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Senior General Than Shwe on inspection tour of Mount Popa region



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance on greening of Mount Popa region.—MNA

Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, commanders, ministers and officials concerned.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung, departmental officials, and Director U Thein Win Aung and staff of Tin Win Tun Company.

At the briefing hall of Mount Popa Park tea plantation, the Senior General and entourage heard report presented by Minister U Thein Aung that in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, tea plantations had been set up in Mount Popa region of Mandalay Region and Mount Natyekan region of Magway Region in central Myanmar since 2008, and that tea growing helps generate new job opportunities in the region and tealeaves for local consumption.

The minister also reported on needs to grow tea in Mount Popa region, over 2,500 acres of targeted tea plantations to be grown from 2008 to 2011-2012 in Mount Popa and Mount Natyekan regions,

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe arriving in Bagan-Nyaung U of Mandalay

Region, inspected greening of Mount Popa region and tea growing in Mount Popa region in Kyaukpadaung Township yesterday morning. He was accompanied by Secretary-1 of the SPDC



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspects Mount Popa model tea plantation of Tin Win Tun Company.—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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Embrace the tradition of caring for elders

According to the Myanmar tradition and custom, the Myanmar people always respect their elders.

The fine traditions such as all family members living together in unity, children showing respects to their parents and grandparents and children repaying their parents' gratitude by taking care of them have been rooted in the Myanmar society. Protecting young children, women, elders and the disabled is the noble philanthropic work.

Having social experience, elders usually educate and advise the youth from the right side. So, paying respects to and taking care of those elders are a noble duty. Again, as young people have such characteristics as showing respects to their elders, being modest, being content and repaying other's gratitude, the elderly people deal with them respectfully in return.

The nation saw the establishment of homes for the aged in 1276 ME to systematically provide care for the older people. On 12th Waning of that year, philanthropist Daw Oo Zun launched the activity for taking care of elders in Minkun region.

Therefore, today's youth are urged to take care of their elders by embracing the tradition of protecting the elderly people with the family spirit.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

New models of Nikon DSLR hit local market

YANGON, 14 Dec — Nikon Singapore Pte Ltd and Special Style Photo & Electronics introduced Nikon DSLR Model D3100 and D7000 at Traders Hotel here today.

Managing Director U Maung Maung Win of Special Style Photo & Electronics extended greetings, Senior Manager (Business Strategy & Marketing) Mr Daren Tan of Nikon Singapore presented

plans to help develop Myanmar photography and Asia Technical Office Manager Mr William Lee explained about new models.

Professional Photographer Nagoya U Zaw Myint shared D3100 and D7000 experiences.

The new models can be available in representatives' shops with one-year guarantee in the whole Myanmar. Special Style Photo &

Peace and Development Council

- * 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

Rakhine State PDC Chairman's trophy inter-district men's open football tourney opens

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec — Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman's trophy inter-district men's open football tournament was opened in the sports ground of Sittway on 7 December. Among the spectators were Chairman of Rakhin State PDC Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, departmental officials and officers from local units and regiments.

On 9 December, the commander looked round in Kyaukpyu Station and proceeded to the briefing hall for construction of retaining wall on Strand Road in Kyaukpyu. An official reported on construction work. Later, the commander inspected repairing of Pynphyumaw dam, met with the local people at Kattuchaing village and presented gifts and food to them.

MNA

SWRR Minister receives Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe received Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Union of Myanmar Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan, who had completed her tour of duties in Myanmar, at the ministry here this morning.

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Minister U Maung Maung Swe receives Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan.

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2nd Japan Cup Karatedo Championship opened



Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito extends greetings at opening ceremony of 2nd Japan Cup Karatedo Championship 2010.—MNA

YANGON, 14 Dec — The 2nd Japan Cup Karatedo Championship 2010, organized by the

Ministry of Sports with the sponsorship of Japanese Embassy, was opened at Aung San

Gymnasium here this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito and officials of the embassy, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation, officials and guests.

The MKF president made an opening speech and the ambassador extended greetings. The tournament will end on 15 December.

The ambassador donated sports gear and fund to basic education high schools.

MNA

War in Afghanistan longer than expected

KABUL, 14 Dec—Nine years have passed since the ouster of Taliban regime by US-led coalition in late 2001, but the war on terror in Afghanistan could take more time than they expected.

On 7 Oct, 2001, "Operation Enduring Freedom" kicked off with the aim to topple Taliban regime for harboring al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden, who is alleged the architect of 11 Sept, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

The Taliban regime

was toppled easily but Bin Laden and the Afghan Taliban chief Mullah Mohammad Omar are still at large. Furthermore, a stiff resistance by Taliban militants has forced a surge in US and allied troops.

Taliban has repeatedly rejected peace talks with the US-backed government before the foreign troops end their occupation.

Last December, US President Barack Obama announced to send an additional 30,000 US troops to bring down the

Taliban momentum and set July 2011 as the date to begin withdrawing forces from Afghanistan. But Obama admitted that the strategy had made slow progress in curbing the growing insurgency during a surprise visit to Afghanistan on 3 Dec.

Obama also told US troops in the Bagram Air Base north of the capital Kabul that the US forces were suffering more casualties in Afghanistan where 467 soldiers have been killed so far this year, the deadliest year in the past nine years.

Xinhua



In this 22 Nov, 2010 photo, an Iraqi man sits next to raw sewage in the Shi'ite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad. After proving a kingmaker for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the fundamentalist Shi'ite and fiercely anti-US Sadrist movement is looking to cash in its chips for a strong role in Iraq's next government. Already, it has gotten bolder on the ground.

INTERNET



Bloodstain is seen on the ground after a shootout in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, on 20 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Suicide bomber kills four, wounds 17 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Dec—Four people were killed and 17 wounded by a suicide bomber who blew himself up near a group of Shi'ite pilgrims in a town northeast of Iraq's capital on Monday, days before one of Shi'ite Islam's holiest events.

The bomber detonated his explosive vest after a policeman stopped him from approaching the pilgrims in the town of Balad Ruz, 90 kilometres (55 miles) northeast of Baghdad, the Diyala Province security operations centre and a police source said.

MNA/Reuters

Russia space chief calls satellite crash "heavy loss"

SEVERODVINSK, 14 Dec—Satellite infrastructure for Russia's challenge to the US global positioning system (GPS) will be ready by March despite the "heavy loss" of a failed launch, the country's space agency chief said on Monday.

Three satellites plunged into the Pacific Ocean last week after a rocket launch went wrong, setting back the Kremlin's plans to complete its GLONASS navigation system. "This for us was a very heavy loss," agency head Anatoly Perminov said. However, Russia has activated two satellites previously in reserve and will launch two more — one in December and one in March.

"We can launch the last satellite in March; we are resolving the last remaining issues with the Defence Ministry. The satellites group will then be fully operational, with only a three-month delay," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Turkish security forces seize large amount of drugs

ANKARA, 14 Dec—The Turkish security forces and police seized large amount of drugs in several operations in Turkey on Monday, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The Turkish security forces confiscated 245 kg of heroin and seven kg of hashish in an operation conducted in northwestern Province of Istanbul, the report said, adding 16 people were arrested suspected of in connection with the illicit drugs.

In another operation, the Turkish police stopped a car and found 35 kg of heroin stashed in the vehicle in central Anatolian Province of Aksaray, the report said, adding two people were detained.

Meanwhile, the Turkish security forces confiscated a total of 19.5 kg of hashish in simultaneous operations conducted at 57 locations, including Akhisar, Gordes, Kirkagac, Koprubasi and Saruhanli Towns of western Province of Manisa and north-western Province of Balikesir as well as southern Province of Antalya, said Chief of Manisa Police Adem Aydemir.

A total of 37 people were arrested suspected of in connection with the illicit drugs, Aydemir added.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.

Xinhua



A man passes by a destroyed bus in Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2010. Two bombs attached to buses carrying passengers detonated while they drove through downtown, police said.

INTERNET

Fireworks explosion kills two, injures four in east China

JINAN, 14 Dec—Two people were killed and four injured in a fireworks explosion at an illegal fireworks workshop in east China's Shandong Province Monday afternoon, local authorities said.

Two people died on the scene when the fireworks exploded at 3:40 pm at a villager's house in Dizangsi Village, Xiajin County of Dezhou City, according to a statement released by the municipal government.

The injured have been rushed to hospital and are in stable condition, officials said. Initial investigation showed that the blast might have been caused by sparks from old electrical wires.

Xinhua

Kidnapped soldiers released by separatists in south Yemen

SANAA, 14 Dec—Four soldiers kidnapped two days ago by armed separatists in Yemen's southern Province of Lahj were released unconditionally on Monday, Provincial security official said. "They arrived unharmed on Monday morning in the camp," the official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

"We still do not know the motivation behind the kidnapping, but the soldiers confirmed to us that they were kidnapped by gunmen belonging to anti-unity separatist Southern Movement," he said.

