Established 1914

Volume XVII, Number 219                                           5th Waxing of Nadaw 1371 MESaturday, 21 November, 2009

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
* National reconciliation
* 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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and party of Lao PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—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 the delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha.

The Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and party were accompanied by Lao-tian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

MNA

The 27-mile Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section inaugurated

(See page 8)
Control diabetes with health awareness

Every human being should take care of himself and live in accord with health prescriptions to ensure health and longevity.

The State on its part is endeavouring to realize the objective – Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation. Its goal is for every family to enjoy health, happiness and a disease-free long life.

Due to the global rise in diabetes, the world has marked the World Diabetes Day to accelerate measures to control and curb the illness.

As diabetes has become a public health dilemma, we have been launching education and prevention campaigns on a national scale. Moreover, we will have to introduce the task of helping and encouraging those at risk to maintain a healthy weight and engage in regular exercise.

The upsurge of the ailment can be controlled through regulation of eating habit and proper management when the disease has been noticed. Those suffering from diabetes should eat more vegetables and less high-energy drinks, fast foods and calorie-dense foods.

What is more, avoiding much sugar and carbohydrate and rather choosing more balanced diets are very reliable and prophylactically wise. In this way they will be able to alleviate the ailment and will be free from related diseases while enjoying long life almost as a normal person.

In this regard, we all will have to participate in disease control campaigns with health awareness for the entire national races to be healthy and fit in building a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Forestry Minister inspects teak plantations in Mabein, Shwegu and Bhamo Townships

NAV PYI TAW, 20
Nov—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, on 15 November, inspected 200 acres and 500 acres of teak plantations established by Momentum Co., Ltd in Mabein Township, 2004 and in 2007, 200 acres of private teak plantation established by Good Brothers Co., Ltd in 2008 and 117 mile private teak plantation of Honda Myanmar Co., Ltd in Nag-O forest reserve, 283 acres, 981 acres and 1788 acres of teak plantations in 2007, 2008 and 2009 in Mabein Township, Kyaukme District.

On arrival at Shwegu forest reserve in Shwegu Township, the minister inspected trees, erecting of notice signboards and forest reserve area posts and 100 acres of economic teak plantation established in 2007.

In the afternoon, the minister made a speech in meeting with staff from Kachin and Shan (North) States and Sagaing Division at Shwegu rafting office in Mandalay rafting region in Shwegu Township.

The minister also inspected one acre of eucalyptus plantation established by village-owned teak plantation of village of Ngarbatgyi village in Shwegu Township in 2009. At the briefing hall of forest camp of Hsinkan village in Bhamo Township, the minister gave necessary instructions after hearing the reports presented by officials concerned on arrangements made for establishment of plantations and conservation of forest reserve.

In the evening, the minister made a speech in meeting with staff from Ministry of Forestry in Bhamo region at deputy general manager’s office in Bhamo timber extraction region in Bhamo and Myitkyina region at director’s office of Forest Department in Myitkyina.

NAV PYI TAW, 19
Nov—The old students (2/1983 batch) who pursued education at Institute of Medicine (Mandalay) from February 1983 to February 1988 will pay respects to the teachers along with get-together for the first time at that university from 9 am to 12 noon on 25 December. The students are invited to participate in the ceremony and those willing to donate cash may contact Dr Hlwun Moe (Ph: 09-2001173), Dr Aye Aye Chit (Ph: 09-6970258), Dr Aye Aye Lin (Ph: 09-2019360), Dr Kyaw Soe Shein (Ph: 09-2001389), Dr Zaw Min Oo (Ph: 09-5301299), Dr Nay Myo Oo (Ph: 09-2010795) and Dr Nu Nu Yi (Ph: 09-5113750).—MNA

Alumni (2/1983 batch) of Institute of Medicine to hold respect paying ceremony

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and party and Laotian delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith of Lao PDR at 9th Meeting of Myanmar-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation in Taunggyi on 18 November. (News reported)—MOFA

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and party and Laotian delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith of Lao PDR at 9th Meeting of Myanmar-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation in Taunggyi on 18 November. (News reported)—MOFA

Commander attends respect paying ceremony to doyen literati

NAV PYI TAW, 20
Nov—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe attended the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati of Sagaing Institute of Medicine to hold respect paying ceremony in Monywa on 17 November. Also present on the occasion were military and departmental officials, members of social organizations, members of Division Writers and Journalists Association and townsoiders.

The commander inspected construction of the water tank to be linked with Phoneose Ward of Monywa through the pipeline. At the hall of the command headquarters in Monywa, the commander attended the work coordination meeting.

After hearing the reports on progress of work presented by officials, the commander gave concluding remarks.

MNA

FORESTRY

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung views thriving teak plantations of Momentum Co Ltd in Mabein Township.—FORESTRY
Suicide bomber kills 13 in western Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Nov — A suicide bomber riding a motorcycle killed 13 people, including a police officer, and wounded 30 others Friday in a busy city square in western Afghanistan.

Several children were among those wounded in the morning explosion, said a doctor at the hospital in Farah city, Shir Agh Asas.

Afghan police shouted “Stop! Stop!” at the motorcyclist before he detonated the explosives, provincial police chief Gen. Rohul Amin said.

The explosion occurred about 55 yards (50 meters) from his compound in a crowded square in Farah.

“These days Taleban are causing high casualties because the foreign forces and Afghan forces have been conducting operations against the insurgency in the region,” Askar said.

A man watches the Universal Children’s Day report covered by Xinhua News Agency in a hotel in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 19 Nov, 2009. — Xinhua

Roadside bombings wound six people in E Afghanistan

KHOST (Afghanistan), 20 Nov — A soldier with the US-led Coalition Forces was injured as his vehicle hit a roadside bomb in Afghanistan’s eastern Paktia province on Thursday, spokesman for the provincial administration said.

“A roadside bomb planted by militants struck a military convoy of coalition forces in Mamozi area of Zurmat district at around noon. As a result a foreign soldier was wounded,” Samon told Xinhua.

Like many Afghans who use one name, Samon also added that a military vehicle was damaged in the incident.

In a separate incident, five people including a police official got wounded, as a bomb went off in a bazaar in Zurmat district in the same province.

“The explosion occurred at around 1:30 p.m. local time in a district bazaar, wounding four civilians and a police constable,” Gulad Shah, the district chief of Zurmat, told Xinhua.—Xinhua

Security forces gather at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul. — Internet

World media launch 24-hour global broadcast on Universal Children’s Day

BEIJING, 20 Nov — More than 800 media organizations from 70 countries and regions launched a 24-hour relay broadcast for children’s rights on Universal Children’s Day, which falls on Friday.

