Prime Minister receives Secretary of Yunnan Province CPC of PRC and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Prime Minister U Thein Sein met a Chinese delegation led by Secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party Committee of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Bai Enpei at the meeting hall of Government Office here this morning. Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General U Thant Shin of the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Charge d’ Affaires at Mr. Wang Zongyang of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein shakes hands with Secretary Mr Bai Enpei of Yunnan Province Communist Party Committee of the People’s Republic of China.

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Namkyan Dam bringing development to Lashio Township

With the aim of producing more crops including paddy in the region, ensuring adequate drinking water supply, greening the region, generating hydropower, preventing the region from floods and ensuring regional food sufficiency and all-round development, the government is building cluster of small and medium scale dams across the nation.

Feasibility studies on land and water resources conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation led to emergence of four dams and six diversion weirs totaling 10 in Shan State (North). Namkyan Dam built on Namkyan creek, about three mile south of Lashio, was put into service on Water outfall canal of Namkyan Dam.

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Root out danger of narcotics
The danger of narcotic drugs is threatening the entire humanity. Myanmar has been carrying out drug elimination tasks for decades. When it comes to combating narcotics, the country has enacted laws and rules banning the use of narcotic drugs as well as alcohol since the times of ancient Myanmar kings. Western nations with advancing science and technology spread their techniques and devices to developing countries in order to produce narcotic drugs. Myanmar was engaged in poppy-substitute agriculture and livestock breeding so as to reduce cultivation of poppy and production and abuse of narcotics. It is necessary to educate the people to be well aware of the danger of drugs. People have to die especially from HIV/AIDS through the abuse of narcotics. Educative campaigns must be launched among the public and student youths in order that they can no way try narcotic drugs. As tablets scientifically produced from the chemicals which are not concerned with poppy cultivation and production are rolling in, Myanmar is scaling up its enforcement measures. In so doing, Myanmar has been able to expose and arrest more internal and external drug rings thanks to the sharing of information with anti-drug squads at home and from the neighbouring nations. Overall, the entire people are urged to work in concert for rooting out the danger of narcotic drugs from Myanmar’s soil as a national duty while carrying out national development tasks.

Web designing course to be launched by Gusto Computer Training School
NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Gusto Technology Training School has arranged to open a Web Site design course divided into four modules—HTML/CSS, Javascript systems in module 1, Web designing through Adobe Dreamweaver in module 2, making Advanced Web Design Techniques such as Flash file in module 3, and creating Interactive File and Animation in module 4— for those intended to be professional.

Nowadays, the more pivotal Web Site for every business in use of Internet plays, the more job prospects for Web Designers home and abroad have. Any interested persons may take the three-month course to be launched during November, and contact Gusto Technology Training School, No 26, 14th Street (Lower block) in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, Ph: 224496 or 09-8628806. —MNA

Special refresher course for basic education teachers opens
On behalf of MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister U Thaung addressing opening of special refresher course No.73 for basic education teachers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — The opening of special refresher course No.73 for basic education teachers took place at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region this morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made an opening speech on the occasion.

It was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Auditor-General U Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, rector and pro-rectors of CICS, deans, lecturers, assistant lecturers, tutors and trainees.

In his speech, the minister said that the State Peace and Development Council is transforming the country into a peaceful, modern, developed, democratic one desired by the people, and building up political, economic and social infrastructures with own strength. Today, the countries in the world are trying to become modern and developed by utilizing their technological, financial and natural resources as well as human resources. Only when the teachers teach their students both theoretically and practically, can today’s education goals be achieved. Effective utilization of human resources is instrumental. In making of the nation, it is required to nurture the youths to become the ones who are skilled in social and economic fields. At the same time, big countries are attempting to penetrate into the developing countries through globalization process by spreading their ideologies and cultures. While the developing countries are trying to become modern, developed ones amidst challenges, they are also preventing dangers of big countries by safeguarding national character. Myanmar has been standing tall as a sovereign nation throughout successive periods. So, it needs to nurture the youths to become qualified human resources who are to be of value to their country and culture.

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In conclusion, he urged the teachers to strive for building up a future nation making the best use of already-achieved development infrastructures plus the strength of national education promotion; to realize the goals of the 30-year long-term education promotion plan; and to earnestly learn the lectures during the training course in order that they can be well aware of the national duties.

A total of 1501 teachers from Basic Education Schools in States and Regions (Lower Myanmar) are attending five-week course.—MNA

Administration Board Chairman U Maung Maung of Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) accepts donation of 6,025,000 Ks by Thai Foreign Affairs Ministry for new hospital building on 22 November. —MNA
Afghan Taleban calls for intensified war

KABUL, 22 Nov — Afghan Taleban played down NATO summit decisions on Afghanistan and vowed to intensify violent insurgency in the war-torn country, said a statement issued on Sunday.

The 28-member military alliance summit in Lisbon on Saturday agreed to begin turning over Afghanistan’s security responsibility to Afghan national security forces in 2011 and give them full security control of their country by the end of 2014.

However, the Taleban militants described the target date set for NATO-led forces withdrawal as unreasonable and called for their earliest pullout.

“Hence the NATO decision to start withdrawal of military forces from Afghanistan in 2014 is an irrational decision because until then, various untoward and tragic events and battles will take place as a result of this meaningless, imposed war,” the statement said.

“As far as the Mujahideen (holy warriors) of Afghanistan are concerned, they are not ready to tolerate foreign invasion and occupation of their country even if it is for one day because of their firm determination,” the statement said.

“So they will not remain silent even for a single night until and unless the goal of complete freedom and formation of an independent government is achieved. They will not wait for the time of implementation of a given decision or timetable of withdrawal,” said the statement.

Taleban also described the decision to withdraw the NATO-led International Security Assistance force from Afghanistan as US failur to get additional military assistance from the alliance fighting in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Blast wounds three NATO soldiers in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, AFGHANISTAN, 22 Nov — Three soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) sustained injuries as an explosive device went off in northern Kunduz Province on Monday, a spokesman with the alliance said.

“Three soldiers were injured in an explosion in Khwani area outside provincial capital Kunduz City at 8 am local time,” Lieutenant Colonel Burchardi told Xinhua.

