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Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are to collectively conserve all raw material sources and to ensure their sustainable development

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The following is the translation of the message to 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe. The full text of the message is as follows:-

Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference has been held in amity and unity yearly with lofty objectives since 2000: to raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine in all aspects, to improve the Myanmar traditional medicine, to enforce rules of conduct for Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners, and to provide better health care to the people with traditional medicine. I am proud and glad that the conference is in its 11th anniversary this year.

I wish you harmony in holding talks and

exchanging views at the conference held in line with fine traditions and greater success in working together to make Myanmar traditional medicine popular worldwide.

It is very heartening to note that there have been many achievements that will go down in the annals of the history of Myanmar traditional medicine due to the efforts Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have been making in harness for more than a decade or since the first conference.

The government has been dedicating itself to

nation-building tasks hand in hand with the entire people in its bid to enable the discipline-flourishing modern and developed Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of other countries in the international community. In that regard, boosting production of healthy and fit human resources is necessary for the nation. Today, both urban and rural people across the Union of Myanmar place trust and reliance on Myanmar traditional medicine. And Myanmar traditional medicines are commonly used in rural areas, whose

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Natural fertilizer needs will be fulfilled only when fertilizer plants nationwide can operate at full capacity

Prime Minister attends opening of No.4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—No.4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy was opened in Myaungdaga Village, Hmawby Township, Yangon Region, this morning. Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander

of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, ministers, deputy ministers, factory staff and guests.

First, the commander and Minister for Energy U Lun Thi formally opened the fertilizer plant and the Prime Minister posed for a documentary photo together with those present. The Prime Minister formally unveiled the stone plaque of the plant. He next inspected production process of ammonia and

urea fertilizers.

At the briefing hall, the energy minister reported to the Prime Minister on the location and area of the plant, requirements of raw materials, products and mechanical parts.

In response, the Prime Minister said the country, despite making its efforts for emergence

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga).—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve, promote cultural heritage

Soon after human beings settled in the land, later known as Myanmar, the country saw the dawn of civilization. Objects of aboveground cultural heritage indicate that the nation stood with its own territory and culture, which is further supported by objectives discovered below the ground.

Bagan, one of Myanmar archaeological regions, has a very large number of pagodas, stupas and temples. Many artistic paintings are still on the walls of their precincts; and many artistic works, in archaeological buildings.

Now, the Ministry of Culture is excavating Mongmao, Pinle Myohaung in Myittha Township, and Wadi Myohaung in Natogyi Township, apart from city states with high civilization such as Vissano, Dagaung, Hanlin and Srikestra. It stills discovers ancient buildings, mounds, burial urns, and utensils.

Wadi Myohaung in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region, has been excavated since 2008-2009. Bronze and stone artifacts, oyster shells, mica sheets, charcoals, four-edged daggers, and iron nails were found in the third excavation. These artifacts are similar to that unearthed in Vissano, Hanlin and Srikestra city states. So, it is deduced that Wadi Myohaung was part of Pyu city state.

In addition, according to the brick foundations of the buildings, city walls, iron and earthen utensils, and pieces of broken earthen pots of early Pyu Period, Wadi Myohaung was established in early Pyu Period.

Archaeological buildings and artistic artifacts are priceless as they are the nation's cultural heritage. If the people continue to preserve archaeological buildings and artifacts region-wise, and excavate ancient regions for evidences of cultural heritage, Myanmar's cultural heritage will last long.

OSIM opens new showroom at Junction Maw Tin

YANGON, 5 Dec—In order to fulfill the desire of those interested in healthy lifestyle products and OSIM members, the opening of new shop of OSIM took place at OSIM showroom at No. 307,



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

Myanmar traditional ...

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residents make up the majority of the nation's population, and in far-flung areas. The government is implementing national health plans it has laid down systematically to provide health care to the entire people. Traditional medicine practitioners' fine traditional medicine, modern therapies and potent traditional medicines without any side effects play a major role in the plans.

The health plans have many tangible benefits for the health sector of the nation due to the fact that the resolutions passed unanimously through thorough discussions at the conference are applied in community health care services and in the programmes for improvement of traditional medicine.

In fact, Myanmar traditional medicine is a heritage with high historical value. It is also national medicine which has been used and developed according to Myanmar's climate patterns, geographical features, culture, customs and traditions preserved in the course of the Myanmar history since monarchical periods. Myanmar people are strongly equipped with nationalistic spirit. Throughout the history of the nation, they were worldwide regarded as a people that enjoyed good health and longevity and had high national prestige and integrity, and had high physical and mental prowess due to the health care with traditional medicine.

In compounding medicines to help contribute towards the uplift of health and fitness of the entire people, Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners use herbs that grow naturally in abundance in the nation along with marine and land products and animal products. Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are therefore under a duty to collectively conserve those sources to avoid their scarcity and extinction and to ensure their sustainable development.

In the drive for improving Myanmar traditional medicine into an internationally recognized medicine, it is required to speed up the momentum of doing scientific research in compounding traditional medicines, and to coordinate modern medicine and traditional medicine with the use of modern equipment in diagnosing diseases. Being originally effective with fine traditions, Myanmar Traditional medicine is a source of national pride. On the occasion of the 11th Myanmar traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference, I would like to urge you to work harder and more harmoniously than ever in carrying out scientific research for Myanmar traditional medicine to achieve international recognition and respect as reliable medicine.

In conclusion, I wish you success in working together to put the noble objectives and work programmes of the conference into reality and to ensure that traditional Myanmar medicine lasts as long as the world exists and gains international reputation for its potency.



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Kingdom of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi at the birthday reception of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej at the ambassador's residence in Yangon on 5 December.

MNA

in third floor of Junction Maw Tin at the junction of Anawrahta Street and Lanthit Street in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon today.

The latest imported devices—uSoffa Petit, uKimono, uSqueez Warm, uRelax, UPa Pa Hug—

New shop of OSIM seen at No. 307 on third floor of Junction Maw Tin at the corner of Anawrahta and Lanthit Streets in Lanmadaw Township.—MNA

are available at fair price at the showroom in addition to One Day Only Special Discount programme from 10 am to 6 pm to mark its debut.

Moreover, the X'mas promotion programmes will also be introduced at reasonable price at OSIM showrooms in Traders Hotel, Grand Mee Yahta Hotel, Casabella-Ygn, Casabella-Mdy and OSIM Maw Tin. Any interested persons may phone (240289 and 09-5156645) to get further information.—MNA

Russian airliner makes emergency landing, two dead

Moscow, 5 Dec—Two people died and dozens were injured on Saturday when a Russian airliner ran off the runway during an emergency landing at Moscow's Domodedovo airport, a Russian aviation official said. The *Tupolev-154* plane, operated by Dagestan Airlines, took off from Vnukovo airport, also outside Moscow, and made an emergency landing nearly 30 minutes later after all three engines failed.

"Two people were killed," said Sergei Izvolovsky, an official at Russia's state-owned aviation agency. Russian

news agencies said the two dead were passengers. "The planes' three engines stopped working nearly 80 kilometres (50 miles) away from Domodedovo and the navigation system failed. The reason why is not yet known," Izvolovsky said. At least 87 passengers were hospitalized at various clinics near the airport, said Timur Sikmatov, a spokesman at the transport ministry.

The plane was carrying 163 passengers and nine crew, said Izvolovsky at the Russian aviation agency.

MNA/Reuters



Afghan children look from behind barbed wire at the site of a suicide attack near the former Afghan Royal Palace in Kabul on 12 November. Children may be safer in the Afghan capital than in London or New York despite a deadly nine-year Taliban militancy, NATO's top civilian representative in the country has said.—INTERNET

Release of top Taliban fighters concerns US

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—The United States has expressed its concern to the Afghan government about reports Afghan security forces have freed captured senior Taliban for payment or political motives, a US State Department spokesman said on Friday. *Reuters* was first to report on 30th November at the freeing of top Taliban fighters was widespread, with President Hamid Karzai and his powerful brother among those authorizing and requesting releases.

"It is something that we are concerned about, and we have discussed with the Afghan government," State Department spokesman PJ Crowley told reporters. "It is imperative that law enforcement and judicial

institutions be able to perform their important functions free of inappropriate political influence," he added. The practice is so frequent that the Taliban has organized a committee that works solely to get their fighters out of jail.

The releases, which were confirmed to *Reuters* by several sources familiar with a range of cases, also raise questions about the capacity and political will of Afghan security forces meant to be taking over from foreign troops starting next year.

US forces will begin drawing down numbers from next July and NATO hopes to meet Karzai's 2014 target for all security to be provided by Afghan police and military.

Reuters

The wreckage of a bus is seen at the site of a traffic accident in Hillah, about 60 miles (95 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET



Detainees are displayed for the media during a news conference by Iraq's Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani in Baghdad on 2 Dec, 2010. Security forces arrested 39 al-Qaeda militants, including the group's leadership in Anbar Province and one of its top officers in Iraq, in raids over the last five weeks, Iraq's Interior Minister said on Thursday.—INTERNET

Pakistan arrests five suspects linked to 2009 attack

LAHORE, 5 Dec—Pakistani police say they have arrested five militants suspects linked to last year's attack on the country's military intelligence agency that killed 30 people.

