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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

## Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of DSTA 13



*Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of No. 13 Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attended the graduation dinner of No. 13 Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy that was held at the parade ground of the DSTA in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, at 5.30 pm yesterday.

Also present at the graduation dinner

together with Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council 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, senior military officers, deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Commander of PyinOoLwin Station and senior military officers of PyinOoLwin Station, the commandant of DSTA, the chief instructor officer, commanding officers of the cadet battalions, faculty members, graduating officers and their parents and relatives.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Continue to build a strong and capable Tatmadaw

"History teaches us that our Tatmadaw needs not only to be capable of maintaining peace and stability within the country but also to be able to repel threats such as unforeseen foreign invasions. So, I'd like to urge you to build the Tatmadaw into a modern and capable Tatmadaw as a duty that has been passed on to you."

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said so at the passing out parade of No.13 Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin on 17 December.

In the world today, every country is building modernized armed forces. Efforts are being made to utilize new and powerful weapons of mass destruction to achieve land, sea and air supremacy as well as dominance in space and to exploit it in warfare.

At such a time, a strong Tatmadaw is being built to be able to fully protect the State. So, for the protection of the State and the people, continued efforts are to be made to build a modern and capable Tatmadaw.

Junior military engineers on their part are to serve the best interest of the Tatmadaw as they have completed their military and technological studies. Besides, they need to help and protect the rural people of the region they are posted in while shouldering national defence duties.

Defence Services Technological Academy plays a part in producing human resources for building a modern Tatmadaw. It is necessary for junior military officers to have constant training in the changing strategies and tactics that arise out of evolving military science and technology.

All in all, in accord with the noble traditions of the disciplined Tatmadaw, junior military engineers are to safeguard the nation while striving to build a strong, capable and patriotic Tatmadaw.

### Let's take part in "Bye Bye 2010 Promotion"



YANGON, 18 Dec—AA Electronics Ltd is launching "Bye Bye 2010 Promotion" programme for electronic items of Samsung, Star and Fuji up to 50% discount from 15 to 31 December.

## People's Voice

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Labour officers and staff trained in English and Computer Courses



Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi addresses concluding of Advanced English Course and the e-Government Applied Computer Course.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Dec—The Advanced English Course on Labour Affairs No. 2/2010 and the e-Government Applied Computer Course No. 4/2010 concluded at the Ministry of Labour, here, this morning.

Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi delivered an address and awarded outstanding trainees. The deputy minister presented certificates to 34 trainees.

The Ministry of Labour conducted the English

proficiency course for enabling the staff to smoothly carry out international labour affairs and e-Government tasks. From January to December 2010, a total of 55 officers and 80 staff, totalling 135 were provided with four-time computer courses

Likewise, a total of 39 officers were nurtured in advanced English courses for two times and 41 staff in two-time basic English courses as on-job training.

MNA

### Religious Affairs Minister attends X' mas Service and dinner



Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung delivers an address at X'mas Service and dinner.—MNA

YANGON, 18 Dec—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung yesterday evening attended the X'mas Service and dinner organized by Yangon Young Men's Christians Association at M3 Food Centre in Bahan Township. General Secretary of Yangon YMCA U Tha Nyan read the Bible and Treasurer Col Maung Maung Aye (Retd) said prayers.

Chairman of YMCA Dr Tin Hla extended greetings.

Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung delivered an address.

After saying special prayer by Vice-Chairman

Rev. Saya U David Soe Tint, X' mas Songs were presented. Next, financial and health matters were reported.

Next, all the participants chorused the YMCA song. Vice-Chairman of Myanmar YMCA member of Yangon YMCA Board Dr Tha Tun Oo read the Bible.

Later, those present were served with dinner.—MNA

### IC graduates to pay respects to faculty members

YANGON, 17 Dec—Graduates of Industrial Chemistry major in 1973-1977 academic year will hold the respect-paying ceremony and the get-together.

Old students from section (1), (2), (3) and (4) are to contact Ko Kyaw Tint, Tel: 0173017186, Ko Aung Kyaw, Tel: 095150158, Ko Toe Win, Tel: 01-667172, Ma Molly, Tel: 098655011, Ma Nwe Nwe Aung, Tel: -095047330 and Ma Hla Kyin, Tel: 095135046.—MNA





A wounded man is being treated at a hospital after a roadside bomb attack in the city of Herat on 16 December, 2010. —INTERNET

## CIA chief pulled from Pakistan; drones kill 54



**Map showing Taliban presence in Afghanistan.**  
The Afghan war faces waning public support in the US: 60 percent of Americans surveyed in an ABC News/Washington Post poll believe that the war is not worth fighting, up seven points since July.

INTERNET

ISLAMABAD, 18 Dec—The CIA yanked its top spy out of Pakistan after his cover was blown and his life threatened, and 54 suspected militants were killed in a US drone missile attack Friday in stark new signs of the troubled relationship between mistrustful allies locked in a war on terror groups.

The CIA's decision

to remove its Islamabad station chief comes at a pivotal moment. The Obama administration is pressing Pakistan to rid its lawless northwest frontier of militants, even as public outcry in the country has intensified against the US spy agency's unacknowledged drone war.

The station chief's outing has spurred

questions whether Pakistan's spy service might have leaked the information. The name emerged publicly from a Pakistani man who has threatened to sue the CIA over the deaths of his son and brother in a 2009 drone missile strike. A lawsuit filed last month in New York City in connection with the 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai, India, also may have raised tensions, by naming Pakistan's intelligence chief as a defendant.

A Pakistani intelligence officer said the country's in-telligence service knew the identity of the station chief, but had "no clue" how the name was leaked.

Internet

## Two killed, ten injured in Egypt's building collapse

CAIRO, 18 Dec—Two people were killed and 10 others injured Friday after a partial collapse of a building in Egypt's northern port city of Alexandria, official MENA news agency said.

Civil defence forces rushed to the scene and cordoned off the collapsed building to prevent further harm to passersby. The public prosecution ordered the burial of the two victims.

Preventive measures were being taken to ensure that adjacent buildings will not be affected, Egypt's Ahram Online said.

It is not rare that buildings out of repair

collapse in Egypt. On Monday, a six-storey building of a textile factory in Alexandria collapsed due to two days of torrential rain and strong winds that hit the city, killing 26 people and injuring 10 others. On the same day, six people died after a three-storey residential building fell down in southern Sohag governorate.

Building collapses and road accidents caused by heavy rain, winds and sandstorms killed and injured dozens across Egypt this week, the state media reported.

Xinhua

## Troops capture Taliban local leader, kill two militants in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Dec—Afghan and NATO-led forces have captured a Taliban local leader and killed two militants in Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar Province, the military alliance said in a statement released here Saturday.

"Afghan and coalition forces captured a Taliban leader for Khugyani District and killed two armed individuals during an operation in Behsud District of Nangarhar Province yesterday," the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in the statement.

It added that the targeted individual had led Taliban attacks on district centers, Afghan national security forces check points and coalition force bases.

There were no casualties on civilians, nor on troops during the operation, the statement added.

Taliban militants who speed up their attacks against Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

## Taleban attack leaves NATO soldier dead in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Dec—Taleban-linked activities claimed the life of another NATO soldier in Afghanistan on Saturday, brining the alliance's casualties to four over the past two days, a Press release of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died as a result of an militant attack in eastern Afghanistan today," the Press release said.

The alliance in a separate Press release on Saturday also confirmed losing another soldier in the northern region of the

country.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died as a result of a non-battle related injury in northern Afghanistan yesterday," the Press release emphasized. Two more soldiers with NATO-led troops, according to statements of the alliance had been killed in the eastern and southern parts of Afghanistan on Friday.

Over 690 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed since beginning this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

## Two injured in car bomb attack at N Mexico police station



**Policemen investigate the blast site at the Ministry of Public Security's parking lot, in Zuzua, 46 km away from Monterrey, Mexico, on 17 Dec, 2010.**

**Authorities informed an SUV exploded around midday leaving two civilians injured Friday.**

XINHUA

MEXICO CITY, 18 Dec—Two people were injured on Friday afternoon when a car bomb exploded in General Zuzua, a town in northern Mexico state Nuevo Leon, official sources said.

State Security

Spokesperson Jorge Domene Zambrano said in a statement that the explosion took place at 13:00 local time (1800 GMT) a few meters from the Municipal Police station. The car that exploded was parked in the police station parking lot on Thursday night.

The attack, which ruined at least three cars, and injured at least two people, was described as "an aggression to

intimidate (municipal) authorities," said Zambrano.

