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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

Secretary-1 attends opening of 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presses the button to launch water fountain at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—A ceremony to open the 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium which is the first time in Nay Pyi Taw was held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Gems Museum, here, this morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, departmental heads, members of the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanma Gems Emporium, departmental personnel, the chairman and executives of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association, gem merchants at home and abroad, economic and commercial counsellors of the Chinese Embassy and Thai Embassy and guests.

Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe formally opened the 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium.

A total of 224 lots of jewellery to be sold through tender system and 49 lots through competitive bidding system, totaling 273 lots of jewellery and 246 lots of pearl through tender system and 30 lots of pearl through competitive bidding system totaling 276 lots have been displayed at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

The Secretary-1 pressed the button to launch the water fountain of Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

The Secretary-1 and party posed for documentary photo in front of the water fountain.

After viewing the scale model of Mani Yadana Jade Hall, the Secretary-1 oversaw display of gems and jade lots in the hall and display of jade lots near the hall.

The Secretary-1 looked into jewellery shops at the Gems Museum and the pearl salesroom, and left there.

The 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium will be held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw from 17 to 29 November. It was reported that over 6000 local and foreign gem merchants will attend the Mid-year Gems Emporium which is the first time in Nay Pyi Taw.

As local and foreign gem merchants are eager to attend the Mid-year Gems Emporium, arrangements have been made for their convenience in accommodation, meal and transportation.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views the jewellery shops at Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Extend reclamation of fallow and virgin lands

Agriculture sector occupies a large ratio in economic development of Gross National Product. As the majority of the people of the nation is engaged in agriculture sector, arrangements are being made to reclaim fallow and virgin lands and cultivate various crops.

Especially, more than 200 dams and sluice gates have been built for agricultural purpose and prevention against floods at farmlands. Thanks to encouragement on use of high yield paddy strains, application of better cultivation methods and use of farming equipment, the farmers have achieved success in cultivation and production of crops.

Myanmar has more than 22 million hectares of cultivable lands. More than eight million hectares of paddy, the staple food of the people, produces about 20 million tons of rice. Surplus rice can be exported. The nation enjoys local sufficiency of basic foodstuffs such as maize, edible oil and kitchen crops.

Sown acreage of monsoon and summer paddy is increasing year by year. Plans are to be implemented to extend cultivation of crops for ensuring food sufficiency of the increasing population throughout the world. Emphasis is to be placed on production and export of rice in both quantity and quality.

As the State is giving encouragement for reclamation of fallow and virgin lands and establishment of special agricultural zone, farmers should focus on use of natural fertilizers for improvement of soil property. Use of natural fertilizer can prevent the decay of fertile soil at farmlands and gardens and infection of pests and diseases so as to produce the chemical-free crops.

Agricultural task contributes much to local food sufficiency and livelihood of farmers. Earnest efforts of entrepreneurs and farmers in reclamation of fallow and virgin lands and establishment of agricultural zones and use of natural fertilizer will help increase production of agricultural produce.

Eco Echo Exhibition Electronics & Automobile Show 2010 on 26 Nov

YANGON, 17 Nov — Arrangements are being made to organize Eco Echo Exhibition Electronics & Automobile Show 2010 on a grand scale at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 26 to 28 November.

MPV new model cars of Khaing Khaing Sang Da company, computers and accessories of MCC, Shwe Lamin Ngar (acer), Unique, Cybercity, KMD, The Radiance, Cybertron and Lucky Bird, electronics of Samsonic, Asahi, Three Friend and MNZ, modern furniture of Home Glory, Korean vinyl floor of Home Distribution and Maruart, auto parts of Aung Thein Than, Tun Thit Oo, Super Cool, Revlon and C Care cosmetics of New Link and services of members of Myanmar Institute of Economics Graduates Association (MIEGA) will be available at the show.

For further information, dial 098626080 and 246634. — *MNA*

People's Desire

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

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Track & Field Competition commences

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Track and Field Competition at Aung San Stadium, here, this afternoon.

Among the spectators were senior military officers, commandants of regiments and units, and servicemen.

In the evening, the commander watched the friendly football match between Myanmar national football team and Dalian Shide football team of the People's Republic of China at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, the president of Myanmar Football Federation and members and officials of the Ministry of Sports and the Chinese Embassy.

MNA

CPT Minister inspects Yadanabon Myothit

***Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw inspects installation of machines at Yatanarpon Teleport building.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, on 15 November, arrived at Yadanabon Myothit near PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, and inspected construction of staff quarters there.

The minister also inspected completion of Trainin Center. After hearing the reports by officials, the minister urged them to build it on schedule with set standards.

Then, he looked into IP TV Room, Yatanarpon Webportal, soft switch room, ISP Data Center and Network Operation Center, at Yatanarpon Teleport building. The minister heard the reports by officials and fulfiled the requirements.

Afterwards, he inspected ASIA MEGA LINK SOLAR factory and FISCA factory and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Mdy Mayor oversees development tasks in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han on 9 November viewed harvest of monsoon paddy near Mekinkon Village of Patheingyi Township and heard reports on harvest and production of paddy.

He inspected repaving of roads in Aungmyethazan Township and cleaning of duckweed at the moat of Nannmyo and attended to the needs of officials.

At Yadanabon Myothit (North) housing construction project near Thonhtaung Village of PyinOoLwin Township on 13 November, the mayor heard reports on progress of power station and laying of water pipeline and fulfilled the requirements.

The mayor visited Stone Grinding Machine and Asphalt Concrete Factory in Kyaukchaw Village in Patheingyi Township.—*MNA*

Yangon Mayor inspects upgrading roads in Yangon Region

YANGON, 17 Nov—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin this morning paid an inspection tour of Botahtaung Township here this morning.

He inspected upgrading Botahtaung Market Road linking Strand road and Mahabandoola Road.

The mayor also oversaw paving concrete on Strand Road between Anawrahta Road and Bogyoke Aung San Street and 36th Street in Kyauktada Township, 18th and 20th Streets in Latha Township and 25th , 27th and 28th Streets between Mahabandoola Road and Merchant Street in Pabedan Township.

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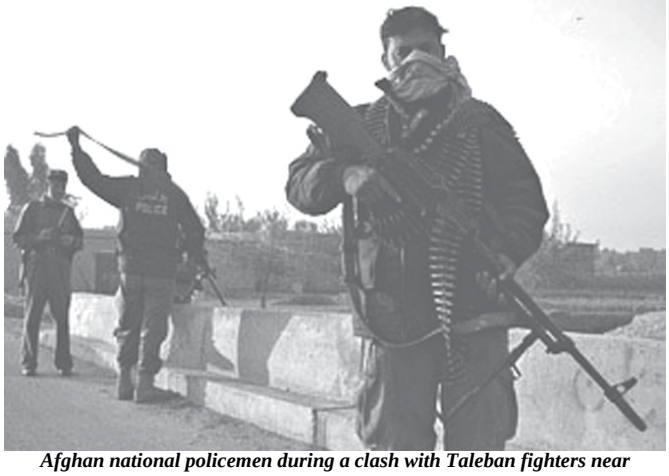

Afghan national policemen during a clash with Taleban fighters near Jalalabad airport on Saturday. Under the Obama administration's new timetable for Afghanistan, security duties in selected areas would be transferred to Afghan forces over the next 18 to 24 months.—INTERNET

UAE, Australia and US top list of carbon emitters

OSLO, 17 Nov— The United Arab Emirates, Australia and the United States have the worst overall records for emitting greenhouse gases, according to an index published on Wednesday combining current and historic emissions.

The top of the 183-nation ranking, compiled by British consultancy Maplecroft, was dominated by rich countries and OPEC members. It said it aimed to alert investors to countries vulnerable if UN-led climate talks ever agreed wider penalties on carbon.

The ranking of carbon dioxide emissions from energy use placed the UAE top, largely because of a sharp rise in emissions in recent years linked to desalination plants in an economy almost entirely dependent on fossil fuels. "Desalination is a positive way to address water security but high emissions underline the need to find more energy-efficient innovations," Maplecroft said in a statement.

Australia, dependent on coal, was second ahead of the United States, by far the biggest cumulative emitter since 1900 and now the number two national emitter behind China. Both Australians and Americans have high per capita emissions. They were trailed by Canada, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Russia, Belgium and Kazakhstan in the top 10.

MNA/Reuters

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 17 Nov— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 17 November reached 704311 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1274813, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704311
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1274813

Internet

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

KABUL, 17 Nov—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33428 Afghan people were killed and 40535 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 17 November.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33428
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40535

Internet

Afghan poll candidate killed during holiday prayers

KUNDUZ, 17 Nov—A bomb in a graveyard in northern Afghanistan killed a parliamentary candidate and a retired policeman and wounded five, including a mayor, on Tuesday, an intelligence official said.