Police chief Aslam Tareen said on Friday that the men had confessed to orches-

trating the attack on the offices in the eastern city of Lahore with guns, grenades and a car bomb.

Tareen says the suspects had links to the Pakistani Taliban and were planning new attacks on Shiite Muslims during a religious holiday beginning next week.

He did not say how and when they were captured. Next week's Muharram holiday is important for Shiites, who stage processions mourning the 7th century death of the Prophet Mohammed's grandson that led to Islam's split into Shiite and Sunni sects.—Internet

Suicide attack kills four near NATO base in Afghanistan

KHOST, 5 Dec—A suicide bomber killed two foreign troops and two Afghan civilians in a bazaar outside a NATO base in southeastern Afghanistan on Sunday, and wounded nearly 20 others, NATO and Afghan officials said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast in Gardez District of Paktia Province, near the Pakistan border.

Major S Justin Platt, spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Paktia confirmed there had been several casualties.

"There were two ISAF soldiers and six wounded," Platt told *Reuters* by phone from the region. ISAF officials in Kabul confirmed it was a suicide blast.

MNA/Reuters

Rearview cameras could become more common in cars

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—Rearview cameras could become more common in future cars and trucks under rules proposed by the government Friday to address concerns about drivers unintentionally backing over children.

The new requirements from the Transportation Department are intended to improve rear visibility in cars by the 2014 model year. Most carmakers would comply by installing rear-mounted video cameras and in-vehicle displays. The government estimated that video systems would add about \$200 to the cost of each new vehicle. Congress in 2008 set in motion the safety upgrades in response to dozens of accidents in which children were backed over.—Internet



This image provided by Vandenberg Air Force Base shows the X-37B unmanned spaceplane shortly after landing on 3 Dec, 2010 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. —INTERNET

Unmanned US spacecraft returns after 7-month trip

LOS ANGELES, 5 Dec—The US military's secretive X-37B unmanned spaceplane slipped out of orbit and landed itself in early morning darkness Friday at a California airbase after a successful maiden flight that lasted more than seven months, the Air Force said. The stubby-winged, robotic craft fired its engine to begin re-entry into Earth's atmosphere and autonomously landed at 1:16 am PST at coastal Vandenberg Air Force Base, 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Range safety officers were on hand to track its descent over the Pacific and activate a destruct mechanism if the landing needed to be aborted. There were no immediate reports of any sonic

booms being heard. Vandenberg released infrared camera video of the craft rolling to a stop, recovery crews approaching in vehicles and working around it in protective suits, much the way space shuttles are handled upon landing.

The Air Force had emphasized that the primary purpose of the flight was to test the craft itself but classified its actual activities in orbit, leading to speculation about whether it carried some type of spying system in its small payload bay. Programme manager Lt Col Troy Giese said in a statement that all objectives were completed and the landing culminated a successful mission.—*Internet*

One in three Americans already got a flu shot this year

NEW YORK, 5 Dec—As the flu season gets under way, about 1 in 3 Americans have already been vaccinated, health officials reported on Friday. That's about the same rate or even a little ahead of seasonal flu vaccinations at this time last year, said Dr Anne Schuchat, of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. "We find that very encouraging," said Schuchat, noting that the flu hasn't been in the headlines as it was last year during the swine flu global epidemic.

In a survey of adults and children, a third reported getting vaccinated, 15 percent said they would definitely get vaccinated and another 25 percent said they

probably would, she said. Flu usually peaks between January and March but was widespread a year ago because of swine flu. So far, flu activity nationwide has been low except in the Southeast, particularly in Georgia. "Don't be fooled by the past few months. Flu is coming," warned Schuchat during a teleconference.

For the first time, officials this year are urging nearly everyone to get protected with a flu shot or nasal spray. The only exception is babies younger than 6 months. Fears of swine flu last year helped boost vaccination for the ordinary flu to a record 40 percent of adults and children.

Internet

New BP challenge to spill size could affect fine

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—BP is mounting a new challenge to the US government's estimates of how much oil flowed from the runaway well deep below the Gulf of Mexico, an argument that could reduce by billions of dollars the federal pollution fines it faces for the largest offshore oil spill in history.

BP's lawyers are arguing that the government overstated the spill by 20 to 50 percent, staffers working for the presidential oil spill commission said Friday. In a 10-page document obtained by *The Associated Press*, BP says the government's spill estimate of 206 million gallons is "overstated by a significant amount" and the company said any consensus around that number is premature and inaccurate. The company submitted the document to the commission, the Justice Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"They rely on incomplete or inaccurate information, rest in large part on assumptions that have not been validated, and are subject to far greater uncertainties than have been acknowledged," BP wrote. "BP fully intends to present its own estimate as soon as the information is available to get the science right." a statement Friday, the company said



Oil gushes from BP's ruptured well in the Gulf of Mexico, in this frame grab captured from a BP live video feed on 11 July, 2010. — INTERNET

the government's estimates failed to account for equipment that could obstruct the flow of oil and gas, such as the blowout preventer, making its numbers "highly unreliable."

Internet

Ore police investigates an arson fire

CORVALLIS, 5 Dec—Police investigating an arson fire at the Islamic centre where the Somali-born suspect in a Portland mass killing plot sometimes worshipped have searched a neighbouring home and taken body cell samples from the man who lives there, court records show. Authorities have been looking into whether the blaze at Corvallis' Salman Alfarisi Centre was in retaliation for the alleged plot at Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square.

The man was identified in court documents as Cody Crawford, 24. No one has yet been arrested, the FBI said Friday. An affidavit says the house was searched Monday, a day after someone tried to burn the centre. The document says Crawford and his mother live 200 feet from it. No one came to the door Friday night when an *Associated Press* reporter knocked.

In the bomb plot, Mohamed Osman Mohamud, 19, has pleaded not guilty to attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction during the annual lighting of the Portland's Christmas tree a week ago. The FBI said it arrested Mohamud after a sting operation that featured six 55-gallon drums rigged to look like a bomb and placed in a van across the street from the square.

Internet

Two more rare red foxes confirmed in Sierra Nevada

RENO, 5 Dec—Federal wildlife biologists have confirmed sightings of two more Sierra Nevada red foxes that once were thought to be extinct. Scientists believe the foxes are related to another that was photographed this summer near Yosemite National Park. More importantly, they say, DNA samples show enough diversity in the Sierra Nevada red foxes to suggest a "fairly strong population" of the animals may secretly be doing quite well in the rugged mountains about 90 miles south of Reno.

The first confirmed sighting of the subspecies in two decades came in August when a remote camera captured the image of a female fox in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near Sonora Pass. Forest Service officials confirmed Friday that two more foxes

—one male and one female—were photographed in September in the neighboring Stanislaus National Forest, about 4 miles from the original. That indicates there is the "continued persistence of a genetically unique population of Sierra Nevada red fox in the southern Sierra Nevada, rather than a single individual," the agency said.

Internet



In this photo taken on 6 Sept, 2010 and provided by the US Forest Service, a red fox is seen after it was photographed with a remote camera north of Yosemite National Park.

INTERNET

Jobless rate jump casts cloud on recovery



Job seekers take part in a professional placement network focus group exercise at the Workforce Alliance Career Center in West Palm Beach, Florida on 2 Dec, 2010. —INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—US employment barely grew in November and the jobless rate unexpectedly hit a seven-month high, hardening views the Federal Reserve would stick to its \$600 billion plan to shore

up the anemic recovery.

Nonfarm payrolls rose 39,000, with private hiring gaining only 50,000, just a third of what economists had expected, a Labour Department report showed on Friday. The unemployment rate jumped to 9.8 percent from 9.6 percent in October.

The weak report was a surprise given the relative strength of some other recent economic signals, including robust retail sales. Economists had expected 140,000 new jobs and a steady unemployment rate. While the data raised a warning flag, many analysts cautioned against reading too much into it. "The report comes as an unwelcome bucket of cold water," said Nigel Gault, chief US economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Massachusetts. "We're reluctant to take it at face value and suspect that it is an outlier on the downside but it does underline that the recovery remains a gradual one." —Reuters

Google vows quicker, tougher copyright enforcement

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Dec—Google Inc is promising to do a better job of weeding out copyright violations on the Internet. As part of a crackdown announced Thursday, the Internet search leader said it will respond to complaints about pirated material posted on its YouTube video site and other services within 24 hours. Google didn't specify what its average response time is now, but many copyright holders have griped in the past about the company taking too long to remove videos or other content posted illegally.

Under federal laws, websites aren't held liable for hosting unauthorized copyright content, as long as they remove the pirated material after being notified of the problem. That can be a daunting task



The Google logo is seen at the Google headquarters in Brussels. INTERNET

given that Google's search engine indexes more than 1 trillion unique Web links and about 35 hours of video is uploaded to YouTube per minute. YouTube was swamped with pirated video in its early days, outraging television broadcasters and movie studios. The rampant violations prompted Viacom Inc to sue Google and YouTube for \$1 billion in damages, but a federal judge concluded Google and YouTube had followed the law in a ruling earlier this year. Viacom plans to

appeal that decision Friday.