All the injured soldiers are from Germany, he added. The incident happened while the soldiers were on routine patrol.—Xinhua

Afghan District police chief killed in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 22 Nov — Taleban militants ambushed a police convoy Sunday and killed police chief of Musa Khil District of Afghanistan’s eastern Khost Province, police said.

“The militants opened fire on Akbar Jan, the police chief of Musa Khil District, today at around noon, killing him on the spot,” provincial police chief Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai told Xinhua.

He said two other policemen were injured in the gun battle lasted for a while.—Xinhua

Militants kill US soldier in north Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Nov — An American soldier was killed by militants’ gunfire during operations in northern Iraq on Sunday, the US military said.

“A United States Forces — Iraq soldier died of wounds sustained from enemy small arms fire Sunday during advisory operations in northern Iraq,” a military statement said without giving further details.

The name of the killed was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement added.

The latest death is the second for US soldiers in the country in November so far, and has bring the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to about 4,429 since the breakout of the US-led war on Iraq in 2003, according to media account based on Pentagon figures.

Xinhua

IED attack kills three civilians, wounds four in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 Nov — Three Afghan civilians were killed and four seriously wounded in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in Shah Wali Kot District of Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar province Sunday, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a statement released here.

“Three Afghan civilians were killed and four seriously wounded in an improvised explosive device blast in Shah Wali Kot District, Kandahar Province today,” the statement said.

“These events demonstrate the militants complete disregard for the lives of innocent Afghan civilians. This IED attack is a further reminder of the indiscriminate weapons militants use,” said the statement.

Taliban militants, who have often been blamed for planting roadside bomb and IEDs, to target security forces have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Afghan police investigate the wreckage of a car used in a suicide attack in Kabul on 12 Nov, 2010. A suicide car bomber attacked a NATO convoy in the Afghan Capital on Friday, police and the coalition said.—INTERNET

A map of Afghanistan locating Mihtarlam. Suicide bombers killed four Afghans on Saturday and NATO admitted that its troops mistakenly killed three others, as the alliance pledged to start pulling its troops from the battlefield next year.—INTERNET

Five killed in US drone attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 Nov — At least five people were killed in a US drone attack launched Sunday afternoon in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

According to the report, the US drone fired two missiles at a vehicle in the Mir Ali area of North Waziristan, which is believed to be carrying suspected militants.

“North Waziristan is a stronghold of militants in Pakistan. Militants hiding there often launch attacks at the US led NATO troops in Afghanistan across the border. Sunday’s strike is the 14th of its kind since November. Starting from this month, the US drones have launched altogether 14 strikes in the above-mentioned area, killing at least 67 people.”

Xinhua

A wounded child is treated at a hospital a day after bomb attacks occurred in Baghdad in Nov. 2010. The death toll from a series of bomb blasts in Baghdad reached 64, while 360 people were wounded, Iraq’s health minister said.—INTERNET

A damaged vehicle is seen at the site of a bomb attack in northern Baghdad in Nov. 2010. A series of bombs rocked mainly Shiite areas of Baghdad, killing at least 40 people and wounding dozens.—INTERNET

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Science

Tigers could be extinct in 12 years if unprotected

ST PETERSBURG, 22 Nov—Wild tigers could become extinct in 12 years if countries where they still roam fail to take quick action to protect their habitats and stop the hunt against poaching, global wildlife experts told a “tiger summit” Sunday.

The World Wildlife Fund and other experts say only about 3,200 tigers remain in the wild, a dramatic plunge from an estimated 100,000 a century ago. James Leape, director general of the World Wildlife Fund, told the meeting in St Petersburg that if the proper protective measures aren’t taken, tigers may disappear by 2022, the next Chinese calendar year of the tiger.

Their habitat is being destroyed by forest cutting and construction, and they are a valuable trophy for poachers who want their skins and body parts prized in Chinese traditional medicine.

The summit approved a wide-ranging programme with the goal of doubling the world’s tiger population in the wild by 2022 backed by governments of the 13 countries that still have tiger populations—Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam and Russia.—Internet

No letup in carbon emissions, scientists warn

PARIS, 22 Nov—Emissions of fossil-fuel gases that stole climate change back less than hoped in 2009 as falls in advanced economies were largely outweighed by rises in China and India, scientists said Sunday.

For 2010, emissions are likely to resume their upward track, scaling a new peak, they warned.

Annual emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) from the burning of oil, gas and coal were 30.8 billion tonnes, a retreat of only 1.3 percent in 2009 compared with 2008, a record year, they said in a letter to the journal Nature Geoscience.

The decrease was less than half that had been expected, because emerging giant economies were unaffected by the downturn that hit many large industrialised nations.

Australian gov’t announces carbon credits framework

CANBERRA, 22 Nov—Under a draft framework released by Australian federal government on Monday, farmers will be rewarded by the measures they implement to reduce carbon pollution. Australian Climate Change Minister Greg Combet on Monday issued the first guidelines for the Carbon Farming Initiative, designed to facilitate the sale of carbon credits on the domestic and international market.

Under the government plans to test-run a carbon market for the sector, farmers will be able to gain credits for reducing pollution through measures such as reforestation, cutting livestock emissions, reducing fertilizer use, burning crop residue and reducing emissions from landfill waste.

Combet said the proposals are designed to ensure genuine emissions reductions, and will allow for many rural and regional communities to take part.—Xinhua

Technology

Corp set to unveil iPad newspaper, ‘The Daily’

WASHINGTON, 22 Nov—After months of top secret development, Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp appears poised to take the wraps off a digital newspaper for the iPad called “The Daily.”

News Corp has been tight-lipped about the project but the Australian-born media mogul acknowledged its existence for the first time in an interview last week with his Fox Business Network.

Asked what “exciting projects” his sprawling media and entertainment company was working on, the 79-year-old Murdoch cited The Daily but offered no further information about the tabloid for Apple’s touchscreen tablet computer. Details about the project have been dribbling out in the US media for weeks, however, and The New York Times, citing two employees who requested anonymity, said News Corp intends to launch The Daily before the end of the year.

The Times said Sasha Freer-Jones, music critic at The New Yorker magazine, would become its culture editor. Others reported to be involved include Jesse Angelo, executive editor of Murdoch’s New York Post; Richard Johnson, former editor of the Post’s gossip page; and Greg Clayman, the former head of Viacom’s digital division, who has been tapped to head business operations at The Daily.