The attack happened in the Khan Abad District of northern Kunduz Province as the men prayed inside the graveyard to mark the start of the Muslim Eid al Adha holiday, provincial intelligence chief Abdul Rahman Aqtash said.

Violence in Afghanistan was already at its worst since the Taleban were overthrown by US-backed Afghan forces in late 2001 but a dramatic increase in attacks in the past few days will be a sobering message for NATO leaders ahead of a summit this week.

Mohammad Islam Mujahid, a candidate from Kunduz in Afghanistan's September parliamentary election, and Haji Bismillah, a retired police official, were killed in the attack, Aqtash said. Bismillah was the brother of the mayor of Kunduz city.

The mayor, who had been praying with the other men, was wounded along with four civilians, Aqtash said, adding the bomb had been placed near the grave before the men had arrived.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqis inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad's Kazimiyah neighbourhood, Iraq recently. The deadliest attack took place in north Baghdad's Kazimiyah neighbourhood when a car bomb detonated near Adan square, killing at least 21 people and wounding more than 70, police and hospital officials said.
INTERNET

UK apologizes, took organs from nuclear workers' bodies

LONDON, 17 Nov— Britain apologized on Tuesday for the unauthorized removal for laboratory analysis of organs and tissue from the bodies of dozens of people who worked in the nuclear industry over three decades from the 1960s.

An inquiry by leading lawyer Michael Redfern found that pathologists removed organs from 64 workers at the Sellafield nuclear plant in northwest England and 12 workers at other nuclear sites.

The organs were examined at Sellafield as part of research into the health effects of work in the industry, but the authorities failed to get consent from the workers' relatives.

"To lose a family member is tragic. To find out, sometimes decades later, that tissue had been taken without consent is an unimaginable distress," Energy Secretary Chris Huhne said in a statement to Parliament.

MNA/Reuters

Landmine kills 14 in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 17 Nov—Fourteen Cambodians have been killed by an anti-tank landmine left over from years of war that went off when they were travelling down a remote road, police said on Wednesday.

A baby girl and nine women were among the dead in the blast which hit their trailer being pulled by a tractor late on Tuesday in Battambang Province, in the northwest, said district police chief Bith Sambo.

"They have not used that road so often ... this time they used a shortcut," Bith Sambo said, adding that no one knew who had planted the mine. The toll was the worst from a mine in Cambodia in 10 years.

MNA/Reuters

Google exit from China a predictable gift

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Nov—The head of China's dominant Internet search engine said that Google's retreat from the mainland was a predictable gift that came as no surprise to him. Baidu chairman Robin Li said that when Google first launched its search service in China, his advice was that chief Eric Schmidt spend at least six months a year in that country to understand the market.

"Apparently, Eric did not take my advice," Li said during an unprecedented on-stage chat at a Web 2.0 Summit in San Francisco. "I knew that, eventually, he would hand me a gift and it happened."

Schmidt had his turn on the Summit stage earlier in the day, but did not discuss Baidu. Baidu reported in October that its net profit more than doubled in the third quarter, as rival Google continued to lose market share following its public spat with Beijing over censorship.

Baidu has increased its dominance of the world's biggest online market at the expense of Google, which has seen its share dwindle throughout the year. Baidu said its net profit soared 112.4 percent year-on-year to 1.05 billion yuan (157.89 million dollars) in the third quarter. Total revenue ballooned to 2.26 billion yuan, up 76.4 percent from the same period last year, the company said. China has 420 million web users, with 99 percent of them using Baidu, Li said.

Internet

The head of China's dominant Internet search engine, Baidu, predicted that Google wouldn't last in his country, calling the US technology firm's retreat from the mainland was a gift. Baidu has increased its dominance of the world's biggest online market at the expense of Google, which has seen its share dwindle throughout the year.

INTERNET

NASA finds 4th crack on space shuttle fuel tank

CAPE CANAVERAL, 17 Nov—NASA has found a fourth crack in the fuel tank for space shuttle Discovery. Discovery's final mission remains on hold as engineers and technicians work to fix all the cracks as well as a hydrogen gas leak.

NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said Monday the repairs need to be made before a new launch date is picked. The launch window opens on 30 Nov and closes on 6 Dec.

NASA first discovered a long crack in the insulating foam of the fuel tank, after the countdown was haltedon 5 Nov by the gas leak. Last week, two cracks were found on the exterior of the tankf. Then another crack popped up, then another. The cracks are in the tank's central, ribbed section, which holds instruments, not fuel.—*Internet*

Space shuttle Discovery's external tank where foam was removed to study the source a cracks on the tank in Cape Canaveral, Fla on Wednesday, on 10 Nov, 2010.

INTERNET

Chinese wind power producers plan Hong Kong IPOs

A windfarm on the outskirts of Beijing is seen in August 2010. Two of China's top power producers plan to raise 2.5 billion US dollars by listing their wind-power units in Hong Kong, reports said Tuesday, the latest among several green firms to list in the city.—INTERNET

HONG KONG, 17 Nov—Two of China's top power producers plan to raise 2.5 billion US dollars by listing their wind-power units in Hong Kong, reports said Tuesday, the latest among several green firms to list in the city.

Huaneng Renewables, a unit of major power producer China Huaneng Group, plans to raise 1.5 billion US dollars ahead of a listing on 16 December, the *Wall Street Journal reported*, citing a term sheet for the deal.

China Datang Corp Renewable Power, a unit of China Datang Corp, plans to raise one billion US dollars before its on 9 December listing, the Journal said.

Both companies began pre-marketing the deals Monday and plan to price their offerings in early December.

Huaneng Renewables, which plans to sell 2.49 billion shares, will use the proceeds to expand its wind power business, repay bank loans and acquire wind power projects in China and overseas, the report said.

Datang Corp's subsidiary, which aims to sell 2.14 billion shares, plans to use the cash to fund wind power projects in Inner Mongolia, repay bank loans and purchase wind turbines.—*Internet*

Anti-firesheep trick protects linux users

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov—The Firesheep plug-in for Firefox has done an admirable job of illustrating the insecurity of public Wi-Fi, just as its creators intended. Now that it's out there in the wild, however, the question for users is how to protect their sensitive information.

On the Windows side, pretty much all we've seen so far have been tools that simply alert you when Firesheep is being used on the network you're con-nected to. Unfortunately, they don't go beyond that to actually protect your data.

For Linux users, however, the situation is better. A free new solution from security firm Sophos lets users of the open source operating system "browse over unen-crypted Wi-Fi access points with no more risk than you'd browse at home," according to its blog post from earlier today.

It takes only 60 seconds to set up, even for users on the road, and it works even if you're already working over unencrypted Wi-Fi, the company says.—*Internet*

Hackers rush to adapt Kinect outside the Xbox 360

CALIFORNIA, 17 Nov—Despite all the promotional hand-waving Microsoft did to launch its Kinect hands-free game controller, the company may have underestimated some of its impact. Programmers are rapidly adapting the Minority Report-like device for other uses that have nothing to do with the Xbox 360 — and a contest is seeking more experiments.

Oliver Kreylos, a researcher at the University of California-Davis, announced he has used the two cameras in the Kinect to control the 3-D software and use it as a 3-D video camera. In Kinect, one of the cameras shoots video while the other measures depth, resulting in a 640x480 video stream and a 320x240 depth stream. The depth stream measures invisible infrared dots that are projected into a room. Kreylos' hack allows him to generate live 3-D feeds of himself or objects in the room. —*Internet*

It's been over 40 years since a baroque opera was performed in the venerable Vienna State Opera, but George Frideric Handel's "Alcina" was greeted with long and tumultuous applause on its premiere.

INTERNET

GM IPO swells with investor demand

NewYork, 17 Nov— Strong investor demand has driven the price range of GM's IPO to between $32 and $33 per share, taking the US government closer to breakeven on its controversial investment in the top US automaker, two people familiar with the matter said on Monday.

In addition, the US government could opt to sell more shares than first planned in the initial public offering while GM could offer additional preferred shares, the sources said.

The prospect for a higher GM share price and an increased offering size mean that the initial loss to US taxpayers from the bailout of General Motors (GM.UL) will be more limited than initially thought.

GM had earlier filed to sell common shares for $26 to $29 each. The move to the higher range would represent an 18 percent increase at the midpoint.