Google has tried to prevent pirated video and music from appearing on YouTube by introducing technology that automatically detects unauthorized content. Without providing specifics, Google said it will be introducing more tools to make it easier and quicker to flag copyright violations. The changes that will be rolled out during the next month will include countermeasures to allow people to challenge copyright complaints. —Internet

Google buys huge NYC building for about \$1.8 billion

NEW YORK, 5 Dec—Google Inc (GOOGL) has signed a deal to buy a huge Manhattan building, where it is a tenant, for \$1.8 billion in one of the largest sales of a single building this year, according to a person close to the transaction.

Google, was the winner of a competitive bid for property, owned at 111 Eighth Ave in Manhattan's Chelsea neighbourhood, said a source familiar with the deal, but who was not authorized to speak publicly. The price comes down to about \$600 per square foot.

Google could not be reached immediately. The world's dominate

Internet search engine occupies about 20 percent of the 2.95 million square foot building, which is owned by Taconic Investment Partners, the New York State Common Retirement Fund and German investment group Jamestown Properties.

The building last changed hands in 1998, the source said. It was originally developed as the headquarters of the Port Authority of New York and occupies an entire square block between Eighth and Ninth avenues and 15th and 16th Streets.

It is the second largest building in New York City.

Reuters

China welcomes WTO ruling on EU anti-dumping duties on China fasteners

BEIJING, 5 Dec—China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC) Friday welcomed ruling from the World Trade Organization (WTO) that the European Union (EU) anti-dumping duties on Chinese screws and bolts were discriminatory and are in violation of global commerce rules.

For a long time, the EU has been requiring Chinese exporters to prove they meet with the "single duty" requirements when they are responding to anti-dumping cases, bringing a heavy burden and unfair treatment to Chinese companies, said an official with the MOC.

In particular the WTO ruled the EU's single duty requirements and practices are discriminatory and

violated WTO rules. China urged the EU to respect the WTO ruling and rid itself of codes or practices that go against WTO rules and treat Chinese exporters fairly to ensure normal trade between China and the EU, the official said.

At the beginning of 2009, the EU decided to impose anti-dumping duties of up to 87 percent for the next five years on fasteners imported from China. The WTO set up an expert panel on 23 Oct, 2009 after China initiated the WTO case on 31 July, 2009, saying anti-dumping measures taken by the EU against the import of Chinese steel fasteners violated WTO trade rules.

Xinhua

RV industry rebounding, led by smaller trailers

LOUISVILLE, 5 Dec—American families are ready to hitch up their trailers and tow the RV industry out of its worst stretch in nearly two decades. The industry was driven into the ditch last year by the Great Recession. Sales plunged, plants closed and thousands of jobs were cut as orders for recreational vehicles dropped to their worst level since 1991.

Now, RV makers

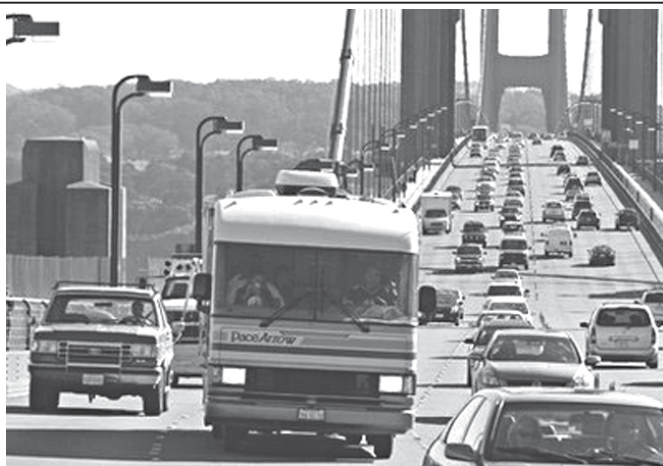
such as Winnebago are starting to turn profits and have begun to hire. And dealers are ordering more RVs for their showrooms. This year, shipments of RVs ranging from entry-level pop-ups to spacious motor homes are expected to hit their highest level since 2007, when the economic downturn began.

The upswing is a sign that somewhat looser credit, stable fuel prices

and improved consumer confidence are inspiring Americans to buy more RVs. "Things are starting to look up," says Tim O'Brien, president of an RV dealership in Lapeer, Mich, where sales are up 55 percent from a year ago.

"People are ready to get out from underneath the frugality of the last couple of years and go out and have some fun and recreation," he says.

Internet



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Qantas Airbus A380 saved by 'quick' crew, says ATSB



The engine explosion on one of the A380s sparked a global safety review. The engine explosion on one of the A380s sparked a global safety review.—

INTERNET

SYDNEY, 5 Dec—The Qantas Airbus A380 that experienced an engine explosion would not have arrived safely without the quick thinking of crew, a report has said. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has published its report into the incident. The ATSB

confirmed that an oil leak was the likely cause of the blow-out.

"The aircraft would not have arrived safely in Singapore without the focused and effective action of the flight crew," the report said. The report also pointed out that there were five pilots on board the superjumbo aircraft, with a combined 72,000 hours of flying experience, on 4 November when the incident took place. Those at the controls of the A380 struggled with more than a dozen system errors after the engine blew, the ATSB added.

The bureau said a suspected manufacturing problem with an oil pipe in one of the plane's four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines may have led to an oil leak. That could have sparked a fire in a hot part of the engine, causing a disintegration of one of the engine's turbine discs. Pieces of the disc were then fired through a wing, cutting electronics and causing numerous system problems.—*Internet*

Bus with UMass students on ski trip crashes in Vermont

MONTPELIER, 5 Dec—A tour bus carrying University of Massachusetts students and others on a weekend ski trip to Quebec crashed on Friday on a Vermont highway, injuring 17 people. The bus, one of three traveling in a caravan, veered off Interstate 91 in Putney and went down an embankment, coming to rest on its side. Twenty-eight people on the bus were unhurt.

The bus driver was taken by helicopter to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Centre in Lebanon, NH, and was listed in stable condition. The group was on a private ski tour that was not affiliated with the school, UMass spokesman Patrick Callahan said. Not all the passengers on the bus were UMass students, he said. The school sent university vehicles to Vermont to transport students back to campus, Callahan said.

Seven passengers were taken to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital with cuts and bruises, and they were treated and released, spokeswoman Barbara Gentry said. An eighth had a neck injury and was X-rayed, but he, too, was released, she said. Eight passengers with minor injuries were treated and released from Springfield Hospital. Police initially said 30 people were injured, three critically, but later revised the figure to 17 injured.

Internet

German man arrested for mailing tarantulas to US

LOS ANGELES, 5 Dec—A German man who allegedly shipped hundreds of live tarantulas into the United States through the mail was charged on Friday with illegally importing

wildlife. Sven Koppler, a 37-year-old German national, was arrested by federal agents late on Thursday, shortly after arriving in Los Angeles to meet an associate, US Attorney's spokesman

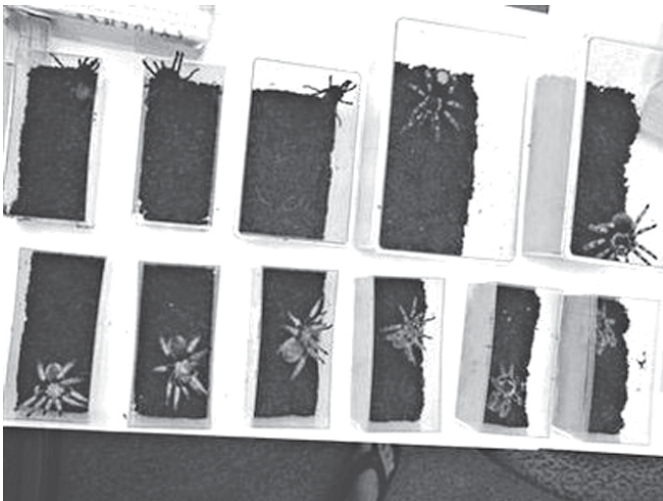
Thom Mrozek said in a written statement.

Mrozek said the investigation into Koppler began in March, when a routine inspection turned up about 300 live tarantulas in a package

mailed to Los Angeles. US Fish and Wildlife Service agents then intercepted two more packages, one containing nearly 250 live tarantulas, wrapped in colored plastic straws. The second package was found to hold 22 Mexican red-kneed tarantulas, a species formally known as *Brachypelma smithi* that is protected under an international treaty.

Mrozek said Fish and Wildlife agents, conducting an investigation dubbed "Operation Spiderman" ordered more spiders from Koppler and were sent a total of five packages containing dozens of live and dead tarantulas. According to the criminal complaint, agents believe Koppler has received about \$300,000 for selling tarantulas to individuals in dozens of countries throughout the world.

MNA/Reuters



Confiscated tarantulas are shown in this photo released by the US Department of Justice to Reuters on 3 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

Man pleads not guilty to running vast spam network

MILWAUKEE, 5 Dec—A 23-year-old Russian man accused of masterminding a vast worldwide spamming network pleaded not guilty Friday in federal court in Wisconsin to violating a US anti-spam law. The judge ordered Oleg Y Nikolaenko held without bond, saying he was a flight risk because of his access to cash and his lack of ties to Wisconsin or the US.

