Monywa), No (55) LID team routed South-West Command team 1-0. At Southern Command Zone (Toungtha), Western Command (A) team hammered No (44) LID team 6-0. At Yangon Command Zone (Yangon), Northern Command (C) team won over No (101) LID team 2-1. At Central Command Zone (Mandalay), Coastal Region Command (A) team upset Eastern Command (B) team 7-0. — MNA

Traffic rules educative talk given in Ywadow Village

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — Organized by Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force, an educative talk on traffic rules was held in Ywadow Village, Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District on 27 November.

Police Inspector Khin Maung Shwe of company-2 of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on traffic rules. Until 26 November, there were 296 traffic accidents, leaving 520 injured and 160 dead. Pamphlets on traffic rules were also handed out. — MNA