An increase in the $3 billion in preferred stock that GM had first planned to offer would strengthen the automaker's balance sheet since those shares represent a new issue.A filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission that raises the offering price range has been prepared and is expected to be filed shortly, one of the people said.—*Internet*

A GM sign is seen outside the Medved General Motors car dealership in Arvada, Colorado on 12 August, 2010.— Internet

Stocks edge lower as Fed concerns offset M&A

A trader looks on as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York, on 9 November, 2010.
Internet

NewYork, 17 Nov—Stocks slipped on Monday as concerns the Federal Reserve may scale back its efforts to stimulate the economy muted optimism over two big takeover bids.

The S&P 500 held above its 20-day moving average, now near 1,196 and marking a potential support level, though the index closed slightly lower.

The energy and materials sectors, which are sensitive to commodity prices and weaken when the dollar rises, led the way down as the Treasury bond market selloff picked up steam in the afternoon. The S&P materials sector (GSPM) lost 0.9 percent.

"There's been concern that the quantitative easing is going to be scaled back. There is certainly the skepticism and uncertainty over QE 2 out there," said John Canally, an investment strategist and economist at LPL Financial in Boston.

The Dow Jones industrial average (DJI) edged up 9.39 points, or 0.08 percent, at 11,201.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (SPX) was off 1.46 points, or 0.12 percent, to 1,197.75. The Nasdaq Composite Index (IXIC) slipped 4.39 points, or 0.17 percent, to 2,513.82.—*Internet*

Nordstrom's 3Q profit rises 43 percent

In this 11 Nov, 2009 file photo, a Nordstrom shopper is shown, in Portland, Ore Nordstrom Inc reports quarterly financial earnings on 15 Nov, 2010, after the market close.—Internet

NewYork, 17 Nov—Upscale department store chain Nordstrom Inc said Monday that its third-quarter net income rose 43 percent, boosted by an increase in regular-price selling and tight inventory controls.

The company, based in Seattle, also raised its earnings outlook, but not as high as analysts expected on average, and Nordstrom shares fell 25 cents in aftermarket trading to $41.58. The shares had ended regular trading up 43 cents.

Nordstrom said it earned $119 million, or 53 cents per share, for the period that ended on 30 Oct. That compares with $83 million, or 38 cents per share, a year earlier.

As the chain's mainly upper-income customers continued to spend more this year than last year, Nordstrom's revenue rose 11 percent, to $2.18 billion from $1.96 billion.

Revenue at stores opened at least a year rose 5.8 percent. The measure is a key indicator of a retailer's health because it excludes stores that open and close during the year.Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters on average expected Nordstrom to report earnings of 51 cents per share and revenue of $2.09 billion.—*Internet*

Debt tensions flare up as Ireland denies bailout

Dublin, 17 Nov— Europe's debt crisis spread widening ripples Monday, with Irish officials denying that their talks with other eurozone governments were aimed at getting a bailout, while the Greek Prime Minister accused Germany of making things worse with talk of forcing creditors to take losses.

The flare-up in tension adds to pressure on EU finance ministers, who will be in Brussels Tuesday for their monthly meeting.

After spending their recent gatherings focusing on crisis prevention, a weeklong sell-off of Irish and Portuguese bonds has thrown them back into crisis management.

The Irish Department of Finance said in a statement Monday it was pursuing "contacts at official level" with other eurozone governments and the EU, but aides to Finance Minister Brian Lenihan emphasized Ireland has no need for a lifeline from the euro750 billion financial backstop for the eurozone. Ireland says it had enough cash to last through mid-2011.

Internet

A banner complaining about high shop rents is hung on a shop front in central Dublin on 12 Nov.
Internet

The Becker valves from Dresser, Inc will be installed at a compressor station on the Jining connection of the West-East pipeline in the Shandong Province in east China.—Internet

Oil below $85 before US crude supply reports

Singapore, 17 Nov—Oil prices hovered below $85 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as traders looked to the latest US crude supply reports for clues about the strength of consumer demand for fuel.

Benchmark oil for December delivery was down 28 cents at $84.58 a barrel at early afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 2 cents to settle at $84.86 on Monday.

Crude inventories likely rose 1.2 million barrels last week, according to analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos. The American Petroleum Institute plans to announce its inventory numbers later Tuesday while the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration reports its weekly supply data Wednesday.

Some analysts warn that if oil prices jump above $100 — crude rose to $147 in July 2008 — inflation in Asia would quicken, undermining economic expansion in the world's fastest growing region.

Internet

Caterpillar buying Bucyrus in big bet on mining

DETROIT/ROVIDENCE, 17 Nov—Caterpillar Inc (CAT.N) sealed its position as the world's No 1 maker of mining equipment on Monday with its purchase of Bucyrus International Inc (BUCY.O) for $7.6 billion, the biggest acquisition in its 85-year history.

The deal fills out Caterpillar's already considerable offering of mining equipment, adding massive shovels and draglines to its existing line of giant mining trucks and specialized excavators used both above and below ground.

Shareholders of Bucyrus will receive $92 cash per share, a 32 percent premium over the stock's closing price on Friday.

Jim Dugan, a Caterpillar spokesman, said the deal, expected to close in mid-2011, was the biggest in the company's history by "a long shot." Including $1 billion of Bucyrus debt being assumed by Caterpillar, the transaction is worth $8.6 billion.

"It's a good strategic fit," said Adam Fleck, an analyst at Morningstar. "It about doubles their mining business, which is very profitable. But the price they paid is pretty full."

Internet

A worker drives a Caterpillar tractor near a construction site in Gilbert, Arizona on 20 October, 2009.
INTERNET

New Facebook message system takes aim at Google, Yahoo!

Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during a special event announcing a new Facebook email messaging system at the St Regis Hotel in San Francisco, California.
INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Nov—Facebook launched a next-generation online messaging service that includes facebook.com email addresses in a move seen as a shot across the bow of Google, Yahoo! and Microsoft.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg on Monday unveiled what he called a "convergent" modern messaging system that "handles messages seamlessly across all the ways you want to communicate" in a single inbox.

The messaging service blends online chat, text messages and other real-time conversation tools with traditional email, which Zuckerberg said had lost favor for being too slow for young Internet users.

"It is true that people will be able to have facebook.com email addresses, but this is not email," Zuckerberg said at an event in downtown San Francisco. "It handles email."

Zuckerberg dismissed reports referring to the messaging system as a "Gmail killer" aimed at the heart of free Web-based email services from Google and similar services from Yahoo! and Microsoft.

Internet

Microsoft sells one million Kinects in 10 days

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov—Microsoft said it sold one million Kinect motion-sensing controllers for the Xbox 360 videogame console in 10 days and is on pace to sell five million by the end of the year.

Microsoft's new Kinect controller for the Xbox 360 is sold at the Best Buy store on 4 November, 2010.—INTERNET

"This is a great start to the holiday season," said Don Mattrick, president of Microsoft's Interactive Entertainment Business.

"We will continue to work with our retailer partners to keep pace with high demand and deliver against our plan to sell more than five million Kinect sensors worldwide by the end of this year," Mattrick said in a statement.

Microsoft launched the Kinect in North America on 4 November and in Europe last week. It launches in Asia later this week.

Kinect uses a 3D camera and motion recognition software to let people play videogames using natural body movements and voice commands instead of hand-held controllers.

The standalone Kinect, which works with the 45 million Xbox 360s already sold worldwide, costs 150 dollars. A four-gigabyte Xbox 360 console that includes the Kinect and the "Kinect Adventures" game sells for 299 dollars.—*Internet*

Most AXA Asia Pacific directors back new AMP bid

The corporate logo adorns the headquarters of the Australian fund-manager AMP in Sydney.
INTERNET

SYDNEY, 17 Nov—The Asia-Pacific arm of French wealth manager AXA has tentatively welcomed a revived takeover offer from Australian insurer AMP, saying Tuesday that five of its six board members backed the proposal.

AMP made a new bid worth at least 13 billion dollars (12.8 billion US) on Monday for AXA Asia Pacific Holdings (AXA APH), saying the deal could reshape Australia's financial services market which is dominated by four banks.

The deal requires the unanimous support of AXA APH's six independent board members to proceed. The company said five backed the deal while the sixth was seeking more information.

"A majority of the independent directors believe AMP and AXA SA's proposal provides minority shareholders with appropriate value for their investment supported by significant downside protection," AXA APH chairman Rick Allert said.

"As a result, we believe the proposal is in the best interests of AXA APH minority shareholders."