Nikolaenko was brought into court wearing bright orange prison pants and matching sweatshirt and shackled at the ankles. His attorney entered the plea as a Russian interpreter translated for the Moscow man. Prosecutors say Nikolaenko ran a network that involved placing malicious code on unsuspecting users' computers and then hijacking the infected machines to blast out billions of e-mails. Internet security experts say the network was so massive that on some days it accounted for one of every three unwanted e-mails in the world.

Nikolaenko is charged with violating the CAN-SPAM act by intentionally falsifying header information in commercial e-mail messages and sending at least 2,500 spam e-mails per day, the minimum threshold for the charge. Prosecutors say his network was capable of sending up to 10 billion messages per day. The charge carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Internet

Europe's deadly cold snap maintains grip



The scene in northern Europe.—INTERNET

LONDON, 5 Dec—Northern Europe remains in the grip of heavy snow and freezing temperatures, with more cold weather forecast for the weekend. Dozens of people are reported to have been killed by exposure to the cold or in weather-related accidents. The snow continues to disrupt transport networks but many airports are resuming a more normal service.

In the Balkans, heavy flooding has forced more than 1,000 people to evacuate their homes. Temperatures in Poland have fallen to as low as -33C (-27F) in the past few days. Another 12 people froze to death across Poland on Thursday night, according to police, bringing the total killed there during this cold snap to 30. Police say many of the victims were homeless people. Around 150,000 people in the Polish city of Czestochowa were reported to be without heating on Friday.

Internet

Teenage Dutch sailor sets off to cross Atlantic



Dekker, 15, who is attempting to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world, has resumed her voyage. Writing on her blog on Friday, Dekker said she has already sailed 240 nautical miles (276 statute miles) since leaving Spain's Canary Islands on Wednesday and has 540 nautical miles (621 statute miles) to go to her next port of call, the Cape Verde islands, off west Africa.

INTERNET

THE HAGUE, 5 Dec—Teenage Dutch sailor Laura Dekker said she is setting off to cross the Atlantic Ocean in her yacht, the most challenging leg yet in her ambitious

plan to sail solo around the world, by stages. The 15-year-old expects to take three weeks to cross 2,200 nautical miles (2,532 land miles, 4,074 kilometres) from the Cape Verde Islands off West Africa to the Caribbean island of St Maarten.

In a blog entry dated Thursday, Dekker said she was sailing past the last two Cape Verde islands with "a nice crosswind" and with waves rocking her yacht, Guppy. Unlike previous young sailors who have circumnavigated the globe without making stops, Dekker is making her voyage in stages. That plan has her waiting in ports, sometimes for weeks at a time, between sailing legs.

She started her trip from Gibraltar on 21 Aug in her twin-masted sailboat and spent two months in the Canary Islands waiting for the hurricane season to pass before sailing to the Cape Verde Islands. Dekker's venture stirred debate around the world about what risks young people should be allowed to take pursuing potentially dangerous dreams.

Internet

Help police! Someone's stolen my snowman



A Parks Police officer takes photographs of a snowman in Richmond Park in south west London on 1 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

LONDON, 5 Dec—As Arctic blizzards swept across southeast England, stranding hundreds in their cars and bringing motorways to a virtual halt in whiteout conditions, Kent police received a strange call on their

emergency number.

"I haven't been out to check on him for five hours but I went outside for a fag (cigarette) and he's gone," said the female caller. When the operator asked who had gone she replied: "My snowman. I thought that with it being icy and there not being anybody about he'd be safe. 'It ain't a nice road but you don't expect anybody to nick your snowman,'" she added.

Police were most definitely not amused. "This call could have cost someone's life if there was a genuine emergency and they couldn't get through. It was completely irresponsible," said Chief Inspector Simon Black. A transcript of the call was released by the force to highlight what they said was misuse of the emergency number 999 system.—Reuters

Wet floor foils Aussie streaker's European tour

BERLIN, 5 Dec — Caught in the buff, a drunken 19-year-old Australian man led German police on a chase through Munich's main train station late Wednesday before slipping on a wet floor where he was later apprehended unhurt.

The Sydney native wore only his shoes and held his underwear in his hand during the chase in freezing temperatures, a spokesman for the Bavarian state police said.

The teenager quickly changed into his underwear once he fell and police later covered him in a blanket.

During questioning the teenager told police that he was carrying out a bet with friends that he could travel through Europe naked.

The Bavarian capital was the 11th city on his tour and the first in which he was caught out, according to police. "I simply like to be naked," the police spokesman quoted him as saying. The Australian teenager was fined 100 euros (\$132).

Reuters

Massey CEO ends profitable career marred by blast



Massey Energy Chairman and CEO Don Blankenship announced Friday that he will retire at the end of the month.—INTERNET

RICHMOND, 5 Dec—Massey Energy Chairman and CEO Don Blankenship announced Friday that he will retire at the end of the month, finishing a nearly 30-year career that included big profits for the company but also labour conflicts, battles with federal regulators and a 2010 mine explosion that killed 29 people. A millionaire who rose from obscure beginnings in coal country, Blankenship oversaw an ongoing plan to expand the production of Appalachian coal for growing Asian markets, but will leave behind a company that was badly shaken by a history-making mine disaster.

The company's board of directors named current president Baxter F Phillips Jr

as the company's new CEO, effective Friday. Retired Adm Bobby Inman, a board director, will serve as chairman. Blankenship's retirement date is 31 Dec. "After almost three decades at Massey it is time for me to move on," Blankenship said in a prepared statement accompanying the surprise announcement. "Baxter and I have worked together for 28 years and he will provide the company great executive leadership."

Blankenship, who has served as chairman and CEO since 2000, leaves as Massey's safety practices are under scrutiny by federal and state mining regulators. Massey's board is also reviewing its strategic options. In recent weeks there have been reports that Massey is a possible takeover target for rivals such as Alpha Natural Resources and steel industry giant ArcelorMittal SA. Based in Richmond, Massey is the nation's fourth-largest coal producer by revenue. It operates 19 mining complexes in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Internet

US, South Korea reach highly coveted trade deal

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—The US and South Korea have reached an agreement on America's largest trade pact in more than a decade, a highly coveted deal the Obama administration hopes will boost US exports and create tens of thousands of jobs at home.

After a week of marathon negotiations, representatives from both countries broke through a stalemate Friday morning on outstanding issues related to the automobile industry, which have been a sticking point in the talks. The agreement would be the largest US trade deal since the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, with Canada and Mexico and would bolster US ties with the fast-growing South Korea economy.

South Korea is agreeing to allow the US to lift a 2.5 percent tariff on Korean cars in five years, instead of cutting the tariff immediately. The agreement also allows each US automaker to export 25,000 cars to South Korea as long as they meet US federal safety standards and allows the US to continue a 25 percent tariff on trucks for eight years and then phase it out by the 10th year. South Korea would be required to eliminate its 10 percent tariff on US trucks immediately.

President Barack Obama hailed the agreement as a "landmark trade deal" that would support at least 70,000 US jobs.

Internet

Natural fertilizer needs...

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of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, still has to rely on agriculture. So, continued efforts are to be made in various sectors to develop the whole agricultural productive force both quantitatively and qualitatively.

In doing so, fully providing agricultural inputs also plays an important role. In order to fulfill the fertilizer needs of the nation, fertilizer plants like No.4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) have been opened by spending a huge sum of money, including foreign exchange. The nation's fertilizer needs



Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga).—MNA

will be fulfilled only when those fertilizer plants can operate at full capacity.

For the plants to be able to operate at full capacity, there are two factors on the priority list – employment of

skilled workers and smooth running of machinery. Departments concerned are therefore to conduct training courses both practically and theoretically in order to turn out skilled workers

and to maintain and service the machinery on a constant basis.

The Prime Minister then noted that security measures are to be taken as the fertilizer plant has to deal with chemicals and its area is

very large.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the experts of the People's Republic of China and put some questions.

No.4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga)

construction started on 23 April 2007. It started production of urea fertilizers in November this year and the plant was opened today.

Located on the area of 206.58 acres, the plant can produce 325 tons of ammonia and 500 tons of urea fertilizers a day.

The Ministry of Energy has opened No.1 Fertilizer Plant in Sale, Magway Region, No.2 Fertilizer Plant in Kyunchaung, Magway Region, No.3 Fertilizer Plant in Kyawswa, Magway Region and No.4 Fertilizer Plant in Myaungdaga Village, Hmawby Township, Yangon Region.