The global media campaign, also called the “Global News Day for Children” program, was initiated by Xinhua News Agency and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to highlight the international media’s role in helping improve children’s living environments and promoting their healthy development.

Xinhua has been working with all participating media organizations from 8 a.m. (Beijing time) Friday to launch 16 hours of Chinese-language coverage and eight hours of English-language coverage of education, culture, globalization, environment protection, disability, sport, charity, conflict, and traditions that are closely connected to children’s lives and development.

It includes the sharing of TV specials, joint TV coverage of the global events marking Universal Children’s Day, exchanges of TV programs and the live broadcasts of text, photos, audio and video on each other’s platforms.

These reports, including hard news, features, commentaries and backgrounds, all carry “Universal Children’s Day” in the headlines and are categorized into special fields such as “rights and interests,” “on being strong,” “education” and “environmental protection.”

Xinhua has mobilized all its 31 domestic bureaus and 118 overseas branches to provide subscribers with news and information in text, photos, graphics, audio, video, online and text message formats and in eight languages: Chinese, English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese and Japanese.

“Children are our future. To strive for the better life of children across the world is the responsibility of our generation and commitment of myself as secretary general,” said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a video interview with Xinhua, which was broadcast at the launching ceremony. — Xinhua
China rejects US, EU, Mexican requests for WTO panel on raw materials

GENEVA, 20 Nov—China on Thursday rejected requests made by the United States, the European Union and Mexico to establish a WTO expert panel to investigate and rule on so-called Chinese restrictions of raw materials exportation.

At a meeting of the WTO’s dispute settlement body, the Chinese delegation reiterated that “its measures related to exportation are consistent with the principles and rules of the WTO,” and the country “consistently respects and abides by the WTO rules and its own commitments.”

“China is disappointed that the three complainants choose to move forward with requests for panel establishment at this meeting... and is not in a position to agree to the establishment of a panel at this time,” the delegation said.

The United States has accused China of restricting exports of “numerous raw materials critical to US manufactures and workers,” thus violating WTO rules. The materials at issue include coke, bauxite, fluorospar, manganous, silicon metal and zinc.—Xinhua

Sony hopes online service will build brand loyalty

Tokyo, 20 Nov—Sony’s new online service connecting the whole range of its gadgets to downloadable content like movies and games should help build brand loyalty, a top executive said Friday.

Executive Vice President Kazuo Hirai said the service, set to start next year, will include games, movie downloads and other interactive entertainment, which will be accessible on Sony products, such as Bravia TVs, Cyber-shot digital cameras and Reader electronic books.

Sony is targeting annual sales of 300 billion yen ($3.4 billion) from its networked services businesses and 350 million network-connected products by the fiscal year ending March 2013.

Xinhua

Spain’s economy to shrink in 2009, 2010

MADRID, 20 Nov—Spain’s economy will shrink in both 2009 and 2010, and make a minor recovery in 2011, the Paris-based economic adviser Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said on Thursday.

According to the OECD’s semi-annual report, Spain will see an economic contraction of 3.6 percent in 2009 and 0.3 percent in 2010 before a weak rebound by 0.9 percent in 2011.

The OECD also forecasted that Spain’s unemployment rate would top other OECD member countries in 2010, hitting 19.3 percent from 18.1 percent in 2009.

Xinhua

Economic recovery spreads to OECD area at large

PARIS, 20 Nov—The Paris-based economic adviser Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) confirmed on Thursday the economic recovery has now spread to OECD area at large and forecasted a whole growth of 1.9 percent in 2010.

However, the report admitted that the OECD economy remains dragging in depression for 2009 as households and businesses need time to revive their confidence and repair their finances.

According to the report, the United States will bear a 2.5 percent contraction, better than the 4.0 percent decline for the euro area and 5.3 percent for Japan. The OECD will embrace a decline of 3.5 percent at large, and world trade will also decline 12.5 percent for the year.

The OECD outlook report also forecasts growth in the coming years, saying that the United States will see 2.5 percent growth in gross domestic products (GDP) in 2010 and a further 2.8 percent in 2011, while the economy of the euro area and Japan will respectively increase 0.9 percent and 1.8 percent in 2010, and 1.7 percent and 2.0 percent in 2011. Speaking generally, the report said, the world trade growth will stand at 6.0 percent for 2010.

The report attributes the long awaited modest growth across the OECD area to the held-back effect of stimulus policies implemented by different governments.—Xinhua

China accepts WTO ruling on US cotton subsidies

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—China has accepted a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling that it has been illegally subsidizing its cotton industry and will have to impose sanctions on the US in 2002, alleging that the US cotton subsidies amounted to $370 million a year.

According to the Brazilian Foreign Trade Chamber’s estimates, the sanctions, starting from the beginning of 2010, may reach 800 million US dollars.

The products will be open to the choice by the Brazilian businessmen from a public list which includes 222 items until the end of November.

A cargo ship sits at a port in Bangkok. Exports from the south east Asian nation in October fell 2.98 percent year-on-year as the sector picks up after being hit hard by the global economic downturn, the commerce ministry has said.—INTERNET

Sony hopes online service will build brand loyalty

Tokyo, 20 Nov—Sony’s new online service connecting the whole range of its gadgets to downloadable content like movies and games should help build brand loyalty, a top executive said Friday.

Executive Vice President Kazuo Hirai said the service, set to start next year, will include games, movie downloads and other interactive entertainment, which will be accessible on Sony products, such as Bravia TVs, Cyber-shot digital cameras and Reader electronic books.

Sony is targeting annual sales of 300 billion yen ($3.4 billion) from its networked services businesses and 350 million network-connected products by the fiscal year ending March 2013.

Xinhua

Spain’s economy to shrink in 2009, 2010

MADRID, 20 Nov—Spain’s economy will shrink in both 2009 and 2010, and make a minor recovery in 2011, the Paris-based economic adviser Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said on Thursday.

According to the OECD’s semi-annual report, Spain will see an economic contraction of 3.6 percent in 2009 and 0.3 percent in 2010 before a weak rebound by 0.9 percent in 2011.

The OECD also forecasted that Spain’s unemployment rate would top other OECD member countries in 2010, hitting 19.3 percent from 18.1 percent in 2009.