Internet

S Korean bank close to buying KEB

SEOUL, 17 Nov—South Korea's fourth-largest banking group Hana Financial said Tuesday it has signed a non-binding initial agreement to take over Korea Exchange Bank, potentially cutting out an Australian bidder.

"We have signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with (US buyout fund) Lone Star to take over Korea Exchange Bank," Hana Financial Group chairman Kim Seung-Yu told journalists.

"Currently, we are doing a due diligence study of Korea Exchange Bank."

If concluded, the deal would exclude the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, which announced in August it was eyeing a controlling stake in KEB as it looks to expand in Asia.

Kim said Hana Financial wants to buy either Korea Exchange Bank or the country's largest bank Woori, which is being privatised by the government.

South Korean Exchange Bank (R) and a national flags flutter in front of the bank's office in Seoul.—INTERNET

The Public Fund Oversight Committee, which oversees government-held assets, is seeking to sell a 57 percent stake valued at some six billion dollars in Woori Finance Holdings.

Internet

A glimpse at thriving crop plantations in Kachin State

Article: ***Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung);*** **Photos:** ***Reporter Myint Aung (Ahlon)***

While in Kachin State, we the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily enjoyed the scenic beauty of Myitkyina in the morning. We saw smooth and wide roads, colourful landscaping plants on the traffic islands and flowery plants on both sides of the roads.

Gazing at progress of Myitkyina, we went on our trip passing Nankway Bridge on Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai Road.

We traveled along smooth and straight Ledo Road located in parallel with green mountain ranges.

We saw thriving tapioca, sugarcane, paddy and other crop plantations cultivated by Yuzana All-round Cultivation Project on both sides of the road from Phakant to Tanai townships.

On both sides of 100 miles long Ledo Road from Myitkyina to Tanai townships, a total of 80,000 acres of lands out of 216,433 acres have been reclaimed. Of them, a total of 50,000 acres of lands in Phakant and Tanai townships have been put under paddy, tapioca, sugarcane and other crops from 2009 to date.

Sugarcane is being grown on 500 acres of lands in Tanai Township and 1500 acres in Phakant Township, totaling 2000 acres. Tanai Township grows 2000 acres of paddy and Phakant Township, 3900 acres, totaling 5900 acres. A total of 15,000 acres of lands has been put under tapioca in Tanai Township and 26,000 acres in Phakant Township, totaling 41,000 acres.

Moreover, 300 acres of other crops are being cultivated in Tanai Township and 800 acres in Phakant Township, totaling 1100 acres.

Reclamation of farmlands is being undertaken there. In the near future, thriving various crops will be a drive not only for uplifting socio-economic status of the local people but also for ensuring food sufficiency and earning income for the nation.

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Thriving sugarcane plants seen along Ledo Road in Yuzana All-round Cultivation Project.

Photo shows tapioca saplings at farms of Yuzana All-round Cultivation Project.

Monsoon paddy thriving in Kachin State for ensuring local food sufficiency.

Mandalarmin express transport services starts new bus schedules

YANGON, 17 Nov—Mandalarmin express transport services starts running new bus schedules—Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-PyinOoLwin, Yangon-Meiktila, Yangon-Mandalay and Yangon-PyinOoLwin.

Food will be served to the passengers who will take Mandalarmay and Mandalarmin expresses on 21 November (Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmone) at Pioneer (1) Restaurant in Toungoo, Pioneer (2) at 115th mile, Thabyewa-Htanyeiknyo restaurant in Meiktila and Yadanabon restaurant in Wundwin.

A collective donation of Mandalarmin express transport services will take place at Mogok Vipathana Dhammagonyi monastery on ShweBaho Road, in 36/1 Ward, Shwepyitha, Yangon on 20 November and first collective donation of Mandalarmay and Mandalarmin families, at Chanmyashwepyi bus terminal in Mandalay on 21 November.

Mandalarmin express transport services is at 15/E 15-16, Myingyan road, Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal and for more information, dial 01-636800, 704759 and 637337.—*MNA*

Low pressure area over Southwest Bay of Bengal weakens

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the observations at 5:30 pm today the low pressure area over Southwest Bay of Bengal has weakened.

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Secretary-1 attends opening of 2010 …

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The Myanmar and English bilingual Guide of Myanma Gems Emporium (Nay Pyi Taw) has been published as complementary copies for local and foreign gem merchants.

Uncut jade, polished jade, uncut gem stones, polished gems, pearls, ornaments made of jade, gems and pearl, figurines, crystals, mosaic paintings and silver wears will be put on display at the 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium.

A total of 9157 lots of jade—8787 lots of jade to be sold through tender system and 370 lots of jade, through competitive bidding system—are displayed on 21.7 acres of land near Mani Yadana Jade Hall. A total of 224 lots of jewellery to be sold through tender system and 49 lots through competitive bidding system, totaling 273 lots of jewellery and 246 lots of pearl through tender system and 30 lots of pearl through competitive bidding system totaling 276 lots have been displayed at Mani Yadana Jade Hall. The emporium commenced today.

Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporiums have been held since 1964, and the 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium is the 79th time. Due to enthusiastic purchase of local and foreign merchants, the gems emporiums are gaining greater achievement one after another.—*MNA*

***Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views scale model of Mani Yadana Jade Hall.*—MNA**

***Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects display of jade lots at Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium.*—MNA**

***Minister U Ohn Myint, Minister U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister U Tint Swe and Deputy Minister U Tin Ngwe formally open 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium.*—MNA**

Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium for 2010 launched

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — The mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium for 2010 conducted by the Central Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium launched here today.

During the sales which will end 29 November, jade and gems lots will be sold through the tender and competitive bidding system. Out of 276 pearl lots, 246 will be sold through the tender system and 30 will be sold through the competitive bidding system from 18 to 19 November.

Out of 273 gems lots, 224 will be sold through the tender system and 49 will be sold through the competitive bidding system up to 20 November.

Out of 9157 jade lots, 8787 will be sold through the tender system and 370 will be sold through the competitive bidding system up to 29 November.

A total of 5629 gems merchants — 2640 from local companies and 2989 from 818 companies abroad visited the emporium today and observed jade, gems and pearl lots from 8 am to 5 pm.

Managing Director of the Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members of the central committee have supervised the emporium.

More gems merchants from local and foreign countries will arrive here to visit the first sales in Nay Pyi Taw.

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***Local and foreign gem merchants view gems and jade lots.*—MNA**

Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives-elect announced

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — *The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.142/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:*

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. l42 /2010
11th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1372 ME
17 November, 2010

Announcement of names of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives

According to the statements issued in accord with the Article 49 (b) of Region Hluttaw and State Hluttaw Election Law by Region and State Sub-commissions that the following persons are representatives-elect in the Multiparty Democracy General Elections held on 7 November 2010, it is hereby announced that they are Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives in the constituencies shown against them.

Sr.	Name	CSC number	Constituency	Party/Independent Candidate
Sagaing Region				
1.	U Yaung Ran	5/NaYaNa(N) 000017	Nanyun (1)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
2.	U Maung Nyunt	5/NaYaNa(N) 001592	Nanyun (2)	USDP
3.	U San Shwe	5/HaMaLa(N) 001175	Shan national	USDP
4.	U Noh Thang Bel (a) Noh Thang Kap	12/AhSaNa(N) 176502	Chin national	Chin Progressive Party
Shan State				
5.	Daw Mar Yi	13/LaRaNa(N) 020357	Metmung (2)	Lahu National Development Party
6.	U Peter Thaung Sein	13/KaTaNa(N) 015171	Akha national	USDP
7.	U Law Rin	13/PhaKhaNa(N)010630	Kayan (a) Padaung national	Kayan National Party
8.	U Duwa Zok Doung	13/LaRaNa(N) 097248	Kachin national	USDP
9.	U Whan Hsan (a) U Yaw Wi	13/NaMaTa(N) 026109	Lisu national	USDP
10.	U Shar Mwe La Shang	13/MaKhaNa(N) 000119	Lahu national	USDP

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Local and foreign gem merchants view jade and gem lots at 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium. **(News on page 8) —MNA**

Pearl lots seen at 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium. **(News on page 8)—MNA**

Use of censored VCDs, DVDs, elimination of pirated CDs explained

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—Officials of Video Censorship Supervisory Central Committee and Video Strata of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon held a meeting with video entrepreneurs of Kachin State on use of VCDs and DVDs with censorship stickers at Shwebagyi video house in Myoma Ward of Myitkyina yesterday.

The officials also discussed elimination of pirated CDs. Chairman of Video Strata (Central) U Khin Htay explained Myanmar video distribution and showing rules.