No.5 Fertilizer Plant (Patheingyi) is under construction in Kanyadaung Township, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region, and it will be opened soon.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein formally unveils stone plaque of No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga).—MNA

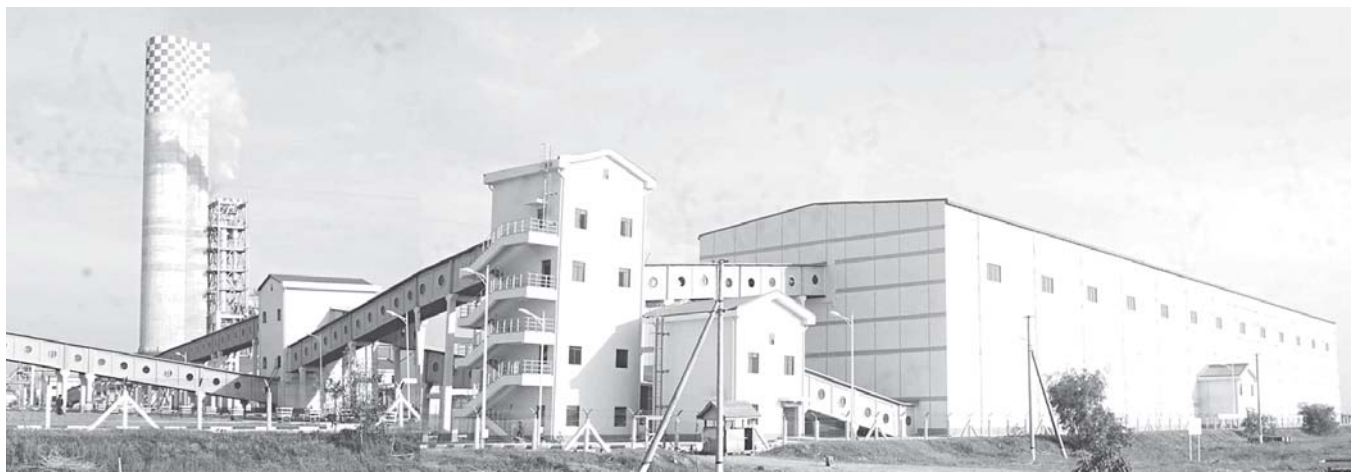


Photo shows No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga).—MNA



casionaly gives guidance on necessary arrangements for enabling the government to give better health care with traditional medicine to the people and to make Myanmar traditional medicines popular all over the international community. In addition, he provides all possible assistance to improve the standard of traditional

to give better health care to the people and working out the resolutions passed at the conferences in community health care programmes such as prevention and control of diseases, giving educative talks and conducting training courses, research and development, and distribution of potent traditional medicines.

with such Asian nations as China, India, Korea and Japan, Southeast Asian countries that are members of World Health Organization, ASEAN member countries, and BIMSTEC member countries. The more Myanmar cooperates with other countries, the more Myanmar traditional medicine will improve and better health care with traditional medicine can be provided to the people.

extinction and to ensure sustainable production of traditional medicines without reliance on foreign products.

In conclusion, I would also like to urge medical doctors and traditional medicine practitioners to work together, maintaining the development momentum in the national health to successfully complete national health plans; and traditional medicine practitioners to follow

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address.—MNA



Ministers and representatives of States and Regions attend opening ceremony of 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA

Ministry of Health can...

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of Myanmar traditional medicine in all aspects, to improve the Myanmar traditional medicine, to enforce rules of conduct for Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners, and to provide better health care to the people with traditional medicine. I am proud and glad that the conference is in its 11th anniversary this year.

The conference has been held yearly for more than one decade, and Myanmar traditional medicine has improved gradually and systematically due to successful implementation of the future programmes laid down at the conferences. At this conference, I would like to say that the achievement is largely due to Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners' fine tradition of working hard together.

Myanmar traditional

medicine is a medical subject that is based on the four primary elements. So, it is somewhat different from the traditional medicine of other countries, and has extraordinary potency. And Myanmar traditional medicine is a source of national pride because it has developed on its firm foundation with own characters both in appearance and effectiveness, in addition to its natural phenomenon. Due to the health care provided by traditional medicine practitioners and potent traditional medicines compounded of herbs, tubers and bulbs of plants, animal products, marine and land products which are available in the nation, Myanmar were recognized as a people that enjoyed good health and longevity and had high physical and mental prowess.

The Head of State oc-

medicine.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his guidance said that traditional medicine was to be improved, applying

Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reads the message sent by Chairman of SPDC Senior General Than Shwe to 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA



scientific methods as well as the traditional medicine of other countries so as to improve the status of Myanmar traditional medicine.

There will be many benefits for the health sector of the nation by laying down and implementing policies and programmes in line with the guidance so as

Now, the Ministry of Health can cure the most common diseases in Myanmar: malaria, hypertension, diabetes, tuberculosis, diarrhoea and

dysentery due to the fact that traditional medicines and therapies have been developed throughout respective periods.

Simultaneously, Myanmar is accelerating its cooperation with the international community to improve Myanmar traditional medicine. For instance, Myanmar is co-operating increasingly

Today, the world is seeing so many new diseases one after another owing to globalization, increasing international relations, and changes in lifestyle, diet and living conditions. In consequence, some diseases are resistant to modern drugs. In that case, some diseases can be cured effectively through combined therapy of western medicine and traditional medicine.

Moreover, it is required to exactly standardize the names of tubers and bulbs of botanical groups, animal products, marine and land products, and herbs in the nation for sustainable development of Myanmar traditional medicine.

So, I would like to urge you traditional medicine practitioners to conserve the nation's sources of herbs and medicinal products with a sense of national cause to avoid possible

national health policies in order to give effective health care to the people with traditional medicine, as well as to do your bit in building a new nation.

Next, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint read the message to the 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.

After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the members of Traditional Medicine Council, traditional medicine practitioners and representatives.

The Secretary-1 and party visited the booths of the traditional medicine producers.

The conference will be held on 5 and 6 December. The research papers on traditional medicines will be submitted to the conference.—MNA

Secretary-1 hosts dinner to traditional medicine practitioners

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo hosted a dinner to traditional medicine practitioners from states and regions who attended the 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at Amara Hotel here this evening.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, the attorney-general, deputy ministers, members of NHC, departmental heads, officials of Health Department under the Health Ministry and practitioners of Traditional Medicine Council. During the dinner, artistes of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture entertained the attendees with their performance.

After the dinner, the Secretary-1 greeted traditional medicine practitioners who attended the conference in a cordial manner.—MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends dinner hosted to representatives of States and Regions to 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA



Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and Minister for Energy U Lun Thi cut the ribbon to open No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga). (News on page 1)—MNA

Saleroom of Champion Construction Materials Mall (Nay Pyi Taw) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd (Member of Naing Group) opened the new saleroom of Champion Construction Materials Mall (Nay Pyi Taw) on Yazahtani Road in Paunglaung Ward 2 in Pynmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue

U Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and Vice-Chairman of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd U Zaw Naing Oo formally opened the new saleroom. Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe unveiled the signboard of the mall.

Stainless steel

steel tanks are available at the saleroom.

Salerooms are kept open at No. 30/59 on Yazahtani Road in Paunglaung Ward 2 in Pynmana Township, Tel: 067-25309, 21426 and 0949244315, show room I at No. 2 on Mogaung Road in Sagawa Housing, Yankin Township, Tel: 01-400563, 400564 and 400565, show room II at

11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference commences

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference started today at the Ministry of Health here this morning. Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe presided over the morning session. Chairman of Traditional Medicine Council Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Prof Dr Aung Myint and members U Hla Htay and Dr U Bo Gyi and representative to the conference U Khin Maung Shwe co-chaired the meeting.

The afternoon session was chaired by Prof Dr Aung Myint and co-chaired by council members U Than Nyunt and U Aung Myat Kyaw and representatives U Bo Gyi and U Kyi Lin. At the both sessions, resource persons submitted their papers.

The paper reading session of the conference will be held tomorrow.

MNA



Deputy Minister for PBANRDA U Tin Ngwe formally unveils signboard of Champion Construction Materials Mall (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA



Weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—According to the observation at 17.30 hrs MST today, low pressure area over southwest bay still persists. The system is under close watch for regeneration to intensity, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA

doors, steel sinks, plastic tanks, shower enclosures, bathtub, hand spray, bathroom accessories and steel wooden, solid wood, melamine made interior doors, decobay shower cabins, Johnsen Suisse toilet & basins, steel security door, toilet & basin, high quality tap wares and Thai-made

408, Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 01-200290, at No. 255 on 35th street between 80th and 81st streets in Yadanabumi Ward in Mahaangmye Township of Mandalay, Tel: 02-72703, 91008197 and 91025792.

MNA

Army captures US teen hitman in Mexico

CUERNAVACA, 5 Dec—Mexican soldiers captured a 14-year-old US citizen suspected of being a drug gang hitman as he attempted to travel to the United States.

Edgar Jimenez, known as “El Ponchis,” worked for the South Pacific drug cartel in Morelos state, outside Mexico City, the army said on Friday.

The boy was caught late on Thursday as he boarded a plane in the city of Cuernavaca in Morelos. He was traveling to the border city of Tijuana across from San Diego, California, with two of his sisters, one of whom is believed to be the

lover of one of the cartel’s bosses, the army said.

The three Jimenez siblings reportedly had wanted to cross to San Diego, where they have relatives.

“El Ponchis” made headlines last month as reports of his grizzly murders, including beheadings, surfaced. He acknowledged having killed at least seven people and the influence of drugs provided by a cartel leader, according to the army statement. It was not immediately clear what his nickname refers to.

MNA/Reuters

Thomsons again top richest Canadians list

VANCOUVER, 5 Dec—The Thomson family kept a strong grip on their status as the wealthiest Canadians, seeing their net worth increase by 6.2 percent in 2010 to more than C\$23 billion (\$23 billion), according to a new survey. The Thomsons, whose holdings include Thomson Reuters Corp, was far ahead of the second richest Canadian, grocery store magnate Galen Weston, according to the survey released on Thursday by *Canadian Business* magazine.