Forbes magazine put the total staff on the project at around 150 and said News Corp has budgeted 30 million dollars for the first year of the launch. The Daily brings together three of Murdoch’s passions—newspapers, the iPad and finding a way to charge readers for content online in an era of shrinking newspaper circulation and eroding print advertising revenue.—Internet

China Internet firms make to apologize over feud

BEIJING, 22 Nov—Two of China’s leading Internet firms have been forced by the government to issue public apologies over a nasty spat marked by accusations of unfair market practices and privacy infringement.

Tencent, parent company of the popular instant-messaging service QQ, and security software developer Qihoo 360 announced the apologies late Sunday after being ordered to do so by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. The public feud began in September when Tencent accused Qihoo of trying to scan its users’ personal data and it issued tools to block QQ components. Tencent said QQ components were no longer function on computers using Qihoo products, while Qihoo 360 in turn took similar moves.

The row triggered harsh criticism from web users in China, which has the world’s largest online population, with at least 420 million people using the Internet.

In a statement on its website, Qihoo 360 said “we hereby apologize to society and netizens and will stop the mutual attacks between the companies.”
**Health**

**Feds OK 2nd human study of embryonic stem cells**

NEW YORK, 22 Nov—For only the second time, the US government has approved a test in people of a treatment using embryonic stem cells—this time for a rare disease that causes serious vision loss.

Advances Cell Technology, a biotechnology company based in Santa Monica, Calif, said the research should begin early next year, following the green light from the US Food and Drug Administration.

Just last month another biotech company, Geron Corp, said it had begun preliminary testing in people for treating spinal cord injuries by injecting cells derived from embryonic stem cells.

Scientists hope to use stem cells to create a variety of tissues for transplant. But human embryos have to be destroyed to harvest those cells, which has made their use controversial.

The disease typically starts in adolescence. The key problem is that impaired scavenger cells fail to remove toxic byproducts from the eye, allowing them to build up and kill other cells. There is no proven treatment.

In the new study, 12 patients will be treated with healthy scavenger cells, created in a laboratory from human embryonic stem cells. This early phase of the research is primarily to test the safety of various doses, injecting only one eye of each patient.

**Scientists spot genes tied to puberty, body fat in girls**

BOSTON, 22 Nov—Scientists have pinpointed 30 genes that control the timing of puberty in females. They also believe many of these genes also play a role in body weight regulation or fat metabolism.

The international team of researchers analyzed 32 genome-wide association studies that included more than 87,000 women from Australia, Europe and the United States. They then performed replication studies in another group of almost 15,000 women.

In addition to the two genes already known to play a role in the timing of puberty, the team identified 30 new genes and suggestive evidence for another 10 genes.

The newly identified genes include four that have previously been associated with body mass index (a clinical measure of weight), three that play a role in metabolism, and three that play a role in hormone regulation, according to the report, which is scheduled to be published in an upcoming issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

“Our study found genes involved in hormone regulation, cell development and other biological pathways associated with mechanisms age at menarche [onset of first menstruation], which shows that the timing of puberty is controlled by a complex range of biological processes,” senior author Dr Joanne Murabito, an associate professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, said in a university news release.

“Several of the genes for menarche have been associated with body weight and obesity in other studies suggesting some women may have a genetic susceptibility to weight gain and early puberty,” she added. “It is important to understand that these ‘genetic factors’ can be modified by changes in lifestyle. Efforts to reduce or prevent childhood obesity should in turn help reduce the early onset of puberty in girls.”—Internet

**Business**

**Euro and Asia stocks get fillip from Irish bailout**

SYDNEY, 22 Nov—The euro, Asian stocks and commodities jumped in a relief rally on Monday after global financial authorities agreed to save debt-swamped Ireland and protect Europe’s wider financial stability.

An agreement from the EU and the IMF to lend Ireland cash to tackle its banking and budget crisis gave investors a reason to buy back some of the assets sold off earlier this month.

But gains were moderate suggesting investors remained cautious, in part because they did not want to risk year-to-date profits, with Europe still saddled with fiscal troublespots such as Portugal and Spain. “The focus of attention will move around Europe until there are no problems left but that might be some time, so there’s going to be volatility for sure.” At the heart of the euro zone’s debt woes is investor anxiety about whether the bloc will continue to rescue its fiscally troubled members. It has already spent 110 euros saving Greece, and Ireland’s bail-out is expected to cost about 80-90 billion euros.—Reuters

**Singapore luxury property market quieter than previous years**

SINGAPORE, 22 Nov—High-end condominiums are sitting unsold after completion, as the luxury home market in Singapore remains quieter than in previous years, local media reported on Monday. Twelve developments have been completed this year, each with more than 10 units still unsold as of last month, according to new data released by property consultancy CB Richard Ellis (CBRE), local daily The Straits Times reported. Of these, 10 are in prime areas, with a total of 384 units unsold, CBRE said.

Another eight units are expected to complete soon, each with 10 unsold units. In all, buyers are still needed for more than 1,000 posh homes in projects already completed or expected to be ready by early next year. Most of these projects were first launched during the property boom of 2007. Experts say that some developers have yet to launch their remaining units as prices are still below their previous peak.

They say that developers are still biding their time, waiting for their luxury market to catch up with or even surpass historical highs.

**Peru’s agricultural exports grow 27.8% year on year**

LIMA, 22 Nov—Peru’s agricultural exports grew 27.8 percent in the first nine months of 2010 compared with the same period in 2009, Peru’s Agriculture Ministry said on Sunday.

The value of the exports reached 2.224 billion US dollars and it is expected to surpass 3 billion dollars by the end of this year, due to a 15.9 percent growth of production and international food price hike.

The ministry’s Economic and Statistic Studies Office said that the products with greater demand were coffee, fresh asparagus, fresh Red Globe grapes, and paprika. While traditional products led by coffee and sugar cane constitute about 26 percent of the total export volume, non-traditional exports led by asparagus, cochinile, grapes, mangos and avocados, constitute 74 percent.

The main destinations of these products were China, the United States and the European Union.—Xinhua

**Teotihuacan, Mexico, sits on the ground**

A robot used to explore ruins in Teotihuacan, Mexico, sits on the ground on 10 Nov, 2010. The small foot-wide wheeled vehicle, able to record video, entered a 2,000-year-old tunnel found earlier this year under the ruins of the temples of Teotihuacan.—INTERNET
Rescuers say all 29 trapped Chinese miners alive

BEIJING, 22 Nov—All 29 miners trapped by an underground flood at a coal mine in southwestern China on Sunday are alive, state media said on Monday, as rescuers race to pump water out and extract the survivors.