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Knowledge on traffic rules and regulations being disseminated to local people at BEPS in Thittat Village in Zeyathiri Township on 11 November 2010. **(News reported)—MNA**

Donate Blood

Indian students enter The Red Ribbon Express train in Jammu, India, on 13 Nov, 2010. The Red Ribbon Express train is on a countrywide tour to spread awareness on HIV/AIDS and to promote safe behavioural practices.

INTERNET

Heavy smoking in pregnancy linked to crime in offspring

PARIS, 17 Nov— Mothers who puff a pack a day or more while pregnant run a 30-percent higher risk of having kids who become criminal offenders, according to a study published Tuesday.

The link held true even after other factors statistically associated with criminal behaviour — mental illness, family problems, poverty — were ruled out, the study found.

Women were as likely as men to tend toward crime, and both sexes faced a higher risk of frequent arrests when their mothers were especially heavy smokers, it said.

Researchers led by Angela Paradis of the Harvard School of Public Health reviewed the health and criminal records of 4,000 American adults between 33 and 40 years old.

The men and women were part of a long-term health study in Rhode Island designed to track the long-term effects on children of conditions during pregnancy and around birth.

Information was collected about the smoking habits of the mothers, who were enrolled in the study between 1959 and 1966.

Children whose mothers smoked at least 20 cigarettes per day while expectant were 30 percent likelier to end up with a criminal record, and were also likelier to be repeat offenders.

"While we cannot definitely conclude that maternal smoking during pregnancy — par-ticularly heavy smoking — is a causal risk factor for adult criminal offending, the findings do support a modest causal re-lationship," the authors concluded.

Previous research has shown a strong correlation between mothers who smoke while pregnant and a range of problems in children, including hyperactivity, poor attention span and aggressivity in early childhood, and delin-quency in adolescence.

Animal studies suggest that these problems may stem in part from the biological effects of nicotine on the developing brain, especially on neuro-transmitter receptors.

Chronic criminal offenders are more likely to suffer from neuropsychological disorders.—*Internet*

Fish oil doesn't help heart rhythm problem

CHICAGO, 17 Nov—Eating fish is good for the heart, but taking omega-3 fish oil supplements did not prevent flare-ups of a common heart rhythm problem as doctors hoped it would, researchers reported Monday.

It was the first large, well-done study to test omega-3 capsules for atrial fibrillation, when the heart quivers instead of beating normally. More than 2 million Americans have the problem, which is more than an unsettling flutter — it raises the risk of blood clots that can cause a stroke.Small studies have gone back and forth on whether fish oil helps this condition. Researchers tested this by giving 663 people with atrial fibrillation either dummy pills or a high-dose prescription version of omega-3 fatty acids — the good fat in oily fish like salmon, tuna and sardines.After six months, there was no difference in heart flutter episodes. Doctors say ordinary fish oil supplements that people buy at the store are even less likely to help this condition.

"This is data that we've needed sorely," because so many people are taking supplements, said Dr Christine Albert of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "They showed no evidence of any benefit."

The study's leader, Dr Peter Kowey, cardiology chief at Main Line Health Hospital System near Philadelphia, said many people take supplements and vitamins that have not been well tested."People are spending an enormous amount of money on stuff that doesn't work," he said.

Results were reported Monday at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago and published online by the Journal of the American Medical Association.The capsules used in the study are sold as Lovaza in the United States and as Zodin in Europe by GlaxoSmithKline PLC, which paid for the research.

A lot of research suggests that eating fish helps protect against heart disease, and the Heart Association recommends adults eat fish at least twice a week. People with heart disease — clogged arteries — who cannot get enough omega-3 from dietary sources should talk with their doctors about supplements, the association says.

No one should consume more than 3 grams of omega-3 without direction from their doctor, the association says. Fish oil capsules are not for children or women who are pregnant or nursing, because they can cause bleeding problems.

Earlier this month, a big study found that omega-3 pills didn't slow the mental or physical decline of Alzheimer's disease patients. The pills in that study had omega-3 derived from algae.—*Internet*

What Do Women Really Want? Oxytocin

This woman's body is probably pumping out a lot of oxytocin.

INTERNET

SAN DIEGO, 17 Nov—A male scientist says he's discovered what makes women happy.

It's a hormone called oxytocin, says Paul Zak, a researcher at Claremont Graduate University. Zak presented evidence to back his case today at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego.

Produced naturally in the body, oxytocin can trigger labour contractions and lactation in women. It's also been shown to boost feelings of trust and empathy in both men and women.

Zak, trained as an economist, was part of a team that studied oxytocin levels in college-age women before and after they received a $24 gift from a stranger.

Acts like this, which show kindness and trust, are known to cause oxytocin levels to rise. But the amount of increase varies widely from person to person. In this study, women filled out surveys about their satisfaction with life before they received the gift. And comparing the survey results with oxytocin changes revealed a clear pattern.

"Women who release more oxytocin are happier," Zak told the audience at the neuroscience meeting. "They like being around other people more, they have more sex per month, and they have more resilience to adverse events."

The reason for these differences probably has to do with oxytocin's ability to encourage people to form relationships, trust other people, and empathize, he says.

Many studies have shown that people with strong relationships are happier.

Women in this study confirmed the link between oxytocin levels and efforts to bond with another person. Those who released the highest levels of oxytocin were also most likely to send some money back to the stranger who gave them the original gift.—*Internet*

In this 30 Sept, 2010 file photo, women hold mosquito nets after receiving them at a distribution point in Sesheke, Zambia. Malaria, transmitted by mosquito, has long taken a back seat to AIDS in the world's consciousness of Africa's woes, even though it kills almost as many Africans a year as the HIV virus.

INTERNET

Ubisoft assassins begin prowling the Internet

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Nov—Stealthy killers will begin stalking the Internet on Tuesday when Ubisoft releases the latest title in its line of "Assassin's Creed" videogames.

"Assassin's Creed Brotherhood" builds on the 15th century Renaissance era treachery and intrigue of its predecessor, but with a first-ever online feature that allows players to divert from the storyline and hunt one another.

"We could say that you've been training for this moment," Ubisoft senior vice president of sales and marketing Tony Key said while discussing the third installment in the blockbuster 'Assassin's' franchise with *AFP*.

"You are assigned to kill someone, while at the same time someone is assigned to kill you," he continued. "It creates this real sense of paranoia about everyone around you."

Ubisoft software savants in Annecy, France, crafted online multi-player capabilities into "Brotherhood", which was a team effort that also involved the French videogame maker's studios in Canada and Singapore.

Videogame play has been moving increasingly online, letting people pit themselves against friends or strangers in titles tailored for Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, or Wii consoles linked to the Internet.

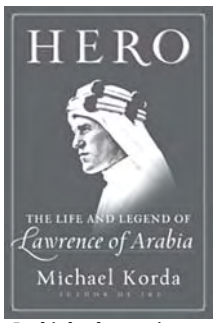
Internet

Yang Lishan smiles as he harvests in a rice field in Taoshu Village, southwest China's Yunnan Province,on 13 Oct, 2010. Farmers were busy reaping the harvest of their hard work at this time of the year.— XINHUA

Magisterial new biography of Lawrence of Arabia

New York, 17 Nov — "Hero The Life and Legend of Lawrence of Arabia" (HarperCollins, $36), by Michael Korda: With each day bringing fresh news of tribal feuds, double-dealing and bloodshed in Arab lands once occupied by the French and British, there couldn't be a better time to brush up on the life and times of TE Lawrence.

Anyone born after 1950 is probably familiar with the story of the man better known as Lawrence of Arabia from David Lean's majestic 1962 film starring Peter O'Toole as the charismatic and controversial leader of the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire during World War I. Even a nearly four-hour epic like Lean's can only paint a life as complex as Lawrence's in broad strokes. For those interested in detail and nuance, as well as a thrilling adventure story, Michael Korda has written a new, 700-page biography about his boyhood hero.



In this book cover image released by HarperCollins, 'Hero The Life and Legend of Lawrence of Arabia,' by Michael Korda is shown.
INTERNET

Relying on previous biographies as well as Lawrence's own war memoir, "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," Korda, the former editor in chief of Simon and Schuster, attempts to reconcile history's two sharply different views of the Oxford-educated soldier-scholar.

To his admirers, Lawrence was a brilliant, courageous warrior whose unconventional tactics and strategy place him among the greatest military leaders in history. To his critics, he was a self-aggrandizing, manipulative liar who exaggerated his own role in the Arab uprising against the Turks.

Internet

'Megamind' continues box office reign with $30M

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—Will Ferrell's dastardly schemes continue to succeed, with the animated "Megamind" staying at the top of the box office.