It marked the 12th year in a row that the Thomsons, whose family holding company is Woodbridge Co Ltd, have held the top spot, according to the magazine. Weston saw his net worth jump 31 percent to C\$8.5 billion in 2010, allowing him to pull ahead of the energy-rich Irving Family of Atlantic Canada on

the list of top 100 richest Canadians, according to the magazine.

The Rogers family, whose Rogers Communications Inc has publishing, cable-TV and telecoms interests, ranked fourth. Vancouver businessman Jimmy Pattison, whose diverse holdings include automotive, food and media, took fifth spot. The magazine said the list was calculated based on the real and estimated value of investment the people held at the end of September. Andre Chagnon, founder of cable-TV and telecoms company Groupe Videotron, rounded out the list at 100th place with a net worth of C\$540 million.

Among those with the most dramatic gains was Chip Wilson, founder of Lululemon Athletica Inc, who climbed from 78th to 49th place on the list with a net worth of C\$1.25 billion, up nearly 67 percent from a year before. Research In Motion Ltd co-Chief Executive Jim Balsillie was among those who slipped in this year’s rankings, dropping to 30th place from 16th a year before, with net worth down 32 percent to C\$1.8 billion.

Internet



File picture dated on 5 November, 2009 shows workers walking past Burj Dubai, the world’s tallest man-made structure under construction, in the Gulf emirate of Dubai.

Debt-laden Dubai is looking into a possible privatisation of public sector firms and offloading international assets, but is waiting for the right time for a good return, officials said.

INTERNET



A chemical tanker of 10,000 deadweight tons, which is bought by a Greek shipowner, is launched at Haimen Port in Taizhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 21 Nov, 2010.

XINHUA

Sweden says warrant for WikiLeaks founder complete

STOCKHOLM, 5 Dec—Swedish authorities said on Friday the missing information in the European arrest warrant for alleged sex crimes against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange had been handed to British authorities.

“We sent it. They asked for complementary information and now they have it,” Swedish Prosecution Authority spokeswoman Karin Rosander said.

She said she did not know whether British authorities had judged the additional information to be enough to act on the warrant. “But one has to assume they do, at least we have not heard the opposite,” she added.

Sweden’s highest court on Thursday refused Julian Assange permission to appeal against a European arrest order issued for alleged sexual crimes, allegations Assange has denied.

Julian Assange’s British lawyer Mark Stephens told *Reuters* on Thursday the arrest warrant was sent back by Scotland Yard (London police headquarters), because it “did not comply with the law and was defective”. A Swedish police official said the complication had arisen because the maximum prison sentence had been listed only for the crime with the harshest punishment, while British authorities had required this to be outlined for all the alleged crimes.

MNA/Reuters

Russian, Italian leaders hail cooperation

Moscow, 5 Dec — Russian and Italian leaders on Friday hailed cooperation between the two countries during talks in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. “We have very good prospects for developing strategic partnership that currently exists between our two countries,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev was quoted by *RIA Novosti* news agency as saying.

Medvedev also called bilateral relations “excellent” in his meeting with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Both leaders were satisfied to see bilateral trade return to pre-crisis level, and they spoke highly of the South Stream pipeline project that Italian and Russian companies have been working on.

The Italian prime minister also took the chance to dismiss media allegations that his relations with the Russian leaders were “too personal,” saying that “we have never discussed any matters of personal interest.” Moscow, meanwhile, agreed to allow the transit of military equipment and personnel across Russian territory to support Italian troops in Afghanistan.

The two sides also signed a protocol on Russia EU readmission and an agreement on cooperation between their postal services. As agreed in the day’s talks, the two countries’ armed forces will conduct joint land and naval exercises in 2011. —MNA/Xinhua

Participants take part in the donkey race in Lamu, Kenya, on 27 Nov, 2010. The traditional donkey race was held here Saturday, bringing in a large number of tourists to the small coastal town. Since the island has no motorized vehicles, transportation and other heavy work are done with the help of donkeys.

XINHUA



Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan businesses implement joint projects

ANKARA, 5 Dec—Business organizations from Turkey, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan Friday adopted an action plan to carry out joint projects to facilitate the integration of the four economies, local media reported on Saturday.

The organizations decided to implement 75 projects under 14 chapters, including transportation and logistics, finance, investments, energy security, tourism, education and culture, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency said.

The plan, adopted at a gathering of business representatives in the Turkish city of Istanbul, is expected to boost prosperity and economic stability in the four countries and increase efforts for free movement of goods and people between each other.

The four countries’ businesses also established the Levant Business Forum to coordinate the implementation of the joint projects and expect new members in coming years, said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

Panel recommends expanding use of stomach bands

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—About 12 million more obese Americans could soon qualify for surgery to implant a small, flexible stomach band designed to help them lose weight by dramatically limiting their food intake. The Food and Drug Administration will make a final decision on the Lap-Band in the coming months.



In this product photograph provided by Allergan, Inc., the LAP-BAND System is displayed. An FDA panel will vote whether to recommend expanding the use of a stomach shrinking band currently approved just for the morbidly obese.—INTERNET

Experts keep close eye on badly injured whale

OLYMPIA, 5 Dec—Experts are keeping a close eye on a badly injured whale seen swimming in south Puget Sound.

John Calambokidis (cal-um-BOH'-kee-dihs) of Olympia-based Cascadia Research says he has received a number of calls from people wondering whether euthanizing the whale might be the most humane option considering the severity of its injuries.

Calambokidis says that option is quite difficult legally, ethically, and logistically for several reasons. The whale might survive. Euthanizing a whale is difficult and could increase its suffering. And using the mass doses of chemicals it would take to kill the whale could potentially poison any wildlife or fish that scavenged the carcass.—Internet



In this 1 Dec, 2010 photo provided by Cascadia Research, an injured whale is shown in South Puget Sound.—INTERNET

The device from Allergan Inc is currently implanted in roughly 100,000 people each year and usually helps patients lose 50 pounds or more. Under federal guidelines, it has been limited to patients who are morbidly obese. On Friday, a panel of FDA advisers recommended expanding use of the device to include patients who are less obese. The panel voted 8-2 that the benefits of broader approval outweighed the risks.

If approved for wider use, the Lap-Band could be available to patients like Angela Denson, a 37-year-old Indianapolis woman who wants to lose 80 or 85 pounds. She said she has struggled with obesity since she started having children 20 years ago. "I've tried diet pills. I've tried Weight Watchers ... all different types of diet plans," she said.—Internet

FDA scrutinizes weight loss pill from Orexigen

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec—Scientists for the Food and Drug Administration said Friday a pill to treat obesity from Orexigen Therapeutics Inc helped patients lose weight, though it didn't meet all the criteria set forth by the agency. The FDA's review, posted online Friday, also raised questions about the pill's effects on the heart, a perennial issue for weight loss drugs that have been plagued by safety issues. Orexigen's pill Contrave is the third weight loss pill to be reviewed by the FDA this year.

FDA officials have acknowledged the need for new weight loss drugs amid an epidemic of US obesity, though the agency rejected the two other medications due to safety concerns.

Internet

World's hottest pepper is 'hot enough to strip paint'

LONDON, 5 Dec—Fiery food mavens seeking to one-up each other now have to gear up for a whole new test of culinary bravado: the world's hottest chili pepper. Yes, the Naga Viper, the latest claimant to the world's-hottest-pepper crown, outdistances its predecessor, the Bhut Jolokia, or "ghost chili," by more than 300,000 points on the famous Scoville scale of tongue-scorching chili hotness. Researchers at Warwick University testing the Naga Viper found that it measures 1,359,000 on the Scoville scale, which rates heat by tracking the presence of a chemical compound. In comparison, most varieties of jalapeño peppers measure in the 2,500 to 5,000 range—milder than the Naga Viper by a factor of 270.

You might think the Naga Viper would hail from some part of the world with a strong demand for spicy food, such as India or Mexico. But the new pepper is actually the handiwork of Gerald Fowler, a British chili farmer and pub owner, who crossed three of the hottest peppers known to man—including the Bhut Jolokia—to create his Frankenstein-monster chili. "It's painful to eat," Fowler told the *Daily Mail*. "It's hot enough to strip paint." Indeed, the *Daily Mail* reports that defence researchers are already investigating the

pepper's potential uses as a weapon.

But Fowler—who makes customers sign a waiver declaring that they're of sound mind and body before trying a Naga Viper-based curry—insists that consuming the fiery chili does the body good. "It numbs your tongue, then burns all the way down," he told the paper. "It can last an hour, and you just don't want to talk to anyone or do anything. But it's a marvelous endorphin rush. It makes you feel great."—Internet



Disney completes sale of Miramax to Ron Tutor

LOS ANGELES, 5 Dec—The Walt Disney Co has completed the sale of Miramax Films division to Filmyard Holdings for 663 million US dollars, the two companies announced on Friday. However, the deal is subject to certain adjustments, the companies said. Films Holdings is led by Los Angeles construction magnate Ron Tutor. The company also consists private equity investors of Thomas J Barrack Jr, Colony Capital LLC and Qatar Holding LLC.