Xinhua

Economic recovery spreads to OECD area at large

PARIS, 20 Nov—The Paris-based economic adviser Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) confirmed on Thursday the economic recovery has now spread to OECD area at large and forecasted a whole growth of 1.9 percent in 2010.

However, the report admitted that the OECD economy remains dragging in depression for 2009 as households and businesses need time to revive their confidence and repair their finances.

According to the report, the United States will bear a 2.5 percent contraction, better than the 4.0 percent decline for the euro area and 5.3 percent for Japan. The OECD will embrace a decline of 3.5 percent at large, and world trade will also decline 12.5 percent for the year.

The OECD outlook report also forecasts growth in the coming years, saying that the United States will see 2.5 percent growth in gross domestic products (GDP) in 2010 and a further 2.8 percent in 2011, while the economy of the euro area and Japan will respectively increase 0.9 percent and 1.8 percent in 2010, and 1.7 percent and 2.0 percent in 2011. Speaking generally, the report said, the world trade growth will stand at 6.0 percent for 2010.

The report attributes the long awaited modest growth across the OECD area to the held-back effect of stimulus policies implemented by different governments.—Xinhua
Senior CPC official pledges closer ties with South Africa

PRETORIA, 20 Nov—Senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Zhou Yongkang has said that China is willing to enhance cooperation with South Africa in various fields in a bid to lift bilateral ties to a new height, according to sources with the International Department of CPC Central Committee on Thursday.

Zhou, a member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau, made the remarks while meeting with South African President Jacob Zuma on Wednesday in Pretoria.

Zhou arrived in Johannesburg on Wednesday on an official goodwill visit to South Africa after concluding his three-day visit to Sudan. Zhou visits South Africa as guest of South Africa’s ruling party African National Congress (ANC).

“Since the two countries established diplomatic relationship 11 years ago, China and South Africa have enjoyed increasing political mutual trust, and made fruitful achievements in such areas as trade, culture, education and tourism,” Zhou told Zuma.

“China is now the largest trading partner of South Africa, and the two countries have become important strategic partners,” Zhou said.

Zhou said China attaches great importance to relations with Africa, adding that China is willing to discuss new ways of cooperation with the African nations by implementing the eight new measures just put forward by the Chinese government.—Xinhua

Hong Kong ready for preventing A/H1N1 spread in East Asian Games

HONG KONG, 20 Nov—The Hospital Authority (HA) of Hong Kong has prepared to provide professional medical services to the upcoming East Asian Games (EAG), including a plan for preventing the spread of A/H1N1 flu during the competitions.

“A contingency plan has set out the precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the disease among EAG participants and the contingency measures to be implemented should the situation exacerbate during the competition period.” HA Chief Manager (Infection, Emergency and Contingency) Dr Liu Shao-hai said here on Thursday.—Xinhua

Japan Govt declares nation to be in deflation

TOKYO, 20 Nov—The Japanese government said on Friday that the nation has fallen into deflation, exacerbating fears that the recent tentative economic recovery may slide into reverse. Deputy Prime Minister Naoto Kan said the country faces a “deflationary situation” and that the government will work with the Bank of Japan to implement policies to attempt to prevent an all-out economic crisis. Finance Minister Hiroshisa Fujii also said he believes the economy is in a troubled situation.

“We are aware of the serious risk. The situation is not as it should be,” he said.—Xinhua

One billion children still struggle to survive

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Nov—Twenty years after the UN adopted a treaty guaranteeing children’s rights, 1 billion children are still deprived of food, shelter or clean water, and nearly 200 million are chronically malnourished, UNICEF said on Thursday.

There are some bright spots — fewer youngsters are dying and more are going to school, the UN children’s agency said in a report issued on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman said the convention “has transformed the way children are viewed and treated throughout the world.”

“As the first decade of the 21st century comes to a close, the convention stands at a pivotal moment,” she told a news conference.

“Its relevance remains timeless. The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress achieved, working together to reach those children who are still being denied their rights to survival, development, protection and participation.”

The convention has the widest support of any human rights treaty, with ratifications legally binding 193 countries to its provisions. But not all countries are implementing its requirements, Veneman said.

Xinhua Students attend class at a Chinese-language school in Toronto on 31 Oct, 2009. With the increase of Chinese immigrants and the growth of China’s economy, more and more people in Toronto began to learn the Chinese language.—Xinhua

Children smile on a basketball court at an elementary school in Lusaka on 15 Nov, 2009. Haunted by hunger and poverty, Zambia is one of the world’s least-developed countries. But Zambian children could nevertheless enjoy the fun of sports. Their favourite games are basketball and soccer. Xinhua

Firefighters work at the restaurant that on fire in Qingyun County of east China’s Shandong Province, on 19 Nov, 2009. Six people were killed and three injured early Thursday after a restaurant went on fire in Qingyun County, local authorities said.—Xinhua

Italian Olympic Committee to sue Rebellin after doping scandal

ROME, 20 Nov—The Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) would sue Davide Rebellin for damages after the cyclist was stripped of his silver medal for doping at the Beijing Olympics, it said on Thursday.

CONI demanded Rebellin to return the medal he won in the cycling road race to the International Olympic Committee after the rider tested positive for the banned blood-booster CERA.

The 38-year-old should also give back the 75,000 euro bonus he picked up for winning the silver, CONI said.

Xinhua

Moderate quake rocks West Papua, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 Nov—A shallow earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale struck West Papua in easternmost of Indonesia on Friday morning, but there was no report of damage or casualty, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 2 to 3 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) at Manokwari town of West Papua, an official of the agency named only Yusuf told Xinhua over phone.

The quake took place at 6:07 am Jakarta time (2307 GMT), he said.

The center of the quake was at 57 km north-east the town and at 10 km under sea bed, Yusuf said.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency
Russian ship frees itself from ice in Antarctic

MOSCOW, 20 Nov — A Russian icebreaker carrying more than 100 tourists, scientists and journalists on an Antarctic cruise has reached clear water after being halted for days by thick ice, its owners said on Friday.

The Captain Khlebnikov icebreaker got stuck in sea ice earlier this week near Snow Hill Island in the Weddell Sea. It has taken the ship five days to free itself of ice, its Fareastern Shipping Company spokeswoman Tatjana Kulikova said Friday.

She said it would now take the icebreaker three more days to return to Ushuaia on the Argentine coast.

Kulikova said that Antarctic weather is unpredictable in the early spring.