The DreamWorks Animation 3-D comedy, featuring Ferrell as the voice of a super villain, made just over $30 million in its second week in theaters, according to Sunday studio estimates. It's now made nearly $90 million total. "Megamind" also features the voices of Brad Pitt, Tina Fey and Jonah Hill.

Opening in second place is the 20th Century Fox action thriller "Unstoppable," starring Denzel Washington and Chris Pine as railroad workers trying to stop a massive runaway train. It made $23.5 million. The movie is based on a 2001 Ohio incident in which a train carrying hazardous cargo traveled 66 miles without a crew.

Last week's No 2 film, "Due Date," fell to the third spot with $15.5 million. The Warner Bros. comedy features Robert Downey Jr and Zach Galifianakis as opposites stuck together on a cross-country road trip. It's now made $59 million in two weeks.

Among the weekend's other new releases, "Skyline" opened in fourth place with $11.7 million. The Universal Pictures sci-fi thriller depicts aliens invading and destroying Los Angeles. And "Morning Glory," a Paramount comedy set in a network morning show starring Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford and Diane Keaton, opened at No 5 with about $9.6 million.

Internet

In this film publicity file image released by Paramount and DreamWorks Animation, Megamind, voiced by Will Ferrell, is shown in a scene from the animated feature 'Megamind.'—INTERNET

British granny takes clubland by storm

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—Giving a whole new meaning to Lady Gaga, a British granny is proving you're never too old to get down, rocking top clubs on both sides of the Atlantic as a DJ at the grand old age of 69.

Ruth Flowers, aka Mamy Rock, is a politely-spoken grandmother from Bristol in southwest England who has just taken Los Angeles clubland by storm after moving across from Europe.

"I love people, I think that's what carries me through. I love the young ones too, because they get such a bad press often. And I haven't find them to be anything but wonderful," she tells *AFP*.

Forget the cliches of retirement homes, afternoons in front of the TV and knitting although well beyond pensionable age, Flowers seems to have more energy than most of the 20-somethings dancing to her pumping rhythms.

DJ Ruth Flowers, known as "Mamy Rock," poses on 3 November at a music studio in Burbank, California.
INTERNET

"I am still awake when the younger people around me are sleepy. I don't have a problem with night work," she says. "It doesn't seem so strange for me because I've always been a little bit different.

Internet

Haiti cholera toll tops 900, six provinces affected

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 17 Nov—The death toll from Haiti's cholera epidemic has reached more than 900 and the disease is present in six of the 10 provinces of the earthquake-battered Caribbean Country, the Health Ministry said on Sunday.

An update on the ministry website said as of 12 November, there had been 917 deaths and more than 14,600 hospitalized cases since the outbreak began more than three weeks ago in the Western Hemisphere's poorest state.

The central rural province of Artibonite, the epicentre of the epidemic, remained the worst affected, accounting for nearly 600 of the total deaths. Other provinces affected were Centre, Nord, Nord Ouest, Sud, and Ouest, where the capital Port-au-Prince is located.

The capital, which bore the brunt of destruction from the 12 January earthquake in Haiti, has recorded 27 deaths up to 12 November. The government and its aid partners are fighting to prevent the disease spreading in crowded city slums and tent camps housing over 1.3 million homeless earthquake survivors.

MNA/Reuters

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and Chellan office of Yangon Port will be closed on the 21st November 2010 (Full Moon Day Of Ta Zaung Mone Day) Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

UK to compensate Guantanamo ex-detainees

LONDON, 17 Nov—Britain is set to pay out millions of pounds in compensation to former detainees held in the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, British media said on Tuesday.

The detainees were among about a dozen former prisoners who would be granted an out-of-court settlement.

"At least six of them alleged British security forces were complicit in their torture before they arrived at Guantanamo". The office of Prime Minister David Cameron said a written statement would be made to parliament later Tuesday.—*Internet*

Demonstrators dressed as prisoners, protest against the US prison at Guantanamo Bay.—INTERNET

Japan PM ratings slide, lower house to pass budget

TOKYO, 17 Nov—Support for Japan's government has dropped to 27 percent, the lowest since Prime Minister Naoto Kan took office in June, with voters unhappy over his handling of rows with China and Russia, a survey showed on Tuesday.

The continued slide in support for Japan's fifth leader in three years is complicating efforts to enact an $53 billion extra budget to shore up the economy.

Kan's ratings have also been eroded by a funding scandal dogging ruling party powerbroker Ichiro Ozawa, who faces indictment over the affair. Ozawa has denied any wrongdoing.

Still, 60 percent of respondents in the *Asahi* newspaper's survey said there was no need for a snap election.

"Recent polls showed support ratings have fallen below 30 percent, which some call a danger zone, but I don't think this will force him to resign," said Mikitaka Masuyama, professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. Past prime ministers have quit when their ratings nosedived but the public appears fed up with the revolving-door leadership.

Internet

Japan's Prime Minister Naoto Kan (L) waits for Chile's President Sebastian Pinera —INTERNET

World health officials debate new tobacco controls

PUNTA DEL ESTE, 17 Nov — Health officials from across the world gathered on Monday in Uruguay to discuss tighter controls on tobacco that are rejected by farmers and the cigarette industry.

The World Health Organization meeting comes as the South American country fights a complaint filed by global tobacco company Philip Morris International, which says tough Uruguayan anti-smoking laws are hurting its business.

A total of 171 countries have signed the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control and delegates at this week's gathering will analyze proposals to limit the use of additives in cigarettes.

MNA/Reuters

Low levels of vitamin D may worsen leukemia

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—Low levels of vitamin D may lead to deterioration in certain Leukemia patients, whereas adequate levels were linked to longer survival, US researchers have found. The findings result from a study of 390 chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) patients, 30 percent of whom had insufficient vitamin D levels (less than 25 nanograms per milliliter) at the time of cancer diagnosis.

After a median follow-up of three years, patients with insufficient vitamin D levels were 66 percent more likely to have disease progression and to require chemotherapy. They also had a twofold increased risk of death, compared to those with adequate vitamin D levels. The study also found that increasing vitamin D levels in patients was linked to longer survival times, even after controlling for other factors associated with leukemia progression.

Xinhua

Aussie 'Spiderman' to live with arachnids

MELBOURNE, 17 Nov — An Australian man on Monday said he was "a bit silly" to live in a shop window with hundreds of poisonous spiders for three weeks for charity, but was confident he would not be bitten.

"Spiderman" Nick Le Souef hopes to raise as much as 50,000 US dollars for a children's charity by spending the next few weeks eating, sleeping and working among hundreds of Australia's famously dangerous, eight-legged inhabitants.

"I am a bit silly doing what I am doing," Le Souef said of his decision to closet himself with potentially lethal redbacks as well as tarantula-like huntsmen and black house spiders, which also have nasty bites.

"Redbacks are potentially lethal but there hasn't been a death from a redback bite in a long time since anti-venom was developed decades ago... (but) I know I am not going to get bitten," he told *AFP*.

"I've been bitten by snakes, and I've been stung by stingrays and poisonous fish. But I've never been bitten by a spider. So there you go," he said, laughing.

Real life "Spiderman" Nick Le Souef inspects a spider in the shop window.—INTERNET

Le Souef said the spiders, who will live with him in the 12-by-four-feet (3.6-by-1.2-metres) window of his opal shop, will have better things to munch on, including the live cockroaches and crickets he is providing for sustenance.

"Some of them will get caught up in webs and some of them the huntsmen will chase and devour," he said.—*Internet*

Israeli government seen accepting new settlement freeze

JERUSALEM, 17 Nov—Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will probably win narrow approval from his coalition government for a US proposal to extend a freeze on West Bank settlement building, Israeli political sources said on Sunday.

An Israeli man walks past an advertising sign for a new housing project in the Jewish settlement of Har Homa in east Jerusalem on 14 November.—INTERNET

The Palestinians halted peace talks after Israel's 10-month partial construction moratorium expired in September. The Obama administration has offered Israel diplomatic and defense perks to renew the freeze for 90 days, giving negotiations a chance.

Netanyahu, who visited the United States last week, convened his cabinet to outline the proposal, which he said was still being drafted with the Americans. Once ready, it would be put to a vote in Israel's 15-minister security cabinet, he said.

Internet

BHP Billiton abandons Potash fertiliser bid

SYDNEY, 17 Nov — Mining giant BHP Billiton Monday abandoned its 39 billion US dollar takeover bid for fertiliser-maker Potash Corp after it was rejected by Canada, acknowledging its second major failure in recent weeks.