Thirteen miners were able to immediately escape the flood waters, which struck the colliery in Weiyuan county in Sichuan Province. Media reports originally put the number of trapped at 28. Teams have been pumping water from the pit since Sunday afternoon and the water level has now begun to drop, state television reported.

Rescue workers, some of them local miners, hope to enter the pit later in the day, the report added.

China’s mines are considered the deadliest in the world, due to lax safety standards and a rush to feed demand from a robust economy.

More than 2,600 people died in coal mine accidents in China in 2009 alone.

Passenger jet lands safely at JFK airport

NEW YORK, 22 Nov—A Boeing 767 passenger plane landed safely on Sunday at New York’s John F Kennedy Airport after experiencing engine trouble.

The Moscow-bound Boeing 767-300, on Delta’s flight 30, had 193 passengers on board. It returned to JFK after experiencing engine trouble on Sunday. There were some initial reports of fire from one of the plane’s wings, but Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker said the reports were incorrect.

The plane’s pilot had reported that one of the engines was down automatically. CNN quoted Baker as saying. All those aboard the aircraft deplaned safely. Arrangements have been made for the passengers to continue their journey later Sunday, CNN said.

In this on 21 Nov, 2010 photo, rescuers get ready to enter the flooded Batian Coal Mine in Xiaohe town of Weiyuan county in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. Rescuers were racing Monday to reach 28 people trapped while doing safety work in coal mine in southern China, the latest accident in the world’s deadliest mines.

Rebels attack militia outpost in S Philippines, one wounded

DAVAO CITY, 22 Nov—Suspected members of the New People’s Army (NPA) attacked a militia detachment in southern Philippines over the weekend sparking a fire that left one soldier wounded, local military said Monday.

An undetermined number of rebels swooped down a village in Nabunturan Town, Compostela Valley Province Sunday morning and fired at the army-militia patrol base, according to Lieutenant Colonel Medel Aguilar, spokesperson of the army’s 10th Infantry Division.

“NPA members treacherously fired at troops manning the patrol base in New Sibonga village, wounding Citizen Armed Auxiliary Orlando Cabral,” Aguilar told Xinhua in a text message, adding that the troops guarding the outpost fought back resulting in an exchange of fire for several minutes and forcing the leftist rebels to withdraw.

The military official said the wounded militiaman was immediately transported to a government hospital in Tagum City, some 30 km away, while reinforcement from the army and police conducted pursuit operation against the rebels.

Sydney, 22 Nov—Australian air safety officials on Monday ruled that a “very rare” oxygen bottle explosion was behind a dramatic mid-air blast which forced the emergency landing of a Qantas flight from Hong Kong in 2008.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) said the “forceful rupture” of one of the aircraft’s emergency oxygen cylinders had punched a large hole in the Boeing 747’s fuselage, causing rapid depressurisation of the cabin.

Passengers had to use oxygen masks which dropped from the ceiling while the captain immediately brought the aircraft down to 10,000 feet and made an emergency landing at Manila International Airport. None of the 369 passengers and crew was injured.

Indonesian volcano toll rises to 304

SLEMAN, 22 Nov—The number of fatality of Indonesia’s volcano eruption has climbed to 304 with 467 others still suffering from serious injury, the intensity of volcanic activity has declined but seismic activity still high, officials said on Monday.

The most volatile Mount Merapi of over 2,968 metres high in Central Java had frequently erupted since 26 Oct, spewing hot ash containing sands and other materials by up to 3,000 metres high and spread to more than 40 kilometres away, and forcing over 330,000 people to take shelters.

Official at the National Disaster Management and Mitigation Agency told Xinhua by phone from Jakarta that over one hundred thousands evacuees had returned homes, currently the number of people living in shelters remained at 202,484 from the peak at over 333,000.

Mount Merapi is one of Indonesia’s most active volcanoes. The Southeast Asian country lies in a quake-prone zone called the Pacific Ring of Fire, and now has 129 active volcanoes. The previous eruption of Mount Merapi in 2006 killed two people. A 1994 eruption claimed 60. A major eruption in 1930 killed more than 1,000 people.—Xinhua

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5.6-magnitude earthquake hits Taiwan

BEIJING, 22 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale hit Taiwan’s Hualien at 8:31 pm Beijing Time Sunday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre was monitored at 23.9 degrees north latitude and 121.6 degrees east longitude with a depth of about 10 kilometres, the center said.

Taiwan’s weather bureau said earlier it was a 6.1-magnitude quake and its epicentre is about 58.7 kilometres deep.

There has been no immediate report of casualties or damage.

A Xinhua reporter felt the tremor for about 30 seconds around 8:30 pm in Taipei, about 130 km north of Hualien.
Kaytumadi (Toungoo) celebrates 500th birthday

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials, enjoyed Myanmar traditional boat races in commemoration of 500th anniversary of the founding of Kaytumadi (Toungoo), at Laygyun Mingala Lake in Toungoo on 20 November.

Maj-Gen Hla Min and officials presented awards to winning teams. On 21 November, Maj-Gen Hla Min attended the opening of Mingyinyo statue to mark the anniversary. It was attended by Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut, the deputy minister for Hotels and Tourism, officials and local people. The commander and the deputy minister unveiled the statue. Maj-Gen Hla Min unveiled bronze plaque of Mingyinyo’s biography.

After that, Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander, the deputy minister and members of Central Committee sprinkled it with scented water. Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander, the deputy minister and officials opened archway of Aungnan door. Maj-Gen Hla Min pressed the button to unveil stone plaque of Aungnan door and sprinkled it with scented water. After that, he together with local people had documentary photo taken. Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander, the deputy minister and officials also attended opening of archway of Sin door. Chairman of the central committee and members opened a. Maj-Gen Hla Min unveiled the stone plaque of Tawwin Kaytumadi Hotel.

He attended 500th anniversary of the founding of Kaytumadi (Toungoo) at Tawin Kaytumadi Hotel. The commander made a speech.

Namkyan Dam bringing development ...