The official denied media report that an officer was among the captives and one of the soldiers was kidnapped in al-Dhalee Province. "Situations in Lahj and al-Dhalee are both under control, and only four soldiers were abducted on Saturday in Radfan City of Lahj and they were released unconditionally and without mediation," the official added.

Xinhua

Yo! Russian magnate starts hybrid car company

Moscow, 14 Dec—The Russian billionaire owner of the New Jersey Nets has introduced a new line of hybrid cars — called “Yo” — that he hopes to begin selling in 2012.

Mikhail Prokhorov said Monday the cars, powered both by gasoline and electricity, are “socially important products” that he hopes will “overcome existing stereotypes that Russia cannot make normal cars.”

The vehicles are to be sold in three models — sedan, sporty and a small truck — with an expected price of around \$10,000 (euro7,550).

The name is written in Russian by the letter E with two dots over it.

Prokhorov, who amassed a fortune in banking and metals, bought a majority share in the basketball team this year.

Internet



Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov, centre left, walks between new Russian-designed hybrid concept cars branded as ‘Yo’ in Moscow on Monday on 13 Dec, 2010. The yo-mobile brand will apply to a microvan, cross coupe and minitruck touted as ‘socially important products’ created in Russia ‘from scratch.’
INTERNET

Airbus sees 3.2 trillion USD orders in whole world by 2029

PARIS, 14 Dec—European leading plane maker Airbus saw a market demand of nearly 26,000 passenger and cargo planes, worth a total value of 3.2 trillion US dollars by 2029 as an expected boom in emerging markets’ growth would boost demand, it said on Monday.

According to 2010 Airbus’ Global Market Forecast (GMF), the annual average growth of global traffic would reach 4.8 percent within 20 years, against 4.7 percent forecast a year ago, with 900 additional new passenger aircraft deliveries, mostly single-aisle aircraft, compared

with the 2009 GMF.

Asian Airlines would account a third of the global passenger traffic by 2029, ahead of the US and Europe where traffic to represent 23 percent in each zone, according to the report.

“The recovery is stronger than predicted and reinforces both the resilience of the sector to downturns and that people want and need to fly. Our entire product range is very well positioned to meet the economic and environmental needs for sustainable growth for the decades ahead,” Airbus Chief Operating Officer Customers John Leahy said in a statement.

Xinhua

Google to gain from digitization of human life

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec – Increasing global domination of Google’s (GOOG.O) Android operating system, rapid market share gains by its Chrome browser and the potential of its Chrome OS for PCs position the Internet search giant to benefit from “the digitization of human life,” Wedbush Securities said.

The brokerage upgraded the stock to “outperform” from “neutral,” saying Google is well positioned to benefit from mobile and social secular trends.

Wedbush said the company seems to be benefiting from an improving global economy and the positive impact of Google Instant, which displays search results as users type.

“Google Instant is positively impacting both cost-per-click and paid clicks,” the brokerage said in a note.

Seeing an acceleration in Android’s search revenue, Wedbush said “owning the world’s dominant mobile platform will be monetized in ways investors can’t appreciate today.”—Reuters



A wave crashes into the waterfront at Sidon port-city in south Lebanon during a storm, on 12 December, 2010.
INTERNET

Toyota yet to outrun recall crisis, say analysts

TOKYO, 14 Dec—After a year in which Toyota’s worst crisis saw the recall of millions of vehicles, a wave of lawsuits and a record fine, the troubles of the world’s largest automaker are far from over, say analysts.

Sales are sliding in the United States, the market worst-hit by the recalls, as Toyota faces a battle to regain consumer trust and market share despite efforts to

tighten quality control.

“Before the crisis, Toyota was by far the strongest auto company globally. Now the gap has narrowed,” said Tatsuya Mizuno, an auto industry analyst with Mizuno Credit Advisory.

“Toyota is weaker now than before, because of the impact of the recalls on brand image, reputation and profitability”.

In 2008 Toyota ended General Motors’ 77-year reign as the world’s largest automaker but the road has been a bumpy one for the Japanese giant, facing the impact of the economic crisis, recalls and recently a strong yen.

Previously lauded for its vehicles’ safety and reliability, a US recall of around four million vehicles in late 2009 swelled to nearly nine million units by February over brake and accelerator defects blamed for dozens of deaths.

As criticism mounted of its slow response and bureaucratic inflexibility, Toyota tightened its recall policy and by November had pulled nearly 13 million vehicles over a range of issues.—Internet



The steering wheel of a Toyota Corolla. After a year in which the world’s biggest car-maker witnessed its worst recall crisis, a wave of lawsuits and a record fine, the firm’s troubles are far from over, say analysts.—INTERNET

ECB boosted government bond-buying to ease crisis

BRUSSELS, 14 Dec—The European Central Banks says it bought government bonds worth euro2.667 billion (\$3.55 billion) in the week ended 10 Dec the highest amount since July and up from euro1.965 billion a week earlier.

The ECB says it has bought a total of euro72 billion in government bonds since May, when it started buying the debt of governments with shaky finances such as Greece, Ireland and Portugal as Europe’s government debt crisis flared up.

The figure was keenly awaited by the markets on Monday to see whether the ECB indeed stepped up its bond buying programmes after it hinted at an increase at its monthly policy meeting on 2 Dec.

Many analysts think the ECB’s bond purchases have been the main reason for a stabilization in highly indebted European countries’ bond markets this month.

Internet

WiFi transmissions raise concerns

ALPHEN AAN DEN RIJN, 14 Dec— A biologist in the Netherlands said recent experiment that tested the health of trees related to WiFi transmission exposure was not definitive.

“We have to be very careful what kind of conclusion can be drawn. (In fact), we cannot draw conclusions,” said Dr Andre van Lammeren, an associate professor of plant biology at Wageningen University, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Saturday.

Lammeren placed 25 small trees in two separate cabinets, exposing one group to WiFi transmissions. Three months later, the exposed trees had higher incidents of leaf damage.

But Lammeren regrets the results of what he called a “preliminary experiment” had become public. The study was not published in a scientific journal, nor has it been subject to peer review.

Internet

Health Tip: Pregnancy can lead to skin and hair changes

Fluctuations in hormone levels and other factors during pregnancy can lead to changes in a woman's skin and hair.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists offers these examples:

- * Darkened areas on the skin, often the face and breasts.
- * Ridges in the belly and abdomen called stretch marks.
- * Thicker hair, hair growth in new areas, and possible hair loss after delivery.
- * Spider veins or varicose veins.
- * Itchy red bumps called pruritic urticarial papules and plaques of pregnancy (PUPPP).

Internet

Photo taken on 28 Nov, 2010 shows the effect displaying design of National Supercomputing Center located in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province. Hunan began building China's third National Supercomputing Centre on Sunday, where the world's fastest supercomputer, the Tianhe-1A, will be installed. Designed to handle one quadrillion computing operations per second, the NSCC in Changsha will add to the world's eight quadrillion-level supercomputing centres and national labs.

INTERNET



The Soyuz TMA-20 spacecraft is set up on its launch pad at Baikonur cosmodrome on 13 December, 2010.—INTERNE

Heart failure, low education linked

COPENHAGEN, 14 Dec—Danish researchers have linked lower levels of education with increased risks of heart failure. The large European study found better educated men and women had nearly half the risk of hospital admission for heart failure than the least well educated.

The study, led by Dr Eva Prescott of Bispebjerg University Hospital in Copenhagen and published online in the *European Heart Journal*, also found the clear socioeconomic gradient in heart failure risk was not explained by lifestyle differences. Prescott and her colleagues suggested explanations potentially include differences in patient treatment.

Prescott noted echocardiography showed early indicators of heart dysfunction in healthy individuals and

indicated the socioeconomic gradient present from early disease stages. Prescott suggested more studies to look for explanations at the pre-clinical stages.

"One point to be mentioned is the role of psychosocial stress on development of heart failure — this has received very little scientific attention so far," Prescott said in a statement.

Prescott and colleagues tracked 18,616 people for as long as 31 years. The study participants had physical exams at the time they joined the study and at regular intervals afterward. Questionnaires were used to assess risk factors. A random sample was assessed for heart function using echocardiography.

Internet

Vitamin D has U-shaped link with frailty

MINNEAPOLIS, 14 Dec — US researchers found a U-shaped relationship between vitamin D levels and frailty in older women.

Dr Kristine Ensrud of the University of Minnesota and colleagues found older women with vitamin D levels higher than 30 nanograms per milliliter and those with levels lower than 20 ng/ml were more likely to be frail. The researchers have called for large randomized trials to determine the efficacy of vitamin D supplementation.

The study, scheduled to be published in *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, found women with vitamin D levels between 20 and 29.9 ng/ml were at the lowest risk of frailty.

"Vitamin D supplementation has grown in popularity, yet the association between vitamin D status and risk of adverse health outcomes in older adults is uncertain," Ensrud said in a statement. "Our study did not find that higher vitamin D status was associated with lower subsequent risks of frailty or death. In fact, higher levels of vitamin D were associated with increased likelihood of frailty."

Ensrud and colleagues measured vitamin D levels and assessed frailty in 6,307 women age 69 and older at the start of the study and 4.5 years later.

Internet

Knee infection: Infrequent but a danger

LUND, 14 Dec — A Swedish researcher warns as the number of knee replacements increases so does the risk of infections.

Anna Stefansdottir of Lund University says knee replacements have increased 9 percent a year in recent years.

"So if 1 percent to 2 percent of the operations lead to bacterial infection, then the need for revision — re-operation will also increase," Stefansdottir says in a statement. Stefansdottir explains a revision often involves two operations. First, a temporary cementing

while the patient is treated for several weeks with antibiotics. Then a further operation to insert a new prosthesis.

In those cases when it is not possible to put in a new prosthesis, patients have their prosthesis removed, which leaves the leg without a real knee joint — often confining the patient to a wheelchair. Very rarely, infection leads to amputation.

The researchers reviewed almost 480 cases of revision knee replacement from 1986 to 2000.

Internet



The economic downturn has US cable television companies shedding subscribers in record numbers and Americans increasingly "cutting the cord" in favour of cheaper online options, new research shows. The findings point to a growing pool of potential customers for online services such as Hulu and Netflix and newcomers like Apple TV and Google TV, analysts say.

INTERNET

British police search address linked to Sweden blast

LONDON, 14 Dec— British police were searching an address in southern England on Monday in connection with weekend bombings in Sweden, amid reports the perpetrator used to live in the area.

Officers from London's Metropolitan Police began the search under anti-terrorism laws just before 11:00 pm (2300 GMT) Sunday, said a force spokesman. No arrests had been made and no hazardous material found, he added.

The search came after a car bombing and suspected suicide blast in Stockholm on Saturday.

It also followed Press reports that Taymour Abdel Wahab—named as the man behind the blasts by website Shumukh al-Islam — had studied and

lived in Luton, Bedfordshire, just north of London. Police refused to say whether the search was taking place in Luton.

The *Guardian* reported the man was an Iraqi-born Swede, and other reports said his family still lived in Luton. "I used to see him around often. He didn't say much but seemed nice. I used to see him walking with his kids," Tahir Hussain, 33, a taxi driver in the town told *The Telegraph*.

"I was shocked when I heard what happened because I never thought he could do such a thing."

Saturday's explosions came as Christmas shoppers crowded in a busy pedestrian quarter of the Swedish Capital. One blast killed one person, while a car bombed exploded nearby and injured two people.—*Internet*



A member of Shoumoukh al-Islam posted a message on 12 December, 2010, saying the individual who executed a suicide attack in Stockholm on 11 December was "Taymour Abdul Wahab" and posted a picture of the alleged bomber. Wahab is reported to have studied at the University of Bedfordshire in Luton, around 30 miles (50 kilometres) north of London, and had continued living in the town in recent years.

INTERNET

Donated bike taken from ill western Pa boy, eight

HYDE PARK, 14 Dec— The parents of an 8-year-old western Pennsylvania boy with leukemia say someone stole his donated bike during their Make-A-Wish trip to Florida.

Shelly and Kevin Jackson say they returned to find the bicycle and other items stolen from their garage Sunday. They had been at Disney World and University Studios in Orlando, Fla with their son, Aaron Jones, and three other children, since 4 Dec.

Shelly Jackson tells the *Valley News Dispatch of Tarentum* that the family isn't looking for someone else to donate a bike. They want to find out who broke into their property during the trip.

The bicycle was given to Aaron in November 2009, a month after his diagnosis, by Cody's Wheels of Hope. The Erie nonprofit gives bicycles to children with serious illnesses.

Internet

Israeli hit by 'friendly fire'

JERUSALEM, 14 Dec — A soldier wounded in a firefight on the Gaza border in which two Palestinians were killed late on Saturday was hit by so-called "friendly fire," the Israeli military said on Sunday.

"According to preliminary findings, an Israeli force operating in the area spotted Palestinians who were approaching the fence. There was an exchange of fire and a soldier was wounded by one of his comrades," a spokeswoman said.

Earlier the military said that a soldier had been wounded, but did not say how.

Soldiers spotted the two Palestinians near the security barrier separating Israel from Hamas-controlled Gaza and opened fire, killing them after a gun battle lasting some 20 minutes, an army spokesman said.

Internet



File photo of a South Korean customer looking at the Apple iPhone 4 in Seoul. Lonesome South Koreans who have trouble finding true love can now get video calls from a beautiful and cute girlfriend --if they download a smartphone application.—INTERNET

Indonesian artist sells volcano ash as souvenirs

JAKARTA, 14 Dec— An Indonesian artist is selling tourist souvenirs of ash from the country's most volatile volcano to raise money for victims of its eruptions.

The English-language daily *The Jakarta Globe* reported Monday that Agus Budi Setiawan is selling volcano souvenirs — small clear bottles containing volcanic ash — for \$1 per bottle.

The bottles feature packaging with

an illustration of Mount Merapi. The volcano on Java island has killed 386 people since bursting back to life in late October and forced more than 17,000 to flee.

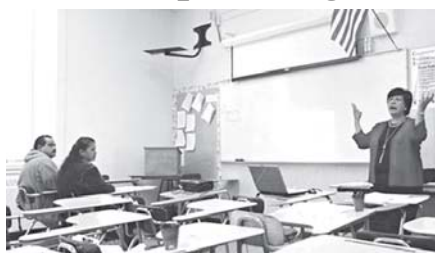
Setiawan works at the Art Institute of Indonesia in Yogyakarta, the nearest city to the volcano. He was quoted as saying that he had collected more than US\$2,000 by selling the souvenirs in ten days and will give all the money to the victims.—*Internet*

Moms, dads of gang kids ordered to parenting class

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—It's a Saturday morning and a half-dozen adults are sitting in a high school classroom, staring at grim photos of sickly drug addicts and hearing about the deadly consequences of gang crime. They'd rather not be here, but a judge made them come.

The moms and dads were ordered to attend the class under a new California law giving judges the option of sending parents for training when their kids are convicted of gang crimes for the first time.

Assemblyman Tony Mendoza, the lawmaker behind the Parent Accountability Act, said it is the first state law to give judges the power to order parents of gang members to school, though other court-mandated classes exist at the local



In this on 13 Nov, 2010 photo, Jose and Rosalva Rodriguez listen to instructor Rosaura Fresquez during a class at a high school in Los Angeles for parents of juveniles convicted of gang crimes.

INTERNET

level.

"A lot of parents do not know how to handle teenagers," Mendoza said. "Now more than ever, parents need a guide."

The new law went into effect in January and eventually will be in place across California. Budget cuts in Sacramento meant implementation of the classes was delayed and only in the past month or so have they been rolled out on a limited basis in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Several of those first classes were canceled due to low attendance, something organizers blamed on judges' ignorance of the new law. But the sputtering start also speaks to the difficulties of trying to engage parents who may be too busy or apathetic to take a more active role in their kids' lives.—*Internet*

Ukraine to open Chernobyl area to tourists in 2011

KIEV, 14 Dec— Want a better understanding of the world's worst nuclear disaster? Come tour the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

Beginning next year, Ukraine plans to open up the sealed zone around the Chernobyl reactor to visitors who wish to learn more about the tragedy that occurred nearly a quarter of a century ago, the Emergency Situations Ministry said Monday.

Chernobyl's reactor No.4 exploded on 20 April, 1986, spewing radiation over a large swath of northern Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people were resettled from areas contaminated with radiation fallout in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. Related health problems

still persist. The so-called exclusion zone, a highly contaminated area within a 30-mile (48-kilometre) radius of the exploded reactor, was evacuated and sealed off in the aftermath of the explosion. All visits were prohibited.

Today, about 2,500 employees maintain the remains of the now-closed nuclear plant, working in shifts to minimize their exposure to radiation. Several hundred evacuees have returned to their villages in the area despite a government ban. A few firms now offer tours to the restricted area, but the government says those tours are illegal and their safety is not guaranteed.—*Internet*

Information Minister provides cash and kind for regional development in Pale Township



Minister U Kyaw Hsan donates cash for construction of a new school building in Mintaingbin Village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan on 12 December morning met with the

townsolders of Pale and the local people from 50 village-tracts in Pale Township at Buddha Vihara Sasana Beikman in Pale. On the occasion, the minister discussed regional development tasks and provided cash and kind for the region.

In addition, matters related to measures to be taken for durability of self-reliant village libraries, collaborative efforts between the government and the parents for uplifting education standard of the youths, extension of village-to-village roads, supply of irrigation water for boosting agricultural production and provision of medicines and medical treatment to the rural people were discussed.

The minister presented K 5 million for construction of a new school building of Basic Education High School in Mintaingbin Village, K 2 million for decorating the ceiling of Buddha Vihara Sasana Beikman in Pale, K 1 million for repairing the high school in Lattatunggyi Village, K 500,000 for renovation of the wall of People's Hospital in Pale, K 19.3 million for construction of 31 self-reliant village libraries and CI sheets for the roofing of the monastery in Kyetyin Village and six self-reliant libraries. Responsible people accepted the donations.

Later, a local expressed thanks to the government

and the ministry for the donations. The minister cordially greeted those present.—MNA



Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents cash for construction of self-reliant libraries.—MNA

14th DGICM, 6th AIIF conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—The 14th Directors General of Immigration Department and Heads Consular Meeting (DGICM) and the 6th ASEAN Immigration and Intelligence Forum (AIIF) continued at the Lake View Hall of Golden Palace Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Registration Department, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Myint and officials concerned, representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries and guests.

Next, the 14th DGICM and the 6th AIIF were held according to the agenda. In the evening, the event came to an end with conclusion remarks of the director-general.—MNA

The 14th Directors General of Immigration Department and Heads Consular Meeting (DGICM) and the 6th ASEAN Immigration and Intelligence Forum (AIIF) in progress.
MNA



Ninth respect-paying ceremony of BEHS Thuwunna on 2 Jan

YANGON, 14 Dec—Cash donation ceremony for holding the 9th respect-paying ceremony by old students of BEHS Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District was held at the school on 12 December.

The respect-paying ceremony will be held at Maha Thuwunna monastery in Thuwunna on 2 January 2011. And



A wellwisher makes cash donation for holding respect paying ceremony.—NLM

get-together will take place at Eagle Garden Restaurant on the same day. Up to date, a total of K 2.5 million has been received. The old students are to attend the ceremony without fail.

Those wishing to make donation may contact U Hla Tin (09-5050516), U Soe Paing (095152660), U Nyunt Swe (095085596), U Myo Zaw (0949272876), Daw Tin Tin Than (01-73056734), Daw Tin Tin Win (095064264), U Soe Lwin (0949307173), U Kyaw Kyaw (099030236), Daw Le Le Win (01-73042088) and Ma Saw Thada Lwin (01-73044775).—NLM

Workshop on Myanmar-ASEAN-Japan human resources held

YANGON, 14 Dec—Jointly organized by Ministry of Labour of Myanmar and Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Japan, workshop on emergence of reliable assessing system for Myanmar-ASEAN-Japan Human Resources Development was held at Traders Hotel here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Director-General and officials of Labour Department, responsible persons from Japanese Embassy and government departments and private organizations and altogether 60 delegates to employees and employers from the governments and the privates.

At the opening ceremony, Director-General U Chit Shein of Labour Department and Minister Counsellor Mr Mitsuji Suzuka of Japanese Embassy made speeches. Two-day discussion was held on 13 and 14 December. Experts from Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Japan, Ministry of Labour and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry read out the papers on skillful training and assessing system for human resources development.

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Senior General Than Shwe on inspection tour...

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tea-growing companies and entrepreneurs in the respective regions, thriving tea plantations from 2008-2009 to 2010-2011, estimated tea production in Mount Popa region, tea plantations in Mount Popa and Mount Natyekan regions, substitution of banana plants in eastern part of Mount Popa region, and growing of banana plants and perennials.

The minister continued that from 1996 till the rainy season of 2009, trees and perennial crops could be substituted up to a hundred per cent on 5584.32 acres for banana plants by organizing the local growers, totaling 1.3 million trees and forest plants and three million perennial crops have been planted.

The Senior General, after putting some questions, called for ensuring better transportation in the region, encouragement to be given to locals to grow tea as it creates job opportunities and makes more money for them and conservation of greening of Mount Popa region by extending tea and perennial crops.

Later, the Senior General and entourage

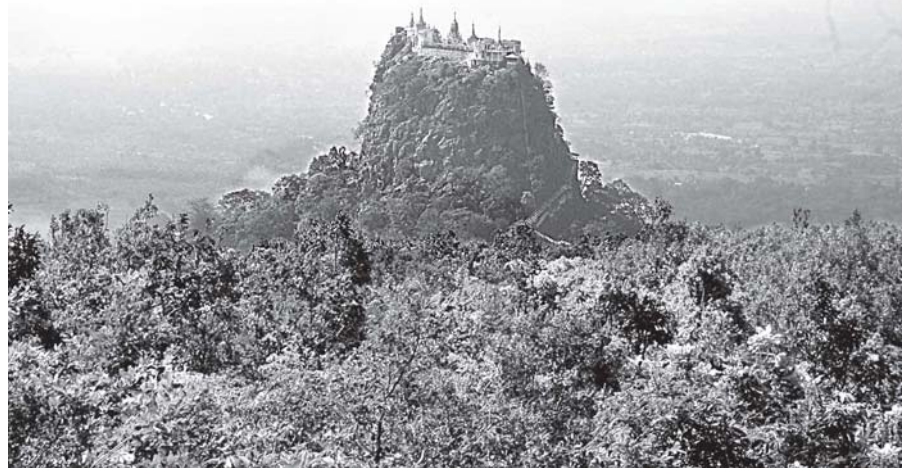


Photo shows an impressive view of Mount Popa.—MNA

viewed Mount Popa model tea plantations of Tin Win Tun Company.

The Senior General and party arrived at Popa Mountain Resort where they viewed greening of flat topped hill and Mount Popa

region, and forest conservation.

Senior General Than Shwe and entourage left Mount Popa region in the afternoon by helicopter.

MNA

Prizes presented for shooting contest, Mon State men's open soccer tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—A prize-presentation ceremony for South-East Command Commander's trophy men's and women's shooting contest took place at the shooting range of the local battalion of Mawlamyine Station on 8

December. Present at the ceremony were Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin, senior military officers and officers of the local units and regiments.

Next, the commander also attended a prize presentation ceremony for Mon State men's open football tournament and presented prizes to the winning teams.

MNA

Industry-2 Minister inspects factories and workshops in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec — Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein visited No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway) of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Enterprise

in Magway Township of Magway Region yesterday.

He inspected heavy truck production, machines exported from foreign countries and as-

sembling works.

The minister also viewed construction of Transmission Workshop Project and Technical Training School (Magway).—MNA

Transport Minister attends contract-signing ceremony



Contract-signing ceremony between Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems and CATIC in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—A ceremony to sign a contract on purchase of dredger and vessels between Directorate of

Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems under the Ministry of Transport and China National Aero Technology

Import & Export Corporation (CATIC) Beijing Co Ltd took place at Myattawun Hotel here yesterday evening,

Educative talks on developing reading habit held

YANGON, 14 Dec —Educative talks on developing reading habit organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association were held at No (1) Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Township here this morning.

attended by Minister for Transport U Thein Swe and other ministers, departmental heads, Vice President Mr Liu Jianhai and officials concerned of CATIC.

The minister extended greetings and Vice President of CATIC Mr Liu Jianhai and officials concerned made speeches. Associate Director-General of DWIRIS U Hla Myint Thein and Vice President Mr Liu Jianhai of CATIC signed the contract and exchanged the note.—MNA

It was attended by MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit), CEC members, Director U Tin Hlaing of No (3) Basic Education Department, Headmistress Daw Saw Yu Khin, teachers and students.

The headmistress and Vice-Chairman (1) U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw) extended greetings. CEC Member U Maung Maung Oo (Hein Latt) and the

chairman gave educative talks on the advantages of reading.

MWJA Secretary U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho), CEC Member U Tint Swe (Ye Yint Tint Swe), Joint Secretary-1 of the association U Myat Khine (Myat Khine) and Joint Treasurer U Maung Myo (Maung Myo-Kyaungnakaung) donated books and publications through the headmistress.—MNA

Talks on dental health on 19 Dec

YANGON, 14 Dec— Under the arrangement of Myanmar Dental Association (MDA) (Central) talks will take place at Panda Hotel on Minyekyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township here on 9 December.

Dr Zaw Win Tin will give talks on Dental Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea and Dr Tin Latt on Orthodontics for General Practice. Interested dentists and students may attend the talks.—MNA



49th C-in-C's Trophy Tatmadaw...

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District and service personnel. Athletes from the teams saluted the Adjutant-General after taking position at designated places. After that, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Maj-Gen Thet Naing

Win and the commander and fans watched the match between Nay Pyi Taw Command team and No. 88 LID team.

A total of 36 teams are taking part in the tournament. The matches will be held at Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Paunglaung football grounds till 29 December.—MNA

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo watches the match between Nay Pyi Taw Command team and No. 88 LID team.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Swa Khaing making speech at ASEAN energy workshop and opening of course.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec.—Workshop on energy, jointly organized by Ministry of Industry-2 and ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), was opened at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here this

morning.

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Kyaw Swa Khaing, departmental heads from respective ministries and associations and officials Energy Conservation Centre of Japan (ECCJ) and ACE attended the opening ceremony.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Swa Khaing and Director U Pe Zin Tun of Energy Planning Department from the Ministry of Energy extended greetings.

Officials from ECCJ and ACE explained matters related to the workshop.

Attendees discussed effective use of energy and energy saving. The workshop will wind up on 15 December.—MNA

ASEAN energy workshop commences

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago...

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Senior Engineer Daw Thein Tan of Yangon North District Public Works explained that Yangon North District Public Works is taking responsibility on construction of two road sections—four miles and three furlongs long section and four miles and three furlongs long section. At present, the road sections are being repaved.

We took photos on progress of construction tasks.

She further explained that the road starts from mile post No. 47 of Yangon-Pyay Road. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the strategic road is being upgraded to asphalt one by the Ministry of Construction. The road is one of seven roads crossing Bago mountain

range. These roads are Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road, Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung Road, Koebin-Tagara Road, Pyay-Paukkhaung-Hnoktwin Road, Chaungnet-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road, Magway-Kanbya-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road and Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road, she added.

The Senior Engineer continued to say that in line with the measurements of strategic roads, Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road will be constructed as 18 feet wide asphalt road on 37 feet wide road area along seven miles and four furlongs long section and 12 feet asphalt road on the remaining section. Efforts are being made for opening the road on schedule, she said.

In 1995, 18-mile

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road was constructed by No. 3 Works Battalion of the Directorate of Military Engineers. Taikkyi-Phaunggyi section was constructed as one mile and six furlongs long asphalt section and 16 miles and two furlongs long laterite section from 1995 to 2010.

Phaunggyi-Bago section is 24 miles and seven furlongs long. It is combined with four miles and three furlongs long asphalt section and 20 miles and four furlongs long earth section.

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road was put into service on 9-4-2004, and the Directorate of Military Engineers handed it over to Public Works.

In an interview, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Htay Oo who is building bridges on the road said that Public



A heavy machinery expanding road area of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road.

Works is building 31 bridges under 180 feet long on 42 miles and seven furlongs long Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road.

He said that Bridge Special Group (1) is assigned to construct five bridges, Road Special Group (13) nine bridges, Building Special Group (1) four bridges, Building Special Group (2) four

bridges, Building Special Group (4) five bridges, Yangon North District Public Works two bridges, and Yangon South District Public Works two bridges. They are trying to complete the construction of bridges as schedule of the road, he explained.

The Ministry of Construction has

achieved victory over Bago mountain range through seven roads for enabling the local people from both sides to gain easy access to each other. In the near future, seven mountain range crossing roads will be the trade routes for transport of domestic products.

Translation: TTA Kyemon: 10-12-2010



File photo shows UN climate chief Christiania Figueres places a building block in a miniature Mayan pyramid at the site of climate negotiations in Cancun, Mexico, on 28 Nov, 2010. The 'Pyramid of Hope' monument was erected by the TckTckTck climate awareness campaign to symbolize the many building blocks needed for a new climate agreement.—INTERNET

Austria to halve tank force to reflect stable Europe

VIENNA, 14 Dec—Neutral Austria will junk or sell more than 500 tanks as it scales back its armoured forces to reflect post-Cold War stability in Europe, the government announced on Sunday.

"We will still have robust equipment available to protect our soldiers on foreign missions and will have to maintain our armoured capabilities in case the security situation changes in the long term," Defence Minister Norbert Darabos said.

"But the security situation and the duties of the military allow the extent of the tank force to be reduced dramatically." The move will reduce the number of Austrian tanks—many of them relics of the Cold War standoff between the capitalist West and Communist East—by more than half. Up to 1,000 anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons are also slated to go.

MNA/Reuters



Spanish bullfighter David Fandila "El Fandi" is tackled by a bull during a bullfight at Peru's historic Plaza de Acho bullring in Lima on 28 November, 2010.—INTERNET

Moldovan ship sinks in storm off Israel, crew safe

ASHDOD, 14 Dec—A Moldovan cargo ship sank in bad weather off Israel's coast on Sunday but its 11 crew were rescued, an Israeli maritime official said.

Separately, Israel said it reopened Ashdod port to admit a Turkish merchant ship that had been overwhelmed by the winter squalls and was in touch with another Turkish vessel that had issued a distress call. "The Moldovan ship sank the crew



WikiLeaks says Venezuelan missile purchases worried US

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec—The United States tried to stop delivery of Russian anti-aircraft missiles to Venezuela in 2009 amid concerns it could pass them on to Marxist guerrillas in Colombia or Mexican drug gangs, *The Washington Post* said on Sunday, citing diplomatic cables from WikiLeaks.

Venezuela, where President Hugo Chavez heads a strongly anti-American Government, received at least 1,800 of the SA-24 shoulder-fired missiles from Russia, the *Post* said, citing UN arms control data.

Secret US cables said

Washington was concerned about the acquisition by Caracas of Russian arms, including attack helicopters, *Sukhoi* fighter jets and 100,000 *Kalashnikov* rifles, the newspaper reported.

It quoted a US State Department cable on 10 August, 2009 to embassies in Europe and South America as saying Russian arms sales to Venezuela totaled "over 5 billion US dollars last year and growing." Concern about Spanish plans to sell aircraft and patrol boats to Venezuela were also cited in the cable.

MNA/Reuters

Georgia may get additional donor money for reconstruction

TBILISI, 14 Dec—The South Caucasus country of Georgia may get half a billion US dollars more than the 4.5 billion dollars it was allocated for reconstruction by the 2008 Brussels Donors' Conference, it was announced here on Monday.

Georgian Finance Minister Kakha Baidurashvili told a media gathering that the country could get 500 million more dollars as donor money but the minister did not elaborate where the extra money is to come from.

The official made the remarks while briefing the local media at a special

session to assess the spending of the donor money for the 2008-2010 period.

The donor money has been spent on reconstruction of infrastructure, on improvement of living conditions of internally-displaced people and on development of civil society in Georgia, the minister said.

A total of 38 countries and 15 international institutions attended the 2008 Brussels Donors' Conference which raised 4.5 billion dollars for Georgia. The donor conference was organized by the European Commission and the World Bank.—Xinhua

German Minister says open to EU fiscal union talks

BERLIN, 14 Dec—Germany is open to a discussion over whether countries that share the euro currency should harmonise their fiscal policy, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble said.

In an interview published on Sunday in *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper, Schäuble said the decision made at the euro's creation to not integrate state finances into a European framework could be addressed anew.

"The basic decision was for fiscal and budgetary policy to be decided on the national level. If that is to be changed, then we can talk about it," he said.

Berlin has opposed calls by Spain and other

countries to move towards a full-fledged "fiscal union" in the 16-nation bloc but appeared last week to have agreed to a limited form of policy coordination.

Looking forward, Schäuble predicted that member states of the European Union would come ever closer politically.

"In ten years we will have a structure that corresponds much stronger to what one describes as political union," he said.

In an advance portion of the interview released on Saturday, Schäuble said the euro currency is here to stay, and warned those betting against its survival that they are making a mistake.

MNA/Reuters



Photo taken on 28 Nov, 2010 shows buildings of Hongqi Primary School under construction in the quake-hit Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, northwest China's Qinghai Province.

By far, a total of 249 rebuilding projects have been carried out in Yushu, where the investment will reach 5 billion RMB yuan (750 million US dollars) till the end of this year.—XINHUA

Survey says most UK retailers see X'mas as good as 2009

LONDON, 14 Dec— A majority of British retailers believe Christmas will be no worse than last year, despite the financial pressures of the last 12 months and the recent snow, a survey said on Monday.

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) said its Christmas trading snapshot of 17 major retailers, representing up to 51 percent of the sector by turnover, showed almost two thirds expect sales to be the same or better than last Christmas.

It said 35 percent felt Christmas 2010 would be better than 2009, 29 percent felt it would be the same and 36 percent are braced for figures to be

down.

The survey also found 71 percent of retailers think the 4 January rise in VAT sales tax to 20 percent means customers are bringing forward purchases, and more than eight out of 10 expect the VAT change to have a negative impact on sales in January.

"It's reassuring to see a majority of retailers believe Christmas sales will be at least as good as last year. But considering inflation is now at 3.2 percent, growth of anything less than that would be a real-terms fall," BRC Director General Stephen Robertson said.

MNA/Reuters



File photo shows flood waters surround a condominium's pool in

Carolina Beach, NC, on 30 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET



A stethoscope rests on a container of hand sanitizer inside of the doctor's office of One Medical Group in New York on 17 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Gangster film wins big at Australian Film Institute awards

SYDNEY, 14 Dec— A gritty film about an underworld Melbourne family swept the top awards at the Australian Film Institute (AFI) awards at the weekend, claiming 10 of a record 18 nominations.

"Animal Kingdom", written and directed by David Michod took the coveted award for Best Film, along with prizes for Best Direction and Best Original Screenplay. He said he began writing his debut film in 2000.

"I just wanted the thing to be as good as it possibly could be and I drove myself crazy in the process," media quoted him as saying.

MNA/Reuters

US to hold pivotal trade talks with China, then EU

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec— The United States will hold high-level trade talks with China and the European Union this week, testing the Obama Administration's ability to tear down barriers that impede US exports and economic growth. The United States and China will cap a rocky year of trade relations with two days of meetings beginning on Tuesday. The United States on Thursday will then shift from transpacific to transatlantic relations for talks with the EU. The separate dialogues present distinctly different challenges, with fast-growing China receiving the bigger share of US attention this year.

Heading into the annual US-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) meeting, the Obama Administration is under pressure from Congress to show progress on trade irritants ranging from beef to computer software.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan will head a delegation of nearly 100 officials for talks led on the US side by Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and Trade Representative Ron Kirk. A bipartisan group of US members of the House of Representatives on Friday complained that promises made by China at past JCCT meetings "have failed to lead to commercially meaningful market access for US companies."

They urged Locke and Kirk to press China to commit to specific targets for measuring how much it is cutting piracy of US software and other intellectual property and boosting imports of American goods.—MNA/Reuters

Indonesia's airport ranks 22nd among 100 busiest airports

JAKARTA, 14 Dec— Indonesia's international airport in Jakarta, Soekarno-Hatta Airport, was ranked 22nd among 100 major international airports in terms of combined passenger arrivals and departures, a media reported here Monday.

"Our position is so close to the Singapore airport, which serves 37.2 million passengers," Angkasa Pura II, president director Tri Sunoko was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

He said Harstfield International Airport in Atlanta, the United States, topped the list with 88 million passenger arrivals and departures annually.

Soekarno-Hatta's figure was a 15.2 percent increase from the year before, when the world was hit by a major economic crisis.

This year, he said, Soekarno-Hatta Airport was expected to serve 40 million passengers in near future.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi still favours \$70-\$80 oil, OPEC holds supply

QUITO, 14 Dec—Leading OPEC producer Saudi Arabia said on Saturday it still favoured a 70 US dollar-80 US dollar price range for oil, a restatement of a two-year-old policy that will be welcomed by consumer nations worried that rising oil prices may get out of control and hamper global economic recovery.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi told reporters at an OPEC meeting in Quito "70 US dollars-80 US dollars" is a good price."

The comments came as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed, as expected, to keep production restraints unchanged, despite a recent surge in crude prices to 90 US

dollars a barrel.

With OPEC's next meeting not scheduled until 2 June, markets are likely to test Saudi Arabia's resolve to keep prices below 80 US dollars.

"The real issue here is whether additional supplies will be added," said Lawrence Eagles, global head of oil research at JP Morgan in New York. "Minister Naimi said 80 US dollars was the top end of the range; let's see if he follows up with higher supplies."

US crude closed at 87.79 US dollars a barrel on Friday having touched a two-year high of 90.76 US dollars earlier in the week.

MNA/Reuters

File photo shows the Little Mermaid is pictured after returning to her original spot in Copenhagen on 20 Nov, 2010. Denmark's national icon, the Little Mermaid, came back on her rock perch Saturday in Copenhagen harbour after her first-ever abroad trip to the Shanghai Expo 2010.—XINHUA



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Germany to withdraw troops from Afghanistan in 2011

BERLIN, 14 Dec — Germany aims to start withdrawing troops from Afghanistan at the end of 2011, a decade after the start of the war, a government report showed on Monday. NATO leaders agreed at a summit in Lisbon last month to begin transferring security responsibility in some areas to Afghans from mid-2011, and hand over control of the whole country by the end of 2014, allowing foreign troops to leave.

"In the process of handing over responsibility for security, the government intends to reduce some capacities that are no longer needed by the end of 2011, beginning of 2012 as long as the situation allows this," the report by the four relevant ministries read.

MNA/Reuters



Workers stand by debris after a house, once used by gladiators to train before combat, collapsed in Pompeii on 6 Nov 2010.

INTERNET

LANN PYI MARINE CO., LTD. (Container Feeder Service) ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes carried by M.V. DELPHINI ALPHA are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

Voy -73	PKG	11-12-2010	YGN	15-12-2010
Voy -75	PKG	21-12-2010	YGN	25-12-2010
Voy -77	PKG	31-12-2010	YGN	04-01-2011

Cargoes 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 bye-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Participants in a 50th anniversary celebration for John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, approach the Christ of the Abyss statue with a ceremonial garland in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo, Florida, on 10 Dec, 2010. The participants are, (From L to R) Billy Causey, southeast director of NOAA's national marine sanctuaries, noted oceanographer Dr Sylvia Earle and Pat Wells, Pennekamp Park manager. Pennekamp Park, the nation's first underwater preserve, was established in 10 Dec, 1960.

XINHUA

Pompeii collapse forces Italy into heritage debate

ROME, 14 Dec—The embarrassing collapse of buildings at the ancient Roman city of Pompeii has reignited debate in Italy over conservation, amid warnings that budget cuts could trigger fresh degradation of key sites.

"Italian cultural heritage is at risk of falling apart," said Pier Giovanni Guzzo, the former head of

the archaeological site of Pompeii.

Pompeii, which was entombed by the massive eruption of the nearby Mount Vesuvius volcano in AD 79, is one of the most visited sites in the world, receiving around three million tourists each year. But according to Guzzo: "There hasn't been the necessary conservation carried out." Late last month a 12-metre-long (40-foot) wall collapsed, with experts

UNHCR

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Myanmar is seeking qualified local professionals to fill the posts of:

- 1) **Logistics Assistant to be stationed in Maungdaw, Northern Rakhine State.**
- 2) **Senior Field Assistant to be stationed in Myeik. Tanintharyi with frequent and extended visits to field locations.**
- 3) **Senior Field Assistant to be stationed in Mawlamyine, Mon State with frequent and extended visits to field locations.**

The detailed **Terms of Reference** for these positions are available at **any UN or INGO Bulletin Board** in Yangon, Laputta, Maungdaw, Mawlamyine, Myeik and Taungtoo.

Closing date: 24.12.2010



A person feeds grain to a dove in Kathmandu on 12 Dec, 2010.— INTERNET

Ballet San Jose's staging of 'The Nutcracker' shines

SAN JOSE, 14 Dec — Ballet San Jose's "The Nutcracker" is like friends you haven't seen in a while. The minute they walk into the house, you remember why you liked them. Artistic Director Dennis Nahat's splendid take on the holiday classic is such a friend. Choreographed in 1979, its charm, wit and celebration of family and a little girl's dream of meeting her Prince Charming are alive and well. "Nutcracker" opened Saturday at the

San Jose Centre for the Performing Arts, where it continues through 26 Dec. When Nahat choreographed the 1892 Russian classic as the first piece for his fledgling company in Cleveland, he made two major decisions.

He transformed the ballet's first act, a staid and static Christmas party, into a vibrant get-together of family and friends. He also gave the roles of Maria (danced Saturday by Maria Jacobs-Yu) and the Nut-

cracker Prince (Ramon Moreno) to professionals instead of children; they could thus participate in the national dances instead of simply watching them.—Internet

Teens with asthma offered help at school

NEW YORK, 14 Dec—A school-based educational programme helps teens cope with asthma, US researchers say. Jean-Marie Bruzzese of New York University School of Medicine and colleagues say an eight-week, school-based intervention programme Asthma Self-Management for Adolescents significantly improves the quality of life of students with asthma — especially poor, urban, minority teens. The study, published online ahead of the print in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, finds students in the programme report more confidence in managing their asthma and greater use of their controller medication and written treatment plans versus controls.—Internet



Early snow : A dog plays in the heavy snow in Linlithgow, in Scotland. The earliest widespread snowfall of a British winter since 1993 blanketed Scotland and northeast England at the week-end.— INTERNET

Frogs shows signs of comeback from disease

NEWCASTLE, 14 Dec—Frogs in Australia and the United States may be recovering from a fungal disease that has decimated amphibian populations around the world, researchers say.

Between 1990 and 1998 the populations of several frog species in Australia plummeted due to chytridiomycosis infection, but a recent survey suggests the frogs are re-establishing themselves, *NewScientist.com* reported Friday.

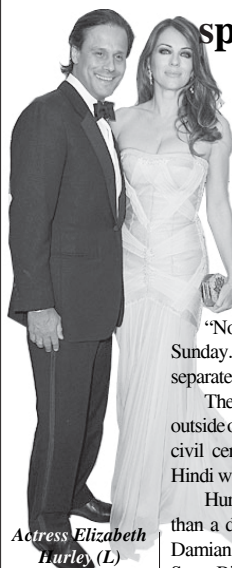
"It's happening across a number of species," Michael Mahony at the University of Newcastle in New South Wales says.

Barred river frogs, the tusked frog and several tree frog species have returned to areas where they had almost disappeared, and some species have even reached pre-infection levels, Australian researchers say. There are also signs of recovery in the United States.

Roland Knapp at the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory of the University of California says mountain yellow-legged frogs, once "driven virtually to extinction," are returning.

Internet

Elizabeth Hurley announces split from husband



Actress Elizabeth Hurley (L) and her husband Arun Nayar.

LONDON, 14 Dec—British actress and model Elizabeth Hurley says she has separated from her Indian husband of three years, Arun Nayar.

Hurley's announcement on her Twitter account comes amid reports in British tabloids linking her romantically to Australian cricket star Shane Warne. Warne on Monday confirmed he has also split from his wife.

"Not a great day," Hurley, 45, tweeted Sunday. "For the record, my husband Arun & I separated a few months ago."

The couple married in 2007 at a castle outside of London. They followed up the private civil ceremony with a lavish and traditional Hindi wedding in Jodhpur, India.

Hurley, 45, dated actor Hugh Grant for more than a decade and has an eight-year-old son, Damian, from a relationship with film producer Steve Bing.

Internet

Richie and Madden married by Rev Run

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—Hip-hop icon Rev Run, who is also a practicing minister, married Nicole Richie and Joel Madden in Beverly Hills, Calif., a wedding guest said.

The celebrity couple and parents of two young children have been together for four years.

Rev Run, a founding member of the rap group Run-DMC, married Richie and Madden Saturday at a winter-themed ceremony attended by about 150 people, including reality TV star Khloe Kardashian and disc jockey Samantha Ronson. "Joel and Nicole have

looked up to Rev Run, so they wanted him to officiate," one guest told *UsMagazine.com*.

"They both appreciate his family values and he is an inspiration for both. They both also respect his faith, too."

Internet

Nicole Richie and husband Joel Madden arrive at the 82nd annual Academy Awards in Hollywood on 7 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Ex-TV chef gets 9 years in plot to kill wife

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—With a wink and smile at his wife, former "Calorie Commando" TV chef Juan-Carlos Cruz was sentenced to nine years in prison Monday after pleading no contest to trying to hire two homeless men to murder her. Looking considerably grayer than he did during his arrest in May, Cruz turned to catch one more glimpse of his wife Jennifer Campbell as he was led from the brief hearing. She was seated in the front row of the courtroom with her attorney.

In a plea agreement, Cruz, 48, pleaded no contest in October to a charge of solicitation of murder, and prosecutors dropped a more serious count of attempted murder.

The sentencing capped a bizarre tale that came to light when Cruz was arrested in a sting operation by Santa Monica police.

The investigation began when two homeless men told police that Cruz had approached them on the street, wanting to hire them as hitmen. Police then videotaped Cruz arranging the murder with the men and driving one of them to his Westwood condo to show him how to get in, prosecutors said. The Dominican-born Cruz and Campbell, a trusts and taxation lawyer, had been together since high school. A former pastry chef at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles, Cruz's weight loss led to a new career on the Discovery Health Network's "Body Challenge 3." Cruz then published "The Calorie Countdown Cookbook." Shortly after his arrest, his second cookbook was released, "The Love Diet," which featured aphrodisiac recipes, written with Amy Reiley.

Internet

'X Factor' finale rivets Britain, heads to USA

LONDON, 14 Dec—The "X Factor" finale has drawn a record audience in Britain as the Simon Cowell-led musical competition prepares for its debut in the United States.

Painter and decorator Matt Cardle is the newly crowned X Factor champion and is launching his recording career at age 27 with the release "When We Collide" in hopes of landing the top spot on the British Christmas hit charts. Cardle started his campaign Monday with a London publicity blitz. He is just beginning his recording career and is expected to earn several million pounds (dollars) next year.

ITV says the "X Factor" finale drew nearly 20 million viewers, making it the largest non-sports audience in Britain in the last decade.

The show has been growing in popularity in recent years.

Internet



The 2010 X Factor winner Matt Cardle

Gospel singer who performed with Elvis dies

ATLANTA, 14 Dec—Sherrill "Shaun" Nielsen, a gospel singer who performed with Elvis Presley, has died at age 68.

Nielsen's publicist, Aaron Crisler, says Nielsen died



Sherrill Nielsen, a gospel singer. INTERNET

Friday, 10 Dec, 2010 of lung cancer.

Nielsen sang with Elvis on the Grammy-nominated song "Softly as I Leave You" and performed with a number of gospel groups over his career including the Singing Speer Family and Voice.

Nielsen is survived by his wife Brenda Hall Nielsen. His funeral is scheduled for Thursday in Cullman, Ala.

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Oprah, Sandra Bullock, Halle Berry to present Oscars

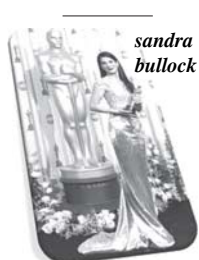
LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—Oprah Winfrey, Sandra Bullock and Halle Berry will be among presenters handing out the awards at next year's Oscars show in February, organizer said Monday.

Last year's best actor Oscar winner Jeff Bridges and 1992 best supporting actress winner Marisa Tomei will also be presenting at the 83rd Academy Awards show on 27 February.

Actor James Franco — star of Danny Boyle's latest movie "127 Hours" — and "Love and Other Drugs" actress Anne

Hathaway will co-host the 2011 Oscars ceremony at Hollywood's Kodak Theater. Berry won best actress in 2001, while Bridges and Bullock won last year for their leading roles in "Crazy Heart" and "The Blind Side," respectively.

Internet



sandra bullock

Voice on Jackson album far from finished article

LONDON, 14 Dec—Recordings of Michael Jackson's voice on a new album being released this week were far from the finished article and required considerable

digital enhancement, according to one of its main producers. But Teddy Riley, who worked with the King of Pop on several records before his death, believed that "Michael" would go down as a classic, albeit short of the heights of Jackson's heyday in the late 70s and early 80s.

"I had to do more processing to the voice, which is why people were asking about the authenticity of his voice," Riley told *Reuters* of the first album of new Jackson material since the singer's sudden death 18 months ago.

The project has been mired in controversy since members of Jackson's family were quoted questioning the authenticity of the voice on some tracks and his father's lawyer said the perfectionist would never have wanted the music released.

"We had to do what we had to do to make ... his voice work with the actual music," Riley added in an interview.—Internet

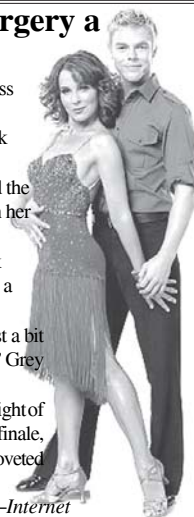
Jennifer Grey's back surgery a success

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—Hollywood actress and reigning "Dancing with the Stars" champ Jennifer Grey has successfully undergone back surgery, her doctor said.

The 50-year-old "Dirty Dancing" star had the operation last week to repair a ruptured disc in her back. Dr Robert S Bray Jr told *People.com* he removed "a huge fragment" from Grey's back during the procedure, which he categorized as a success.

"I'm still recovering at home. I have to rest a bit more, but I feel great — completely pain-free," Grey told the magazine's Web site exclusively.

Grey suffered the ruptured disc on the first night of last month's "Dancing with the Stars" two-part finale, but continued competing and ultimately won the coveted mirror-ball trophy, alongside her professional dance partner Derek Hough.—Internet



Official: Don King stopped in Ohio for ammo in bag



Boxing promoter Don King

CLEVELAND, 14 Dec—Boxing promoter Don King was stopped by security at Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport for having ammunition in his carry-on luggage.

Hopkins Airport spokeswoman Jacqueline Mayo says the 79-year-old King was stopped by

members of the Transportation Safety Administration on Sunday night. She says King had ammunition for .38-caliber and .357-caliber firearms in his bag. Mayo says the ammunition was taken and that King was released to continue his trip, she believes to Florida. She said she didn't know if King received a citation. King didn't immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

WOIO-TV in Cleveland first reported the incident and said King was in Cleveland for his wife's funeral.—*Internet*

Monaco to decide on Lacombe future

MONACO, 14 Dec—Etienne Franzi, president of struggling Monaco, said on Monday that his club would assess the position of coach Guy Lacombe during the winter break.

During the break, which runs from 23 December to 15 January, Franzi said that Monaco would take a decision on Lacombe's future "after having examined... all the possible options".

Franzi met with Lacombe and Monaco director general Marc Keller on Monday, when it was decided that Lacombe would remain in place for the league game at Paris Saint-Germain next Saturday and the visit of Sochaux on



President of struggling Monaco Etienne Franzi.—INTERNET

22 December.

According to different sources close to the club, Franzi's advisor Jean Petit could succeed Lacombe during the winter break with a brief of saving the team from relegation.

Monaco lost 2-0 at home to Saint-Etienne on Sunday, a sixth straight defeat in all competitions, and currently sit one place above the Ligue 1 relegation zone in 17th position.

Internet

Triple injury blow for Lyon

LYON, 14 Dec—Lyon will be without defenders Cris and Pape Diakhate and French international midfielder Jeremy Toulalan for Sunday's clash at French champions Marseille, the club revealed on Monday.



Lyon's Senegalese defender Pape Diakhate gives a press conference in November 2010.