“It is impossible to avoid worsening ice conditions with rapidly changing weather,” she said.

Officials said the passengers never were in any danger.

“It’s part of Antarctic tourism — we always warn passengers about possible delays,” Vyacheslav Nagayuk, the head of icebreaker fleet at the Fareastern Shipping Company, said in a statement. “Tourists witnessed real difficulties of shipping amid the splendor of Antarctica, and I think they will keep special memories of it.”

AIDS, malaria eclipse the biggest child-killers

HANOI, 20 Nov — Diarrhea doesn’t make headlines. Nor does pneumonia. AIDS and malaria tend to get most of the attention.

Yet even though cheap tools could prevent and cure both diseases, they kill an estimated 3.5 million kids under 5 each year globally — more than HIV and malaria combined.

“They have been neglected, because donor or partnership mechanisms shifted their emphasis to HIV and AIDS and other issues,” said Dr Tesfaye Shiferaw, a UNICEF official in Africa. “These age-old traditional killers remain with us. The ones dying are the children of the poor.”

Global spending on maternal, newborn and child health was about $3.5 billion in 2006, according to a report by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. That same year, nearly $9 billion was devoted to HIV and AIDS, according to UNAIDS.

Pneumonia is the biggest killer of children under 5, claiming more than 2 million lives annually or about 20 percent of all child deaths. AIDS, in contrast, accounts for about 2 percent.

Eight militants killed in reported US strike

MIRALI, 20 Nov — A suspected US missile strike killed at least eight militants Friday in southwestern Pakistan, officials said, the second attack this week in an area believed to hold many insurgents who fled from an army offensive elsewhere in the Afghan border region.

Separately, five Pakistani soldiers were reported killed in clashes late Thursday in an area previously cleared by the army, demonstrating the difficulty of containing the militants.

A US drone fired two missiles at a compound being used by suspected Taliban militants in a village near Mir Ali in North Waziristan, according to two intelligence officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to release the information. The compound was destroyed and eight bodies were pulled from the rubble, the officials said, adding that two other suspected militants were wounded.

El Salvador to build shelter houses for hurricane victims

SAN SALVADOR, 20 Nov — The government of El Salvador on Thursday announced the construction of 1,500 temporary houses for the victims of Hurricane Ida that left more than 15,000 people homeless and about 200 deaths in the country.

The shelter houses, each of about 30 square meters in area, will be ready in three months, according to El Salvador Housing and Urban Development Minister Edvin Martinez.

The minister said the government would use 2.2 million of the country’s emergency budget of 150 million US dollars to finance the construction of these houses.

Interior Minister Humberto Centento said the authorities are looking for proper places to build the shelter houses.

Egyptian mummies had clogged arteries

Rich Egyptians living 3,500 years ago may have been walking around with the same clogged arteries that modern Americans now battle, according to a presentation at the American Heart Association’s annual meeting.

A group of scientists said that, on a whim, they performed a computerized tomography (CT) scan on a collection of 22 mummies housed at the Egyptian National Museum of Antiquities in Cairo to see if they too suffered from the plaque build-up in arteries that lead to coronary artery disease.

28 Munch works lost in recent years

The Art Loss Register in London said 28 paintings by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch have been lost or stolen in recent years.

Antonia Kimbell of the section for stolen works at the Art Loss Register said the works would be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in the illegal market, The Norway Post reported Thursday.

However, Kimbell said paintings are commonly sold for less than 10 percent of their value in the illegal trade.
NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—A ceremony to greet the passengers who make a first study tour of Cocogyun was held at the passenger lounge of Myanmar Five Star Line in Thakayta Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint made a speech. After that, the Commander and officials cut the ribbon to open the ceremony. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint made a speech. After that, the Commander and officials visited on board and cordially greeted the passengers.

MNA

MV Thanlwin carrying excursion group members to Cocogyun.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—The waterway was opened in Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) between pier No. 3 and pier No. 4 for downstream and between pier No. 2 and pier No. 3 for upstream watercraft. Beginning 25 November 2009, the waterway between piers No. 2 and No. 3 will be designated for downstream watercraft and the area between piers No. 1 and No. 2 for upstream watercraft. The clearance of the upstream between piers No. 1 and No. 2 is 227 feet wide and 46 feet high, and that of downstream between piers No. 2 and No. 3, 248 feet wide and 52 feet high.

The entrance for the watercraft will be marked with a green triangle at daytime and a green light at night. The no entry waterway will be marked with a red cross at daytime and a red light at night. All the watercraft are not to drive in parallel along the waterway between two designated piers, and push boats are to dive along the designated waterway one after another. Priority is to be given to downstream boat. All the watercraft are to control the speed along the correct waterway to the exit, according to the Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems.

MNA

H R H Sultan Azlan Shah, President of Asian Hockey Federation, enjoys the match between Malaysia and Korea.

MIF

Laotian delegation concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—A Laotian delegation led by Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, left here by special flight at 3 p.m. today. The delegation was seen off by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A. Soupakhet and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

MNA

BED No. 2 D-G meets education staff of Mandalay District

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Director-General U Aye Lwin of No. 2 Basic Education Department on 18 November met with educational staff of Mandalay District at the hall of No. 14 Basic Education High School in Mandalay. The director-general gave instructions on improvement of teachers’ skill, use of teaching aids, abiding by the laws, rules and regulations, forging patriotic spirit and Union Spirit, assessment on learning of students, management and academic matters of the school heads and supervision of township education officers.—NLM

CSCs and censuses handed over

YANGON, 20 Nov—A ceremony to hand over Citizenship Scunting Cards and censuses to those eligible to be citizens was held at Dagon Myothit (North) Township Immigration and National Registration Department Office here on 19 November. Head of Yangon East District Immigration and National Registration Department U Shein Win made a speech and Head of Township INRD U Tun Thein reported on progress of works. The Head of District INRD and officials, Secretary U Kyaw Moe Naing of the Township Peace and Development Council and departmental personnel gave away 405 CSCs and 126 censuses to those qualified to be citizen according to the law.

MNA

2nd U-18 Asian Hockey Men’s Tournament continues

YANGON, 20 Nov—The 2nd U-18 Asian Hockey Men’s Tournament continued at Theinbyu artificial turf hockey pitch today. Sri Lanka beat Myanmar 3-1, Pakistan passed through Japan 4-0, and Malaysia beat the Republic of Korea 3-2.