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22 August for supplying adequate drinking water to national people in Lashio Township of Shan State (North), cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy on 200 acres of arable land and flood prevention in rainy season.

We, news hunters, visited Namkyan Dam built on Namkyan creek, about two-mile from Lashio-Mandalay road, together with Staff Officer U Than Tun and Deputy Staff Officer U Ko Ko Naing to write a byline about the dam and its benefits.

The water of Namkyan Creek with strong current is pure. Palaung ethnic people earn peaceful living by growing paddy, sesame, corn, bean and tea. Near the dam, Namkyan and Hlaung villages are situated.

Staff Officer U Than Tun and Head of Office U Nyunt Maung explained the facts about Namkyan Dam construction. The earthen-type dam was built near Namkyan village three miles south of Lashio in Shan State (North). It has the catchment area of three square miles and annual water inflow of 3900 acre-ft. The height of dam is 55 feet and the length is 478 feet. It has full tank area of 316 acre-ft, storage capacity of 135 acre-ft and full brim area of 18 acres.

Its RC-type outfall channel is 160 feet long and RC-type spillway is 230 feet long and 25 feet wide. The dam supplies 92 million of drinking water through 20 tanks to downtown areas. The water supply was supervised by Development Affairs Department.

Up to October 2010, the dam had distributed 51.74 acres of irrigation water and 579.86 acres of potable water. The region holds the record of annual average rainfall of 50 inches. In dry seasons, urban dwellers may enjoy adequate drinking water. The dam contributes towards drinking water sufficiency and greening of the region and prevents it from flood.

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Secretary of Yunnan Province CPC of the PRC and party arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, a Chinese delegation led by Secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party Committee of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Bai Enpei arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by air from Yangon yesterday.

They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, departmental heads and officials.

The Chinese delegation members visited Paanglaung Hydropower Station in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw District.

A signing ceremony of framework agreement for construction of Myitkyina-Pangsauang road between Yuzana Group of Companies and Yunnan Construction Engineering Group Co Ltd took place at Yadana Thetnga Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone in the evening.

It was attended by Secretary of Yunnan Province CPC Mr. Bai Enpei and party, Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Tun and officials of Yuzana Group of Companies and Yunnan Construction Engineering Group Co Ltd.

The managing director of the Ministry of Trade of Yunnan Province made a speech, and chairmen of Yuzana Group of Companies and Yunnan Construction Engineering Group Co Ltd signed contract and exchanged notes.

In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win hosted a dinner to Secretary of Yunnan Province CPC of the PRC Mr. Bai Enpei and party at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. — MNA

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Education Minister visits universities in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein went to universities and basic education high schools in Meiktila and Mandalay on 20 November and yesterday and gave instructions on teaching and administration matters and improving the national education standard.

During the tour of Mandalay yesterday, the minister visited Mandalay University, University of Distance Education of Mandalay, Mandalay University of Foreign Languages, Yadanaarbon University and No.14 Basic Education High School.

On 20 November, the minister went to Meiktila University, Meiktila Education College, No.1 Basic Education High School, Meiktila.

Hninzigon’s charity gala on 4 Dec

YANGON, 21 Nov — Hninzigon Home for the Aged will hold its 49th Charity Gala on 4 December. Departmental offices, schools, companies, wellwishers, social organizations will display over 60 stalls for the charity for the older persons.

The charity bazaar will open at 5 pm on that day and Myanmar artists will gentertain visitors and Game programmes are arranged for children. Entry fee per reveller is 100 Kyats. — MNA

First respect-paying of YIE (1967-1971) on 8 Jan

YANGON, 22 Nov — The first respect-paying ceremony and get-together of the old students who graduated from Yangon Institute of Economics (1967-1971) will take place at Western Park II Restaurant on 8 January 2011. The students all are to attend the ceremony without fail. Those wishing to make cash donation may contact U Hla Nyein (09-5067165), U Khin Maung Mya (541545), Daw Khin Soe Yi (Kyaikkhame) (09-5042077), U Kyi Win+Daw Myint Myint Kyi (09-5165248 and 09-5180517), Daw Rita Myint (09-5006192), U Sai Than Win (7033565), U Soe Win Oo (09-8619929), U Richard Than Oo, (09-5123105), Bago Than Oo(09-5008988), U Tin Win (Momeik)(09-5127686), U Win Myaung (09-5122651) and U Ye Myint (09-5048876). — MNA

Chief Justice U Aung Toe awards an outstanding student of the 2009-2010 Academic Year. — MNA

Supreme Court honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Outstanding children of the staff of the Supreme Court who passed the matriculation examination for the 2009-2010 Academic Year were honoured at the Supreme Court here today.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe, judges at the Supreme Court and the director-general of the Supreme Court awarded the outstanding students.

During the ceremony, a director presented cash assistance amounted to K688,000 for the education of 148 students in the staff of the Supreme Court (Yangon) and (Nay Pyi Taw) through an responsible official. — MNA

Secretary-I of SPDC Tha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets member of the Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Party Committee of PRC Vice-Governor Mr Chen Wu. (News on page 16) — MNA
Chinese delegation led by Secretary of Yunnan Province CPC of the PRC arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 22 Nov— At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, a Chinese delegation led by Secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party Committee of the People’s Republic of China H.E Mr Bai Enpei arrived here at 1 pm on 20 November.

They were welcomed by Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung of Protocol Department of MOFA and officials concerned, Charge d’Affaires ai Mr Wang Zongying of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and staff of the embassy at Yangon International Airport.

In the evening, on arrival at Bo Aung Kyaw wharf in Botahtaung Township, the Chinese delegation looked around the wharf after hearing a report by an official.

Afterwards, they attended the opening ceremony of Yangon branch of Yunnan Province Trading Enterprise (Business) at Traders Hotel.

They also visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and donated cash.—MNA

Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov— The 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued today at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here. The visiting delegations of Yunnan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China studied the emporium and local and foreign gem merchants purchased jade lots through tender system.

A total of 1552 lots of jade were sold today. The emporium which is the first time in Nay Pyi Taw will continue till 29 November.—MNA

Novice Cricket Tourney kicks off

YANGON, 22 Nov— Inter-Basic Education School Novice Level Cricket Tournament 2010 organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation kicked off at the pitch of No (4) Basic Education High School in Ahlon here today.