The sale of Miramax Films includes rights in over 700 film titles, including Academy Award winners "Chicago," "Shakespeare in Love" and "No Country for Old Men." Non-film assets, such as certain books, development projects and the "Miramax" name were also included in the sale, the companies said in a joint statement. The two sides reached an agreement on the sale on 29 July.

Xinhua



Mitsuo Nitta from Yushodo Bookshop introduces the first edition of the first Western translation of Confucius published in 1687 which values 280,000 HK dollars (appr. 36,000 US dollars) during the International Antiquarian Bookfair in Hong Kong, south China, on 3 Dec, 2010. The International Antiquarian Bookfair brings visitors one of the world's finest collections of antiquarian and rare books, maps, atlases, prints, photos, posters, autographs, manuscripts, memorabilia and related items pricing from a few hundred to over 33 million Hong Kong dollars.—XINHUA

Weather improves for ship adrift in Bering Sea

ANCHORAGE, 5 Dec—A disabled bulk cargo container carrying canola seeds and thousands of gallons of fuel near Alaska's remote Aleutian Islands began moving again on limited engine power late Friday afternoon, responders said. The 738-foot Golden Seas had been drifting toward shore in rough seas. It was in the Bering Sea about 24 nautical miles north of Atka Island when improving weather allowed it to begin moving away from shore at about 4 mph, according to the Coast Guard and other responders.

Response vessels and towing equipment were en route and expected to reach the ship Saturday evening. Engine failure early Friday disabled the vessel, which is managed by Allseas Marine, based in Athens, Greece. Responders said the vessel was left with limited power, but not enough to overcome 29-foot seas and winds blowing at 45 mph. Conditions calmed later in the day, allowing the ship to make headway and potentially avoid running aground before help arrives.

"That buys us some time," Coast Guard Capt Jason Fosdick told reporters at a news conference. Petty Officer David Mosley said the Liberia-flagged ship is carrying more than 457,500 gallons of fuel oil, nearly 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 10,000 gallons of lube oil. There were no immediate reports of injuries among the 20 crew members on board.—Internet

Disney town sees death for 2nd time in a week



This photo taken on 1 Dec., 2010, shows the downtown area of Celebration, Fla. Police are investigating the first ever murder in Celebration, the Disney-developed community in Florida.
INTERNET

CELEBRATION, 5 Dec — The owner of a failed security business barricaded himself in his soon-to-be foreclosed home, shot at deputies and then killed himself in this well-groomed Central Florida town built by Disney. The 14-hour standoff came just days after the town's first-ever homicide, unsettling residents who moved to the community for its safety and small town values. Authorities said the two deaths were not connected.

Craig Foushee, 52, barricaded himself in his home Thursday for more than 14 hours, according to an Osceola County Sheriff's Office report. He shot at deputies several times, but they never returned fire because they couldn't get a clear shot. No deputies were injured. Court records show Foushee was in the middle of a divorce, and it was apparent

that his life was unraveling, neighbours said.

Early Friday, deputies deployed tear gas, entered the home and found Foushee dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. On the unusually crisp winter morning, the smell of the tear gas hung in the air on the upscale cul de sac. All of the second floor windows including the third-floor dormers were either broken or had bullet holes the size of baseballs. At least one streetlight in the shape of a lantern appeared to have been shattered by gunfire.

"Just because this is Celebration doesn't mean everyone's perfect," said Eva Medved, who lived across the street from Foushee. "People die, people get divorced, people get in trouble."

Internet

Mystery man in Chasen killing was career criminal

LOS ANGELES, 5 Dec — Whether he was a Hollywood hitman or an ex-con with a big mouth still isn't known. One thing is certain about the man who shot himself to death when police converged on him to talk about the killing of Hollywood publicist Ronni Chasen: He was an armed career criminal possibly looking at another stretch in prison, whether he had any connection to Chasen's

death or not.

Documents obtained Friday by *The Associated Press* reveal that Harold Martin Smith, who acquaintances say had boasted of killing Chasen for money, was a convicted, two-strikes felon with a long criminal history. Smith, 43, had most recently been released from prison in 2007 after a robbery conviction. He was discharged from parole last year and had told

neighbours at the seedy Los Angeles apartment building where he lived that he would never return to prison.

Internet

German hackers allegedly steal pop music

BERLIN, 5 Dec — Two young German computer hackers allegedly stole pop songs from Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake, Kesha and Kelly Clarkson, selling them online and forcing the advanced release of several singles, officials said on Friday.

A 17 year old high school student from Duisburg, and his alleged accomplice, a 23 year old unemployed man from Wesel, are under investigation for using a Trojan Horse to hack into the artists' computers for about 12 months before being discovered, Duisburg chief prosecutor Rolf Haferkamp said.

During that time, they earned more than euro10,000 (\$13,240) in illegal sales of tracks acquired from the stars' computers. Haferkamp would not comment on specific songs that were stolen. Both of the alleged hackers live with their parents in the western German cities, which are about 20 miles (30 kilometres) apart.

According to local media reports, which identified the two as Deniz A an amateur disc jockey known as "DJ Stolen" and Christian M, the two had attached the Trojan to an MP3 file that was then sent to the official addresses of the stars, their managers and their record companies.— *Internet*



Huang Xintong (L) and Zheng Xun of China perform during the Ice Dance Short Dance in the Bompard Trophy event at Bercy in Paris 26 November, 2010.

XINHUA

'Ugly Betty' actor charged in mom's sword killing

NEW YORK, 5 Dec — An actor accused of hacking his mother to death with a sword was arraigned Friday from a hospital prison ward on charges of second-degree murder. Wearing a light green gown, Michael Brea did not speak or enter a plea. He was also charged with criminal possession of a weapon after investigators found him in the bedroom of his apartment with a 3-foot sword.

His mother, Yanick, was found on her knees, hacked to death in their blood-spattered bathroom 23 Nov. The attorney who represented him at arraignment did not return a call seeking comment. The 31-year-old Brea had small roles in ABC's now-canceled show "Ugly Betty" and the movie "Step Up 3D."

Relatives issued a statement after Yanick Brea's death expressing their support for her son, whom they called "a compassionate, gentle, intelligent, spiritual and loving man" in need of help.

Internet

Producer of Spider-Man musical not climbing walls

NEW YORK, 5 Dec — Like a superhero after a bad beat-down, the Broadway musical starring Spider-Man has dusted itself off and is fighting back against perhaps its greatest nemesis — its own complications.

After the first preview performance Sunday, "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" had to be halted five times because of technical glitches, two subsequent shows have each been stopped only

once. That downward trend comes as a relief to lead producer Michael Cohl. "Clearly that is the objective."

That's what I expect and I'm sure it's going to happen," he said. "We've worked out 80 percent of our bugs. We're way ahead of the game."

But the show will have to go on at least through the weekend without actress Natalie Mendoza, who has been sidelined after being hit in the head by a rope during the first preview.

Mendoza, who plays Spider-Man's evil love interest Arachne — a part written by director and co-book author Julie Taymor — will be out "for a brief period" but remains with the production, Rick Miramontez, a spokesman for the show, said Friday.

Mendoza's understudy, America Olivo, filled in for the first time Thursday, though there was no note in the Playbill about the replacement.

Cohl said the reported \$65 million megashow will open as planned 11 Jan at the Foxwoods Theatre following an unusually lengthy six weeks of previews. He also doesn't expect any changes among cast members or in the script.

Internet

In this theater publicity image released by The O and M Co, Reeve Carney, centre, portrays Peter Parker in a scene from the musical 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,' in New York.
INTERNET



Humiliated Mourinho wants Real response

MADRID, 5 Dec — Jose Mourinho must pick himself and his Real Madrid team up from Monday's 5-0 humiliation by Barcelona at Camp Nou as his side defend their 100 percent home record against Valencia on Saturday. Real went into the Clasico unbeaten and a point ahead of Barcelona, however, the champions gave a football lesson to their bitter rivals and Mourinho's first defeat in charge of Real is the biggest of his glittering career.

"It wasn't the biggest humiliation of my career but yes, it was the biggest



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho (left) and defender Pepe take part in a training session at the Real Madrid's sport city on 1 December, in Madrid.—INTERNET

defeat of my career because I have never lost 5-0," said Mourinho. "However, the league isn't over and it will be a title race right until the end of the season and will be up there."—Internet

Ancelotti promises Chelsea crackdown

LONDON, 5 Dec—Carlo Ancelotti plans to instil a stricter regime at Chelsea after his side's disappointing recent run was extended by a 1-1 home draw against Everton. That result means Ancelotti's side have won just one of their last six league games, a sequence that has seen them fall from the top of the Premier League and down to third place behind Arsenal and Manchester United.

Ancelotti was angered by his side's second half

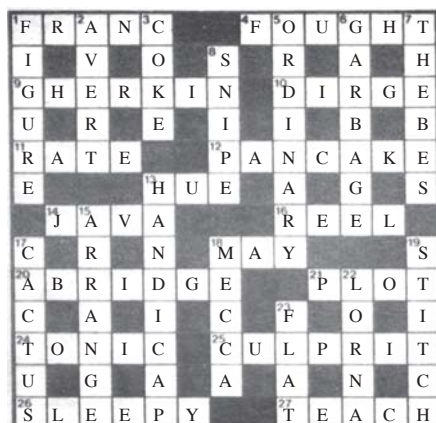
display against Everton when they failed to hold onto the 40th-minute lead given them by Didier Drogba's penalty, with Jermaine Beckford eventually heading the equaliser four minutes from time. Chelsea's manager admits he is concerned by the length of the current slump and believes the way to revive his side's title challenge is by demanding a change of approach on the training pitch.