The world's biggest miner, whose 116 billion US dollar iron ore merger with Rio Tinto collapsed last month, said its "unparalleled" pledges on jobs and investment could not convince the country's government of the deal's merits.

"Unfortunately, despite having received all required anti-trust clearances for the offer, we have not been able to obtain clearance under the Investment Canada Act and have accordingly decided to withdraw the offer," chief executive Marius Kloppers said.

Canada's Potash said BHP's offer "substantially undervalued" the world-leading manufacturer of fertiliser, considered strategically important as global food security worries mount.—*Internet*

A BHP Billiton truck is seen in the Pilbara Region of West Australia. INTERNET

Sleeping US woman killed on bed as SUV crashed into bedroom

CHICAGO, 17 Nov — A 48-year-old woman was killed when she was asleep on bed as an SUV crashed into her bedroom in Bolingbrook, a village in Will and DuPage counties of Illinois State near Chicago early Saturday morning, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

A 17-year-old boy, influenced by alcohol, ran his SUV off the road and crashed through a window into the bedroom of a first- floor apartment, where the woman was trapped under the car and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The woman's husband survived and another person was being treated for injuries, but it remains unknown how many people were in the apartment at the time of the accident. There were two people in the SUV.

Xinhua

Dino De Laurentiis memorialized in LA service

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—Italian film producer Dino De Laurentiis, who died at his home in Beverly Hills last week, was memorialized in a service on Monday where California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and director David Lynch spoke fondly of the Hollywood legend.

De Laurentiis, who was born in Italy but lived in California, won an Oscar for Federico Fellini's "La Strada" and was responsible for classic American movies such as "Serpico," "Barbarella" and the 1976 big-budget remake of "King Kong."

De Laurentiis was born in Torre Annunziata, near Naples, and following World War Two, he became a leading producer in the Italian movie industry. He later moved to Los Angeles. Among the some 500 films that bear his imprint are "Death Wish," "Three Days of the Condor" and most recently "Hannibal," the 2001 sequel to "The Silence of the Lambs."

In 2000, Oscar organizers gave De Laurentiis their Irving G. Thalberg Award honouring producers. In 2003, the Venice film festival gave him with their lifetime achievement award.

Internet

Producer Dino De Laurentiis holds his Thalberg Award during the 73rd annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles.
INTERNET

Beatles coming to iTunes

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Nov—Apple is preparing to announce that its online entertainment store iTunes will start carrying music by the Beatles, *The Wall Street* Journal reported Monday.

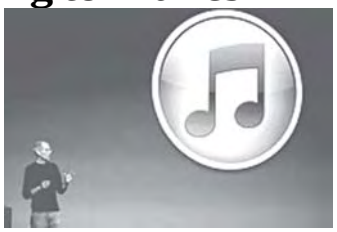
The newspaper, citing "people familiar with the situation," said the deal resulted from talks among executives of Apple, representatives of the Beatles and their record label, EMI Group Ltd at Apple could change plans at the last minute."

Apple said Monday there would be "an exciting announcement from iTunes" at 7:00 am Pacific time (1500 GMT) on Tuesday but declined to reveal what it is about.

"Tomorrow is just another day. That you'll never forget," said an Apple teaser for the announcement on the home page of Apple.com.

There have been a number of reports over the years of the Beatles coming to iTunes but the music of the iconic British pop group has yet to make its debut in the Apple store.

Internet



Steve Jobs, chief executive officer of Apple Inc, pictured in September 2010.—INTERNET

"Tangled", "Megamind" among animated Oscar contenders

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—"Tangled," "Megamind," "Despicable Me" and "Shrek Forever After" are among the 15 qualifying films vying for an Oscar nomination this year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences said on Monday.

But because only 15 films have been accepted for consideration, there will be no more than three animated movies nominated in the best animated feature category this year.

Under the rules for this category, in order to trigger a potential five nominees, 16 films would have had to be accepted for consideration.

The Academy gave the list of qualifying films as; "Toy Story 3", "How to Train Your Dragon", "Shrek Forever After", "Megamind", "Tangled", "Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue", "Despicable Me", "Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore", "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole", "The Illusionist", "Alpha and Omega", "The Dreams of Jinsha", "Idiots and Angels", "My Dog Tulip" and "Summer Wars". Nominations for the 83rd Academy Awards will be announced on 25 January.—*Internet*

Jay-Z decodes life, hip-hop, songs in literary debut

Recording artists Jay Z (L) and Beyonce watch from courtside during the second half of the NBA basketball game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Dallas Mavericks in Dallas, Texas on 24 February, 2010. —INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 Nov—From selling crack cocaine as a teenage hustler to becoming one of America's richest rappers, Jay-Z writes about his life, decodes his music and explains hip-hop culture in his literary debut "Decoded," set for release on Tuesday.

The New York City native writes in the sometimes coarse language of the Brooklyn streets where he grew up, explaining how hip-hop was his generation's way of telling the world what it was like to grow up in an urban "wartime."

"I lost people I loved, was betrayed by people I trusted, felt the breeze of bullets flying by my head. I saw crack addiction destroy families it almost destroyed mine but I sold it, too," Jay-Z, whose real name is Shawn Carter, writes in "Decoded."

"Guns were easier to get in the 'hood than public assistance. There were times when the violence just seemed like background music," Jay-Z, who has won 10 Grammy Awards, said of growing up in the 1980s and early 1990s.

The 40-year-old said he started rapping in 1978 when he was nine and saw an older child "rhyming" at the Marcy public housing complex in Brooklyn where he lived. "That night I started writing rhymes in my spiral notebook," he tells readers. Hip-hop music was born in New York's South Bronx in 1970s and has grown into an industry worth billions of dollars with mass appeal beyond its urban roots. Rappers not only make music, but also sell the hip-hop lifestyle.

Internet

Christina Aguilera, seen here during the ceremony to unveil her Hollywood Walk of Fame star in Hollywood, on 15 November.
INTERNET

Christina Aguilera gets Hollywood star

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov—Grammy-winning US pop singer Christina Aguilera was honoured with a star on Hollywood's celebrity Walk of Fame, barely a week before her feature film debut.The star, the 2,423 rd on the famous sidewalk roll call of celebrities past and present, was unveiled on Monday, nine days before her acting skills go on display when "Burlesque" hits the silver screen, co-starring Cher. "As a young girl in Pittsburgh, I often imagined what it would be like to come to Hollywood and make it as a performer," the 29-year-old told screaming fans on Hollywood Boulevard.

"We would go from audition to audition and I would sing anthem after anthem hoping one day it would all pay off. Standing here at this moment I know that it has paid off in spades," she added. Aguilera won the first of her four Grammys in 1999 as best new artist, followed by best pop collaboration in 2001, and best female pop vocal performance in 2003 and 2006.

In "Burlesque," she plays a small-town girl who makes her way to a Los Angeles burlesque club to pursue her dreams. Aguilera also wrote and recorded four new songs for the musical's soundtrack.

At a weekend presentation of the film Aguilera said "I've always been a hard worker."I like to learn from others and having new challenges, and I think that's what happening to me now in my life. Many changes, a movie, a new album, and a star in Hollywood many changes.

Aguilera and her husband Jordan Bratman separated, five years after their 2005 wedding, although there were no divorce plans, *People* magazine reported.

Internet

A FIFA inspector takes a penalty shot at Wembley stadium in northwest London in August.
INTERNET

England try to stem 2018 bid corruption fall-out

LONDON, 17 Nov — England 2018 bid chiefs have written to all members of FIFA's executive stressing they've had nothing to do with two recent British media probes into corruption allegations surrounding the World Cup bidding process.

The letter, a copy of which has been seen by *AFP*, urges all members of the 24-man FIFA executive committee which will vote for the 2018 World Cup hosts on 2 December to avoid making "negative" judgements about the bid as a result of the media furore.

There are concerns amongst the England 2018 team of a possible anti-English backlash as a result of an investigation by the *Sunday Times* newspaper which has led to several FIFA members facing an ethics committee probe.

Internet

England friendly still matters to Malouda

LONDON, 17 Nov — Florent Malouda believes France's friendly international against England here at Wembley will give Les Bleus a chance to discover how far they've come as a side since a dismal World Cup campaign.

French football national team midfielder Florent Malouda answers journalists questions on 15 November.—INTERNET

Rows between players and then manager Raymond Domenech led to splits within the camp and a group stage exit in South Africa earlier this year.