Chairman of MCF U Nyunt Win accepted the championships shield from defending champions and delivered an opening speech. Teams recited four oaks of sports before the matches started.

A total of 18 teams participate in the boys’ event and five in the girls’

The game will wind up on 27 November. The boys’ game will be played at the pitch of No(1) BEHS of Lanmadaw and the girls’ matches at No(4) BEHS of Ahlon.

MNA

Foreign and local gem merchants viewing jade lots.—MNA
Three killed as small plane crashes off California beach

LOS ANGELES, 22 Nov—Three people were killed when a small private plane crashed into sea off Newport Beach, California, Sunday evening, local police said.

The private, single-engine Beechcraft Muskateer, crashed under unknown circumstances in the Newport Beach Back Bay around 5:45 pm local time, according to a statement released by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The plane was travelling from Mexico to Torrance Municipal Airport.

The county Medical Examiner-Coroner’s Office said the victims were ubicating when the plane crashed into the ocean.

Newport Beach fire and police responded and pulled the three victims, a pilot and two passengers from the plane. All three occupants were declared dead at the scene.

Shortly before the deadly crash, the distressed plane flew low over a station, witnesses said, and the pilot reported problems to the tower at nearby John Wayne Airport.

The airplane is registered to Palos Verdes real estate broker Chuck Chambers, local media outlets reported. MNA/Xinhua

Eight tourists die in Egypt bus crash

CAIRO, 22 Nov—At least eight tourists were killed and 22 hurt when a bus crashed on Egypt’s Red Sea coast, authorities said Sunday. The Ministry of Health told the state-run MENA news agency at least three of those killed in Saturday’s accident were Russians. The nationalities of the other five killed have not been released.

Health Minister Hatem el-Gabali said he is arranging for the injured, including the driver and a tour guide, to be transferred from Hurghada General Hospital on the Red Sea coast to the Nasser Institute Hospital in Cairo.

An estimated 6,000 people are killed on Egypt’s roads yearly. —Internet

Eight killed, 12 injured in bomb explosion in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 22 Nov—At least eight people were killed and 12 others sustained serious injuries in a bomb blast, suspected to be the handiwork of left-wing Nasal rebels, in the eastern Indian state of Bihar on Sunday, said police.

The bomb explosion happened in Pachockhar Village in Bihar’s Aurangabad District. While eight, including seven children, were killed on the spot, 12 others got serious injuries, said police.

Though it’s not yet clear, police suspected that the bomb was planted by the Nasalites during the elections on Saturday. The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident just before 5:30 am local time after an explosion was heard.

The blaze began in a ground-floor restaurant on the Hameenkatu and Aleksanterinkatu streets in downtown Tampere. Fire services said they have brought the blaze under control. —Xinhua

438 vehicles crash on icy Minn roads

MINNEAPOLIS, 22 Nov—Freezing rain iced up Minnesota roads, sending hundreds of vehicles slamming into each other and careening into ditches, authorities said Sunday. The accidents began piling up Saturday and continued into Sunday, with the total reaching at least 438, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported.

Forty five people were injured and there were at least two fatalities, the newspaper said. Killed were Kimberly Mead, 44, of Willmar, who was fatally injured when she was thrown from a car that slid into oncoming traffic and was hit by another car in Meeker County, and a 12-year-old girl thrown from a pickup truck that careened out of control in Stearns County, the Tribune said.

The State Patrol said that of the total reported, 376 of the crashes were in the Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area. “Overnight was one for the ages as far as road conditions and number of calls for service,” State Patrol Lt Eric Roeske told the Tribune. “Some roads were just like ice rinks — dangerous situations for motorists, troopers, fire fighters, EMTs, everybody.”

At least four of the mishaps involved State Patrol squad cars, including at least two where a squad car at a crash scene was hit by another vehicle sliding into it. No troopers were injured, Roeske said.

Besides the road mishaps, authorities reported dozens of people wound up in hospital emergency rooms with broken bones and head injuries suffered in falls on icy sidewalks, the newspaper said. —Internet

Ex-US Navy serviceman held for killing Filipina lover in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 22 Nov—An American national has been arrested for killing his Filipina lover in this southern Philippine City, local police said Monday.

Michael Lampher, 49, a retired US Navy man, is facing homicide charges for shooting Michiko Doque, 39, late Saturday according to Senior Superintendent Rene Espera, Davao City police chief.

Espera said the couple had a heated argument after Lampher arrived from a drinking session with friends at a bar in downtown Davao.

“Neighbours told investigators they heard a single gunshot from the couple’s home so they called police,” Espera told local media. He added the victim died from a gunshot wound in the stomach.

The corpses of seven men killed after a gold mine collapsed in Suriname on 21 November, 2010. In a statement this Sunday, Surgold said that the accident took place in an illegal mining area located within Surgold’s Merian Right of Exploration. —INTERNET

Fire kills at least three in southern Finland

HELINSKI, 22 Nov—At least three bodies have been found in an apartment building that caught fire in Tampere City, southern Finland, early Monday, police said. Police received an emergency call about the incident just before 5:30 am local time after an explosion was heard.

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People watch as excavators search for the bodies of seven men killed after a gold mine collapsed in Money Hill, 150 km southeast of Paramaribo, Suriname.—INTERNET
Two moderate quakes hit western Indonesia

Jakarta, 22 Nov—Two moderate quakes measuring 5.2 and 5.1 on the Richter Scale respectively hit west Indonesia’s Java Island and Sumatra Island on Sunday, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics said here.

The first one rocked West Java Province in Java Island at 01:42 local time (1642 GMT on Saturday) and the second one occurred in Bengkulu Province in Sumatra Island at 04:24 local time (2124 GMT on Saturday).

The first earthquake was centered at 96 kilometres southeast West Java Province’s Ujung Kulon area and at depth on 19 kilometres under seabed, while the second one was centered 73 kilometres southwest Bintuhan regency of Bengkulu Province and at depth on 52 kilometres under seabed.

The agency did not release tsunami warnings on the two earthquakes.

Australia’s health department warns Church of Scientology on their dangerous therapy

Canberra, 22 Nov—The Northern Territory (NT) Health Department of Australia on Saturday warned Church of Scientology that a drug detoxification therapy, promoted to Aborigines in Australia could kill the people with kidney problems.

