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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pay homage to pagodas in Bagan region

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, accompanied by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and party, left Bagan by helicopter yesterday morning and arrived at Tantkyi Hill Tooth Relic Pagoda in Pakokku Township.

The Senior General and party were welcomed there by Col Win Naing of the local station, officials and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Senior General, wife and party offered

meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda and paid homage to it.

The Senior General signed in the visitors' book. Next, the Senior General and wife donated cash to the funds of the pagoda through the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party viewed all-round renovation of the pagoda and religious buildings and paid homage to the pagoda in clockwise direction.

From the platform of the pagoda, the Senior General and party looked into progress of greening tasks around Tantkyi Hill and construction of Kyunchaung-Seikpyu railroad.

Director U Win Maw

of Arid Zone Greening Department reported to the Senior General on greening tasks at Tantkyi Hill.

In his guidance, the Senior General said that although Tantkyi Hill area was barren in the past, the area is now covered with plants due to greening tasks; thus greater efforts are to be made for greening of the whole area of Tantkyi Hill.

Next, the Senior General and party offered meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to Byadeiktaw Pagoda.

From the platform of the pagoda, Senior General Than Shwe viewed growing of trees for making forests and hills lush and green and progress

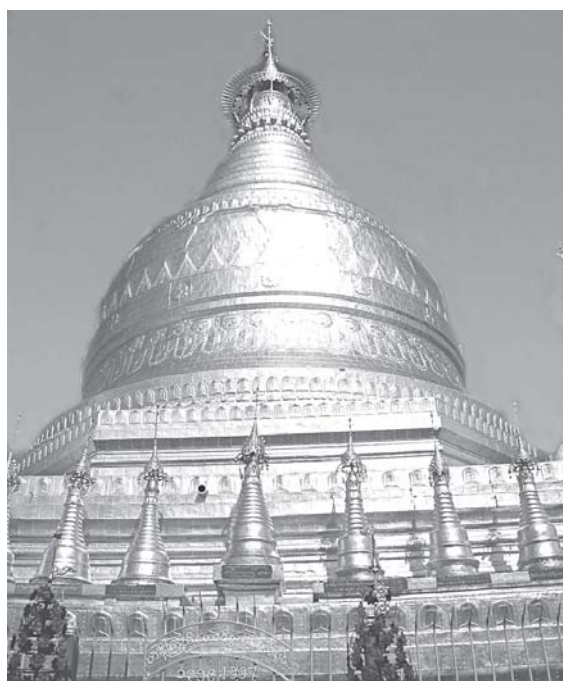


Photo shows Tantkyi Hill Tooth Relic Pagoda in Pakokku Township.
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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present cash to funds of Tantkyi Hill Tooth Relic Pagoda through an official.—MNA

of forest conservation.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party left Tantkyi Hill Tooth Relic Pagoda at 12.10 pm by helicopter.

On arrival at Gadawpalin Pagoda at 3.15 pm, the Senior General and party were welcomed by the chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Senior General and party offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha Image at the Gandakuti Chamber at the eastern archway of the pagoda.

The Senior General donated cash to the funds of the pagoda through the

Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Next, the Senior General and party viewed all-round renovation tasks of the pagoda.

At Shwezigon Pagoda, they were welcomed by the chairman of Pagoda Board of Trustees and members.

At the eastern stairway of the pagoda, the Senior General and party cordially conversed with local people.

The Head of State and party offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda. The Senior General signed in the visitors' book and donated cash to the funds of the pagoda through the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Combine natural resources with technology

Development of industrial sector is playing an important role in emergence of a modern and developed nation. More steel products are to be manufactured for ensuring development of industrial sector.

With the aim of satisfying steel and steel product demands of the nation, No. 4 Steel Mill (Myingyan) is being built in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region.

Plans are under way to implement phase two and phase three of the project so as to extend both production of steel products and raise its quantity.

At present, implementation of phase two of the project started to build the Direct Reduction Iron Plant, the Steel Making Plant, and the Hot Strip Mill. In addition, the project phase two included the Cut to Length Line, and Push and Pull Picking Line.

On completion, the phase three of the project will manufacture rail tracks, couplings, angle iron to be used in installation of pylons for electricity lines, 8-26 inches diameter ERW pipelines to be used in sending oil and natural gas, API-standard pipes, penstock pipes, and multi-purpose used pipes. Products of the factories can be used in tasks of transport of oil and natural gas of Myanmar, rail transportation and supply of electricity.

We have to use iron ore from mines on a commercial scale by applying advanced technology. Thus, necessary iron and steel products can be supplied for nation-building tasks to be able to complete construction tasks earlier than the schedules.

December Mass Walk

- * 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

Sittway holds December mass walk

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein together with senior military officers, commandants of regiments and units, state level departmental officials, students and local people partook in December mass walk in Sittway on 11 December.

They started the walk from Sittway Post Office to the sandbank in front of Sittway Hotel.

On the sandbank, they took physical exercise. The commander and party also engaged themselves in games to mark December mass walk activity.

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Information Minister attends coordination meeting on construction of village-to-village roads in Pale Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan attended coordination meeting on construction of village-to-village roads in Pale Township in 2010-2011 held at Paleyadana Hall of Pale Township Peace and Development Council on 12 December, and gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

It was attended by township-level departmental officials, responsible persons from respective villages and townsenders. At the meeting, Chairman of Pale Township PDC U Aung Kyaw Soe and officials reported on conditions for construction of village-to-village roads in the township. After hearing the report, the minister coordinated matters relating to searching alignments, coordination with land owners along the route, transport of machines, vehicles and heavy machineries, systematic allocation of fuel and cooperation between officials and local people to accomplish the

tasks.

Eight village-to-village roads to be constructed in Pale Township are one mile and four furlongs long Thetkalkyin-Aingmaywa earth road, five-mile-long Thitgyitain-Thepyinkyal earth road, six-mile-long Kyatyin-Khaungpwa-Letpanywa earth road and five-mile-long gravel road, three-mile-long Hnawkan-Sabasay-Kaingtwinywa earth road, two-mile-long Ingyinsu-Letpanywa and Mwaytung-Nyaungkon village earth road, one-mile-long Pale-Pakokku-Ayekonywa earth road and two-mile-long North Padaukkon-Paukthapha-Sibin earth road, totaling 25 miles and four furlongs long earth roads. With a view to developing rural areas in Pale Township, construction of village-to-village roads will be carried out in cooperation with the government, wellwishers and local people.

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Minister U Kyaw Hsan addresses work coordination meeting on construction of village-to-village roads.—MNA

Dy Health Minister addresses TB workshop

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo addressed Dissemination Workshop on National TB Prevalence Survey Results at the ministry here this morning.

The workshop was attended by directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, deputy directors-general, directors, project managers, officials from WHO and UN agencies, TB specialists from States and Regions and officials.

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo speaking at Dissemination Workshop on National TB Prevalence Survey Results.—MNA

US arrests Afghan for Facebook threats

WASHINGTON, 15 Dec—US federal authorities have arrested an Afghan man for threatening to blow up Washington's subway system on Facebook, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

Awais Younis, also known as Sundullah "Sunny" Ghilzai and Mohanme Khan, allegedly described how to build a pipe bomb that could maximize casualties on the Washington Metrorail, according to a 6 December criminal affidavit.

During a chat last month Younis said the third and fifth cars on the Metro had the highest number of commuters on them and that he could place bombs there without being noticed, according to the affidavit.

"Complainant responded by saying 'You wouldn't do that,' and (Younis) responded by saying 'Watch me,'" the affidavit says, without providing further details on who turned Younis in.

Younis had also allegedly posted pictures

from Afghanistan on Facebook in which he holds an AK-47 assault rifle and his uncle stands in front of a tent filled with explosives, with a caption reading "My family business." He had also recently posted a message saying: "Christmas trees were going to go boom."

Younis threatens the complainant in a chat included in the affidavit. "You are sticking your nose where it doesn't belong into something bigger than you and I," he said.—Internet



Afghan traffic officers check the engine which is all that remained of the vehicle used in a car bomb explosion, beside a damaged vehicle, after an explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 11 Dec, 2010. A car bomb exploded outside a police headquarters in Kandahar, wounding at least six people and blowing out the windows of buildings up to a mile (1.6km) away, officials said.—INTERNET

Bomb kills three at Baghdad Shiite ceremony

BAGHDAD, 15 Dec—A roadside bomb ripped through a Shiite procession marking the Ashura rituals in west Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three worshippers, an interior ministry official said.

The attack, which struck at around 5:00 pm (1400 GMT) in the mostly Shiite neighbourhood of Ghazaliyah, wounded 18 people, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another roadside bomb wounded 14 Shiites in the town of Khalis, in Diyala Province, 65 kilometres (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, the official added. The violence came a day after a suicide bomber blew himself up at another procession in the town of Baladruz, in Diyala, killing four Shiites and wounding 17.

Internet



Iraqi security forces survey the damage at the scene of a suicide attack near the Anbar Provincial government offices in the restive city of Ramadi, west of Baghdad.

INTERNET

Gun battle leaves five dead in S Afghanistan

QALAT, 15 Dec—Gun battle between security forces and Taliban militants left two Afghan soldiers and three militants dead in southern Zabul Province, Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar, spokesman for Provincial administration, said Tuesday.

"Security forces raided Taliban hideouts in Shahjoi District on Monday night, killing three Taliban rebels and injuring two others," Rasoulyar told Xinhua.

He also admitted that two Afghan soldiers lost their lives in a roadside bomb organized by Taliban militants. Taliban militants who have vowed to oust Afghan government and evict NATO-led troops from Afghanistan have sped up activities.

Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 15 Dec—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 15 December reached 704517 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1275130, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704517
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1275130

Internet



Security personnel inspect the site of a bomb attack in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 12 December, 2010.—INTERNET

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 15 Dec—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33502 Afghan people were killed and 40654 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 15 December.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33502
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40654

Internet



An Afghan policeman looks at a damaged police vehicle after a blast in Kandahar City on 11 December, 2010.

INTERNET

One NATO soldier killed in blast S Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Dec—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in an explosion Wednesday in Afghanistan's restive southern region, ISAF said in a statement.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today," the statement said.

The nationality of the victim and exact location of the incident had not been revealed in the Press release.

An ISAF service member was killed in a similar incident in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday.

Xinhua



Florida scientists capture X-rays from lightning

LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec—Researchers for the first time have captured X-ray images of lightning, a feat they hope will help them better predict how lightning behaves.

A team from the Florida Institute of Technology and University of Florida launched small rockets into thunderclouds during the summer to trigger lightning. Using a special camera the size of a refrigerator, they

recorded X-rays coming from the resulting light flashes before they hit the ground.

Though the images are low-resolution, lead researcher Joseph Dwyer of Florida Tech said they give scientists a brand new way of looking at lightning — sort of what Superman would see.

“Superman has X-ray vision,” he said Tuesday at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco.—*Internet*

Possible ice volcano spied on giant Saturn moon

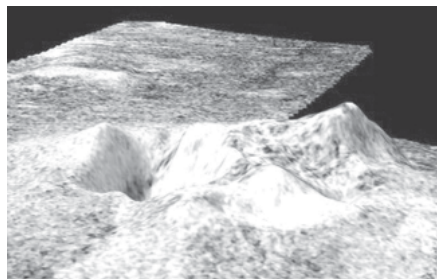
LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec—Scientists said Tuesday they have found the best evidence yet of ice volcanoes on Saturn’s giant moon Titan. Unlike volcanoes on Earth, such a volcano on Titan may spew ice and hydrocarbons instead of molten lava.

“We finally have some proof that Titan is an active world,” said geophysicist Randolph Kirk of the US Geological Survey, who presented the findings.

The latest evidence comes from the international Cassini spacecraft, which spied two peaks over 3,000 feet tall and what looked like old volcanic flows. Researchers said the landforms resembled Mount Etna in Italy or Laki volcano in Iceland.

There’s no sign of volcanic activity on Titan, though scientists are keeping watch.

Internet



This image provided by NASA shows a radar mapping image made by the Cassini spacecraft of a flyover area on Saturn’s giant moon Titan showing an ice volcano. There’s been ongoing debate about whether volcanoes exist on ice-rich moons in the outer solar system. Such a volcano may spew ice and hydrocarbons instead of lava.

INTERNET

Climate change affects toads, salamanders

WASHINGTON, 15 Dec—Climate change is affecting the breeding cycles of toads and salamanders, researchers reported on Tuesday, in the first published evidence of such changes on amphibians.

They documented that two species were breeding later in the autumn than in years past, and two others were breeding earlier in the winter.

Their study, published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, adds to a growing body of evidence that climate change is affecting animals.

Other studies have shown some birds in North America and Europe are moving northwards as temperatures rise.

Brian Todd of the University of California, Davis and colleagues set up a net around a wetland in South Carolina starting 30 years ago, and trapped the animals that came and went.—*Reuters*



International Space Station (ISS) crew members (L-R) NASA astronaut Catherine Coleman, Russian cosmonaut Dmitry Kondratyev and European Space Agency Astronaut Paolo Angelo Nespoli visit a space museum at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 11 December, 2010.

XINHUA



Comcast’s ‘Xcalibur’ service embraces the Web, tentatively

NEW YORK, 15 Dec—The big US cable carriers had been reluctant to let subscribers watch Web-based videos and other content over their set-top boxes. But now Comcast

is reportedly taking a few baby steps with a new prototype device. Code-named “Parker” — as in Peter Parker from “Spider-Man” — Comcast’s “experimental” set-top boxes are part of a limited test of a new service that would combine a traditional (if spruced-up) cable TV

interface with “a smattering” of Web videos, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

If that sounds like Google TV — or Apple TV, or Roku, or TiVo — well, that’s surely the idea. Comcast’s “Xcalibur” project is viewed as a “partly defensive” move by the carrier to fend off challenges by the latest wave of upstart streaming set-top boxes. Make no mistake, though: Comcast’s Parker box can’t sling its way around the Web like a Google TV

device can.

While the test device lets you search for and stream Web videos (perhaps clips on YouTube, but probably not full shows on Hulu or Netflix) and boasts some “basic connections” to social-networking services for commenting or “liking” TV shows, there’s no full-on Web browser, ala the Logitech Revue or Sony’s new Google TV-enabled HDTVs and Blu-ray players, the *Journal* says. And NewTeeVee says YouTube might not even be an option.—*Internet*

A customer (right) is seen checking out Microsoft’s Kinect controller for the Xbox 360 as the Xbox representative explains the rules at the Best Buy store, on 4 November, in Miami Beach, Florida. Sagging US videogame industry revenue rebounded in November as buyers snatched up gesture-sensing control gadgets for Microsoft Xbox 360 consoles, NPD Group reported.

INTERNET



*NYU photography professor Wafaa Bilal displays the digital camera mount, which he has had implanted in the back of his head as part of a year-long art project, at his apartment in New York on 7 December, 2010. The concept of the project, titled “The 3rd I”, is based on the idea of capturing things subjectively, without the interference of a viewfinder, according to Bilal. For the next year, images from the camera will be streamed over the internet and at a museum in Qatar which commissioned this project.—*INTERNET**

B&N Nook Colour e-reader to get Android 2.2 update, Android Market access

NEW YORK, 15 Dec—One of the best tablet bargains on the market is poised to get even better this January.

Announced back in October and on sale for just \$249, or less than half the price of the similar-sized Samsung Galaxy Tab, the Nook Colour from Barnes & Noble (not to be confused with the original, monochrome Nook) is slated to get a much-needed update to Android 2.2 “Froyo,” according to SmartphoneMag.com (which got the scoop from a Barnes & Noble rep).

The Froyo update will add to the Nook Colour such features as pinchable Web pages and a revamped home page. The Nook Colour boasts access to thousands of books and full-colour magazines for purchase courtesy of the online Barnes & Noble Nook store.

More important, it will add at least limited access to the tens of thousands of apps on the Android Market. SmartphoneMag says the market app is “still under development” and may not offer the full scope of available Android apps.—*Internet*



All-out efforts made on self-reliant basis in a short time for generating electricity essential for daily socio-economic life of people and building industrialized nation

Prime Minister U Thein Sein opens No. 4 generator of Yeywa Hydropower Plant in PyinOoLwin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—A ceremony to open the RCC embankment and the hydropower plant of Yeywa Hydropower Project implemented by Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 was held at the power plant in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region this morning, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present were Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, departmental officials, members of social organizations, guests and local



Prime Minister U Thein Sein formally unveils stone plaque of RCC Dam and Hydropower Plant of Yeywa Hydropower Project implemented by Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.

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people.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister U Thein Sein said that the ceremony was to successfully launch Yeywa Hydropower Plant which is the largest of its kind for contribution much to development of industrial sector of the State and

satisfying demand of local electricity consumption. On behalf of the State and the people the Prime Minister said that the opening of Yeywa Hydropower Plant filled the nation with great pride as Yeywa Dam is not only the first-ever RCC facility in Myanmar but also

the third largest RCC dam across the world, Yeywa Hydropower Plant is the 15th facility of its kind in the nation.

The plant was installed with 790 megawatts generating capacity of four 197.5-megawatt generators that will generate 3550

million kilowatt hours annually. The plant will fulfil electricity needs of the nation, he added.

The Prime Minister noted that at any time, all the national people are longing for peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, national unity

and emergence of a modern and developed nation. Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Peace and Development Council has been giving priority to prevailing peace and stability in building a new nation.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein views the launch of No. 4 generator and generating of electricity at Yeywa Hydropower Project.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers an address at inauguration ceremony of Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA

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To be able to forge national unity by upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the government invited local armed groups to return to the legal fold and to carry out regional development tasks. At the same time, the government has firmly adopted and is realizing 12 political, economic and social objectives to emerge a modern and developed nation, he said.

He quoted the Head of State as giving guidance that at present, the State is in the process of nation-building for shaping a modern new nation; and only when, infrastructure is stronger, will national economic life be

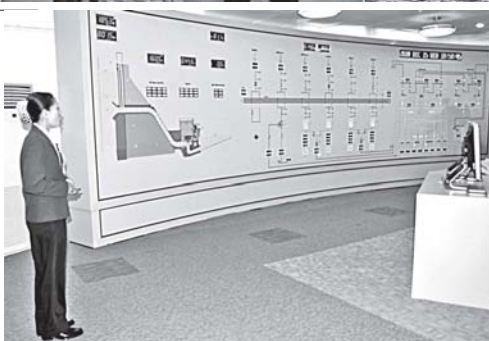
Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets departmental personnel, social organization members and local people at the launch of Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views flow of water into the dam from view desk of Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects control room of Yeywa Hydropower Plant.

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developed. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, he continued to say that national plans were laid down and are being implemented with momentum for development of all-round infrastructures such as agriculture, transport, human resources and health care services in the Union including border areas. With development of the nation, electricity is in high demand and thus, all-out efforts were made on a self-reliant basis in a short time for generating electricity that is essential for daily socio-economic life of the people and in building the industrialized nation, he said.

He said that although the nation is rich in water resources that can generate hydropower according to the geographical conditions, the nation could generate 529.1 megawatts across the nation before 1988 due to many limitations such as the need of huge investment and long construction period. As generating of electricity has been speeded up after 1988, a total of 15 hydropower plants including Yeywa Hydropower Plant, one coal-fired power plant and 15 gas power plants, totaling 31 across the nation are now generating 3045 megawatts. In addition, he said that out of 13 ongoing hydropower projects, Shwegyin Hydropower Project that can generate 75 megawatts and Kunchaung Hydropower Project that can generate 60 megawatts will be launched soon.

To emerge a modern and developed nation, efforts are being made for raising the national economy in line with an economic objective: development of agricul-

ture as the base and all-round development of other sectors as the country has been an agricultural country through generations, he said. As reforming of infrastructures of agro-business and the agriculture sector could be made with momentum after 1988, Myanmar is in the top list of paddy and beans and pulses production countries. Due to boosting production of other crops, sufficient foods can be supplied not only to present population but also to the generations to come. It is necessary to make continuous efforts for emergence of a modern and developed industrialized nation while maintaining the sound foundations, he said.

As the State is speeding up the generating of electricity by joining hands with local and foreign companies which is essential in shaping the industrialized nation and building power grids and sub-power stations simultaneously, these facilities will satisfy higher electricity demand soon, he said. With a view to developing State and private industrial sectors in harmony, industrial infrastructures have been built in the nation, and thus there are 697 State-owned factories. In addition, a total of 18 industrial zones have been established in the entire nation for improvement of private sector with momentum, he said. So far, he noted that over 60,000 private industries are in operation due to providing technology and necessary assistance for small- and medium-scale industries.

He said that the future of the State is on the shoulder of new generation outstanding youth equipped with patriotic spirit. As Myanmar is blessed with natural

resources, development of intellectuals and intelligentsia human resources has been included in the national level plans, he added. Therefore, he said that each of 24 development region has been facilitated with Technological University, University of Computer Studies and Arts and Science University for turning out outstanding new generation youth. In addition, he said that Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) has been established for turning out technicians. As the government is nurturing the youths to become qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia who have capability to effectively apply advanced technology for shaping an industrialized nation in a short time, new generation youths are to work hard applying their knowledge and technology for development of the nation in leaps and bounds, he said.

The Prime Minister noted that the government has spent a large sum of finance during 20 years period for narrowing development gap among the parts of the Union and construction of infrastructures for emergence of an industrialized nation. Therefore, he continued that sound foundations have been created in the nation to be able to build an industrialized nation, he said. Inviting foreign investments to be utilized in development of the State and the national people, implementation of Dawei Deep Seaport and Special Economic Zone Project, Kyaukpyu Deep Seaport and Special Economic Zone Project and Kaladan River All-round Development Project started.

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At the same time, he said that it is necessary to reform structure of State economy system in line with the goal of the State to be able to participate in integration tasks of the ASEAN region. He urged those present to carry out the tasks in respective sectors for strengthening the national economy, ensuring emergence of a modern and developed nation in a short period and realizing new economic system based on advanced technology. He noted that it is necessary to work hard by effectively applying sound physical foundations and know-how created by the State, natural resources and the influx of investments.

In the future, it is important for the State, the people, the Tatmadaw and political parties to shoulder the duties in unison, giving priority to the interests of the State and the people.

Peace, stability, unity and development always go together with democracy. So, ensuring stability, peace, security, prevalence of law and order, unity and development of the regions is a must.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the people to maintain sound foundations for their long existences, including newly-opened Yeywa Hydropower Plant built on the own strength of the state and to do their



Photo shows Yeywa Hydropower Project in PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA



Minister U Zaw Min unveils signboard of Yeywa Hydropower Plant.

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bits for successful completion of the remaining steps of the Seven-Step Road Map. After that, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung made a speech. He said that the government is making efforts for the development of electric power sector essential for promoting socio-economic life of people. The plant will contribute to all-round development of the people such as education, health and social. He expressed special thanks to the State and Ministry of Electric Power No.1 for construction of Yeywa RCC dam and the plant. He urged officials to carry out together with the people for its durability.

Afterwards, Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min explained the construction of Yeywa Hydropower project, saying that the project started in 2001-2002; that the project included eight major tasks and was built with new technologies; and that it was a huge investment. In order to generate more electric power in the country, the projects are being implemented by three

means such as implementation of the ministry, granting permissions to national entrepreneurs and foreign investments.

Yeywa Hydropower Plant and power station is the biggest project in Myanmar. The minister pledged to make efforts for its durability as world-class plant and running it at full capacity.

A local spoke words of thanks. After that, the Prime Minister cordially greeted departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Afterwards, the second session of the opening ceremony was held in front of the plant. Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein opened the RCC dam and the plant of Yeywa Hydropower Project. The Prime Minister, the commander, the ministers, the deputy

ministers and officials of the plant had documentary photos taken in front of the archway. After that, Minister U Zaw Min unveiled the signboard to mark the opening of Yeywa Hydropower plant. The Prime Minister unveiled inscription of RCC concrete dam and hydropower plant of Yeywa Hydropower Project. The Prime Minister, the commander and the ministers sprinkled scented water on the inscription.

Later, the Prime Minister opened the No. 4 generator and viewed the successfully running generator and generating of electricity. The Prime Minister presented fruit basket to foreign experts and Myanmar engineers.

At the briefing hall, Minister U Zaw Min reported on completion of the project construction, facts about the project and background history of the project. The Prime Minister said that the plant project is a huge one and the government invested large amount of money. The project took ten years to complete. In order to run the plant at full speed, it is necessary to have skilled staff, to maintain the machines, to take preventive measures against natural disasters, and to pay attention to safety of the plant. Next, the Prime Minister viewed scale model of Yeywa Hydropower Project and documentary photos.

They inspected control room where an official presented report on generating and supply of electricity.

The Prime Minister and party then viewed the water intake and the main embankment and the project from view desk and Control Point (601). Newly-opened Yeywa Dam is of RCC type and has two diversion tunnels with 33-ft in diameter and 3117-feet in length. The 2264 ft long and 433-ft high embankment has 448 ft wide spillway and full-brim water storage capacity of 2.114 million acre-ft. Four 197.5-MW generators, totaling 790 MW, can generate electricity of 3550 million KWH a year. The project started in 2001-2002 and No (1) generator started functioning on 24 February 2010; No (2) on 16 July 2010; No (3) on 16 October 2010 and No (4) today.

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Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung, and Ministers U Zaw Min, U Khin Maung Myint and U Aung Thaung formally open RCC concrete dam and hydropower plant of Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, wife...

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After paying homage to the pagoda, the Senior General and party inspected maintenance of religious edifices.

On arrival at Ananda Pagoda, the Senior General and party were welcomed by the chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Head of State

and party paid homage to Gotama Buddha Image at the western archway by offering flowers and water.

Senior General Than Shwe and party paid homage to the pagoda in a clockwise direction. Next, Senior General Than Shwe signed in the visitors' book and made cash donation through the



Photo shows the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Buddha Image at Gandakuti Chamber of eastern archway at Gadawpalin Pagoda.

MNA



Senior General Than Shwe looks into progress in greening tasks around Tantkyi Hill.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw National Library invites collectors to donate books

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — National Library (Nay Pyi Taw), which will soon open to public, invites contributors to make book donations to its Special Collection Corner.

The corner may become a safe vault for book collectors' treasures which can also be added by their heirs at their own ultimately categorized shelves. The wellwishers who are

eager to make the contribution may contact Director-General of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Ph: 067-408038), Deputy Director-General (Museum and Libraries) (Ph: 067-408218), Director of National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) (Ph: 067-408029) and Director of National Library (Yangon) (Ph: 01-662470).—MNA

EP-2 Minister inspects power stations in NyaungU and Myingyan

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint inspected site chosen for construction of Wetkyi-in Power Station in NyaungU Township yesterday. He heard reports presented by an official, and approved the sites for construction of power station and staff quarters. On arrival at Myingyan Main Power Station, the minister inspected control room, heard a report presented by an official, and gave necessary instructions. He also looked round the Switchyard and attended to the needs.—MNA

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, wife...

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through the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

After that, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to the Lawkananda Tooth Relic Pagoda and they were welcomed there by the chairman and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

First, Senior General Than Shwe offered flowers, water and lights to the Buddha Image at the pagoda and

paid homage to it. Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party made cash donations towards the fund of the pagoda. The members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees accepted the cash donations.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe and party paid homage to the Lawkananda Tooth Relic Pagoda in a clockwise direction.

MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to the Buddha Image at Shwezigon Pagoda.—MNA



Photo shows the Standing Buddha Image at Shwezigon Pagoda.

MNA

China Industrial Products Expo-Myanmar (2010) opens



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence enjoys China Industrial Products Expo-Myanmar (2010).—MNA

the hall.

China Industrial Products Expo-Myanmar (2010) is scheduled to exhibit till 18 December. There exhibit industrial

products—vehicle and parts, motorcycle, machines, electronic equipment, and metal ware—during the expo.

MNA

SWRR Minister receives Swiss Ambassador and party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe received Swiss Ambassador Mr Christoph Burgener and party from Switzerland Embassy based in Bangkok, Thailand, at the Ministry here this morning.

Both sides discussed social welfare tasks, preventive measures against disasters and rehabilitation tasks, rights of women and children, constructions of cyclone shelters in Nargis storm-hit regions, rehabilitation and reconstruction of damages caused by cyclone Giri, and opening of refresher courses for staff in cooperation with Switzerland.

MNA

Minister U Maung Maung Swe receives Swiss Ambassador Mr Christoph Burgener and party.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening of China Industrial Products Expo-Myanmar (2010) held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon today.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Chairman of Yangon City Develop-

ment Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, the deputy minister for Commerce, departmental officials, Charge d' Affaires at Mr Wang Zong Ying and embassy staff of the Chinese Embassy, Chinese expo delegation leader and responsible persons, and President and members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Chinese expo delegation leader Dy DG

Mr Jia Guo Yong of Trade Development Bureau Ministry of Commerce explained the purpose of holding the expo.

Mr Wang Zong Yin and President of UMFCU U Win Myint also made speeches.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander, the deputy minister and officials opened the expo.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe together with the officials posed for a documentary photo and they viewed the booths in

Cuba, Greece agree to restore cooperation

HAVANA, 15 Dec—Greece agreed to restore cooperation with Cuba, following in the footsteps of some other European Union countries, a joint declaration said on Tuesday.

The signing of the statement by Cuban Vice Foreign Minister Dagoberto Rodriguez with his visiting Greek counterpart Spyros Kouvelis marked the official resumption of economic cooperation between the two countries, Cuba's Foreign Ministry said.

During a meeting with Rodriguez, Kouvelis said the joint declaration was very important to establishing and increasing bilateral ties "not only in the political sphere, but also in other areas such as sea transportation and

agriculture."

According to the document, the two countries will expand cooperation within their "positive bilateral ties."

Kouvelis also said his current visit to Cuba "will be the beginning of broad cooperation between the two countries." He also voiced Greece's interest in restoring cooperation between Cuba and the EU.

In 2007, Spain restored its cooperation with Cuba, followed by Portugal in 2009. France took the same step two weeks ago.

Since 2003, the EU has maintained a "common position" on Cuba including diplomatic sanctions which the bloc lifted in 2008.

Xinhua



A visitor takes pictures of paper folding works during an exhibition in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 11 Dec, 2010. Some 150 paper folding works created by more than 20 makers were displayed here on Saturday.—XINHUA



Citizens select vehicles during an automobile exhibition in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 11 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

Yahoo to lay off four percent workforce

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Dec—Yahoo confirmed Tuesday that it will lay off 4 percent of its workforce, up to around 560 employees, after weeks of speculation.

It's the second round of firing after Chief Executive Officer Carol Bartz, who joined Yahoo in January 2009, made a larger round of cuts last year and shut down

underperforming websites. "Today's personnel changes are part of our ongoing strategy to best position Yahoo for revenue growth and margin expansion and to support our strategy to deliver differentiated products to the marketplace. We'll continue to hire on a global basis to support our key priorities," the company

said in a statement, according to technical blog TechCrunch.

"Yahoo is grateful for the important contributions made by the employees affected by this reduction. We are offering severance packages and outplacement services to these employees," the statement added.

Bartz has promised to increase the Yahoo's profit margins to 24 percent by 2013 while the number remains at 12 percent during the first nine months of this year. Last year, the company was surpassed by Facebook as the top seller of on-line display ads in the United States.

Xinhua

Foreign investment in China up 38 pct in November

SHANGHAI, 15 Dec—Foreign direct investment in China jumped more than 38 percent from a year earlier in November as businesses sought to tap into the country's fast growth.

The \$9.7 billion in foreign investment in November was the 16th consecutive monthly gain, the official Xinhua News Agency said Wednesday, citing Commerce Ministry data.

The ministry reported earlier that actual use of foreign capital climbed 16 percent from a year earlier in January-October, to \$82 billion.

The biggest share came from other Asian countries, with Hong Kong leading at \$51 billion, followed by Taipei at \$5.7 billion.

Foreign direct investment rose 7.9 percent in October to \$7.7 billion, up from a 6.1 percent increase in September, despite a decline in China's rapid economic growth in recent months.

Foreign investment rebounded earlier this year from the global financial crisis but lagged in August before the latest recovery.

Internet



Couples pose on a yacht during the 2010 Hainan International Boat Show in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 12 Dec, 2010. Nine newly-married couples took part in a group wedding here on Sunday.

XINHUA

Exxon Mobil sued over illegal emissions at Texas refinery

HOUSTON, 15 Dec—Two environmental groups in the US state of Texas on Tuesday filed a federal lawsuit against Exxon Mobil, demanding the oil giant reduce illegal emissions at its Texas refinery and chemical plant.

Exxon Mobil, the largest oil refinery in the United States, produced more than 8 million pounds of toxic pollutants over the past five years at its refinery and chemical plant in Baytown, Texas, committing over 2,500 violations of the US Clean Air Act, according to the suit filed by the Sierra Club and Environment

Texas.

"As long as major polluters continue to foul our air, and as long as state regulators fail to take effective action, we have a duty to our members and to the public to try to enforce the clean air laws ourselves," said Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas.

The lawsuit is the latest by the Sierra Club and Environment Texas in their attempts to fight what they called illegal emissions by refineries and chemical plants that operate along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Xinhua



A Yahoo! sign is seen in Times Square. Internet giant Yahoo! said Tuesday it would cut some 600 jobs, or about four percent of its global workforce, in the third wave of layoffs at the company since late 2008.—INTERNET

Retail sales in Brazil up 11% in first 10 months of 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Dec—Retail sales in Brazil increased 11.4 percent in the first 10 months of 2010, compared with the same period last year, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) said Tuesday.

The IBGE said retail sales were up 2.1 percent in October compared with September, and 11.2 percent higher compared with the same period last year. In the November 2009 to October 2010 period, sales were up 12 percent from the previous 12-month period.

All ten sectors included in the IBGE study registered an increase in sales in the first 10 months of the year. The highest increases were registered in the computer supplies sector (24.4 percent), furniture and domestic appliances (18.1 percent), and construction supplies (15.6 percent).

Xinhua

Japan-operated tanker attacked off Somali coast

TOKYO, 15 Dec—Officials say a Japanese-operated chemical tanker has been strafed by gunfire from an unidentified vessel off the Somali coast slightly wounding two crew members.

Transport ministry officials said Tuesday they are investigating whether pirates were involved in the attack on the *Oriental Rose* vessel on Monday in the Gulf of Aden.

The 8,259-ton ship was carrying 21 crew members including 19 Filipinos and two South Koreans. Two crew suffered cuts from broken shards of glass resulting from gunfire.

The vessel, escorted by a Chinese warship, departed the Dutch port of Rotterdam and is continuing to its original destination of Kandla, India.

Internet



This is a Thursday, on 12 Feb, 2009, file photo of the the arms-laden Ukrainian ship MV Faina as it arrives in the Kenyan port of Mombasa, after an airdropped ransom of millions was paid.

INTERNET

Bus in India plunges into reservoir killing 29

NEW DELHI, 15 Dec—A bus carrying wedding guests plunged into a reservoir, killing 29 people in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, a police official said Wednesday. At least five people swam to safety.

The bus veered off the road and fell into the deep waters of the reservoir late Tuesday, said Ramesh Babu, a police control room official in Mysore, a city near the site of the accident.

Five people who swam ashore were hospitalized, Babu said. Local villagers and police recovered 29 bodies, including those of 25 women and children, and divers were scouring the reservoir to find more bodies, he said.

Internet



Officials carry a Malaysian Sun Bear nicknamed "KKoma," meaning kid in Korean, to wrap it with blanket on a mountain in Gwacheon, south of Seoul on 15 December, 2010. The six-year-old black Malaysian Sun Bear, weighing 30 kg (66 lb.), escaped from Seoul Zoo in Gwacheon on 6 December, 2010, while a zookeeper was cleaning the cage, according to local media. KKoma, which Seoul Zoo said may have fled his cage due to his dissatisfaction with his older mate, was the subject of a widescale hunt involving hundreds of zoo and police employees, dogs and a helicopter.

INTERNET

US mayor found dead in his home

CHICAGO, 15 Dec—Tim Davlin, mayor of Springfield, capital city of the US state of Illinois, was found dead in his home on Tuesday morning, and the cause of his death is still under investigation, local media reported.

Davlin, who had been Springfield mayor since April 2003, was ordered to appear in court in a pending

estate case involving his late cousin on Tuesday morning.

Police received a 911 call at 8.54 am, and authorities found the mayor at about 9:10 am, according to Springfield Police Chief Rob Williams.

The State Journal-Register is reporting that Davlin, 53, died of an

apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, but local police didn't confirm it and revealed no information about who made the 911 call. Davlin, a father of four, was elected mayor in 2003. The two-term Democrat announced last month that he would not file to run for a third four-year term in 2011.

Internet

Mexico nets five human traffickers, 50 illegal immigrants

MEXICO CITY, 15 Dec—A total of five human traffickers and 50 illegal immigrants were arrested in Mexico in recent days, authorities said on Tuesday.

Among the traffickers were three Mexicans and a Guatemalan who tried to smuggle 42 Guatemalan immigrants into the United States via the state of Chihuahua, the Public Security Ministry said in a statement.

The group was caught on Tuesday on a bus on a road between Sonora and Chihuahua states. The immigrants said they had each paid thousands of US dollars to the four traffickers in order to get into the United States.

On Monday, police arrested nine Mexicans in Sonora who appeared to have been lost since Saturday in a desert while trying to cross into the United States. One of them was charged with human trafficking.

Xinhua

Snow covers the Minnesota Vikings football field after 17 inches of snowfall cause a tear in the teflon roof of the Mall of America Field at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, on 12 December, 2010.

XINHUA



Plane carrying two crashes off Bahamas; one body found

NASSAU, 15 Dec—Bahamian searchers recovered the body of a man who was one of two people aboard a small plane that crashed Tuesday into the Atlantic Ocean off the most populated island in the Bahamas.

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force found the dead man floating amid wreckage of a twin-engine Beech 18 aircraft off New Providence island.

They also found luggage containing women's clothes, but were still searching for signs of the second person.

A US Coast Guard helicopter and Bahamian officials were searching for the missing passenger in the central Bahamas, where a passing cold front caused strong winds.

Investigators had not identified the people of the plane.

Bahamian civil aviation official Hubert Adderley said the aircraft was headed to Nassau's Lynden Pindling International Airport from Fort Lauderdale International Airport in Florida when it vanished.

The plane was registered with an air shipping company based in Florida, Adderley said.

Internet

Mother killed, six hurt in gunbattle at Calif mall

SACRAMENTO, 15 Dec—A mother loading her 2-year-old son into an SUV was killed Tuesday and six others were wounded in a gunbattle at a strip mall in south Sacramento, authorities said.

Two men were inside Fly Cuts & Styles barber shop just before 1 pm when two other men came in and started shooting, said Sacramento County Sheriff's Sgt Tim Curran.

The men in the barber shop were armed and returned fire, Curran said.

The gunbattle apparently moved into the parking lot with at least one of the suspects getting into a white sedan. Curran said the gunfire

continued as some of the suspects got away.

A bullet struck the 30-year-old woman in the chest just after she put her son into the child seat of her Chevy Tahoe, Curran said. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene; the child was unhurt and has been placed under child protective services.

"We believe she's a

totally innocent victim," Curran said.

The sheriff's office hasn't release the mother's identity. Five of the six men injured in the gunbattle were taken to local hospitals, including an unidentified man with life-threatening injuries who was shot in the chest. He was undergoing surgery, Curran said.

Internet



A yellow tarp covers the body of a woman who was killed after being caught in the cross fire between two groups in a strip mall in Sacramento, Calif., on 14 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

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Julian Assange, founder of WikiLeaks

Oprah appoints herself Australian 'ambassador'

SYDNEY, 15 Dec—US talk-show legend Oprah Winfrey on Tuesday named herself Australia's new global ambassador, saying her much-touted visit Down Under would reap huge rewards for the country's image and tourism coffers.

Winfrey, recording episodes outside the United States for the first time in her show's 24-year history, said her visit with more than 300 US audience members would mean massive publicity for the huge nation. "I have named myself an unofficial am-

bassador for Australia and I have the biggest mouth on earth," she said ahead of taping two star-studded episodes of her show before thousands of fans outside Sydney's iconic landmark, newly dubbed the "Oprah House".

"I know that there's a lot of talk and concern in this country as to what this will mean for Tourism Australia," she told reporters as 6,000 fans waited for Winfrey and guests such as rapper Jay-Z and Bon Jovi to come on stage.

Internet



US talk-show star Oprah Winfrey is applauded by fans during the filming of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show'.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV WAILY VOY NO (1004)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WAILY VOY NO (1004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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WikiLeaks's founder Assange seeks bail in UK court

LONDON, 15 Dec—Lawyers for Julian Assange, held in Britain over allegations of sex crimes in Sweden, will try again on Tuesday to win bail for the WikiLeaks founder who provoked US fury by publishing secret diplomatic cables.

The 39-year-old Australian handed himself in to British police last week after Sweden issued a European arrest warrant.

Assange was accused this year of sexual misconduct by two female Swedish WikiLeaks volunteers during a stay in Sweden. A Swedish prosecutor wants to question him about the accusations.

Assange, who denies the allegations, was remanded in custody at an initial British court hearing last week.

Internet

Italy awaits crucial parliament vote on Berlusconi



Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi addresses parliament on 13 Dec, 2010 in Rome.—INTERNET

Scientist says he found Japan fish thought extinct

TOKYO, 15 Dec—A science professor says a Japanese salmon species thought to have gone extinct 70 years ago lives in a lake near Mount Fuji.

Tetsuji Nakabo of Kyoto University said Wednesday there are enough of the fish to ensure it survives in Lake Saiko in central Japan. He was shown in television interviews holding one.—Internet

ROME, 15 Dec—Italy was on tenterhooks on Tuesday as beleaguered Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi faced a crucial confidence vote in parliament that could bring down his government.

Following a split between Berlusconi's ruling coalition and rebel deputies led by ex-ally Gianfranco Fini in July, the prime minister faces confidence motions in the upper and lower houses of parliament.

He appealed to Fini's supporters on Monday to vote for him, calling on them to show "responsibility" and saying: "Our internal divisions are not at all insurmountable. We must unite for the good of Italy." He asked his former partners not to "betray the mandate from our voters."

The 74-year-old also argued that a vote of no-confidence would be damaging for Italy given the current turbulence on eurozone financial markets.

He warned against the "political folly" of ousting him at such a time.

Internet

The escalator where an accident occurred is blocked in a subway station in Shenzhen in south China's Guangdong Province, on 14 Dec, 2010. Twenty-three people were injured when an escalator at the subway station came to a sudden halt at 8:50 am Tuesday.

XINHUA



A 100-day-old tiger cub plays with its feeder at the South China Tiger Breeding Base in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA



Voyager approaches edge of solar system

PASADENA, 15 Dec—The US space probe *Voyager 1*, almost 10.8 billion miles from Earth, is close to leaving the solar system and entering interstellar space, officials say.

Thirty three years after its 1977 launch to survey the outer planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, a task it

completed in 1989, *Voyager 1* is still returning scientific data to Earth.

"When *Voyager* was launched, the space age itself was only 20 years old, so there was no basis to know that spacecraft could last so long," *Voyager* project scientist Edward Stone told BBC News.

"We had no idea how far we would have to travel to get outside the solar system," he said. "We now know that in roughly five years, we should be outside for the first time."

The spacecraft is headed in the general direction of the center of our Milky Way galaxy.

Internet

Sweden bomber sought big targets; new threat made

STOCKHOLM, 15 Dec—A Middle Eastern man killed in a blast in Stockholm was wearing a bomb belt and ready to attack a train station or department store when the device went off prematurely, Sweden's chief prosecutor said on Monday.

Police were all but certain the attacker was Taymour Abdulwahab, who emigrated to Sweden in 1992 but mostly lived in Britain with his wife and two children.

A militant who first identified Abdulwahab in an online message that included his photograph on Sunday issued a new

statement on Monday warning of more such attacks if Western troops did not withdraw from Afghanistan.—Internet



People leave the University of Bedfordshire in Luton, north of London. INTERNET

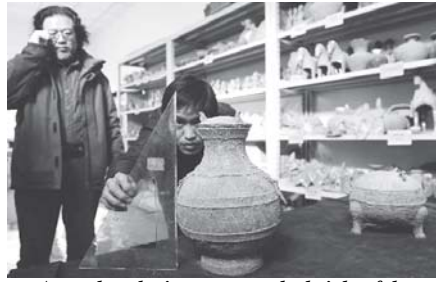
China uncovers 2,400-year-old soup

Chinese archaeologists believe they have discovered a 2,400-year-old pot of soup, sealed in a bronze cooking vessel and dug up near the ancient capital of Xian, state press said Monday.

"It's the first discovery of bone soup in Chinese archaeological history," *the Global Times* quoted Liu Daiyun of the Shaanxi Provincial Institute of Archaeology as saying.

"The discovery will play an important role in studying the eating habits and culture of the Warring States Period (475-221 BC)." The soup and bones were discovered in a small, sealed bronze vessel in a tomb being excavated to make way for the extension of the airport in Xian, home to the country's famed ancient terracotta warriors, the report said.

The liquid and bones in the vessel had turned



An archaeologist measures the height of the recently discovered bronze pot, which contains an odorless liquid, in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 10 Dec, 2010.

green due to the oxidation of the bronze, it said. Scientists were expected to conduct further tests to confirm the liquid was indeed soup and to identify the ingredients.

Roman-era statue discovered after storm in Israel

Israel's antiquities authority says a storm that raked over part of an archaeological dig this week has exposed a 1,700-year-old statue.

The headless marble statue of a woman was found buried in the sand by a resident walking near the shore in the southern city of Ashkelon. The mosaic floor of what is believed to have been a Roman bathhouse was also found.

High waves crashing onto the shore during the storm caused part of the site to collapse.

Archaeologist Yigal Israel said Tuesday the statue and other pieces were discovered thanks to the storm, but that other artifacts may have been washed into the sea.

The Israel Antiquities Authority says the strong winds and torrential rain that pummeled the Mideast this week damaged other archaeological sites along Israel's coast.