England fared little better but with Laurent Blanc having replaced Domenech, France hope to put a miserable period in their football history behind them.—*Internet*

Materazzi given all clear, leaves hospital

ROME, 17 Nov — Inter Milan centre-back Marco Materazzi has left hospital following a nasty clash involving former teammate Zlatan Ibrahimovic, reports claimed on Monday.

Inter Milan centre-back Marco Materazzi.
INTERNET

Materazzi was taken to hospital after seemingly being knocked out in the robust challenge with the Swede during Sunday's night's Milan derby, which AC won 1-0 thanks to Ibrahimovic's penalty.

Initial fears that the 37-year-old World Cup winner had suffered a broken cheek-bone were allayed, though, as Italian press reports claimed he was given a clean bill of health.

Internet

Benitez under pressure as Moratti blasts Inter

ROME, 17 Nov—Inter Milan boss Rafael Benitez is already under pressure just five months into his tenure after club president Massimo Moratti slammed the team for the manner of their derby defeat.

Inter were second best in their 1-0 home defeat to AC Milan on Sunday, in which former charge Zlatan Ibrahimovic notched the winner to rub salt into their wounds.

Inter Milan boss Rafael Benitez

That defeat left Inter six points off the Serie A summit, occupied by their arch city rivals.

But it was their failure to snatch a result despite playing with a numerical advantage for the last half hour that has really enraged Moratti. "It wasn't a great game, not just because we didn't win but because it wasn't a great derby," moaned Moratti.—*Internet*

Bothroyd's England call gives chance for redemption

LONDON, 17 Nov — When Jay Bothroyd walked into Arsenal's plush training complex, the England striker's tortuous search for redemption had finally reached a fitting climax.

It is 10 years since Bothroyd trudged away from Arsenal in despair after being told his career with the Gunners was over before it had even begun.

Now the 28-year-old was able to use those facilities again as part of the England squad training there ahead of Wednesday's friendly against France at Wembley.

For Bothroyd, who is the first English-based player from outside the Premier League to be called up by England since David Nugent in 2007, it was a moment filled with significance.

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Chelsea's John Obi Mikel (right) vies with Cardiff City's Jay Bothroyd during their FA Cup match.—INTERNET

British star Cavendish set for Tour Down Under

SYDNEY, 17 Nov — British cycling star Mark Cavendish will make his Tour Down Under debut in January, boosting a strong field which already includes Tour de France legend Lance Armstrong, organisers said.

The HTC-Highroad rider, a 15-time Tour de France stage-winner, will be considered a major rival to fellow sprint specialist Andre Greipel, who romped to his second Australian title this year.

British cycling star Mark Cavendish.
INTERNET

"It's great that I'll be starting my season at the Santos Tour Down Under," said Cavendish.

"I have been to Australia six or seven times and I love going there. After spending time again there recently at World Championships, I'm eager to get back there for some more racing."

Internet

Injury crisis for Scots ahead of Faroe friendly

Scotland have been hit with an injury crisis ahead of Tuesday's international friendly with the Faroe Islands at Pittodrie.—INTERNET

GLASGOW, 17 Nov— Scotland have been hit with an injury crisis ahead of Tuesday's international friendly with the Faroe Islands at Pittodrie.

As many as eight of Craig Levein's original 20-man squad could be ruled out of the match in Aberdeen after the weekend's league fixtures.

Wigan defender Gary Caldwell limped out of the match against West Bromwich Albion and goalkeeper Matthew Gilks was withdrawn at half-time for Blackpool.

Caldwell's fellow central defender Christophe Berra was injured in the warm-up for Wolves with Chris Burke, James Morrison, Alan Hutton, Graham Dorrans and Steven Naismith all doubtful.

Internet

Spurs' Huddlestone out for three months

LONDON, 17 Nov — Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Tom Huddlestone is to undergo an ankle operation set to sidelined for three months, the English Premier League club announced on Monday.

Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Tom Huddlestone.—INTERNET

It means the 23-year-old England international will miss several key Champions League fixture and the congested Christmas programme.

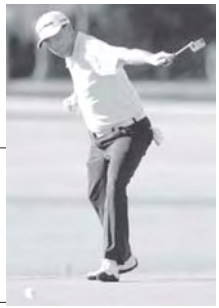
"Following consultation with several independent ankle specialists, it has been determined Tom Huddlestone will undergo surgery on his right ankle," a statement on the north London's club website, www.tottenhamhotspur.com., said.

"The procedure is likely to rule the England international out of action for around three months."—*Internet*

SPORTS

Garrigus, Thatcher both feel victorious at Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, 17 Nov — One surged from behind to run away with the tournament. The other coughed it up and settled for second. Then both claimed victory.



Robert Garrigus pumps his fist as his putt falls in for birdie on the 17th green during the final round.—INTERNET

Only at Disney World.

Robert Garrigus came back from five strokes down in the final round to win the Children's Miracle Network Classic on Sunday, knocking Roland Thatcher to second in a bizarre ending that left each feeling like a winner.

Thatcher had to at least finish alone in second place to vault into the top 125 in earnings — the cutoff for full status next year — and keep his PGA Tour card.

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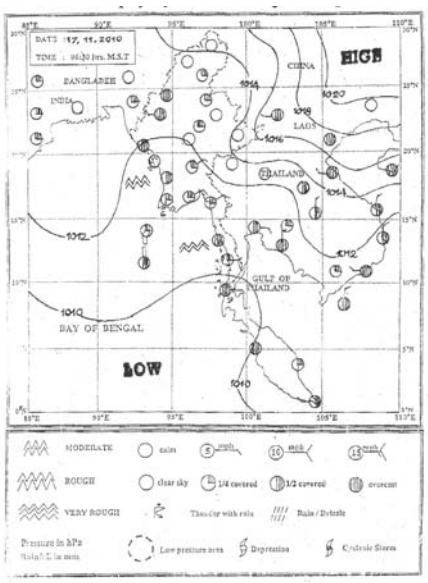
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 17th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Shan State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below November average temperatures in Kayah State and (6°C) below November average temperature in upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) and above November average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.35) inch and Pathein (0.24) inch .

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 16-11-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 17-11-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-11-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 17-11-2010 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 16-11-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 17-11-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-11-2010 was (71%). Total sunshine hours on 16-11-2010 was (9.2) hours.

Rainfall on 17-11-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 16-11-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay has become unimportant. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 18thNovember 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperature in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-11-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-11-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Women who stress over work have more heart disease

NEW YORK, 17 Nov — Women with stressful jobs that offer little room for decision making or creativity have an increased risk of suffering a heart attack — and this is even worse than stressing over losing a job, according to a study. The link between heart disease and job stress has long been well-established for men, but it wasn't clear if this held true for women as well, said Michelle Asha Albert, a heart doctor at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

With women and heart disease, doctors usually focus on standard risk factors such as high blood pressure and cholesterol, but the study, which was presented at an American Heart Association meeting in Chicago on Tuesday, showed they might also want to consider stress. "We don't focus as much on stress. Stress does cause a similar magnitude of risk as some of our additional risk factors," she told *Reuters* Health.—*MNA/Reuters*

TSA Transportation Security Officers, in blue uniforms, screen airline passenger as they check-in at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport, on 15 Nov, 2010. US officials are defending new anti-terrorism security procedures at the nation's airports that some travelers complain are overly invasive and intimate.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(18-11-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (18-11-10 09:30 am ~ 19-11-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
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* News
* Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)
* News
* Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes
* Traditional Chin Clothes
* ''MI People's Celebrities'' A Kyi Taw
* Straw Embossed Painting
* Traditional Matrimony of Khamti Shans
* News
* Today's Efficient Youths
* Myanmar Movies ''Loud Speaker''
* Forever Preservable Myanamr Traditional art of Music

Myanmar TV

Thursday, 18 November
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Dance Of National Races

8:10 am
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:15 am
8. One village and one product

8:25 am
9. Dance Variety

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Cute Little Dancers

4:30 pm
4. Performance with song

4:35 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)

4:50 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

5:15 pm
8. Teleplay (Policy)

5:30 pm
9. Musical Programme

5:45 pm
10. Science and Environment (Forgs: The Thin Green Line) (Episode-6)

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm
14. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
15. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. Documentary
20. Documentary
21. TV Drama Series
22. TV Drama Series

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★ 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

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect announced

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Sagaing Region				
1.	U Zin Wan	14/MaAhPa(N)007190	Nanyun	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Shan State				
2.	U Aik Yun Mon	13/TaYaNa(N)001562	Metmung	"Wa" Democratic Party

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Shan State				
2.	U Sai Paung Nap	13/LaRaNa(N)018714	No. 12	"Wa" Democratic Party

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