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However, the group has been warned that the drug they promoted to the indigenous could be dangerous and potentially fatal to renal patients.

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Hand scroll copy of ancient Chinese calligrapher sold for 308 mln yuan

Beijing, 22 Nov—A rare hand scroll copy of ancient Chinese calligrapher Wang Xizhi’s work was sold Saturday for a staggering 308 million yuan at the autumn auction of the Beijing-based China Guardian.

The high auction price was, in the history of the Chinese mainland art market, only second to calligrapher Huang Tingjian’s hand scroll “Pillar Ming,” which was purchased for 436.8 million yuan in 2009.

Wang, from the Jin Dynasty around the 4th century, is traditionally acclaimed as the Sage of Calligraphy.

However, none of his original works exist, making this cursive script, named “Sunshine in Xinjiang”, included more than 260 oil paintings, traditional Chinese paintings, watercolors and prints by over 80 artists, including famous Chinese painters Ye Qianyu, Huang Zhou, Quan Shanshi, Zhan Jianjun and Hao Ahmad. The China Artists Association (CAA), sponsor of the exhibition, invited more than 70 artists to visit Xinjiang in June and August, and the exhibition also displayed those artists’ works which were created while visiting Xinjiang.

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“Although there are many art works about Xinjiang, people in other parts of China still know little about this region, and I hope more artists will visit Xinjiang and paint the scenery, the customs, the people and the development in Xinjiang, helping to make it better known to people both around China and around the world,” said Zheng Wenhui, widow of the late renowned painter Huang Zhou.

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A helping hospice hand at death’s door
BEIJING, 22 Nov — Hospice and end-of-life care are fairly well developed in the West, but in China death is often a taboo subject. One courageous man finds the meaning of life in easing the last days of others. Tan Weiyun reports. Everything will be okay,” Huang Weiping whispers to a frail patient, gently holding her cool, bluish hand. “Many people leave this world filled with pains and resentments. Their relatives always think it’s best to find a good doctor and good hospital,” Huang says. “But maybe what these people in pain or in their last days really need is a warm hand that can help make their final time comfortable and help them die with dignity.” That’s Huang’s mission.

Xinhua

Shoppers shrug off fears about toxic reusable bags
ROCHESTER, 22 Nov — So you care about the environment, and you take a reusable shopping bag with you to the grocery store to avoid polluting the planet with countless plastic sacks. Now you find out your bag is made with potentially harmful lead. What’s an environmentalist to do? If you’re like Elnora Cooper, nothing.

“ ’I’m not eating the bag ... and I’m not going to get rid of it,” Cooper, 68, said with a chuckle after walking out of a Wegmans Food Markets store in Rochester this week with a reusable bag under her arm.

The latest in a long line of ominous warnings about potentially dangerous products concerns synthetic but environmentally friendly bags that may contain traces of lead. — Internet

Excitement soars when Chinese kite-making workshop lands at Chicago school
CHICAGO, 22 Nov—Young imaginations took flight when the Chinese princess of kite-making granted a hands-on demonstration of authentic Chinese kites at an eye-opening and fun-filled workshop for Chicago public school students and teachers. “I really like it. It is really colourful and pretty, too,” Alison Gross, a second grade student at Walt Disney Magnet School, said after painting her kite.

Gruss has been learning Chinese for about four years and really loves it. Holding her beautiful kite, Gross explained, “My kite represents nature. I have two flowers. The green on the wings represents grass and the blue represents sky. I painted the tail bright yellow to represent the sun.” Jaden Jones, another second grader, wrote Chinese characters meaning “China” and “people” on his kite. He said, “This is really fun. I have been learning Chinese since kindergarten. I wanted my kite to have bright colors so you can see it in the sky.”

Wisdom of man who stares at chickens
BEIJING, 22 Nov — Traditional Chinese health maintenance calls for eating eggs in autumn to replenish the energy and nutrition lost during summer and stay strong in winter. Winter is also the time to eat eggs that are neutral in energy (neither yin or yang, cold or hot), so they are suitable for everyone.

A new egg center, Ben Yuan (The Source), recently opened in Shuyuan, town in the Pudong New Area offering fresh, high-quality fresh and safe eggs laid by free-range hens. Pan Huijun, a chicken farmer, has been raising chickens for more than 20 years in the town near the East China Sea. “I’ve been dealing with the clucking birds for decades and have developed my own way to raise them, using the methods that you can’t find them from textbooks,” says Pan.

His one-hectare farm (the biggest free-range chicken base in Pudong) produces around 200,000 food chickens a year; it has 40,000 egg-laying chickens. Each 10 hens roosts per rooster. Pan says he found the 10:1 system ideal because it separates roosters and keeps them from fighting. “All are raised free-range in an environmentally friendly way,” Pan says.—Xinhua

A customer loads a reusable grocery bag into her vehicle after shopping at a store in Clarence, NY, on 17 Nov, 2010.—Internet
Police say man swallowed his mom’s rings

Police in southwestern Pennsylvania Township said they’ve recovered one of two rings a man swallowed after he allegedly stole them from his mother — and are waiting for his digestive system to produce the other.

Fifty three year old Robert Spriggs was charged with theft for allegedly stealing the rings, each valued at $30,000, while visiting his 81-year-old mother on Saturday in North Strabane Township.

Police said Spriggs swallowed one he had in his pocket during questioning. Police said he has previously swallowed the other ring.

Spriggs is in the Washington County Jail in a cell without a flushable toilet. Police said they had recovered one ring Monday, but it wasn’t immediately clear if they had found the other. Online court records don’t list an attorney for Spriggs.

Photo taken on 20 Nov, 2010 shows tens of thousands of bees covering the body of Yang Chuanquan, chairman of the board of Nanning Guangjuan Bee Farm, during a performance in Nanning, capital of southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

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News Album

Take That enjoys major sales in UK album launch

Charts Company said it was the biggest opening week for an album in Britain since Oasis’s “Be Here Now.”

Williams quit the group in the 1990s for a solo career as Britain’s top pop star, although he never managed to repeat his success in the biggest market of all, the United States.

Take That reformed without Williams in 2006 and had two hit albums as a foursome before Williams decided to rejoin.—Reuters

Brazilian model Alessandra Ambrosio presents a creation by Alexa Ulibarri during a fashion show in Cancun on 21 November, 2010.

The five-member group, looking considerably less boyish than in their original 1990s heyday, have seen their star soar since Williams rejoined them in the summer.

Their new album “Progress” enjoyed the biggest opening week of any album in Britain in 13 years, selling nearly 520,000 copies, the largest auction of works. On 18 Nov, 2010. More than 60 photographs for the Avedon Foundation will be auctioned next Saturday.


Avedon auction in Paris reaps $7.5 million

Paris, 22 Nov—Christie’s says a Paris auction of prints by the late American photographer Richard Avedon, including a multicolored four-frame picture of the Beatles, has brought in (EURO)5.5 million ($7.5 million). Auctioneers say an outsized frame picture of the Beatles, has brought in (EURO)445,000 (EURO)841,000 ($1.15 million) alone.

The psychedelic-toned Beatles shot from 1967 brought in (EURO)445,000 ($608,000). The third-highest take came from a photograph of model Stephanie Seymour cheekily baring herself.

Sixty-five Avedon prints went under the gavel on Saturday.

It was the largest auction of works by Avedon, who died in 2004. The auction was aimed to raise money for the Richard Avedon Foundation.

Internet

Germany opens new exhibit on Nuremberg trial

Nuremberg, 22 Nov—Germany has opened a new exhibit commemorating the landmark Nuremberg war crimes trials 65 years after more than 20 senior Nazis were put in the dock. The exhibit is located in the Palace of Justice building where the trial started on 20 Nov, 1945. Visitors can view original video and hear audio recordings; they can peer inside the courtroom where Hermann Goering, Rudolf Hess, Julius Streicher and others defended their crimes. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle was quoted Sunday that “the Nuremberg trials were the answer to the perversion of the law in Nazi Germany.”

The judges at Nuremberg represented the victorious Allies the US the Soviet Union, Britain and France.

Westerwelle was joined Sunday by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

Internet


A visit to a spider in the shop window where he will live under the gavel on Saturday.

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India’s tennis pair Paes and Bhupathi reunite again

GUANGZHOU, 22 Nov — Famed Indian doubles pair Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi will team up again at the Australian Open in January, ending a nine-year separation on the circuit. The turnaround of the duo, nicknamed the ‘Indian Express’ was announced by Bhupathi on his Twitter page, sparking celebrations in India’s tennis fraternity. “So the Indian Express rolls again at the Aussie Open next year,” Bhupathi wrote on the micro-blogging site. “Our first slam in nine years… you heard it here first people.”

AC Milan clear flank, and unleash a flurry of shots to his head

MANCHESTER, 22 Nov — Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini has dismissed suggestions of a duel with Mark Hughes as he prepares to come face-to-face with his predecessor in Sunday’s trip to Fulham. Mancini’s side take on Hughes’ Fulham at Craven Cottage roughly 11 months after the Italian replaced the Welshman as manager at Eastlands. Yet Mancini has played down talk of Sunday’s meeting being a grudge match.

The duo has won three Grand Slam titles together — the French Open in 1999 and 2001 and Wimbledon in 1999 — while Paes has bagged a career 12 Grand Slam titles and Bhupathi 11.—Internet

Ronaldo hat-trick gives Real edge for Barcelona

Real Madrid’s forward Cristiano Ronaldo MADRID, 22 Nov — Jose Mourinho’s Real Madrid will have the upper hand for the Clasico showdown at Barcelona’s Camp Nou in nine days time after Cristiano Ronaldo scored a hat-trick in a 5-1 home win over Athletic Bilbao on Saturday moving them to the top of the goalscoring charts two above Messi who is on 13 after his treble helped bring up a century of goals and he is now on 101 goals with Samuel Eto’o mark of 108 goals the next target.—Internet

Penn beats Hughes in just 21 seconds at UFC 123

AUBURN HILLS, 22 Nov — It looks as if BJ Penn made the right decision to keep fighting. Penn knocked Matt Hughes flat onto his back with a right hook, then unleashed a flurry of shots to his head that led to their fight at UFC 123 being stopped after just 21 seconds Saturday night.

B.J. Penn, left, takes a kick from Matt Hughes during the first round of a Ultimate Fighting Championship welterweight mixed martial arts match on 20 Nov, 2010, in Auburn Hills, Mich.—Internet

Man City boss Mancini plays down Fulham duel

Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini match between the past and present City managers. “I don’t know if Mark Hughes has a point to prove, but this is Fulham against Manchester City not Mancini against Hughes,” Mancini said.—Internet

AC Milan’s forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (front) shoots and scores during their Serie A match against Fiorentina in Stadio San Siro in Milan.—Internet

Ibra trickery pushes AC Milan clear

ROME, 22 Nov — A touch of brilliance from Zlatan Ibrahimovic earned AC Milan a 1-0 win over Fiorentina on Saturday to lift them four points clear at the top of Serie A. One week after he had sunk his former teammates at Inter Milan Ibrahimovic once again proved the match winner. On 45 minutes, with his back to goal, the Swede juggled the ball and executed a acrobatic bicycle kick which totally flummoxed Fiorentina keeper Artur Boruc, the ball thudding into the top far corner.

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Police was quoted by private news agency UNB that the accident occurred at around 5 am local time when the bus from Dhaka collided with the truck coming from opposite direction and fell into a roadside ditch, leaving bus driver, helper and a passenger dead on the spot and 16 others injured.

Of the injured, later one succumbed to his injuries at hospital.

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Weather

Monday, 22 November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST. During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay Region and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, Mandalay and Bago Regions and (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Region and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (4°C), Mindat (7°C) and Machanbarw (8°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lashio (0.59) inch.

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Maximum temperature on 21-11-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 22-11-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-11-2010 was (83%).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 21-11-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 22-11-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-11-2010 was (74%).

Total sunshine hours on 21-11-2010 was (9.6) hours.

Rainfall on 22-11-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.76) inches at Mingaladon, (96.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.62) inches at Central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 21-11-2010.

Forecast valid until evening of the 23rd November 2010:

Rain is likely to be isolated in Shan, Chin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninbhyi Regions, weather will be partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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Secretary-1 meets Member of the Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Party Committee of the PRC and party

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 Nov — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thihada Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a Chinese delegation led by Member of the Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Party Committee of the People’s Republic of China Vice-Governor Mr. Chen Wu at the State Peace and Development Council Office here at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Tun, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

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