On 21 November, China(Taipei) will play against Sri Lanka while India will play against Singapore. The 2nd U-18 Asian Hockey Men’s Tournament was organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation under the patronage of the Ministry of Sports.

NLM
Plan under way to construct networks of Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay-Mandalay-Myitkyina railroads by linking Pathein-Kyangin section with Kyangin-Pakokku

27-mile Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is constructing railroad networks for ensuring secure and smooth transportation and bringing about equitable development of all the regions of the nation in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad was inaugurated at a ceremony in front of Pakokku railway station in Pakokku Township this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe said that with a view to developing areas on the western bank of Ayeyawady River, the government built Ayeyawady River crossing bridges linking the west and the east banks of the river and Pathein-Monywa Road. The plan is under way to construct a network of Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay-Mandalay-Myitkyina railroads by linking Pathein-Kyangin section with Kyangin-Pakokku section for enabling the local people to have easy access to other regions, he added.

He continued to say that 27-mile long Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad was successfully inaugurated as a part of Pwintbyu-Pakokku section, which is one of the three parts of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad. Construction of the railroad section commenced on 1 April 2007 and it completed within a period of over two years, he noted. In conclusion, the commander thanked all the workers of Myanma Railways for their concerted efforts in building the railroad and urged the local people to help maintain the facility for its durability.

In his address, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min said that 320-mile long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad is under construction with three sections as 110-mile long Kyangin-Thayet section, 100-mile Thayet-Pwintbyu section and 110-mile long Pwintbyu-Pakokku section. On 17 October 2009, the 35 miles long Kanma-Thayet railroad section was opened for enabling the people to travel from Kyangin to Thayet by train, in addition to the regions of Ayeyawady, Bago, Magway and Sagaing Divisions and Chin and Kachin States, and therefore these regions will make progress in social, economic, health and education sectors, he noted. The minister explained that there are now 3305.65 miles long railroads across the nation including 1976.35 miles long railroads built before 1988 and 1329.30 miles long railroads by the government. The minister said that the number of railway stations increased from 487 stations in 1988 to 840 stations including six on Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad. Before 1988, there were 5650 bridges, and the government built 4977 bridges, totaling 10,627. In conclusion, Myanma Railways is striving for construction of railroads, cargo carriages and coaches for smooth transportation of the people.

Afterwards, the Chairman of Division PDC made a speech and a local spoke words of thanks. The commander, the ministers and the Division Chairman opened the Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section and had a documentary photo taken together with local people.

Afterwards, the commander formally opened the stone inscription. (See page 9)
Plan under way to construct networks of Pathein-Kyangin-…

(from page 8)
The commander, the ministers and party sprinkled scented water on the special train. They presented souvenirs to passengers and cordially greeted the local people at respective railway stations along the route.

In line with the guidance of the Head of State, Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is implementing 320 miles of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad in three phases for equitable development of regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River like other regions. Of them, 38 miles of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad section was opened on 1 March 2008, 35 miles of Okshitpin-Kanma section on 22 March 2009, Kanma-
Thayet section on 17 October 2009 and Pakokku-Kyunchaung section today. The remaining sections are under construction.

Likewise, rail roads being constructed by Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation are 4.66 miles of Bago-Hanthawady airport railroad, 184 miles of Thayet-Kyunchaung railroad, 98 miles of Katha-Bhamo railroad, 226 miles of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad, 95 miles of Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, 132.50 miles of Dawei-Myeik railroad, 245.54 miles of Minbu-An-Yaychanbyin railroad, 84 miles of Pathein (Dahka)-Yangon railroad, 120 miles of Pyay (Shwetagar)-Toungoo (Kyaytaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad. The 145 miles of Lashio-Muse railroad, 67.25 miles of Bago-Kayana-Thonwa-Thanlyin (Okphosu) railroad and 84.35 miles of Kalay-Tamu railroad are under way.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Construction and for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun, departmental officials, staff of Myanma Railways and local people.—MNA

Opening ceremony of Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section in progress.—MNA

Pakokku station.—MNA

Applied Google Earth and GIS courses to be opened

YANGON, 20 Nov—Myanmar Credent Technology will conduct the applied Google Earth and GIS courses at e-learning center of Myanmar Computer Federation in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township from 9 am to 4 pm on 21, 22, 27 and 28 November. The course covers technologies needed for the nation’s development projects and departments, private business and organizations, map system of information and digital, survey, drawing, engineering designs, applied system of satellite photos from Google Earth to be used in the exploration of oil, gas and mining. Only 20 trainees will be allowed to attend the courses. Interested persons may dial 652285 and 652286. —MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and ministers greet those present at opening of Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and ministers present gifts to passengers on special train.—MNA

Thayet-Kyunchaung railroad, 98 miles of Katha-Bhamo railroad, 226 miles of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad, 95 miles of Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, 132.50 miles of Dawei-Myeik railroad, 245.54 miles of Minbu-An-Yaychanbyin railroad, 84 miles of Pathein (Dahka)-Yangon railroad, 120 miles of Pyay (Shwetagar)-Toungoo (Kyaytaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad. The 145 miles of Lashio-Muse railroad, 67.25 miles of Bago-Kayana-Thonwa-Thanlyin (Okphosu) railroad and 84.35 miles of Kalay-Tamu railroad are under way.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Construction and for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun, departmental officials, staff of Myanma Railways and local people.—MNA

Opening ceremony of Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section in progress.—MNA

Pakokku station.—MNA

Applied Google Earth and GIS courses to be opened

YANGON, 20 Nov—Myanmar Credent Technology will conduct the applied Google Earth and GIS courses at e-learning center of Myanmar Computer Federation in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township from 9 am to 4 pm on 21, 22, 27 and 28 November. The course covers technologies needed for the nation’s development projects and departments, private business and organizations, map system of information and digital, survey, drawing, engineering designs, applied system of satellite photos from Google Earth to be used in the exploration of oil, gas and mining. Only 20 trainees will be allowed to attend the courses. Interested persons may dial 652285 and 652286. —MNA
20th Anniversary of UN Convention on Rights of Child marked


Children of Nay Pyi Taw Tawwin Yadana Pre-primary School performed entertainments with the song “Song for Unity” happily.

Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivers an opening address at ceremony to mark the 20th Anniversary of Convention on the Rights of Child.—MNA

Cash assistance provided to families of victims of water craft collision

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, together with Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected the site of collision of two water crafts in Ngawun river near Shanngu village in Kangyihtaung Township on 18 November morning.