An Israeli man stands next to a 1,700-year-old statue after it was found on the beach in the coastal city of Ashkelon, Tuesday, on 14 Dec, 2010.

Arizona teacher claims \$95.3 million lottery jackpot

Ending nearly two weeks of suspense, a 64-year-old substitute teacher and single parent from Arizona claimed a \$95.3 million Powerball jackpot.

Sheila Verke, a Fort Mohave resident,



Powerball tickets are purchased in a Washington DC liquor store on 24 August, 2011. Powerball fever has swept participating states as the jackpot nears \$300 million ahead of Saturday night's drawing.

presented the single-winning ticket to lottery officials in Phoenix on Monday. She opted to take a lump sum payment of \$49.9 million, saying she plans to buy a recreational vehicle and travel the country. "It's going to change my life and the life of my children and my grandchildren and my friends," said Verke, who was joined by friends and financial advisers at a Press conference.

A single parent with two children and five grandchildren, Verke said she used a well-worn strategy to win the December 1 top prize — picking a set of numbers and staying with them each week for years.

Her winning combination of 5-10-11-12-20, with a Powerball number of 2, is a combination of her birthday and that of her two children, she said.

News Album

Alice Cooper, Darlene Love, Neil Diamond in Hall



In this 3 July, 2009 file photo, Neil Diamond performs with the Boston Pops on the Esplanade in Boston.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 15 Dec—Neil Diamond had been eligible for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for several years but never got a nomination to join music's prestigious club. But he was never really worried about it.

"I thought about it occasionally, but I kind of figured they'd get around to me at some point," he said in a phone interview.

That point came on Tuesday, as the 2011 class for the Cleveland hall was revealed. Diamond, whose hits include "Sweet Caroline," made the list, along with the Alice Cooper Band, New Orleans musician Dr John, Darlene Love and singer-songwriter Tom Waits.

Internet



A photo of Michael Jackson titled "Michael Jackson à l'oeil bleu" (Michael Jackson with blue eye) taken in Paris in 1999, is displayed during an auction on 13 December, in Paris. A collection of photo portraits of the late US singer taken as part of an image makeover, went under the hammer along with hundreds of snaps from the photo shoot.

INTERNET

Michael Jackson photos sold at Paris auction

PARIS, 15 Dec—A collection of photo portraits of Michael Jackson, taken in Paris in 1999 as part of an image makeover for the legend, went under the hammer here along with hundreds of snaps from the photo shoot.

The 90 lots brought in 196,000 euros (265,000 dollars) at the sale late Monday, with a large format shot showing the late singer bare-chested and draped in a golden cape fetching the top price of the evening at 26,000 euros.

The photos were taken by French photographer Arno Bani, in part to illustrate Jackson's 2001 album "Invincible," and were built around four themes — the blue eye, the silver hand, the red curtain and the golden cape. But the record company finally used other shots for the album cover and Bani's pictures were shelved for a decade before being put up for sale.

Internet

Apple accused of selling pirated Japan novels online

TOKYO, 15 Dec—Publishers in Japan demanded Tuesday that Apple stop selling pirated digital copies of novels by Japanese authors, including Haruki Murakami's "1Q84", in its online book store.

"We have no choice but to deem it illegal that Apple Inc distributes materials which clearly violate copyright," a consortium of Japanese book publishers said in a statement sent to Apple's Japanese sub-sidiary.

It said that Apple's App Store had distributed pirated digital editions of works by famous Japanese authors including Murakami and Keigo Higashino.

Internet



Customers try out Apple's iPad device in a shop in Barcelona. Publishers in Japan have demanded that Apple stop selling pirated digital copies of novels by Japanese authors, including Haruki Murakami's "1Q84", in its online book store.

INTERNET

Speed takes over as Wales manager

CARDIFF, 15 Dec — Gary Speed has been appointed as the new manager of the Wales national team on a three-and-a-half-year contract, the Football Association of Wales (FAW) announced here on Tuesday.

The 41-year-old former Wales captain was given permission by English Championship side Sheffield United, where he had been the manager, to speak to the FAW, who wanted him as their first-choice successor to John Toshack.

Wales — who last qualified for the latter stages of a major tournament back at the 1958 World Cup — had been without a manager



Gary Speed, seen playing here for Newcastle in 2003, has been appointed as the new manager of the Wales. —INTERNET

since Toshack's exit on 9 September.

Several candidates, including caretaker boss Brian Flynn and former Sweden national manager Lars Lagerback, were interviewed last week before the FAW opted for Speed, who holds a Welsh record 85 caps for an out-field player. —INTERNET

Rafael Benitez buoyed by Milito return

ABU DHABI, 15 Dec — Inter Milan coach Rafael Benitez was in buoyant mood on Tuesday ahead of his team's Club World Cup debut against South Koreans Seongnam Ilhwa on Wednesday.

Following a torrid beginning to his Inter reign,



Inter Milan striker Diego Milito

which has been beset by injury headaches, Benitez now has a near full-strength squad to choose from.

And one of the main reasons for his joy is seeing the return of striker Diego Milito.

"I'm very happy that everyone's here because now I have the possibility to make a different choice if I want," he said.

"Everyone's training at 100 percent and our preparation until now has been positive.

INTERNET

Benn, Richards score SO goals in Stars' win

SAN JOSE, 15 Dec — Jamie Benn netted the first goal of the game and then scored again in the shootout to help the Dallas Stars beat the San Jose Sharks 3-2 on Monday night.

Brad Richards also scored the tiebreaker, and Andrew Raycroft stopped Ryane Clowe in the third round to give the Stars their second shootout victory in three games.

Mike Ribeiro added a goal in regulation for the Stars.

Derek Joslin scored his first NHL goal, and Clowe also found the back of the net for the

Sharks, who lost for the second time in five games. Clowe has points in five straight games and seven of eight.

INTERNET



San Jose Sharks' Derek Joslin (65) takes control of the puck from Dallas Stars' Aaron Gagnon.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Soccer results on 14 December

International - Club World Cup

TP Mazembe 2 - 0 Internacional

England - FA Cup

Hartlepool U. 4 - 2 Yeovil

Notts County 3 - 1 Bournemouth

Italy - Coppa Italia

Parma 2 - 1 Fiorentina

German sides deny match-fixing claims in Bundesliga

BERLIN, 15 Dec — Allegations of match-fixing in Germany's Bundesliga were on Tuesday denied by both clubs involved after claims implicated a top-flight game between Energie Cottbus and VfL Bochum.

Both teams, who now ply their trade in Germany's second division, reacted with surprise to claims from Italy suggesting their Bundesliga match on February 20 2009 may have been fixed.

In that match Bochum beat Cottbus 3-2 with a controversial 79th-minute penalty.

Cottbus were relegated at the end of the season, while Bochum stayed in



Allegations of match-fixing in Germany's Bundesliga were on Tuesday denied by both clubs involved after claims implicated a top-flight game. —INTERNET

the top flight by two points. The German Football Federation (DFB) have also issued a statement saying they have no concrete evidence of match-fixing from the game, despite investigations. —INTERNET

Nadal and Wozniacki named 2010 ITF World Champions



Rafael Nadal of Spain holds the US Open trophy after winning in September. —INTERNET

PARIS, 15 Dec — Rafael Nadal and Caroline Wozniacki have been named the International Tennis Federation's World Champions for 2010.

It is the second time that Spaniard Nadal has taken the honour, while Wozniacki becomes the first Danish player to receive a senior ITF award.

American twins Bob and Mike Bryan were named men's doubles World Champions for a record seventh occasion,

while Gisela Dulko of Argentina and Flavia Pennetta of Italy become women's doubles World Champions for the first time.

Nadal became only the seventh man in history to win a career Grand Slam when he won the US Open title in September.

The 24-year-old also captured his fifth French Open title and second Wimbledon crown to regain the year-end number one ranking from Roger Federer. —INTERNET



Blackburn want British coach to replace sacked Sam

BLACKBURN, 15 Dec — Blackburn said on Tuesday they would ideally like another British coach to step into the shoes of sacked Sam Allardyce, given the boot on Monday after barely two years in charge.

The chairman of the club's new owners, India-based poultry firm Venky's, said the plan was to secure someone who could provide more entertainment from the team, as well as a top five finish - but also someone British, which would rule out potential candidates such as



Blackburn Rovers manager Sam Allardyce

Dutchman Martin Jol and Swede Sven-Goran Eriksson and Diego Maradona. Anura-dha Desai told *Tuesday's Lancashire Telegraph*: "We want good football and Blackburn to be fourth or fifth in the league or even better. —INTERNET

Rangers keen to keep striker Miller

GLASGOW, 15 Dec — Scottish champions Rangers are determined to hold onto top striker Kenny Miller despite problems over his contract renewal, the club's chief executive has said.

Miller, who has scored 20 goals for the Glasgow

side this season, has turned down a new contract offered by manager Walter Smith and he could leave for nothing at the end of the season.

Despite Rangers' financial problems, chief executive Martin Bain says it would make no sense to sell the 31-year-old.

"My stance on selling in January and I am sure that Walter's is the same - is that the squad is weak in terms of number and in depth," Bain said.

"We are going to need everybody we can to win the championship and Kenny is going to be a big part of that.

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TP Mazembe stun Internacional for historic win

ABU DHABI, 15 Dec — African champions Tout Puissant Mazembe pulled off the biggest shock in the 10-year history of the Club World Cup by beating Internacional 2-0 in the semi-finals here on Tuesday.

The side from the Democratic Republic of Congo prevailed through

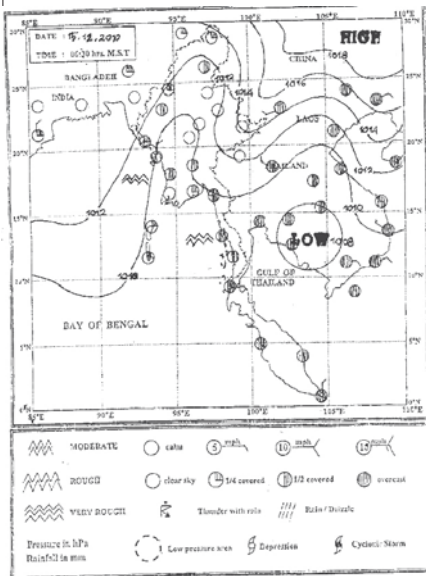
fine second-half strikes by Mulota Kabangu and Dioko Kaluyituka to become the first team from outside Europe and South America to reach the tournament's final.

Having already seen off Mexicans Pachuca in the quarter-finals, they will now face either European champions Inter Milan or Asian Champions League holders Seongnam Ilhwa of South Korea in Sunday's decider. —INTERNET

Congolese TP Mazembe's Kiritcho Kasusula (R) competes with Tinga of Brazil's Internacional.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 15th December, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (5°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, (4°C) below December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States, (5°C) above December average temperatures in Eastern Shan and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pinlaung and Pyin Oo Lwin (5°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 14-12-2010 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 15-12-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-12-2010 was (82%). Rainfall on 15-12-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 14-12-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 15-12-2010 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-12-2010 was (54%).

Total sunshine hours on 14-12-2010 was (9.5) hours.

Rainfall on 15-12-2010 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 (7) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 14-12-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 16th December 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Kachin State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair 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: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-12-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-12-2010: Generally fair weather.

Australian regulator okays Singapore bourse merger

SYDNEY, 15 Dec — Australia's competition watchdog said it will not oppose an 8.3 billion US dollar merger between the Australian and Singapore stock exchanges to create the world's fifth biggest bourse.

In a move which brings the deal one step closer, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission said a Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX) and Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) merger would not substantially lessen competition.

"In Australia, SGX does not compete with ASX for trading, clearing or settlement services," it said in a statement on Wednesday. "ASX and SGX do compete for listing services, but only to a limited extent."

The deal, which is hoped will create a regional trading hub to rival Hong Kong, is also being reviewed by Australia's securities and foreign investment watchdogs, as well as the central bank, and must be approved by the Treasurer.

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Granite facade of the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) in Sydney is seen in this file photo.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-12-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
 Oversea Transmission - (16-12-10 09:30 am ~ 17-12-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Happily ever after, A Fairy Tale Love Story (Part-2)
- * News
- * Seed Bank: A Stock of Million Treasures
- * King Alaung Mintaya's Palaces Site
- * News
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- * Poem Garden
- * Kid's Talent "Pre4 (Ahlone)"
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)(I)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * City Mark
- * Animated Myanmar Cartoon
- * News
- * Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association
- * Myanmar Movie "The Magician's Flower"



Thursday,
16 December
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. Dance Of National Races

8:20 am

8. Dance Variety

8:30 am

9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musica Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:20 pm

3. One village and one Product

4:35 pm

4. Musica Programme

4:45 pm

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

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. Teleplay (Agri)

5:25 pm

8. Song Varieties

5:45 pm

9. Science And Environment Fresh

- (A Ripple Effect Production) (Episode-3)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm

13. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Documentary

19. TV Drama Series

20. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Cambodian Military Attachés

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Cambodian Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Colonel Rumdas Cheav who had completed his tour of duties and his successor Colonel Seng Ear at Zeyathiri Beikman

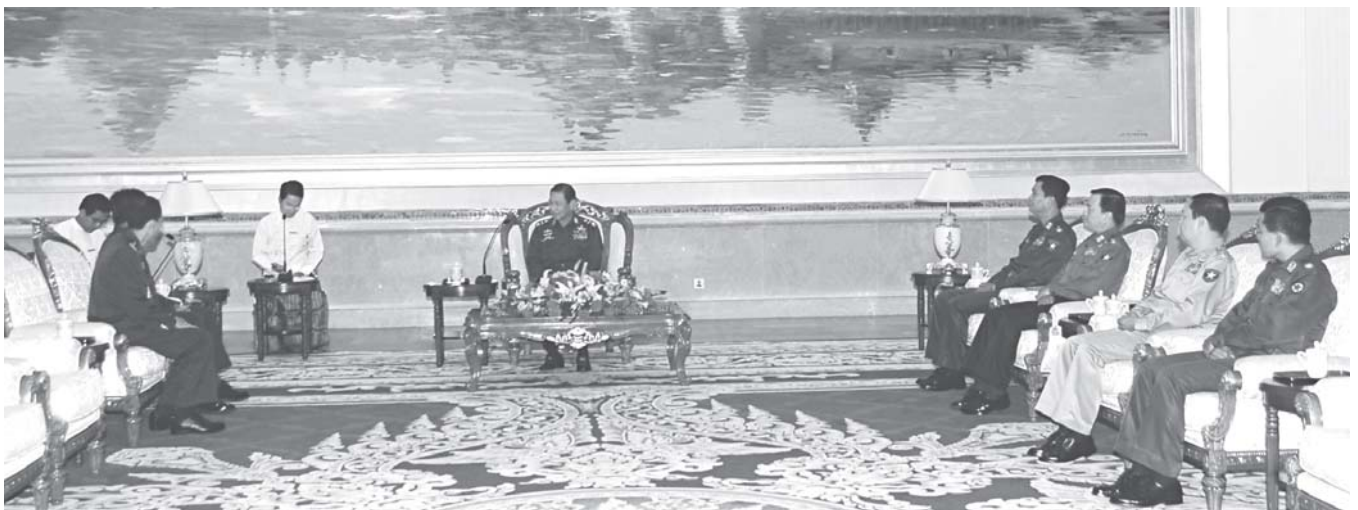
here this morning.

Also present at the call were Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye.

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Significant night temperatures (15-12-2010)

Haka	(1° C)
Pinlaung	(5° C)
PyinOoLwin	(5° C)



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