INTERNET

Both Toulalan and Diakhate missed last Sunday's 2-0 victory over Toulouse, the former with a recurrence of a left thigh injury, but the latter's absence was not explained.

Cris became a doubt for the Marseille match when the Brazilian veteran finished the Toulouse game with a painful groin. French international right-back Anthony Reveliere, meanwhile, is another doubt after he went off before the final whistle with a calf problem.

Internet

SPORTS

Milan veterans join Silva on sidelines

ROME, 14 Dec—Serie A leaders AC Milan will be without veterans and 2006 World Cup winners Gennaro Gattuso and Gianluca Zambrotta for Saturday's final game before the Italian winter break against Roma.

Gattuso has a thigh problem while Zambrotta has picked up a knee injury, Milan said in a statement.

Gattuso should be out for seven to 10 days while Zambrotta could miss as much as two weeks, although in both cases that would translate to just the game against Roma as



Italian defender Gianluca Zambrotta (left) and midfielder Gennaro Gattuso play during a practice session.—INTERNET

Milan won't then play again until 6 January.

Thiago Silva, meanwhile, underwent minor knee surgery at the weekend but will be available to join the team on their winter training camp in sunny Dubai.—*Internet*

Galliani moves to dampen Milan euphoria

ROME, 14 Dec—AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani has told the team and fans to calm down following Sunday's 3-0 win at Bologna that guaranteed the seven-time European champions top spot in Serie A at Christmas.

Milan lead their rivals by six points with only one game to go before the winter break, meaning they cannot be caught until the new year at least.

But as the club seeks its first title since 2004, Galliani wants to guard against complacency.

"Being top of the tree at Christmas is important but it's a very long season so we shouldn't get too excited because there's still a lot to do," he said.

"Up until now we've been playing very well and the summer acquisitions



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (left) fights for the ball during the Serie A football match.

INTERNET

have proven themselves good choices.

"However, we're not even halfway down the path, there are three teams six points behind us who could come back into play, as could Roma, Palermo or Inter (Milan)."—*Internet*

Park puts United on top of Premier League



Manchester United's South Korean midfielder Park Ji-Sung celebrates scoring against Arsenal.—INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 14 Dec—South Korea international Park Ji-Sung's sixth goal of the season sent Manchester United two points clear at the top of the Premier League table after they beat former leaders Arsenal 1-0 at Old Trafford here on Monday.

United, who also have a game in hand over all their title rivals, could even afford the luxury of a missed penalty 17 minutes from time when Wayne Rooney

fired wildly over the bar after Gael Clichy was adjudged to have handled inside his own area.

It was hardly a vintage performance but United, who visit reigning champions Chelsea on Sunday, were full value for a fifth successive home win which meant they also retained their unbeaten Premier League record this season.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was delighted by Park's display, telling Sky Sports: "His record against Arsenal is very good and he's been in fantastic form, the lad."

Internet

The final ATP men's tuneup tournament before the US Open will move to North Carolina from New Haven.

INTERNET

Osasuna fight-back dents Valencia's European hopes



Osasuna's forward Carlos Aranda reacts during the Spanish league football match Valencia vs Osasuna.

INTERNET

ond-half we were unable to cope with Osasuna's attacks," said Valencia coach Unai Emery.

"We worried about conceding an equaliser and that was what happened. We have to be critical of ourselves and be stronger."

Meanwhile Osasuna coach Jose Antonio Camacho praised the way his side battled back at 3-1 down.

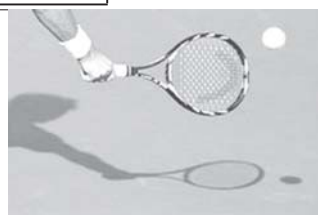
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Final US Open men's tuneup event relocated

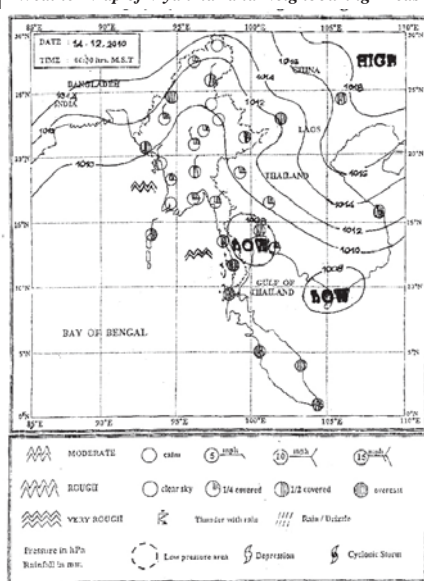
WINSTON-SALEM, 14 Dec—The final ATP men's tuneup tournament before the US Open will move to North Carolina from New Haven after a sponsorship deal ended for the 625,000-dollar hardcourt event.

The 48-player event had been staged alongside a WTA tournament that will remain in New Haven, which is only 80 miles from New York compared to about 470 miles from New York to the ATP event's new home in Winston-Salem.

A new tennis facility will be built upon the campus of Wake Forest University for the event, which will debut August 21-27, 2011. It will feature a 3,500-seat stadium and two show courts with 1,500 seats each.—*Internet*



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 14th 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, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, Lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, (3°C) above December average temperatures in Eastern Shan and Upper Sagaing Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperature was Haka (0°C) and Machanbaw (6°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 13-12-2010 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 14-12-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-12-2010 was (74%). Rainfall on 14-12-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 13-12-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 14-12-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-12-2010 was (54%). Total sunshine hours on 13-12-2010 was (9.6) hours.

Rainfall on 14-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 13-12-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th December 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Asleep in Jesus Mrs Philomena Joseph Ratnam Age 70

Mrs Philomena Joseph Ratnam beloved wife of Alex. D. Ratnam and mother of John Terrance Ratnam and Philip Joseph Ratnam, and also the daughter of Mr and Mrs M. F Joseph, sister of Anthony and Helen Joseph was peacefully called to her heavenly home at her residence No 22, Banya Dala Road, Mingalar Taung Nyunt on 14 December, at 2:20 am.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's Cathedral No. 372 Bo Aung Kyaw St at 2 pm the same day and thence to the Yayway Christian cemetery for entombment.

Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved Family

Shoppers are silhouetted against advertisements in a shopping mall on 13 Dec, 2010 in Singapore where malls are taking advantage of the festive season to spruce up their sales through visual merchandising and year end sales.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-12-2010)(Wednesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (15-12-10 09:30 am ~ 16-12-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Happily ever after, A Fairy Tale Love Story (Part1)
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Festival
- * News
- * Business Matching Meeting Between Myanmar & Vietnam Entrepreneurs
- * News
- * Myanmar Classical Song
- * Eco-Echo Exhibition (EEE) (2010)

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Happily ever after, A Fairy Tale Love Story (Part1)
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Festival
- * News
- * Coloured Glass Ball...Expert
- * News
- * Myanmar Classical Song
- * Eco-Echo Exhibition (EEE) (2010)
- * News
- * Current Affair "Iron Cross 20th anniversary Live Show"
- * News
- * The Essence of vipassana
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Today's Youths and Dancer Training Courses
- * News
- * Mann Shwe Settaw
- * Myanmar Movie "Shwe Nanthar House"



Wednesday,
15 December
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. Health Programme

8:05 am

7. Cultural Dances

8:20 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Dance Of National Races

4:30 pm

4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing

Arts Competition

4:35 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)

4:50 pm

6. Song For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm

7. Classical Songs

5:05 pm

8. Teleplay (Health)

5:15 pm

9. "ASEAN" Programmes

5:30 pm

10. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Traditional Boxing

6:35 pm

14. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:15 pm

15. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)

7:30 pm

16. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International News

19. Weather Report

20. Korea NG Award

21. TV Drama Series

22. Myanmar Video Feature

- ★ 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

49th C-in-C's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament commences

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—The opening of the 49th Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament (2010) was held at Nay Pyi Taw

No.1 football ground in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township this evening. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo

delivered a speech.

It was also attended by Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win of the Ministry of Defence, Patron of leading committee for holding the tournament Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, officers and other ranks and their families of regiments and units under the Ministry of Defence and Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials from the department in Nay Pyi Taw

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A roller seen at work in construction of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road.

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road crossing Bago mountain range

Bago mountain range is located between Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Mandalay Expressway and Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway, and Yangon-Pyay Road. The mountain range shares its areas with Pinyinmana (Nay Pyi Taw District), Toungoo and Bago districts in the east and Thayet, Pyay and Thayawady districts in the west.

Although Bago mountain range is lower than Eastern mountain range and Western moun-

tain range, the area is wet and it is covered with thick foliage of trees and teeming with ravines and streams. In the past, the areas around Bago mountain range were poor transport. At present, peace and stability has been restored at Bago mountain range due to endeavours of the government.

On 22 November,

we arrived at the construction site of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road which is one of seven roads crossing the mountain range. At mile post No. 47 on Yangon-Pyay Road, we turned to the right and arrived at the mile post No. 0/0 of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road.

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