Internet



Everton's Jermaine Beckford (L) clashes with Chelsea's John Terry during their English Premier League match at Stamford Bridge in London.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Redknapp prepared for Keane Spurs exit

LONDON, 5 Dec — Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp will allow Republic of Ireland captain Robbie Keane to leave White Hart Lane in the January transfer window. The 30-year-old, who was loaned out to Celtic for the second half of last season, has started just two games this campaign with Peter Crouch, Roman Pavlyuchenko and Jermain Defoe all first choices. "I think he'd like to move - he wants to play," said Redknapp.

"He's not used to not playing. All his career, he's played and been a big player and he wants to play. He could sit here and take his wages, but that's not him. "He wants to play football. He trains hard,

works hard every day, he's shown a great attitude. "And probably the hardest decision I had to make was last week: I couldn't get him on the bench. "It wasn't easy when you respect somebody and what a good player he is or has been. It was hard, because he's still a good player."

Internet



Tottenham Hotspurs' Robbie Keane. Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp will allow Republic of Ireland captain Keane to leave White Hart Lane in the January transfer window.—INTERNET

Woods extends lead at Sherwood

THOUSAND OAKS, 5 Dec — Tiger Woods is starting to look like his old self at the Chevron World Challenge. Woods got off to a blazing start Friday and a solid putting stroke enabled him to play bogey-free in the second round for a 6-under 66 that gave him a four-shot lead going into the weekend of his final tournament this year. Woods was at 13-under 131, his best 36-hole score this year by six shots. And the four-shot lead over US Open champion Graeme McDowell had to be a refreshing change for a guy who has been at least nine

shots back through 36 holes in seven tournaments this year.

"I've been here before, so it's not a strange feeling," Woods said. "It's just one of those things where tomorrow is the same game plan, just go out there and plot my way along and take care of the par 5s." He did that again on a pleasant day in the Conejo Valley, and now has played the five par 5s at Sherwood Country Club in 10 under through two rounds.—Internet



Tiger Woods tosses grass in the air to check the wind on the fifth tee during the second round of the Chevron World Challenge golf tournament at Sherwood Country Club, on 3 Dec, 2010, in Thousand Oaks, Calif.—INTERNET

Italy - Serie A 4th December

Chievo	2 - 2	AS Roma
AC Milan	3 - 0	Brescia

Spain - Primera Division

Levante	2 - 0	Atletico Madrid
Osasuna	0 - 3	Barcelona
Real Madrid	2 - 0	Valencia

Germany - Bundesliga I.

Eintracht Frankfurt	2 - 1	Mainz
Freiburg	1 - 0	Hamburger SV
Monchengladbach	1 - 2	Hannover
Stuttgart	1 - 1	Hoffenheim
Wolfsburg	0 - 0	Werder Bremen
Schalke	2 - 0	Bayern Munich

France - Ligue 1

Arles-Avignon	1 - 1	Nancy
Lens	1 - 1	Auxerre
Rennes	1 - 0	Monaco
Sochaux	2 - 1	Valenciennes
Toulouse	1 - 0	Caen
Montpellier	1 - 2	Lyon

Premier League 5th December

WBA	3 - 1	Newcastle Utd
Sunderland	1 - 0	West Ham Utd

Ogilvy takes 5-stroke lead in Australian Open

SUDNEY, 5 Dec — Australian star Geoff Ogilvy shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to increase his lead to five strokes after the third round of the Australian Open. Ogilvy, the 2006 US Open champion, had a 16-under 200 total at The Lakes. Australia's Matt Jones, a stroke behind Ogilvy after two rounds, was second after a 71. Australians Greg Chalmers (66) and Alistair Presnell (67) were tied for third, six shots behind Ogilvy.

Ogilvy's lone professional victory Down Under came in the 2008 Australian PGA. The seven-time PGA Tour winner

bogeyed the final hole Saturday, a tough par-3. "I played so well the past few days, so I guess I can't complain about that," Ogilvy said. "I've given myself a little bit of room from the field, which is good."



However, Ogilvy headed to the driving range after his round, upset with himself for pushing a 5-iron right of the 18th green. "I would not normally rush to the range, but I wanted to get it out of my head straightaway," Ogilvy said.—Internet

SPORTS

Wenger expects 'even more' from Arsenal, Nasri

LONDON, 5 Dec — Arsene Wenger believes Arsenal are capable of showing even better form as they aim to sustain a title challenge after going top of the Premier League with victory over Fulham.

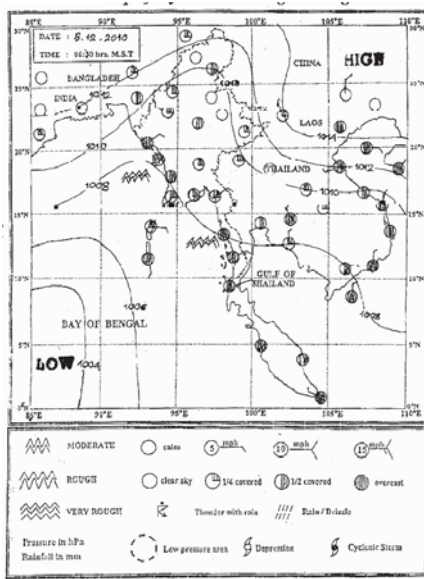
Samir Nasri's brilliant double-strike earned a 2-1 win at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday and allowed Wenger's team to take advantage of Chelsea dropping points against Everton and Manchester United's game at Blackpool being post-

poned due to snow. It means the Gunners are one point clear at the summit despite failing to hit top form this season, yet Wenger expects more improvement in the months to come. "At the moment we are where we are despite losing three games at home," Wenger said. "Every game is a cup final and if you are not ready you do not win. "We have spirit and quality but face strong opposition, and it's down to consistency. We are far from winning the championship yet but we have the desire and fight. "We are good enough to go on, that is for sure. Every single team struggles to be consistent."—Internet



Arsenal's Samir Nasri (right) clashes with Fulham's Matthew Briggs during their English Premier League match at the Emirates stadium in London.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 5th December, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin State and Mandalay Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Machanbaw (2°C), Haka (4°C) and Pinlaung (5°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 5-12-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-12-2010 was (74%). Rainfall on 5-12-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 5-12-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-12-2010 was (69%). Total sunshine hours on 4-12-2010 was (8.8) hours.

Rainfall on 5-12-2010 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 (6) mph from East at (10:30) hours MST on 4-12-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30)hrs MST today, the low Pressure Area over Southeast Bay still persist. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 6th December 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy 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 Coast. 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 isolated light rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-12-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Sayagyi Daw Damma Sari

93 years

(Daw Khin Khin Win) BA Ed

Daughter of (U Po Sa-Daw Kin Lay) of No. 14 B, Inya Road, Yangon, wife of U Maung Maung Kyi, beloved mother of Lt. Col Tin Maung Aung (Retd)-Daw Khin Mya Mya Pyone, Dr Khin Pyone Kyi- U Myint Lwin Nyo, Daw Khin Cho Kyi, U Sein Tun Win, Dr Aye Htut Kyi-Daw Nwe Ni Htay, Dr Htwe Htut Kyi-Dr Thinn Nwe Win, grandmother of 16 grandchildren, great grandmother of 3 great grandchildren, passed away at 4:00 am on 4-12-2010 (Saturday). The funeral cortege will leave the above residence at 8:30 am for cremation at Yayway cemetery at 10:00 am on 6-12-2010 (Monday).

Bereaved Family



A Francois' Langur is seen in Mayanghe natural reserve in Guizhou Province, southwest China, 26 Nov, 2010. Thanks to a series of protective measures, the number of Francois' Langur here has risen year by year, which reaches over 800 until now.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (6-12-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
 Oversea Transmission - (6-12-10 09:30 am ~ 7-12-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar's beauty and Nature "Beach"
- * News
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- * News
- * A Day in Bagan
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (The shwedagon Pagoda)
- * News
- * Urbanized Kachin Traditional Cuisines
- * Myanmar Movie "My Teacher"



Monday,
6 December
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary 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. Dance Of National Races

8:15 am

8. Cute Little Dancers

8:25 am

9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. Dance Variety

4:40 pm

4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar

Modern Music Troupe)

4:50 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Philosophy)

5:10 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:20 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:35 pm

8. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. World's Stars Part-1
17. TV Drama Series
18. Fine Arts Square
19. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ 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

Ministry of Health can cure malaria, hypertension, diabetes, tuberculosis, diarrhoea and dysentery well due to development of traditional medicines and therapies throughout respective periods

Secretary-1 attends opening of 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The 11th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was opened at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, departmental officials, WHO Health Officer Mr Vinod Bura, officials under the Ministry of Health, members of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, responsible persons of Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association, representatives of States and Regions, social organization members and guests.

First, the Secretary-1 delivered an address. He said:

Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference has been held in amity and unity yearly with its lofty objectives since 2000: to raise the standard
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SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views traditional medicine producers' booths.—MNA