Next, the commander and the ministers attended a ceremony to provide cash assistance to families of victims at Ayeyawady Division PDC office. Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe presented K 1 million, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe K 4,450,000 to families of victims and awarded members of the Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade and divers who took part in rescue operation and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented K 0.4 million for damaged craft. Acting Director-General of Relief and Resettlement Department U Myint K 1 million to families of victims.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe also inspected Fire Services Department, and the office of the head of Social Welfare Department of Ayeyawady Division and inspected construction of nursery and the office of the head of Fire Services Department and fire station of Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

Directors of State and Division Accounts Offices meet

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—A coordination meeting of State and Division directors under the Auditor-General’s Office took place at the hall of the Auditor-General’s Office, here, this morning.

Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung delivered a speech. Directors of State and Division Accounts Offices discussed respective sectors, and the director-general gave a supplementary report. The Auditor-General left necessary instructions. Also present at the meeting were deputy directors-general and officials.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents publications on global children to departmental heads and officials.—MNA
Dell’s profit, stock drop on weak quarterly report

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Nov—Some of the computer industry’s biggest players — such as IBM Corp, Intel Corp and Hewlett-Packard Co — have wowed Wall Street this fall with stronger-than-expected profits. Dell Inc didn’t join them on Thursday.

The company reported a 54 percent drop in net income and a 15 percent decline in revenue in its latest quarter, both steeper than analysts had forecast. Dell’s shares fell almost 6 percent in extended trading. The numbers show that Dell isn’t fully benefiting from the industry’s fledgling recovery, even though the company is seeing improvement in some areas.

“We are already seeing more client activity in the last 30 to 60 days than we have in a long time,” Michael Dell, the company’s CEO, said on a conference call with analysts. Dell has been hurt more than its peers because of tightened spending by corporations and large government agencies, which make up 80 percent of Dell’s revenue.

Meanwhile, rivals such as Hewlett-Packard Co. and Acer Inc. have boosted their market share by exploiting their bigger presence in retail stores. That has been a big weapon because consumer interest in little laptops called “netbooks” has helped the PC industry start to pull out of its worst slump in years.—Internet

Study suggests CT scans rule out heart attacks faster

ORLANDO, 20 Nov—A CT scan — a kind of super X-ray — provides a faster, cheaper way to diagnose a heart attack when someone goes to the emergency room with chest pains, a new study suggests.

About 6 million people each year go to hospitals with chest pain, but only a small fraction are truly having a heart attack. CT scans are increasingly used to diagnose problems because they give a deep, detailed view inside the body. But they put out a lot of radiation, which may raise a person’s chances of developing cancer.

Whether these scans are worth that risk is unknown. The new study suggests that for ruling out heart attacks in the emergency room, they just might be.

The research involved 749 chest pain sufferers at 16 big medical centers around the country. These were people who did not have clear signs of a heart attack with blood tests or EKGs, but doctors are afraid to send them home without more tests.—Internet

Woman leaves $40,000 at Md shrine for safekeeping

HAGERSTOWN, 20 Nov — A woman quietly left $40,000 worth of rare US coins near a Catholic shrine for safekeeping so the Virgin Mary could watch over her life savings while she was out of town, and apparently it worked: The money was returned to her when she got back a week later. Operators of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes near Emmitsburg thought they had been blessed with a big donation when a groundskeeper found the two plastic freezer bags filled with gold and silver while raking leaves.

But Shrine Director William Tronolone said the woman approached him after a noon Mass Sunday, six days after the discovery, to ask whether anyone had found some coins she had hidden beneath fallen leaves at the site on the campus of Mount St Mary’s University.—Internet

Stroke patients need more recovery time

COLUMBIA, 20 Nov — A US scientist says the health system isn’t giving stroke patients enough time to regain any lost function because it underestimates what the brain can do.

University of Missouri-Columbia Professor Guy McCormack says such patients need more time and motivation to reclaim lost functions, such as the use of an arm, hand or leg. With today’s therapies, it is possible for patients to regain more function than once ever thought possible, McCormack said.

“Patients are able to regain function due to the principle of neuroplasticity, or the brain’s ability to change, especially when patients continue therapy long after their injuries,” McCormack said. “Therapists once believed the brain doesn’t develop new neurons; but now they know neurons change their shape and create new branches to connect with other neurons, rewiring the brain following an injury or trauma.”—Internet

Gunman opens fire on Saipan; five dead

SAIPAN, 20 Nov — A gunman went on a rampage on the Pacific resort island of Saipan on Friday, killing four people and wounding six others before fatally shooting himself, officials said.

Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said two men, a 4-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl were killed in a half-hour of violence. The dead were all local residents.

The six wounded included a 4-year-old local girl and five visitors from South Korea.

“The lieutenant governor and I are monitoring the situation closely and working with officials from (Public Safety) and the FBI and we will continue to keep everyone informed,” Gov Benigno R Fitial said.

Authorities said the suspected shooter is a contract worker in his 30s or 40s from Asia, but did not provide his name or home country.—Internet

A worker of a securities company waits visitors at their booth at Money Fair International Exposition on 20 Nov, 2009 in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET

A person poses while using a Blackberry Bold 2 smartphone at the Research in Motion (RIM) headquarters in Waterloo, on 16 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

A worker of a securities company waits visitors at their booth at Money Fair International Exposition on 20 Nov, 2009 in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET

A worker of a securities company waits visitors at their booth at Money Fair International Exposition on 20 Nov, 2009 in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET

A worker of a securities company waits visitors at their booth at Money Fair International Exposition on 20 Nov, 2009 in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET
Two Atlantis astronauts install ISS antenna in first spacewalk

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—Two US astronauts conducted the first spacewalk for space shuttle Atlantis and installed an antenna on the International Space Station (ISS) on Thursday, NASA said.

According to NASA, mission specialists Michael Foreman and Dr Robert Satcher Jr began the spacewalk at 9:24 am EDT (1424 GMT), which lasted six hours and 37 minutes.

The duo installed a spare antenna to the outside of the ISS in just two hours after venturing out. They also hooked up cables and a handrail, and greased some mechanisms.

After finishing all their scheduled chores with two hours to spare, Foreman and Satcher were assigned a task that had been planned for the second spacewalk. They deployed the outboard Payload Attach System on the Earth-facing side of the Starboard 3 truss, after overcoming some initial difficulties. —Xinhua

Dying mothers highlight failure towards achieving MDGs

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Nov—With little more than five years left before the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the number of maternal deaths remains stubbornly high, according to a United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) report released here on Thursday.