Residents report that the impact caused a short power outage, which was fixed within one hour.

Pedro Munoz, head of Public security in the town, said that police in General Zuzua, which is part of the Monterrey city conurbation, had recently fired seven officers.

Car bombs are a relatively rare phenomenon in Mexico, but there were multiple deadly attacks in July and August this year that authorities have linked to the nation's drug trade. Since December 2006, Mexico has sought to fight trafficking of illegal drugs, most of which are sent to Mexico's northern neighbour — the United States. Some 30,000 people have died since the campaign began, according to official data published this week.

Xinhua

**An Afghan policeman keeps watch next to a burning truck carrying fuel for NATO forces in Behsud district of Nangarhar province on 16 December, 2010. Insurgents set fire to a fuel tanker carrying fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan on Thursday, and two suspects were arrested, according to local police.**

INTERNET





## Science



### China launches seventh orbiter for indigenous global satellite navigation system

XICHANG, 18 Dec—China successfully launched an orbiter into space from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwestern Sichuan Province at 4:20 am Beijing Time Saturday.

It was the seventh orbiter that China has launched for its independent satellite navigation and positioning network, also known as Beidou, or Compass system.

It is the 136<sup>th</sup> flight for the country's Long March series of rockets.



**A Long March-3A carrier rocket lifts off at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwestern China's Sichuan Province, on 8 Dec, 2010.**

INTERNET

The new satellite, launched on a Long March-3A carrier rocket, joins six other satellites already in orbit to form a network, which will eventually consist of more than 30 satellites.

China started building its own satellite navigation system to end its dependence upon the US GPS system in 2000, when it sent two orbiters as a double-satellite experimental positioning system.

Xinhua

### NASA fuels shuttle Discovery in test for cracks

CAPE CANAVERAL, 18 Dec—NASA fueled space shuttle *Discovery* at the pad Friday, not for a flight but for tests to help understand mysterious cracks that appeared in the fuel tank during a launch attempt last month.

*Discovery* is grounded until at least the beginning of February because, while the cracks have been fixed, engineers still do not know what caused them.

In a countdown test that began at sunrise and lasted well into the

afternoon, the launch team pumped more than 500,000 gallons of liquid hydrogen and oxygen into *Discovery*'s external fuel tank. The tank was rigged with sensors and other equipment.

"We're not committing to flying anytime soon. We've got to wait until we know we have a good answer to go fly," launch manager Mike

Moses said as *Discovery*'s 15-story tank filled up. "We want to make sure we know the risk we have in front of us."

The concern is that cracks could cause chunks of foam to pop off and, in the worst case, slam into the *Discovery* at liftoff. A large slab of foam doomed space shuttle *Columbia* in 2003.

Internet



**This image provided by NASA TV shows the space shuttle *Discovery* on the launch pad at Kennedy Space Centre on 17 Dec, 2010 as a tanking test begins.—INTERNET**

Xinhua

### Russian manned spaceship docks with ISS

MOSCOW, 18 Dec—A Russian *Soyuz* spaceship with three astronauts on board has docked with the *International Space Station (ISS)* successfully Friday night, the Mission Control center said.

The *Soyuz TMA-20* manned spaceship was launched from the Kazakh Baikonur space center Wednesday night, sending to the *ISS* Russian cosmonaut Dmitry Kondratyev, NASA female astronaut Catherine Coleman and European Space Agency astronaut Paolo Nespoli.

After two days of flight, the spacecraft docked

with the "Dawn" module in automatic mode at 11:12 pm Moscow time (2012 GMT), the Mission Control said.

After the pressure tests to the docking module, the astronauts will open the hatches and go into the *ISS*.

The three astronauts were expected to stay at the space outpost for nearly six months, joining the exist crew of American Scott Kelly and two Russians, Alexander Kaleri and Oleg Skripochka, who have been working at the *ISS* since October.

Xinhua



## Technology



**Consumers choose Nookcolor in a Barnes & Noble Bookstore in New York, the United States, on 16 Dec, 2010. Barnes & Noble Bookstore began to sell their Nookcolor e-reader, featuring a color touch screen and Wi-fi web browsing.—XINHUA**

### Word Lens iPhone app is an amazing translator, but finicky

WASHINGTON, 18 Dec—The things that iPhone apps are doing with augmented reality are interesting, but usually not that useful. The just released Word Lens borders on amazing, however, using the iPhone's camera to translate text on the fly, right on the screen, as you pan the camera over the words.

The effect is pretty stunning. The app features a demo to show you how it works, but while Word Lens itself is free, the translation features are currently limited to English to Spanish or Spanish to English, and each translation set costs \$4.99. The demo takes English words as you pass the camera over them and reverses them. It's pretty accurate and pretty fast, all told.

The English to Spanish translation, which we sampled for this review, seemed to be equally speedy as well. The accuracy of the translations is hard to gauge, however—in both cases, Word Lens would snap between different translations of words as it attempted to read the text.—Internet

### PlayStation app coming to iPhone, Android handsets

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—Coming soon: a mobile app that'll let you show off all your glittering PlayStation 3 trophies, wherever you go.

Just announced on the official European PlayStation blog, the aptly named Official PlayStation App will make landfall in the UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, and the Netherlands "very soon"—and while no mention was made of a North American launch date, I can't imagine we'll have to wait for the US version too much longer.

Unfortunately, you won't be able to play Super Stardust HD or Echochrome II on the upcoming app, but at least you'll be able to keep tabs on your PS3 trophy count, as well as what your pals are playing and whether they're online.

The PlayStation app will also deliver the scoop on new PlayStation games and hardware, as well as any incoming announcements (such as PS3 or PSP firmware updates or PSN service bulletins) from the official PlayStation blog. Last but not least, you'll be able to share articles on the PlayStation app with fellow gamers via Facebook and Twitter.

The new PlayStation app will work on any iPhone or iPod Touch with iOS 4 or better installed, while the Android version requires Android 1.6 or higher. The European wing of Sony's PlayStation division adds that it's "already working" on a new version of the app that will add support for more countries and languages, and that we can expect "tons more features" in the months ahead.—Internet

### Learn HTML5, JavaScript and CSS With Mozilla's Free "School of Webcraft"

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—Mozilla is getting ready for the January semester of School of Webcraft, a 100% free developer training resource run in partnership with Peer 2 Peer University.

Last semester, the School of Webcraft offered 15 classes; now, Mozilla is trying to get around 30 classes going for the January semester.

Classes will be between six and 10 weeks long; they'll revolve around topics relevant to web designers and developers, including HTML5, JavaScript and CSS. Previous classes have also included non-developer topics such as organic SEO.

Requisite skill levels will run the gamut from novice to expert. The

volunteer-run courses will begin on 26 January, and proposals for new course ideas are still being accepted.

Students learn through a combination of free and open learning materials, online study groups and hands-on assignments that test their hacking skills.

If you're a leader in the developer community, you can also step up and lead a course yourself. If you want to organize a class, you'll get support from P2PU and Mozilla in the form of course design, materials, learning facilitation and other resources.

Registration opens on 8 January, until then, you can sign up for the School of Webcraft e-mail list.

Internet



## Health

### Health Tip: Urinary tract infections are common in children

By the time they're 5, about 8 percent of girls and up to 2 percent of boys will have had a urinary tract infection (UTI), the Nemours Foundation says.

The foundation says these factors can increase a youngster's risk of developing a UTI:

- \* Being female, especially a young girl who is toilet training.
- \* Being an uncircumcised boy, younger than age 1.
- \* Having a urinary tract abnormality.
- \* Having an abnormal backward flow of urine from the bladder.
- \* Having poor toilet or hygiene habits.
- \* Using soaps or bubble baths that irritate the urethra.
- \* Having a family history of UTI.

Internet



A cat sits amid of poinsettia plants in a greenhouse of a horticultural farm in Beeskow, eastern Germany.—INTERNET

### Lung cancer screen: a license to smoke?

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—Dutch researchers have found that men who screen negative for lung cancer are a bit less likely to try to quit smoking than men whose scan is inconclusive and requires follow up.

The findings in the *European Respiratory Journal* add to the debate over whether patients will perceive negative results in a lung cancer screen as a license to smoke or a chance to quit.

A US study out last month suggested imaging the lungs of heavy smokers with a special type of CT scanner could catch cancers early and reduce individuals' risk of dying from the disease by 20 percent compared to ordinary X-rays.

Caught early, lung cancer can be cured surgically, but it causes vague symptoms and usually is not diagnosed until it has spread. Globally, lung cancer kills 1.2 million people annually, and it will kill 157,000 people in the United States this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

Still, 300 smokers would have to be screened to save just one based on the US study, and it is

unclear if the scans, at about \$300 each, will be cost-effective. The screens also come with a high rate of false alarms, raising questions about the risk to people who undergo unnecessary medical procedures as a result.

For the new study, Carlijn M van der Aalst of Erasmus MC, University Medical Centre Rotterdam, and colleagues tapped into data from an earlier trial on lung cancer screening.—Reuters



A female wolf lies in the snow after being shot down by hunters during a wolf hunt on in Sweden. Swedish authorities have announced hunters will be allowed to cull 20 wolves next year, despite harsh criticism of this year's hunt, the first in nearly half a century.—INTERNET

### Obesity may interfere with Vitamin D absorption

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—The more obese a person is, the poorer his or her vitamin D status, a new study by a team of Norwegian researchers suggests.

The study found an inverse relationship between excess pounds and an insufficient amount of vitamin D, which is critical to cell health, calcium absorption and proper immune function. Vitamin D deficiency can raise the risk for bone deterioration and certain types of cancer.

The researchers also suggest that overweight and obese people may

have problems processing the vitamin properly.

The team noted that after the so-called "sunshine vitamin" is initially absorbed (through either sun exposure or the consumption of such foods as oily fish and fortified milk), the body must then convert it into a usable form, called 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D. This conversion process, however, seems to be short-circuited among obese people, complicating efforts to gauge their true vitamin D health.

The findings are published in the January issue of the *Journal of Nutrition*.—Internet

## Business

### Intel's \$7.68 billion McAfee bid raises EU concern

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—Intel Corp (INTC.O)'s \$7.68 billion deal to buy security-software specialist McAfee (MFE.N) Inc is running into close scrutiny from European officials that could delay the transaction, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on

Friday.

Citing people familiar with the matter, the newspaper said the European Union's anti-trust regulator had privately expressed concerns during its preliminary review of the deal, which could prompt the regulator to submit the deal to a lengthy examination.

A key focus of the

European review, the report said, is Intel's stated desire to incorporate security features into its widely used microprocessor chips. The EU appears concerned that if McAfee, by virtue of being owned by Intel, had privileged access to those features, it could be difficult for McAfee's rivals to compete, they added.—Reuters



The Yahoo homepage is seen on a computer screen in Washington on October 2010. Fresh from cutting its workforce, Yahoo! is looking at getting rid of products that don't fit the struggling Internet pioneer's efforts to reinvent itself.

INTERNET

### Investors placing bets on 2011

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—Investors will be taking advantage next week of some of the last remaining trading days of the year to place their bets on what will be the winners of 2011.

One of the defining characteristics of 2010 has been the strong correlation across asset classes. Movements in the dollar or in bonds had just as much impact on equities as more fundamental factors, such as corporate outlooks.

The tight relationships came as investors focused on the same factors — further stimulus from the Federal Reserve, sovereign debt worries in the euro zone and the strength of the economic recovery.

The macro focus has meant investors made the same trades rather than differentiating individual sectors and industries.

"No matter how much work you put in trying to pick winners and losers, the profit available from doing so was way below normal," said Charlie Blood, director of financial markets strategy at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York.—Reuters



Exterior view of the Nasdaq OMX headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden. NASDAQ OMX said Friday it will create a sustainability index for listed Finnish companies which ranks them according to corporate social and environmental responsibility.

INTERNET

### Dubai ruler's firm reaches deal on \$2.5B in loans

DUBAI, 18 Dec—An investment firm owned by Dubai's ruler says it has reached a deal with leading creditors to extend the terms on \$2.5 billion worth of debt.

Dubai International Capital said Friday the deal will give it six more years to pay back \$2 billion of the debt and four more years for another \$500 million.

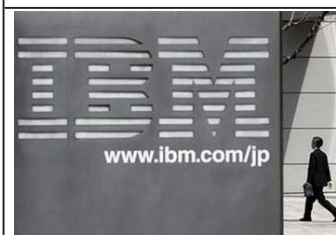
The deal was reached "in principle" with lenders representing the bulk of the

debt and must still be approved by smaller creditors.

DIC is also naming its 41-year-old chief investment officer David Smoot as CEO, replacing Anand Krishnan.

The firm is part of conglomerate Dubai Holding and owns stakes in several companies, including medical imaging firm Alliance Medical and British hotel chain Travelodge Group.

Internet



A man walks past the headquarters of IBM Japan in Tokyo in this 18 March, 2010 file photo.

INTERNET

## Death toll from central China fireworks blast rises to nine



Rescue workers are seen at the site of a firecracker blast in Ningxiang County, central China's Hunan Province, 18 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

NINGXIANG, 18 Dec—The death toll from a fireworks explosion in central China's Hunan Province Friday has risen to nine after another body was found Saturday.

The total number of injured had also risen from four to nine as the search of ruined and damaged buildings near the blast site continued, said an official of the Changsha city government.

being treated in hospital.

The blast occurred in Ningxiang County, in Changsha, the provincial capital, at about 9:30 p.m. Friday when a truck loaded with fireworks fuses hit a powerpole and sparks from fallen cables ignited the fuses.

The blast destroyed the truck and nearby houses, and shattered windows and cracked walls hundreds of meters away.

Residents said the blast sounded like thunder and sent a column of smoke high into the air. Rubble was blasted into nearby fields.

Xinhua

## Paris Vogue editor to leave after 10-year tenure



In this 23 May, 2009 photo, Carine Roitfeld arrives for the Dolce & Gabbana party, during the 62nd International film festival in Cannes, southern France.

INTERNET

PARIS, 18 Dec—Paris Vogue says its editor-in-chief, Carine Roitfeld, has decided to leave after a 10-year tenure in which the French fashion monthly became "a worldwide reference and indispensable magazine."

The magazine says on its Web site that Roitfeld's years as the top editor were marked by "constant growth" both in terms of circulation and advertising.

Xavier Romatet, the head of Conde Nast France, the French arm of the US publishing house, said he "of course" regrets Roitfeld's decision to leave "even if I understand it."

He didn't elaborate.

Paris Vogue said in the online statement Friday that Roitfeld's departure would be effective "in several weeks." It didn't indicate what her future plans are.

But the Web edition of British Vogue said that she had "decided to concentrate on personal projects." Under Roitfeld, French Vogue has lived up to its reputation for pushing the envelope and has continued to be much edgier than its more commercial US counter-part, with lots of nudes and sometimes overtly sex-seeped or disturbing spreads.

Internet

## Russia launches world's 1st nuclear fuel bank of low enriched uranium

VIENNA, 18 Dec—The world's first nuclear fuel bank of low enriched uranium (LEU) was officially launched in Russia on Friday, which aspiring nations could use for nuclear reactors instead of making it themselves.

"The LEU Reserve would be made available for back-up supply to any eligible IAEA member state that might face a non-commercial disruption of supply of LEU to be used in nuclear fuel for power reactors, thereby facilitating the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes," Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said at the LEU Reserve's inauguration ceremony in the Siberian city of Angarsk.

In March 2010, the IAEA signed an agreement with Russia to establish the LEU Reserve. Valued at more than 300 million US dollars, the Reserve was funded by Russia, including the costs of maintenance, storage and security, according to an IAEA statement.

On 3 Dec, the IAEA authorized its director general to establish another nuclear fuel bank to be owned and managed by the agency, with its location yet to be identified. The action was intended to further promote peaceful use of nuclear energy and curb the proliferation of nuclear weapons.—Xinhua



A Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG is presented during 2010 International Auto Show in Kuwait, on 12 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

## Status update: Facebook founder "friends" new image

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Dec—At a conference six months ago, Facebook's 26-year-old chief executive was literally dripping in sweat as he fielded tough questions about his company's privacy practices and a forthcoming movie portraying him as manipulative and arrogant.

On Wednesday, a poised, perspiration-free portrait of Mark Zuckerberg graced the cover of *Time* magazine, which crowned him its Person of the Year, capping what may be one of corporate America's most remarkable transformations.

The make-over of Zuckerberg's public image has been hard to miss, with a high-profile donation to New Jersey public schools in September and appearances on television programs like "The Oprah Winfrey

Show" and "60 Minutes." It has occurred as Facebook, the world's No 1 Internet social network, sees its audience of "friends" and its influence swell.

Facebook may not need a smiling Zuckerberg to thrive, but it certainly doesn't hurt.

"He is the face of the company," said Paul Argenti, a professor of corporate communication at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, who said "The Social Network," the fictionalized film about Facebook's controversial creation in a Harvard dorm room in 2004, "put (Zuckerberg's) reputation up for grabs."

"He's been on a tear to repair that," Argenti said.

Reuters



Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during a special event in November 2010.

Facebook is challenging Google's supremacy on the Internet with a radically different approach to how people live, work, play and search online.

INTERNET

## Chemical tank catches fire in east China

HANGZHOU, 18 Dec—A 10,000-cubic-metre propylene tank caught fire Saturday morning in east China's Zhejiang Province.

The fire occurred in Huachen Energy Depot in Quantang Town in Pinghu City.

Firefighters are heading to the scene from cities including nearby Hangzhou, Ningbo, Jiaxing in Zhejiang, as well as Shanghai.

Xinhua

## 141 escape in Mexican jailbreak, warden likely involved

MEXICO CITY, 18 Dec—About 141 prisoners escaped from a jail in Nuevo Laredo, a town in northern Mexican state of Tamaulipas, probably with the help of the chief warden, officials said on Friday.

Police sources earlier told Xinhua over the phone that 148 had escaped in the incident that took place Thursday night, but the state's public security chief Antonio Garza Garcia later disclosed the new

number to local radio.

The number of escapees could increase since the situation on the ground has made it difficult to make a final count, he added.

Fifty-eight of the escapees were convicted felons including drug traffickers and multiple murderers. The remaining were convicts of lesser crimes, said Garza.

The prison's chief warden is missing and authorities believe that he could be involved in

the jailbreak, he said. Other officers at the prison could also have abetted the escapees.

The prison is overcrowded, holding about 51 more prisoners than the designed capacity for 1,304 and the state's governor has been asking for federal help. Both national and state attorney general's offices are investigating the incident while security forces are combing the city to hunt down the escapees.

Xinhua



## Mass walk activities organized for third week of December



*Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint takes part in mass walk activities in the third week of December.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Dec—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint this morning participated in the mass walk activities in the third week of December 2010 here.

It was also participated by MOC member Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu,

departmental heads of the Ministry of Sports and other ministries, staff and family members in addition to the people totaling over 10,500.

The mass walk activities started in front of Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market and finished in front of the Gems Museum.

In front of the museum, they took physical

## Equestrian contest 2-4 Jan 2010

YANGON, 18 Dec—The Myanmar Equestrian Federation will organize the equestrian contest to hail the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Independence Day 2010 at Yangon Equestrian Club on Pyidaungsu Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township from 2 to 4 January 2011.

The contest will be categorized as galloping senior event, galloping junior event, show jumping (team) event, individual event, cross-country event, and bare back event.

Those wishing to take part in the contest are to enlist at Manager of Yangon Equestrian Club U San Yu Win, Tel: 584962 and 0951 20625.

MNA

exercises volume-3 and volume-4.

Next, the minister attended the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ministry of Sports at the hall of the ministry. After delivering speech, he presented gifts and cash awards to outstanding officers and staff in training courses and sports contests. The minister also presented cash assistance to staff in Rakhine State who fell victims of Cyclone Giri.

Yesterday evening, Shwe Myanmar Anyeint troupe performed entertainment in honour of the anniversary celebration to the staff of the Ministry of Sports.

MNA

## New Thiri Mingala Market to be inaugurated soon

Article & Photos: Zaythegy (Shwetaing)



*Photo shows new market complexes at Thiri Mingala Market built at Padaukchaung of Hline Township.*

New Thiri Mingala Market being built at Padaukchaung of Hline Township, Yangon Region will be inaugurated soon. It is a centre for sales of vegetables that flow from various areas across the nation, for providing local people with fresh and green foods.

On 14 December morning, officials of the Markets

Department under Yangon City Development Committee allotted shop owners from old Thiri Mingala Market of Kyimyindine Township to the new market.

U Win Maung, In-charge of New Thiri Mingala Market, said, "The new Thiri Mingala Market will be opened soon. The market is constituted

with nine market complexes comprising nearly 2000 shops. In allotting the shops at the new market, shop owners need not to pay any charge."

The new market is of concrete floor. It will have a spacious car parking to be able to accommodate many trucks.

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*Allocation of shops at new Thiri Mingala Market through lucky draw system.*





*Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of No. 13 Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy.(News on page 1)—MNA*

## With smooth transport,...

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He said that the unit undertook building one-way road section for 32 miles and six furlongs from Lonkham to Legyi; that it is now building 160 feet long Legyi Bridge (Nampun Creek Bridge) designed to withstand 60 tons of load; and that PyinOoLwin District Road Special Group-1 and 10 companies are building PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road section-wise.

He also gave accounts of ground work, gravelling and paving of a 34-foot wide road, building culverts

and bridges, and progress in setting up guard rails and traffic signboards, along with progress in building roads by Public Works including Pathein-Monywa Road (450/5 miles), Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya-Magway Road (107 miles), Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road (Taikkyi-10th Mile section) (42/7 miles), Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Phado-Peinzalok Road (89/6 miles), Koebin-Tagara Road (96/3 miles), Katha-Sinkhan Road (65/0 miles), and Yangon-



*Bird's eye view of PyinOoLwin(Yenge)-Mogok Road.—MNA*



Sittway Road (Minbu-An-Sittway Road) (296/5 miles).

In response to the reports, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that with smooth transport, national development will pick up momentum and the people will be able to enjoy rapid development in the education, health, economic and social sectors; that regions with poor transport will lag other regions in development; that tar is imported for road projects, so research needs to be done to build concrete road section with domestic cement; that moreover, innovations are to be made to

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance for better transport.—MNA

## With smooth transport, ...

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manufacture machines for construction work which is now carried out with labour only; that apart from that, innovative measures are to be taken to produce machines to do so for other sectors including the agricultural sector; and that only then will the goal of building a modern, developed nation be achieved earlier than expected.

From the view deck, the Senior General inspected PyinOoLwin (Yenge)-Mogok Road Project.

The Senior General and entourage from helicopters inspected progress in building PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road.

MNA

Part of PyinOoLwin (Yenge)-Mogok Road

Project.

MNA



## Victorious Myanmar shooting team arrives back from Indonesia

YANGON, 18 Dec—The victorious selected Myanmar shooting team that won one gold medal, four silver medals and two bronze medals in the 34th Southeast Asian Invitational Shooting Championship held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia, from 10 to 18

December arrived here back by air this morning.

The victorious team was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, executives of Myanmar Shooting Federation, officials of

Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and sports athletes of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon).

The team was headed by Lt-Col Kyaw Kyaw Win (Ministry of Defence) of Myanmar Shooting Federation.

MNA



## Dy Construction Minister supervises unloading of steel trusses for Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)

YANGON, 18 Dec — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, accompanied by officials, inspected overpass and drainage tasks for proper flow of water at milepost Nos (12/0) and (12/1) of Yangon-Mandalay Highway yesterday.

He viewed unloading steel trusses of China Baoji Bridge Group Co Ltd from MV Waily (v-1004) ship at Thilawa

Port and loading them onto vessel of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction project.

The total weight

of steel trusses, arrived as first batch of its kind from the company, is 2838.845 tons.

MNA

## BCA Academy to hold entrance exam on 12 Feb

YANGON, 18 Dec — BCA Academy holds its entrance exam on 12 February at Park Royal Hotel, in conjunction with Future Way Co Ltd.

Students who had passed basic education high school and at least three subjects of GCE "O" level may be qualified to sit for the exam.

The subjects — Construction Engineering, Mechanical Engineering (Green Building Technology), Strategic Facilities management, Electrical Engineering & Clean Energy, Construction Information Technology and Design (Interior & Landscape) — are optional.

The academy will offer scholarships to those who pass the exam with flying colours.

The Future Way is conducting course for the exam-sitters which will last till 11 February, one day ahead of the exam. For enquiry, one may contact Future Way Education & Services — agent of BCA Academy — at No (9), Room No (6-A), Yawmingyi street (beside Thamada Cinema), Thamada Condo (Ph: 254185, 241099).—MNA

Victorious Myanmar shooting team that won one gold, four silver and two bronze medals in 34th Southeast Asian Invitational Shooting Championship being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

## Nation's first carbon cap-and-trade set

SACRAMENTO, 18 Dec—California will create the nation's first programme capping greenhouse gas emissions and charging emitters of excessive carbon dioxide, state officials said.

After an all-day session Thursday, the California Air Resources Board voted 9 to 1 to approve the plan, which takes effect 2012, *the San Francisco Chronicle* reported Friday.

Board Chairwoman Mary Nichols called the proposal "historic," saying the cap-and-trade programme "really builds on a history, a legacy of leadership in our state."

The new proposal essentially states the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions will be capped in 2012 at what is forecast to be emitted that year. During the next three years, the limit is expected to shrink by 2 percent per year. From 2015 to 2020, the cap will drop by 3 percent per year, the *Chronicle* reported.

California's biggest emitters, including utilities and large industrial plants, can expect to feel the impact first, with fuel distributors feeling it in 2015. The proposal will apply to 360 businesses at 600 locations across the state.—*Internet*



*This image shows a small break in the clouds overhead allowing sunlight to momentarily illuminate the ice-covered Cleveland Harbour West Pierhead Lighthouse on 14 Dec, 2010. High winds and subzero air temperatures caused waves to crash onto the lighthouse and other aids to navigation and freeze, coating the structures and their lights in multiple layers of ice and making it impossible for mariners to see the lights or distinguish the colour of the aids.*

INTERNET

## Store owner shot three times kills robbers

HOUSTON, 18 Dec—A Houston jewelry and pawn shop proprietor shot and killed three alleged armed robbers despite having been bound and shot multiple times himself, police say.

"It is a pretty incredible story. The man was clearly defending his business, clearly defending his wife," Houston Police Department homicide investigator MF "Fil" Waters said. "It's amazing with all the bullets flying around in there that she wasn't hit."

The Thursday incident began at 2:08 pm when two men allegedly posing as customers came into Castillo's Jewelry and asked Ramon and Eva Castillo to show them some rings, *the Houston Chronicle* reported Friday.

After a third man walked in and announced he was robbing the store, the first two pulled out handguns and ordered the Castillos to the back of the store, where they tied up Eva Castillo. Houston Police Department spokesman Kase Smith said Castillo then pulled his own pistol from the back of his trouser waistband, killed the robber who tried to tie him up, went to his office and grabbed a shotgun to kill the other two men.—*Internet*



*Photo taken on 16 Dec, 2010 shows idle equipments at a plant of a clothes and shoes factory in Putian, southeast China's Fujian Province. Some cities of China witnessed seasonal labor shortage due to the leaving of migrant workers who returned home with the approach of the new year and spring festival.*

XINHUA

## More travellers to be on the move during Christmas-New Year period

LOS ANGELES, 18 Dec— About 7.2 million Southern California residents are projected to travel during the end-of-year holidays, a three percent increase from the same period of last year, the Automobile Club of Southern California said on Friday.

According to the auto club, the vast majority of travellers are expected to drive to their destinations. Ninety-one percent of them, or 6.6 million people, will travel by car during the period.

Fewer than 300,000 are projected to fly, still a 2.9 percent increase from 2009. Less than 350,000 plan to travel by cruise, bus, train or other type of transportation.

This represents a 1.8 percent increase, the auto club said.

"The number of air travellers and cruise passengers is still lower than in prior years, but we've been moving in the right direction throughout 2010," said Filomena Andre, the auto club's vice president for travel products and services. "Our members are travelling more, spending more and often going greater distances on their trips."

Statewide, 11.6 million travellers are expected to make getaways this holiday, with 10.6 million auto travelers, 478,000 plane passengers, and 560,000 travellers going by other means.—*Xinhua*

## Britain urges flu shots for those at risk

LONDON, 18 Dec— British health officials are urging the government to persuade those in "at risk" categories for flu to get immunized to stave off a crisis.

"GP (general practitioner) leaders are deeply concerned that a major flu crisis is brewing this winter and are calling on the government to step up the public awareness campaign for seasonal flu immunization", the British Medical Association said. "GPs are reporting that fewer of their 'at-risk' patients are coming forward to be immunized this year and are concerned that, as a consequence, the regular seasonal outbreak could prove much more serious."

The British Medical Association says the elderly, pregnant women and people with diabetes or asthma, heart or chest conditions could contract the influenza B strain with potential fatal results without prior immunization, *The Guardian* reported Friday. Seventeen have died since October.

Britain's Health Protection Agency reported only 40 percent of people in at risk groups have had flu shots so far this year.—*Internet*

## Mexican drone crashes in El Paso

EL PASO, 18 Dec—An El Paso resident called Customs and Border Protection to report an object on his property that turned out to be a Mexican government drone, officials said.

Ramiro Cordero, a supervisor with the agency, said the device appears to be the first from Mexico to

have crashed in the United States, CNN reported.

He said the device was determined, after discussions with the Department of Homeland Security and the US consulate in Juarez, to belong to the Mexican government.

Keith Holloway, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said the crash occurred Tuesday.

He said the drone was made by Aeronautics Defence Systems, which advertises it on its Web site as "the ultimate solution for over-the-hill reconnaissance missions, low-intensity conflicts and urban warfare operations."

The United States uses unmanned drones to monitor the border.

"I guess we are investigating, but we don't know what we're going to do with the information at this point," Holloway said.

Internet



*People attending the preview session of the art exhibition "Made in Britain" is silhouetted against an exhibit in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 16 Dec, 2010. The contemporary art exhibition collected by British Council would make its debut in Chengdu on Friday.*

XINHUA



*This hand out picture provided by Nepalese Army on 16 Dec, 2010 shows the wreckage of the plane near the crash site in the Okhaldunga District, east of Kathmandu capital of Nepal. A Twin Otter aircraft 9N-AFX belonging to Tara Air that took off from Lamidanda Airport in Khotang District in eastern Nepal crashed in the remote location of Okhaldhunga District on 15 Dec, 2010. Twenty-two people including three crew members were killed at the crash. All the 19 passengers are from Bhutan, airport official said.*

XINHUA



## UK says time in sun vital for vitamin D

LONDON, 18 Dec— British health advocates say they recommend short spells in the sun, at midday and without sun cream, to assure the body gets enough vitamin D from sunlight.

Vitamin D keeps bones strong and in good health and protects against conditions like osteoporosis. The recommendation comes as many medical experts say fears of skin cancer have made people too cautious about being in the sun, the BBC reported Thursday.

Cancer Research UK and the National Osteoporosis Society are among the organizations recommending "little and frequent" spells in summer sunshine several times a week.

"Total sun protection with high

factor sun cream on all the time is not ideal, in terms of vitamin D levels," Professor Rona Mackie, from the British Association of Dermatologists, said.

"Some of the messages about sun exposure have been too negative," she said. "UK summer sunshine isn't desperately strong. We don't have many days in the year when it is very intense."

"What's changed is that we're now saying that exposure of 10 to 15 minutes to the UK summer sun, without sun cream, several times a week is probably a safe balance between adequate vitamin D levels and any risk of skin cancer," Mackie said.

Internet



People look at Chinese artists' paintings during the Salon 2010 held by the French National Society of Fine Arts at Carrousel in the Louvre Palace in Paris, capital of France, on 16 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

## Spiders, snakes? Brain-damaged woman knows no fear

NEW YORK, 18 Dec— Meet SM, a 44-year-old woman who literally knows no fear. She's not afraid to handle snakes. She's not afraid of the "The Blair Witch Project," "The Shining," or "Arachnophobia." When she visited a haunted house, it was a monster who was afraid of her.

SM isn't some cold-blooded psychopath or a hero with a tight rein on her emotions. She's an ordinary mother of three with a specific psychological impairment, the result of a very rare genetic disease that damaged a brain structure called the amygdala (uh-MIG'-duh-luh).

Her case shows that the amygdala plays a key role in making people feel afraid in threatening situations, researchers say. Her life history also shows that living without fear can be dangerous, they said.

A study of her fearlessness was published online Thursday in the

journal *Current Biology* by University of Iowa researcher Justin Feinstein and colleagues. As is typical, the paper identifies her only as "SM." Feinstein declined to make SM available for an interview with *The Associated Press*, citing laboratory policy about confidentiality.

Internet



An undated image of a brain scan provided by the University of Iowa Department of Neurology, shows an MRI scan of patient SM's brain. The arrows point to the amygdala, the region of the brain which SM is missing, as shown by the vacant black holes underneath the arrows.

INTERNET

## Hybrid cars should be seen and heard

WASHINGTON, 18 Dec—Silent hybrid vehicles may soon be a thing of the past. Auto safety regulators would be required to set minimum sound levels for hybrid and electric vehicles under a bill approved Thursday by the House. Blind pedestrians have pushed for the changes, saying the quiet purr of hybrids can pose risks for them because they use sound cues to travel safely.

Hybrids such as the Toyota Prius and Honda Insight are well-regarded for their high gas mileage, but they are virtually silent when propelled by electric motors at low speeds. With more hybrids and new electric cars coming onto the market, automakers and advocates for the blind have raised concerns about potential safety problems for blind pedestrians.

"The trend toward putting more environmentally friendly, quiet vehicles on the road has unintentionally jeopardized the safety and independence of the blind and other pedestrians," said Rep Edolphus Towns, D-NY.—Internet

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Dec— Google has told attorney general in the US state of Connecticut that it will not comply with his demand to view data collected through the company's Street View cars, US media reported on Friday.

The state is threatening further legal action against Google in the wake of the company's decision, Silicon Valley's *San Jose Mercury News* said in a report.

"I am disappointed by Google's failure to comply with my information demands," Richard Blumenthal, Connecticut's attorney general, said in a statement quoted by the newspaper.

"We will review any information we receive and consider whether additional enforcement steps — including possible legal action — are warranted," he added.—Xinhua



A vendor gives a customer change after selling him some cucumber at an outdoor fruit and vegetable market located on the outskirts of Beijing on 17 December, 2010.

INTERNET

## Google refuses US state's request for data

## GM recalling 111,000 new small SUVs

DETROIT, 18 Dec—General Motors Co said on Friday it is recalling about 111,000 Chevy Equinox, GMC Terrain and Cadillac SRX 2011 small SUV models because the anchor to the seatbelt buckle may fail, which could lead to injury in a crash.

The 2011 model-year vehicles were delivered in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Dealers will start notifying owners of the vehicles involved in January, GM said. GM will pay for the work done by dealers. The buckles were supplied by Autoliv Inc. Hyojin of Korea made the buckles and supplied them to Autoliv, GM said.

MNA/Reuters



A damaged car is shown at the scene of an accident in downtown Seattle, on 16 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

## Chicago corn extends gains on supply concerns

CHICAGO, 18 Dec— Chicago corn futures hit a 5-week high on Friday, lifted by strong demand for ethanol and increasing concerns over tight supply. Both wheat and soybean also advanced.

The most active corn contract for March delivery added 9 cents, or 1.5 percent, to 5.965 dollars per bushel. March wheat futures climbed 7 cents, or 0.9 percent, at 7.5675 dollars a bushel. January soybean added 9.75 cents, or 0.8 percent, to 12.9875 dollars per bushel.

A trader attributed the strength in corn to the tax cut extension for refiners who blend the biofuel into gasoline.—Xinhua

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (551)

Consitegap MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (551) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Footage captured by local television shows Duke terrorising school board members and staff.

INTERNET

## Gunman 'shot himself' at Florida school's board meeting

PANAMA CITY, 18 Dec — A gunman who opened fire during a Florida school board meeting killed himself after exchanging fire with a local security chief, police say. Police said ex-convict Clay Duke had planned the shooting at the Bay District meeting in Panama City ahead of time but revealed no motive. Video shows him firing on board members from eight feet away but missing.

No one else was injured or killed in the incident. "God was standing in front of me," said member Bill Husfelt. The day after the harrowing incident, police said they had found a calendar with Tuesday's date circled and anti-government materials in Duke's house. Clay Duke complained about taxes and his wife's sacking before opening fire.

"He was obviously was not happy with our government," Panama City Police Chief John Van Etten said, according to the *Associated Press*. A local reporter for WMBB

television said Duke approached the podium during Tuesday's board meeting, which moments before had been filled with students accepting awards. Video shows Duke pulling out a can of red spray paint and drawing a "V" with a circle around it, before he started talking and pulled out a handgun. — *Internet*

## Man strangled his wife while in deadly grip of 'nightmares'

LONDON, 18 Dec — A grief-stricken husband unwittingly strangled his wife during a violent nightmare then called the police to report the killing, an inquest heard yesterday.

Brian Thomas (60) believed he was wrestling an intruder who had broken into his camper van and was threatening his wife. He awoke to discover he was alone with the dead body of wife Christine (57) next to him.

After failing to revive her he called the police and said: "Can you send someone. I think I have killed my wife. I think I

have killed her. Oh my God." The tragedy happened during a summer break when the couple had stopped for the night in a pub car park in Aberporth, west Wales, in July 2008. An inquest in Aberystwyth, Wales, heard that Mr Thomas suffered from a long-standing sleep disorder and occasionally had "night terrors".

On the night in question boy racers had turned up at the car park doing wheel spins and revving their cars.

The couple had moved to the upper end of the car park but when Mr Thomas slept the experience

LONDON, 18 Dec — Englishmen — and other Britons — have been urged to go out in the midday sun to ensure adequate levels of vitamin D. Contrary to the cover-up message in Noel Coward's song about "mad dogs and Englishmen", experts now say some unprotected sun exposure is necessary for good health. A consensus statement by seven leading health groups and charities recommends 10 to 15 minutes of bare skin exposure three times a week in the summer.

Preferably, surrendering your body to the sun should take place at midday, say the experts. Before 10am and after 4pm the rays are too weak in



Workers transfer giant pandas Xin Xin in Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, Dec. 18, 2010. The panda pair Kai Kai and Xin Xin, given as a gift to Macao by China's central government, left Chengdu for Macao on Saturday. — XINHUA

triggered a violent nightmare. He dreamed a man wearing blue jeans and a fleece jacket had broken into the van and was on top of his wife.

Internet

the UK even in summer to stimulate vitamin D synthesis in the skin.

But a big part of the message is that people should "never be red" at the end of the day. After 10 to 15 minutes it is time to go indoors, cover up or slap on the sunscreen.

Safety advice has softened since fear of skin cancer meant everyone was encouraged to avoid the sun, but this has led to confusion.

Internet

## Serial killer fears as four bodies discovered

NEW YORK, 18 Dec — Police in New York fear a serial killer may have abandoned four bodies, each apparently dumped from a car, along a desolate, windswept stretch of road near a beach east of

the Big Apple.

Officers found the badly decomposed remains metres from the roadway near Cedar Beach as they searched for a missing prostitute. At least two of the bodies were female, but authorities haven't determined the gender of the other two. Investigators were taking DNA samples and examining dental records to try to identify them.

Police said the four appeared to have been killed elsewhere and then brought to the site. The remains were badly decomposed, but appeared to have been dumped over an 18-month period.

The first set of remains were found on Saturday and the three other bodies were found on Monday. Police are searching the vast remote area for additional bodies. — *Internet*

## Gunman robs casino of \$1.51m in chips

LAS VEGAS, 18 Dec — A gunman has stolen \$US1.5 million (AUD\$1.51m) in gambling chips during a game of craps at the Bellagio hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

The man walked up to the table, pulled out a gun and stuffed the chips into a backpack before running to the door and escaping on a black motorcycle, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported.

Security surveillance footage broadcast on US television shows a man carrying a handgun in his right hand and wearing a motorcycle helmet running

down the hotel corridor. His face is not visible. Police said the robbery took between 2-3 minutes, around 3.50am local time yesterday (10.50pm AEDT yesterday). No shots were fired during the incident, and there were no injuries, US media reported.

"He parked, walked in, committed the robbery and left," Clint Nichols with the city police told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Gambling chips however are not cash and are unique to each casino, so the thief was likely to have difficulty redeeming his loot at the Bellagio. Some gambling chips even have radio-frequency identification, but Las Vegas media said it was unclear if the stolen chips had such technology. — *Internet*

Security camera footage of the armed man who robbed the Bellagio casino in Las Vegas escaping with over \$1.5million in gambling chips. — *INTERNET*



Some midday exposure to sun is good for health, experts said. — *INTERNET*





## 1,914 guitars smashed simultaneously

A Florida casino said a world record for the World's Largest Guitar Smash was set by destroying 1,914 acoustic guitars at the facility.

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood said participants, including casino VIPs, members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and members of the public, set the guitar-smashing record to celebrate the grand opening of the casino's Winner's Way parking garage, WPLG-TV, Miami, reported.

Guinness Book of World Records officials said they are working to verify the record.

## Woman, 103, may be oldest on Facebook

A 103-year-old British woman who may be the world's oldest Facebook user said she regularly browses the Web site on her iPad.

Lillian Lowe of Tenby, England, said she uses the Facebook app for the iPad to keep in touch with her 34 friends, including seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, *The Sun* reported. "I love it — it's very exciting. It's a wonderful way of finding out about things," she said of the iPad's Facebook capabilities. "I recommend it for any grandparents to keep in touch with family." Lowe said she never even used a mobile phone before her grandson, Steve, 47, introduced her to the iPad.



*The Facebook homepage of Mark Zuckerman is displayed on the Internet on 15 December, 2010. Zuckerman, 26, has been named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2010. Zuckerman is the CEO and co-founder of Facebook.*

## Ghosts of the Cold War haunt east German hotel



*An undated file picture shows the central lodge at the Hubertusstock Castle, the former hunting grounds of East German dictator Erich Honecker and top Nazi Hermann Goering. A hotel on the grounds closed earlier this summer and efforts to market the area to tourists have encountered difficulties.*

The Berlin Wall came tumbling down two decades ago, but you can still revel in the rural holiday splendour enjoyed by the man whose iron rule of East Germany crumbled with the collapse of

communist power.

Just an hour's drive north of Berlin deep in the woods of eastern Germany, visitors will find a unique blend of communist and feudal spirits alive at the holiday retreat formerly reserved for German Democratic Republic leader Erich Honecker.

Built more than 160 years ago, the Jagdschloss Hubertusstock hotel's (www.hubertusstock.de) premises were once a deer-hunting preserve for German emperors during the 19th century and were later owned by the Nazi government during the Third Reich.

Guests today can still enjoy the atmosphere of a secluded luxury getaway surrounded by an enduring 1960s decor in which Honecker played host to Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and haggled with his West German counterparts.

"Back in the day, there was no way you could come even close to the premises, particularly when Erich (Honecker) was here," said Monika Hilbig, 52, a local who works at the hotel, adding that the area used to be guarded by military.

## Monkeys take up residence near airport

Floridians near the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport said a family of non-native monkeys has moved into the area with their adopted raccoon.

Dave Winkquist, who works near the airport, said the vervet monkeys have been swinging in the Broward County trees for decades but recently became more visible when they migrated north toward the airport, WPLG-TV, Miami, reported Thursday. "This is the first time I've been around when there's been a whole family just breeding and eating," Winkquist said.

Local lore holds the original vervet monkeys, which are native to Africa, were set free by a roadside attraction near Dania Beach in the 1950s, but no evidence exists to confirm the story.

## NewsAlbum

## Musical 'Spider-Man' on Broadway delayed again

NEW YORK, 18 Dec—Producers have once again delayed the opening of the troubled new Broadway musical "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark," the fourth major delay in performances this year for the much-mocked show.

The official opening was pushed back 27 days, from 11 Jan to 7 Feb, because a key actor has missed several previews due to injury and after producers decided that the creative team needs to work out more kinks before allowing critics to weigh in.

"Due to some unforeseeable setbacks, most notably the injury of a principal cast member, it has become clear that we need to give the team more time to fully execute their vision," lead producer Michael Cohl said in a statement Friday. "I have no intention of cutting a single corner in getting to the finish line."—*Internet*



*In this theater publicity image released by The O and M Co, the Spider-Man character is suspended in the air in a scene from the musical 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,' in New York.—INTERNET*

## Don Van Vliet, aka Captain Beefheart, dead at 69



*Musician and artist Don Van Vliet. INTERNET*

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Dec—Musician and artist Don Van Vliet, who performed a complex brand of experimental rock under the name Captain Beefheart, died Friday. He was 69.

The Michael Werner Gallery in New York confirmed Van Vliet's death in California due to complications stemming from multiple sclerosis. The gallery exhibits his paintings.

Van Vliet was probably best known for the album "Trout Mask Replica," which was released in 1969 by Captain Beefheart and His Magic Band. The album's angular, dissonant take on blues rock and Van Vliet's growling, surreal lyrics put him outside the mainstream, but staked his place in rock history.

*Internet*

## Zooe Deschanel sues shoemaker over endorsement deal

LOS ANGELES, 18 Dec—Actress/singer Zooe Deschanel sued shoemaker Steve Madden on Friday claiming she's owed \$2 million from an August endorsement deal she signed with the company. In a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, the "500 Days of Summer" star claims her CAA agent Christian Carino negotiated an oral \$2 million deal with Madden for the company to use the actress's name and likeness in connection with shoes and accessories.

When the company later tried to re-negotiate the deal down to \$1.5 million, Deschanel agreed but the company allegedly never paid her.

She claims she's owed her fee plus up to 5% of profits.

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*Actress/singer Zooe Deschanel. Internet*

## Dreamworks Animation nabs 'Maintenance' comic

LOS ANGELES, 18 Dec—Sneaking in one last deal before Hollywood shuts down for the holidays, DreamWorks Animation has picked up the movie rights to "Maintenance," an Oni Press comic book. The studio nabbed it out of turnaround from Warner Bros.

The comic, published by Oni in December 2006, followed the exploits of two janitors who work for TerroMax, Inc, the world's biggest and best evil science think tank.

When they're not dealing with toxic spill monsters and menial time machine repairs, they have to contend with their boss, a multitude of mad scientists, jetpack-equipped cavemen, alien repomen, and the cute girl who works at reception.

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## Real Madrid freezes players' bonuses

MADRID, 18 Dec — Real Madrid, one of the biggest spending clubs on



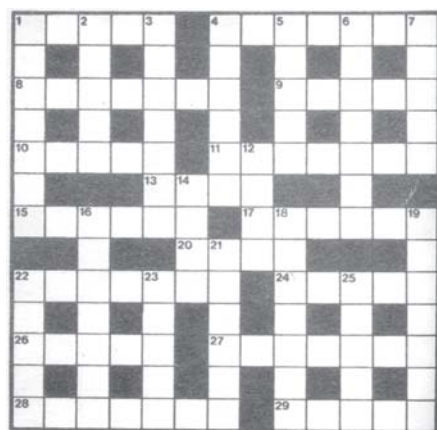
Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (left) looks at his teammate Kaká. One of the biggest spending clubs on new recruits in recent years, Real have decided to freeze their bonus structure for this season, Spanish media reported.—INTERNET

new recruits in recent years, have decided to freeze their bonus structure for this season, Spanish media reported on Friday.

Each player will collect 1.135 million euros (1.5 million dollars) if they win a treble this season, the league, Spanish Cup and Champions League, the same as was offered to them last season, sports daily AS and Marca said.

For the individual trophies they will earn 575,000 euros for Champions League success, 360,000 euros for victory in the Spanish league, and 200,000 euros if they take the Spanish Cup.—INTERNET

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Australian Englishman
- 4 Hard rock
- 8 Pre-eminence in show business
- 9 Savoury meat jelly
- 10 Excuse
- 11 Moral
- 13 Adam's third son
- 15 Grossly material
- 17 New
- 20 Swirl
- 22 Supplementary items
- 24 Of the same value
- 26 Concede
- 27 Largely
- 28 Venomous US snake
- 29 African antelope

### DOWN

- 1 Corridor
- 2 Resort in Florida
- 3 Corrupt Hebrew
- 4 Boring-tool
- 5 Put out of countenance
- 6 Collisions
- 7 Surpass
- 12 Dull sound
- 14 Observed
- 16 Shining
- 18 Tanzanian statesman
- 19 Help up
- 21 Peril
- 22 Ire
- 23 Province of South Africa
- 25 Extreme

## FIFA president sorry for gay comments

ABU DHABI, 18 Dec — FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Friday apologized for saying that gay fans should "refrain from sexual activity" if they go to the 2022 World Cup in



Qatar.

Homosexuality is illegal in Qatar and Blatter's original

*A Qatari youth holds a mock World Cup trophy during celebrations in Doha on 3 December, a day after the world football's governing body FIFA announced that the tiny Gulf state will host the 2022 World Cup.*

INTERNET

comments provoked anger among gay rights groups who said he should apologise or resign.

"I regret my comment, I didn't want to hurt anyone. We are against discrimination. I apologise for that comment," Blatter told a news conference ahead of Saturday's Club World Cup.

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## S P O R T S

## Milan, Sampdoria in talks over Cassano transfer

ROME, 18 Dec — AC Milan and Sampdoria are in negotiations over the transfer of Antonio Cassano, Milan's vice-president Adriano Galliani admitted on Friday.

Italy forward Cassano has been frozen out at Samp since allegedly "gravely insulting" club president Riccardo Garrone in an argument

*Italy forward Antonio Cassano practises during a training session. AC Milan and Sampdoria are in negotiations over the Cassano's transfer, Milan's vice-president Adriano Galliani admitted.—INTERNET*

in October.

On Thursday an arbitration body rejected



Sampdoria's bid to have the 28-year-old's contract terminated, although they did suspend him until the end of January and reduce his salary by half.

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## Henin eyes more Grand Slam titles, Olympics

BEIJING, 18 Dec — Former world number one and seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin says she is not ruling out another major title despite

seeing her comeback season cut short by an elbow injury.

The Belgian, who will train in southern China this month before heading to Australia to

open her 2011 season with the mixed-teams Hopman Cup in January, also has her sights set on the 2012 London Olympics.

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## Sunderland Bolton



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SUNDERLAND, 18 Dec—Danny Welbeck's fifth goal of the season saw Sunderland leapfrog Barclays Premier League surprise package Bolton Wanderers and strengthen their claims on Europe.

The striker, on loan from Manchester United, stooped to head home from close range after Jussi Jaaskelainen had turned away Darren Bent's 32<sup>nd</sup>-minute shot.



However, keeper Craig Gordon had to pull off a superb 45th-minute save to deny defender Zat Knight an equaliser.

Victory saw the Black Cats climb above the visitors into sixth place to cement their excellent start to the season as they gave a crowd of 35,101 something to cheer on a bitterly cold Wearside afternoon.

They might have won more comfortably had Welbeck's 70<sup>th</sup>-minute effort crept inside the post rather than coming off the outside of it, but they were good value for the points as they tamed Owen Coyle's high-flying side.

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## Gyan tops BBC African Footballer of the Year poll



*Ghana World Cup hero-cum-villain Asamoah Gyan, was crowned BBC African Footballer of the Year on Friday after receiving more than half the public poll votes.*

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JOHANNESBURG, 18 Dec — Ghana World Cup hero-cum-villain Asamoah Gyan was crowned BBC African Footballer of the Year Friday after receiving more than half the public poll votes.

Compatriot Andre 'Dede' Ayew, Ivorians

Didier Drogba and Yaya Toure and Cameroonian Samuel Eto'o were the other finalists with listeners voting online and by text.

"It was really hard to win this award especially because of all the other players I was up against" the striker who joined Sunderland from Rennes in a 20-million-dollar mid-year deal told the Fast Track radio show.

Gyan scored three of the four goals that took Ghana to the African Nations Cup final last January and grabbed another three in South Africa as the Black Stars became only the third African country to make the World Cup last eight.

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## Lampard to start crucial United clash

COBHAM, 18 Dec — Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti has confirmed Frank Lampard will make his first start since August in Sunday's crucial clash against Premier League leaders Manchester United.

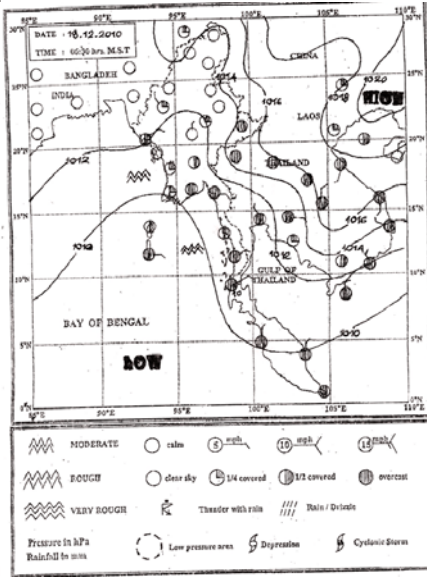
Lampard has been sidelined by hernia surgery and a groin injury for over three months and Chelsea have struggled without their goal-scoring midfielder.

With fourth placed Chelsea trailing United by three points following a woeful run of five league games without a win, Ancelotti is delighted that Lampard is finally ready to return to his starting line-up for the first time since a win over Stoke on 28 August.—INTERNET





## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

## Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayin State and Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyadady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (4°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin State, (5°C) below December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Southern Shan State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (6°C) above December average temperature in Eastern Shan and Kayah States and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Southeast and Machanbaw and Haka (2°C), Mogok (3°C) and Putao (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (0.39) inch and Hpa-an (0.32) inch.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 17-12-2010 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 18-12-2010 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-12-2010 was (82%). Rainfall on 18-12-2010 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 17-12-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 18-12-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-12-2010 was (83%). Total sunshine hours on 17-12-2010 was (3.4) hours.

Rainfall on 18-12-2010 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 (6) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 17-12-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, East Central Bay and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010:

Rain are likely to be isolated in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing Region 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 rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-12-2010:** Partly cloud.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-12-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-12-2010:** Partly cloud.

**Weather Outlook For Third Weekend Of December 2010:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region, likelihood of isolated rain in Yangon Region.

## Algeria army kills 12 terrorists in three days

ALGIERS, 18 Dec—The Algerian army has killed at least 12 terrorists in the past three days during a combing operation in the north of the country, local *el-Khabar* newspaper reported Friday.

The troops were combing suburbs of Illalen village in Ait Yahia Moussa commune, Tizi Ouzou province, over the past week to wipe out strongholds of extremists in the area, the report said, citing unnamed sources.

Over the past three days, the troops killed at least a dozen terrorists, the sources said.

The combing operation is still underway to hunt down the remaining militants, the sources said, adding that the troops are backed by choppers and heavy weapons. Algerians face an increasing threat by Islamist militants since the 1990s. The security forces have recently launched massive military operations against pro-al-Qaeda groups, including the al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM).

Xinhua



Two Patas Monkeys enjoy winter sunshine at the city zoo in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, 17 Dec, 2010. While many parts of China suffer heavy snowfall and cold wave, city of Suzhou was immersed in a warm sunshining day on Friday. —XINHUA

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-12-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (19-12-10 09:30 am ~ 20-12-10 09:30 am) MST

## Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* LEDO ROAD ( Part-III)
- \* News
- \* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Chicken with Gourd"
- \* News
- \* Fashion of New Desinger Generation
- \* Current Affairs "Puducherry Blue"
- \* News
- \* Home Decoration Furniture & Electronic 2010
- \* Myanmar Movie Impact "This Heart will love"

## Oversea Transmission

- \* Opening
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- \* News
- \* The World's Largest Book
- \* News
- \* Youth of the Future "Golfter"
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Shwe FM
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Earthen Pots
- \* Hand-made Bags
- \* Myanmar Movie "Great Goodwill"



Sunday,  
19 December  
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. (38) Phyar Mingalars

8:15 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:30 am

9. Teleplay (Agri)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

11:30 am

4. Golf Magazine (TV)

11:50 am

5. Myanmar Movies

1:35 pm

6. Musical Programme

1:45 pm

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

2:00 pm

8. Teleplay (Traffic)

2:50 pm

9. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. One village and one Product

4:35 pm

4. Songs Of National Races

4:40 pm

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

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. International Music

5:15 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm

12. Tamyethnar Takwestsar

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. Cartoon Series

28. 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

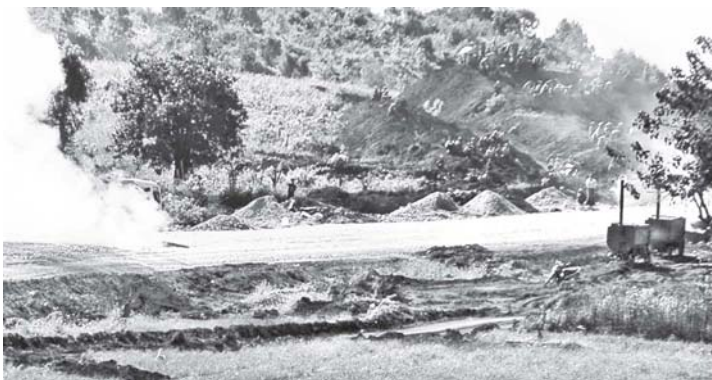
### People's Desire

- 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

## With smooth transport, national development will pick up momentum

### Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects PyinOoLwin (Yenge)-Mogok Road Project



*Senior General Than Shwe inspects progress in construction of PyinOoLwin (Yenge)-Mogok Road.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and party, left PyinOoLwin by helicopter yesterday morning to inspect PyinOoLwin (Yenge)-Mogok Road Project.

The Senior General and entourage were wel-

comed at the project by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw and officials.

At the briefing hall at Mile Post No. (38/0) near Lonkham Village, Hokho Village-tract, Nawngkhio Township, Kyaukme District, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint in his report to the Senior General said that in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, No. (910) Battlefield Engineering Unit carried out a feasibility

study, and examined the alignment in cooperation with Public Works to build new PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road.

He continued to report that the 84 miles and four furlongs long road, the feeder of Mandalay-Lashio Road, starts at Mile Post No. (46/3) (Yenge). And through Moegyopyit Village, it goes as far as Mogok via Kyaukmelay-Lonkham-Legy (Mogok-Monglon) at Mile Post No. (14/0).

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