The world has made “limited gains” towards the first target of MDG 5, which aims to reduce the 1990 maternal mortality ratio by three-quarters by 2015, the report said. Instead, the progress on diminishing maternal mortality ratios has been “virtually non-existent,” said the report.

Since 1990, the base year for the MDGs, the estimate of the global annual number of maternal deaths has exceeded 500,000. In sub-Saharan Africa, progress on diminishing maternal mortality ratios has been “virtually non-existent,” said the report.

Speaking at a press conference at the child agency’s headquarters in New York, UNICEF chief Ann M. Veneman said improving maternal health is critical to the well-being of children.

“We have five years remaining from next year,” she said. “There will be a big review of the Millennium Development Goals and I think that we have to really put focus around achieving those goals, and look at what’s next, what’s beyond the five years?”

According to the report, for every woman who dies from causes related to pregnancy or childbirth, it is estimated that there are 20 others who suffer pregnancy-related illness or experience other severe consequences. An estimated 10 million women annually who survive their pregnancies experience such adverse outcomes. —Xinhua

Deaths of A/H1N1 flu rise to 17 in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 20 Nov—The death toll of the A/H1N1 virus in Mongolia rose to 17 on Thursday, the health ministry said.

The number of people who were infected with the A/H1N1 virus rose to 1,073, of which 776 were in Ulan Bator and 297 in other provinces, according to a report from the health ministry.

Cases of virus have not been registered in two provinces. The report said 23,271 people received medical services in hospitals.

With the infection rate not decreasing, the government decided Wednesday to prolong the heightened state of preparedness which it announced on 3 November for two weeks, head of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and chief of governmental working group M Enkhbold said. In addition, the date of call-up was prolonged for two weeks. —Xinhua

Spain reports 115 deaths of A/H1N1 flu

MADRID, 20 Nov—The Spanish Health and Social Policy Ministry reported on Thursday a total of 115 deaths of A/H1N1 influenza in the country, 27 deaths more than the last report for last week.

The ministry said in a statement that the mortality rate of the disease is 0.14 deaths per 1,000 infected patients. It also estimated that there were 160,807 cases of clinic flu, and 96.42 percent of them have been positive for A/H1N1 flu, which means 155,051 cases of this flu in the country. —Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG XIU VOY NO(9056)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9056) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 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.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MILLENNIUM VOY NO (05/09)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MILLENIUM VOY NO (05/09) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 22.11.2009 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.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANGSAOTONG VOY NO (124)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAOTONG VOY NO (124) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 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.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (33)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (33) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 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.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV CHINA SHIPPING CO., LTD
Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHINA SHIPPING CO., LTD are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W 3 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO., LTD
Consignees of cargo carried on MV WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO., LTD are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W 3 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KM INTERTRANS
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KM INTERTRANS are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W 3 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ALANDELPHI ALPHA VOY NO(001E)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV ALANDELPHI ALPHA VOY NO(001E) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 19.11.2009 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.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (33)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (33) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.11.2009 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR/M/S KM INTERTRANS
Phone: 256916/256919/256921

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR/M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone: 256916/256919/256921
Two years starting at 50. In their 40s and should get one every recommendation on Monday, that said Sebelius said on Wednesday, moving and Human Services Secretary Kathleen mammograms starting at age 40, Health should continue getting regular risk of coronary heart disease. Many previous studies have suggested that moderate drinking — usually defined as a drink or two per day — can be a healthy habit, particularly when it comes to heart disease risk. But experts have warned that heavy drinking can damage organs and lead to early death. The Spanish study, released in the British Medical Journal’s Heart publication on Thursday, assessed the alcohol intake of 15,500 men and 26,000 women aged between 29 and 69, who were asked how much they had drunk in the preceding year. People were classed as non-drinkers, former drinkers, low, moderate, high and very high drinkers. The latter drank more than 90 grams of alcohol a day, equivalent to around a dozen drinks.—Internet

Women should get mammograms by age 40

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—Women should continue getting regular mammograms starting at age 40. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said on Wednesday, moving to douse confusion caused by a task-force recommendation two days earlier. Sebelius issued her statement following a government panel’s recommendation on Monday, that said most women don’t need mammograms in their 40s and should get one every two years starting at 50.

That recommendation was a break with the American Cancer Society’s long-standing position that women should get screening mammograms starting at age 40. The task force does “not set federal policy and they don’t determine what services are covered by the federal government,” Sebelius said. Medicare, which covers older Americans and some younger ones who are disabled, provides women on Medicare coverage for an annual mammogram at age 40 and older.

Pain drug morphine may accelerate cancer growth

CHICAGO, 20 Nov—Evidence is mounting that morphine, commonly used to manage pain, may accelerate cancer growth, but a newly-approved drug that blocks its side effects could also keep tumors from spreading. U.S. researchers said on Wednesday. They said the Progenics Pharmaceuticals Inc drug Relistor, which is used to treat constipation caused by pain drugs like morphine, appeared to reverse some of the tumor-causing effects in mice and in lung cancer cells. “It’s a surprising finding, really,” said Patrick Singleton of the University of Chicago Medical Center, who presented findings from two studies at a cancer meeting in Boston. This drug might actually inhibit the progression of lung cancer,” Singleton said in a telephone interview. He said several studies have begun to show that opiate-based pain drugs stimulate cancer cell growth and foster the spread of cancers.

A key study in 2002 showed that cancer patients who were given morphine delivered to the spine, rather than releasing the drug throughout the body, tended to live longer.

Vaccines on horizon for AIDS, Alzheimer’s, herpes

MARIETTA, 20 Nov—Malaria. Tuberculosis. Alzheimer’s disease. AIDS. Pandemic flu. Genital herpes. Urinary tract infections. Grass allergies. Traveler’s diarrhea. You name it, the pharmaceutical industry is working on a vaccine to prevent it. Many could be on the market in five years or less. Contrast that with five years ago, when so many companies had abandoned the vaccine business that half the US supply of flu shots was lost because of factory contamination at one of the two manufacturers left. Vaccines are no longer a sleepy, low-profit niche in a booming drug industry. Today, they’re starting to give ailing pharmaceutical makers a shot in the arm. The lure of big profits, advances in technology and growing government support has been drawing in new companies from nascent biotechs to Johnson & Johnson.

That means recent remarkable strides in overcoming dreaded diseases and annoying afflictions likely will continue. “Even if a small portion of everything that’s going on now is successful in the next 10 years (and) it’s going to be characterized as a golden era,” says Emilio Emini, Pfizer Inc.’s head of vaccine research.

Pregnancy complication may be linked to thyroid problems

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—New research offers bad news for women who develop a condition known as preeclampsia during pregnancy: They’re at higher risk of reduced thyroid function and may be more likely to have thyroid problems in later life. Preeclampsia develops in the second half of pregnancy and can cause serious problems such as extremely high blood pressure. The causes aren’t clear, but may have something to do with high levels of proteins in the body.

Researchers in the United States and Norway looked at two groups of pregnant women: those who developed preeclampsia and those who didn’t, and published their study findings in the Nov. 18 online edition of BMJ. In the US study, researchers compared 140 healthy pregnant women who developed preeclampsia with 140 women who didn’t. Those who had the condition showed double the levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone as those who didn’t develop preeclampsia.

The Norwegian study followed 7,121 pregnant women for about 20 years and found that having had preeclampsia, especially in two pregnancies, boosted the risk that they would have high concentrations of the hormone years after being pregnant. The researchers suggest that doctors should closely follow women who develop preeclampsia, keeping an eye out not just for heart and kidney disease, which are known risks, but also thyroid disease.

Internet
Kuznetsova to play in WTA Sydney International

SYDNEY, 20 Nov — Russia's world number three, Svetlana Kuznetsova on Thursday became the fifth top 10 player to commit to January's WTA/ATP Sydney International, organisers said.

The French Open champion, 24, was runner-up in the event in 2008, bowing out in a tough three-set final against Justine Henin, then the world number one.

“I have had some really great results there in the past and I am looking forward to having a great tournament in Sydney before the Australian Open,” said Kuznetsova.

Tourism director Craig Watson said the winner of 12 career singles titles was a fantastic addition to the women's field, which already boasts Serena Williams, Elena Dementieva, Caroline Wozniacki and Victoria Azarenka. —INTERNET

Barcelona suffer Ibrahimovic injury blow

BARCELONA, 20 Nov — League leaders Bordeaux and closest rivals Lyon will hope to restore French football's battered reputation on Saturday, as league action returns to focus minds away from World Cup controversy.

Three days after Thierry Henry's handball helped steer France past Ireland and into the World Cup finals, champions Bordeaux, who signed off before the international break with a 2-0 defeat at Lille, host a Valenciennes side who are the most prolific team in the division.

Philippe Montanier's men have not lost since a 3-2 defeat at Nice on October 3 and have scored a league-high 23 goals in their 12 games to date.

"The France team will need a rest," said a jocular Laurent Blanc, whose side travel to Sevilla on Saturday. "It's understandable: Gourcuff and Diarra will need some rest after the World Cup."

French pride

PARIS, 20 Nov — League leaders Bordeaux and closest rivals Lyon will hope to restore French football's battered reputation on Saturday, as league action returns to focus minds away from World Cup controversy.

Three days after Thierry Henry's handball helped steer France past Ireland and into the World Cup finals, champions Bordeaux, who signed off before the international break with a 2-0 defeat at Lille, host a Valenciennes side who are the most prolific team in the division.

Philippe Montanier’s men have not lost since a 3-2 defeat at Nice on October 3 and have scored a league-high 23 goals in their 12 games to date.

"The France team will need a rest," said a jocular Montanier, in reference to the mid-week exertions of Bordeaux’s French international midfielders Yoann Gourcuff and Alou Diarra.

"It’s understandable. Gourcuff and Diarra will need a rest on Saturday."

Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc, whose side travel to Turin to face Juventius in the Champions League on Tuesday, conceded that both players needed rest. —INTERNET
People avoid H1N1 shots due to fear of needle

JALANDHAR, 20 Nov—Experts believe this fear of needles may be preventing people from rolling up their sleeves for the H1N1 shots.

"Pain and the actual fear of getting the injection is often the barrier that prevents people from getting the vaccine," said psychologist Christine Chambers, based at Dalhousie University.

Concerned that students who are making health decisions for themselves may be bypassing immunization for H1N1 because of their fear of needles, Chambers assures there are things they can do to reduce pain.

For one, she suggests the purchase of a topical anesthetic cream or a patch and applying it 30 to 60 minutes before getting the needle.

She also advises practicing the art of distraction; in other words, try not to think about it so much.

"If your body is tense, the needle will hurt more," said Internet.

---

Canada’s Kaitlyn Weaver (R) and Andrew Poje practice for the Ice Dance competition at the State Canada International figure skating event in Kitchener on 19 Nov, 2009.

---

WEATHER

Friday, 20th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Chin State, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Tago Divisions. 12°C above November average temperatures in Shan State and Mandalay Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Miau (10°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (1.53) inches, Pyin Oo Lwin (1.34) inches, Falam (1.26) inches, Lashio (1.14) inches, Patehin (1.09) inches, Mawtaw (0.79) inch, Kanbu (0.75) inch and Yangon (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-11-2009 was 96°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-11-2009 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 19-11-2009 was (7.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-11-2009 was (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.69) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon Kaba-Aye was (6.5) m/s from South-East at (18:30) hours MST on 19-11-2009.

Bay inference: Rain or thunder is cloudy in the Kandawn Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. 

Forecast valid until evening of 21st November 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and K and on States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Arakan Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas of the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of M ottama, off and along Non-Tawnyi, Kelung, South coast. Surface wind speed in the strong wind may reach (35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Mawma waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of isolated to light rain in the inther eastern Myanmar areas.


Weather Outlook: For Fourth Weekend Of November 2009: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
★ 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

P R I M E  M I N I S T E R  G E N E R A L  T H E I N  S E I N  r e c e i v e s  D e p u t y  P r i m e  M i n i s t e r  a n d  F o r e i g n  A f f a i r s  M i n i s t e r  o f  L a o  P D R

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Dr Thongloun Sisoulith at the Government Office here this morning. Also present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and departmental heads.

The visiting Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR was accompanied by Laotian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Kounly A Souphakhet.

After the meeting, the MoU signing ceremony between the Union of Myanmar and the Lao People’s Democratic Republic was held. Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win signed the Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on Exemption of Visa for Holder of Ordinary Passport.

Afterwards, Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun signed the Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic for the Avoidance of double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and exchanged the notes.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Laotian delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Dr Thongloun Sisoulith at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA