### Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconstitution
- 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

### True patriotism
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**Venerable members of the Sangha meet at 12th Plenary Meeting of 6th SSMNC**

YANGON, 27 Nov—The 12th Plenary Meeting of the 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee took place at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman of SSMNC Bhamo Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr BhaddantaKumarabhivamsa. Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vijjodaya acted as MC.

First, the Chairman Sayadaw delivered a Saraniya Ovadakatha. Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs. (See page 8)

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**Kutkai-Tamoenye-Tarpa-Tarshwehtan Road being upgraded to asphalt facility**

Monwun area located in the northeast region of Myanmar, a far-flung area adjacent to the border area, is in a beautiful location amidst thick foliage of tea plantations and mountain ranges.

National races have been residing in that area for 400 years. Tamoenye, Monesi, Tarpa and Tarshwehtan areas are located in hilly area of Monwun. I have read the news that 18-mile Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monesi-Tarpa is being upgraded by Public Works to the 34 feet wide asphalt road that appeared in the newspapers issued on 20 October. Therefore, I left Yangon for Lashio by flight of Air Bagan on 5 November to observe progress of road construction there.

The upgrading hilly road is a 78 miles long section from Kutkai Township on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Asian Highway No. 14 to the 18th-mile junction on Tamoenye-Monesi-Tarpa Road (Tarshwehtan). The road section is accessible to both Kongyan and Laukkai. Indeed, the road section, passing 6323 feet high Loipanlong Hill and Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpa) is linking 18th-mile junction on Laukkai-Kongyan Road. On 21 May 2005 when Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpa) was inaugurated, the road section was constructed as a hard road. On his inspection tour of Shan State (North), the Head of State gave guidance on ensuring better transport in border areas. As such, Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monesi-Tarpa 18th-mile junction is being upgraded to the 34-foot asphalt road.

Out of 78 miles long road, a total of 48 miles long section has been expanded to 34 feet wide facility. Various sizes of gravels were stockpiled at every five miles distance along the road.

In an interview, Junior Engineer (3) (Civil) Daw Phyu Phyu Lin of Tamoenye Sub-Township said, "I am taking charge of upgrading the 11 miles long section from Mawhan to (See page 10)"
Work in concert to develop Myanmar's film world

All arts are instrumental in organizing the people. Among them, cinematography is an art that can influence the people greatly. It can change young people both physically and psychologically.

It is necessary to turn out those who are skilled in making movies and videos to produce quality movies and videos.

Today, Myanmar has cultural exchange programmes such as exchanges of cultural troupes and sending artistes to international film festivals in cooperation with the neighbouring nations and ASEAN countries.

For the promotion of Myanmar's movie standard, it is required to train film stars to be skilled in acting and to produce films whose pictures, sounds and colours meet the international standard. Only then, will the Myanmar film world develop.

Myanmar movies must reflect the lifestyle of the Myanmar people, the natural beauties of Myanmar, the national character of Myanmar and the image and value of the country.

As today's youths usually copy the fashions and styles of film stars, it is necessary for those film stars to avoid wearing the clothes contrary to the Myanmar culture.

Therefore, efforts are to be made to make high quality movies in order to catch up with the international film world in collaboration with those from the Myanmar movie industry.

MFF PEP Women's Cup 2010 30 Nov-1 Jan

YANGON, 27 Nov—The press conference on MFF PEP Women's Cup 2010 took place at the Traders Hotel, here, yesterday afternoon.

General Secretary U Tin Aung of Myanmar Football Federation and Director U Tin Htay Oo of Red Horse Industrial Group (PEP) replied to queries raised by media persons.

The MFF PEP Women's Cup 2010 will be held with the participation of seven women's football teams at Aung San Stadium from 30 November 2010 to 1 January 2011.

The champion team will secure individual gold medals and K 1 million, the first runner-up silver medals and K 600,000 and the second runner-up bronze medals and K 300,000. Handsome prizes will be presented to top scorer and best player. K 200,000 each will be shared as rewards to all contending teams. Outstanding players will be picked up from the competitions.

Ticket for the match is fixed at K 500 per head. Tickets are available at Aung San Stadium and the office of MFF.

The women's cup will be sponsored by Red Horse Industrial Group (PEP).

Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than views booth at World Diabetes Day exhibition.—MNA

Mines Minister looks into sales of jade lots

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Local and foreign gem merchants bought 60 lots of jade through competitive bidding today at the 2010 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium.

Patron of Central Committee for Organizing the Emporium Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint viewed sales of jade lots at Mani Yadana Jade Hall here.

Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Gems Enterprise and officials of Myanma Gems Entrepreneurs Association supervised the gems emporium for convenience of the merchants.

Sales of jade lots will commence tomorrow through competitive bidding at the emporium that will last up to 29 November.
**Villagers claim deaths, complicating Afghan push**

SANGIN, 27 Nov — Locals in this southern Afghanistan valley have accused US Marines of regularly killing civilians since they launched an aggressive campaign against the Taleban here over a month ago — claims the Marines say are untrue and fueled by militant propaganda.

But the Marines acknowledge that unless they can change people’s minds, they stand little chance of winning the local support necessary to tame a key area of Afghanistan that has been the deadliest place for coalition troops this year. The dilemma highlights the difficulty of waging war in Afghanistan. If troops use too little force, they may be ineffective in fighting the Taleban. If they use too much, they increase the risk of causing civilian casualties or being blamed for them by villagers already wary of the foreigners in their midst.

The Marines of Sangin province’s Sangin District are taking the fight to enemy, using a strategy that relies heavily on airstrikes, mortars and militants gunbattles. They are trying to dislodge well-entrenched militants who survived four years of fighting with British troops who recently left. Internet

**Pakistan foils capital bomb plot; missiles kill three**

ISLAMABAD, 27 Nov — Police arrested two would-be suicide bombers planning to attack a mosque and a government building in Pakistan’s capital Friday, as local officials said another suspected US missile strike near the Afghan border killed three alleged militants.

Al-Qaeda and Taleban militants seeking to topple Pakistan’s US-allied government have carried out scores of attacks across the country, killing thousands. The military has responded by launching offensives in the remote northwest where the militants are based, and the US has increased its barrage of missile attacks on those strongholds.

The civilians today were again being blamed for them by the foreigners, in their midst. Internet

**Series quake rocks Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 27 Nov — Two moderate quakes with magnitudes of 5.5 and 5.2 respectively struck eastern parts of Indonesia Saturday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The 5.5 quake jolted at 00:36 am Saturday (1736 GMT Friday) with epicenter at 144 km (89 miles) southeast of Fire, where two were arrested, including a police officer who claimed he was traveling overseas. The Defence Force on Friday confirmed that a third soldier has been formally charged in relation to civilian deaths in Afghanistan. Two soldiers were charged at the time, but the third soldier could not be formally charged because he was traveling overseas. The Defence Force on Friday confirmed the third soldier has returned to Australia and has been served with the charges.

It said all three soldiers were being provided with the best possible support during the legal process. Internet

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**An agent from the San Diego Tunnel Task Force walks through part of the passageway of a tunnel found under the US-Mexico border, in San Diego, on 26 Nov, 2010.** Internet

**Four killed in US drone attack in NW Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 27 Nov — At least four suspected militants were killed in a US drone attack on Friday evening in Pakistan’s northwest tribal region of North Waziristan.

According to local Urdu TV channel Geo News report, US pilotless aircraft fired three missiles at a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in Miranzab, close to the border with Afghanistan and a stronghold of Taleban and al-Qaeda militants.

Friday’s missile strike was the 16th of its kind this month in North Waziristan, killing some 80 suspected militants.

Despite their so-called target killing, the sophisticated US drones do sometimes mistakenly kill innocent civilians. The US drone strikes have also actually violated Pakistan’s territorial air space, sparking protest from Islamabad. Internet

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Oxygen detected on Saturn moon

PASADENA, 27 Nov—NASA’s Cassini space probe orbiting Saturn has found evidence of an atmosphere on Rhea, one of the ringed planet’s moons, US researchers say.

The spacecraft has detected a very thin atmosphere containing oxygen and carbon dioxide around the icy moon, a NASA release said Friday.

This marks the first instance of a spacecraft directly capturing molecules of an oxygen atmosphere—admittedly a very thin one—at a world other than Earth, scientists say.

The formation of oxygen and carbon dioxide, as detected on Rhea, could possibly drive complex chemistry on the surfaces of many icy bodies in the universe, researchers say.

“This new result suggests that active, complex chemistry involving oxygen may be quite common throughout the solar system and even our universe,” Ben Teolis, a Cassini team scientist based at Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, said.

“Such chemistry could be a prerequisite for life,” he said. But, he added, “All evidence from Cassini indicates that Rhea is too cold and devoid of the liquid water necessary for life as we know it.”

The oxygen and carbon dioxide atmosphere makes Rhea, Saturn’s second-largest moon, unique in the Saturnian system.

The planet’s largest moon, Titan, has a thick nitrogen-methane atmosphere but very little carbon dioxide and oxygen.—Internet

Sony eyes December launch of e-readers in Japan

TOKYO, 27 Nov—Sony, battling Amazon and Apple in the electronic book reader race, said on Thursday it would launch its latest devices in Japan in December along with a dedicated virtual library.

The move will mark a return to Japan for the electronic giant’s e-reader business since it left the market in 2007 after seeing low demand at a time when Japanese consumers were focused on mobile phone books.

The success of Apple’s iPad and Amazon’s Kindle has however sent electronics makers scrambling to gain a slice of the growing tablet computer and e-reader market.

Sony has cut the size and weight of its e-readers while expanding the use of touch technology to all models—allowing users to turn pages with a swipe of the finger like the Apple iPad.

Unlike the colour iPad, the Sony Reader uses black-and-white e-ink technology.

Its two models, Reader Pocket Edition and Reader Touch Edition will be available 10 December in about 300 Japanese stores, selling for 20,000 yen and 25,000 yen (US$240 and US$300).

Sony will also open a digital bookstore for the device in Japan as it has elsewhere, offering downloads of around 20,000 titles.—Internet

100-million-year-old crocodile species discovered

BANGKOK, 27 Nov—A new species of crocodile that lived 100 million years ago has been identified from a fossil found in Thailand, researchers said Thursday.

Komsom Lauprasert, a scientist at Mahasarakham University, said the species had longer legs than modern-day crocodiles and probably fed on fish, based on the characteristics of its teeth.

“They were living on land and could run very fast,” said Komsom, who noticed the skull fossil in a museum in the summer of 2006. The 15-centimetre-long fossil was originally retrieved from an excavation site in Nakhon Ratchasima Province, also known as Korat, but had not been identified as belonging to a distinct species.

The species has been named “Khoratosuchus jintasakuli,” after Korat Province, where the fossil was found, and the last name of the director of the Northeastern Research Institute of Petrified Wood and Mineral Resources, Pratueng Jintasakul.

The finding has been published a peer-reviewed publication of The Geological Society of London.

Northeastern Thailand has become an important site for paleontologists in recent decades.—Internet

Technology

‘Fourth generation’ Internet arrives in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 27 Nov—The latest generation of wireless Internet that will allow people to watch a crystal clear movie or live sporting event on the street or atop a hill is being deployed throughout Hong Kong.

The Long Term Evolution (LTE) network will give super high speeds across the city and could mean the end of computers ever needing to be plugged into a wall for a connection to the net. The so-called “fourth generation” system is being rolled out by Hong Kong mobile network operator CSL in partnership with telecoms equipment maker ZTE Corporation.

“The first launch of an LTE network anywhere in Asia is truly historic,” Joseph O’Konek, CSL’s chief executive, said.

“For a lot of people, this will be their first experience of the Internet.”

They are at a huge advantage to previous Internet generations because they are leapfrogging all those fixed line technologies. “It is truly going to unleash the power of human networks as this kind of system rolls out more and more across the world.”

LTE enables faster data downloads and uploads on mobile devices compared with a third-generation network.—Internet

Report says Apple iPad 2 to have 2 cameras, USB port

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Nov—Rumours continue to swirl over Apple’s next generation iPad, and one reliable Taipei newspaper says the new device will be out in the first quarter of 2011, complete with video calling, two cameras, new display and touch technology, and a USB port to connect easily to other devices.

The Chinese-language Economic Daily News financial newspaper, which was among the first to report declined to comment.

On Friday, Apple announced that the new iPad 2 will go into production this month and will be on sale early next year.

The Chinese-language newspaper reported the new device will have 7-inch touchscreen.

Taipei newspapers sometimes win scoops on new electronics products because Taipei companies are involved in every aspect of electronics production, from components to final assembly. For example, the Economic Daily says that Largan Precision will supply camera lenses for the new iPad, while Bon Tien Precision Industry, which operates under the trade name, Foxconn, will be responsible for final assembly.

The August report from the Economic Daily said Chimei Innolux will supply 7-inch LCD screens, which use the same IPS (in-plane switching) technology found in the original iPad, for the new device.

The companies named in the Economic Daily report declined to comment.—Internet
Most in Ontario will have to pay for vitamin D tests

**Health Tip: Latex is everywhere**

If you have a latex allergy, you may find it a daunting task to avoid all products that could trigger a reaction.

The US National Library of Medicine says these products frequently contain latex:
- Disposable medical gloves.
- Condoms.
- Balloons and rubber bands.
- The soles of many shoes.
- Infant and toddler pacifiers.

**Eating for two calls for dental vigilance**

**Health**

**Business**

**Apple makes big land purchase to expand headquarters**

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Nov—Rapidly growing Apple Inc has bought 98 acres of land in Cupertino, nearly doubling the size of its headquarters in the city's US state of California, US media reported on Friday.

Apple bought the land from another Silicon Valley giant Hewlett-Packard Co (HP), which is moving out of the site to consolidate operations at its headquarters in California's Palo Alto, the San Jose Mercury News reported, saying that an Apple spokesman has confirmed the purchase. The new site is adjacent to a 50-acre land Apple previously bought. Both properties are just a short drive from Apple's main campus, which Cupertino city officials said is about 35 acres.

**Dollar rises as euro extends losses**

NEW YORK, 27 Nov—The US dollar rose against major currencies in late New York trading on Friday as the euro extended its losses against the dollar on fears that Portugal and Spain would be the next to need bailouts after Ireland. Concerns about the European debt crisis and tensions on the Korean Peninsula lifted the dollar as investors sought safe-haven investment.

The euro traded around 1.3239 against the dollar in late trading on Friday as the greenback rose against major currencies in thin trade. The euro extended its losses against the dollar as investors sought safe-haven investment.

The euro managed to trade at 1.3230 against the dollar in late trading session, after falling to as low as 1.3200.

The trading volume was thin due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Analysts said the dollar should also benefit if US housing and jobs data next week came in stronger than expected, which would reinforce expectations the US economy is outperforming that of Europe.

In late Friday trading, the dollar bought 84.07 Japanese yen, comparing with 83.57 late Wednesday, and the euro fell to 1.3237 dollars from 1.3368.

The British pound also fell to 1.5602 dollars from 1.5760.

**Wheat higher, other grains lower**

CHICAGO, 27 Nov—Wheat futures prices were the only bright spot at the close Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade as a stronger dollar played havoc with corn and soybeans.

Corn was off 1/2 to off 3/4, soybeans were off 13 3/4 to off 16 1/2, wheat was up 3/4 to up 2 3/4 and oats were off 4 to off 5 1/2.

Corn was pressured by gains in the dollar but losses were tempered by support from tight long-term supply and demand outlook for the 2010-11 marketing year. Reports of a possible shortage of corn in China also lent support. The dollar’s rally in the eurozone and disappointing export sales this week sent soybeans skidding. Dry weather in the Midwest coupled with strong export sales this week lent support to wheat.

The prices:
- Wheat: Dec 6.48 1/4 up 1/4, Mar 6.87 1/4 up 2, May 7.12 up 2, July 7.24 1/2 up 3/4.
- Oats: Dec 3.44 1/4 off 4, Mar 3.56 off 4 1/2, May 3.61 3/4 off 4 1/2, July 3.66 off 5 1/2.

A sign displays the logo of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange outside of their building in Chicago on 18 March, 2008. Internet
Indonesia’s Mount Bromo volcano spews ash into sky

JAKARTA, 27 Nov.— Officials say one of Indonesia’s dozens of volcanos has shot ash into the air in a minor eruption that caused no injuries.

Earlier this week the government raised the alert level at Mount Bromo to its highest level, telling villagers and tourists to stay off the rumbling slopes. Government volcanologist Agus Budiono says the mountain, a popular tourist attraction, sputtered ash more than 1,600 feet (500 metres) in the air Friday.

Mount Bromo typically erupts about once a year but unlike nearby Mount Merapi rarely spits debris and hot gas far from its crater. However, two people were killed in a 2004 eruption.

Merapi unleashed a series of powerful eruptions in the past month that killed more than 300 people.—Internet

Mother, two kids stabbed to death in Ohio

COLUMBUS, 27 Nov.— A woman and her two children were found stabbed to death in their central Ohio apartment on Friday after she didn’t show up for Thanksgiving dinner or work the following day.

Thomas Hendricks of Columbus said his daughter, 31-year-old Tia Hendricks, was killed along with her children, 10-year-old Tahliia Hendricks and 2-year-old Tyron Hendricks Montgomery. Columbus police Sgt Rich Weiner said officers found the three victims Friday afternoon and a man still alive with stab wounds. Authorities took the man to a local hospital, where he was in critical condition.

Police wouldn’t say whether the man was a suspect. But authorities said they are not looking for anyone else in connection with the killings.

Tia Hendricks’ aunt, Anita Hayes, said the man is her niece’s live-in boyfriend and the boy’s father. She said they had lived at the Columbus apartment since September.

“It just seems so unreal. You read about this stuff in the paper, but you don’t expect it to happen in your own family,” Hayes said.

Hendricks worked as a financial collector for years and grew close with a friend and colleague Monique Robinson. “We talked, like, literally every day,” Robinson said. She called Hendricks twice Wednesday night with no answer and a few times on Thanksgiving to wish her a happy holiday. By Friday, when Hendricks didn’t show up to work and hadn’t returned a single phone call, Robinson sensed something wasn’t right.

She called Hendricks’ mother and they went to her apartment complex with a few relatives. They knocked on her door, and after no one answered, a maintenance worker took them to a rental office and an employee called police.

Authorities found the bodies inside.

Death toll in Rio’s police operations hits 38

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 Nov.— The number of deaths in Rio’s police operations against drug gangs reached 38, local police said on Friday.

At least 200 people were arrested this week and dozens of weapons, including rifles and grenades, were seized by the police. Officers also seized flammables, which were going to be used to set fire on vehicles, and some two tons of marijuana.

The police operations were aimed to catch the drug dealers who started a crime spree on Sunday. According to the police, since Sunday criminals set fire on at least 100 vehicles and gunned down several police cabins, causing panic in Rio’s metro area.

The criminals’ actions are an act of revenge over a recent loss of territory and power, the police said. In the past year, Rio’s police occupied several shantytowns, damaging the drug industry in various neighbourhoods and forcing the criminals out of their areas of influence. On Thursday, the police managed a major victory against the drug gangs by taking over the Vila Cruzeiro slum, which was previously considered untouchable, in a huge operation supported by the Navy.

On Friday, with the help of 800 Army soldiers, the police started another operation to take over neighbouring Morro do Alemao.

Colo store collapses; patrons, employees all safe

GRAND JUNCTION, 27 Nov.— Customers and employees have safely escaped after the partial collapse of a Colorado thrift store’s ceiling.

Firefighters carefully searched through the rubble for several hours Friday after employees said they thought a shopper might not have made it out of the Salvation Army store in Grand Junction. But fire department spokesman Mike Page says crews and search dogs didn’t find anyone in the debris.

Part of the ceiling fell onto the metal building’s first floor around 3:30 pm. There were 22 people in the store at the time.

Firefighters cut a hole through the side of the building and started looking through the rubble. One person was treated on site for respiratory problems and a firefighter was treated for a cut hand.

Somali-born teen plotted car-bombing in Ore

PORTLAND, 27 Nov.— Federal prosecutors said a Somali-born teenager plotted to carry out a car bomb attack at a crowded Christmas tree lighting ceremony in downtown Portland on Friday but the bomb turned out to be a dud supplied by undercover agents as part of a sting.

Mohamed Osman Mohamud was arrested at about 5:45 pm just after he dialed a cellphone that he thought would blow up a van laden with explosives but instead brought federal agents and Portland police swooping in to take him into custody. Federal court documents show the sting operation began in June after an undercover agent learned that Mohamud had been in contact with an “unindicted associate” in Pakistan’s Northwest Frontier region.

Mohamud is a naturalized US citizen who has been living in Corvallis.
Nationalistic spirit and National Day

U Maung Maung Gyi (Legal Consultant)

The 10th Waning of Tazaungmone is National Day. On that day, Myanmar nationals were well stimulated to equip themselves with a stronger sense of nationalistic spirit, patriotism and nationalistic vigor to regain independence. British colonialists waged three aggressive wars and annexed Myanmar. Feeling extremely bitter to be under the yoke of the colonial rule, Myanmar people armed themselves with whatever arms they got and revolted the colonial government. In that regard, they sought all possible ways to fight the colonialists to regain independence. Of the political movements, the most effective one was the uprising of university students launched on the 10th Waning of Tazaungmone in 1282 Myanmar Era (1 December 1920) in protest against the colonial government’s University Act.

At that time, the colonial government granted Myanmar youths permission to pursue education, but its education system was particularly designed to prolong the colonial rule. And there had not been any universities yet for those Myanmar children who were bright and willing to pursue tertiary education.

Before they had not occupied the whole Myanmar, British colonialists opened an education centre in lower Myanmar, which they had occupied, in 1866. They established Judson College in 1878. Then, they opened Yangon College, which was merely a branch of Calcutta University. So, the colleges’ curricula were the same, as that of Calcutta University. Examination papers for Yangon College were issued by Calcutta University, and students had to sit for examinations in Yangon. Students could attend intermediate classes in those colleges. If a student wanted to pursue higher education, he had to sit for matriculation examination known as FA held by Calcutta University. Only those students who had passed that exam were granted permission to join Calcutta University. Then, the colonial government had not opened any university yet in Myanmar.

The education system the British government had prescribed did not meet Myanmar people’s ultimate desire for education. It was just a colonial education system, and not within the reach of everyone. Due to social discrimination and extremely high school fees, children of ordinary Myanmar people such as workers and farmers did not have access to education. The education system was intended only for the elite.

In 1920, colonialists came to be aware that the nation needed to get a university in which youngsters could pursue high school education. So, they planned to combine Yangon College and Judson College into a separate university “Yangon University”. At first, they wrote a bill for Yangon University. The Myanmar governor at that time was Sir Reginald Craddock and education commissioner was Mr Max Hunter. After formulating the bill, they declared it in government gazette for public information.

The bill said that:
1. in Myanmar, there would be only one university, the colleges under which were to be in Yangon.
2. registered students had to live in boarding schools.
3. there would no longer be matriculation examination, and a student had to have passed tenth standard examination, also known as high school final, held by the government.
4. a student would be allowed to register to join the university only if he was outstanding in English and another subject.
5. if a candidate failed an honours class and arts class, he would never be allowed to sit for the examination, and he shall be expelled from the university.
6. even if a student passed university entrance examination, he was not allowed to start to pursue university education, and he shall attend preliminary university class for one year.
7. a student would not be allowed to pursue university education even if he had attended the preliminary class for one year, but was deemed ineligible for university education.

The bill implied that the university administration and syllabuses were under the control of the British government. Myanmar people opposed the education system for school fees were extremely high and the bill was meant for the children of the rich, landlords and British officials.

In addition, college students, newspapers and conferences held by GCBA in the country demanded amendments to the bill.

However, British colonialists showing total disregard for Myanmar people’s submissions submitted the bill to the governor on 12 July 1920 for approval. The governor signed the bill dated 28 August, and the bill was adopted with effect from 1 December the same year. The announcement also said that Judson College and Yangon College were combined into Yangon University that day.

Owing to the fact that the British government announced to open the university on 7 December 1920, students issued an announcement on the 10th Waning of Tazaungmone in 1282 Myanmar Era (5 December 1920) in protest against the British government’s announcement.

Then, the education uprising spread to all schools around the nation. Entire urban people were in support of the student protesters.

Arthur conference held on 29 December, GCBA called for opening of national schools, colleges and universities in Myanmar and changing the schools under YMBA and congenial organizations into national schools, and urged students not to continue to attend government schools.

From that time on, the nation saw self-reliant national schools one after another. The people established a national college in Yangon for university students and provided assistance them for their education. A national college was successfully opened at Shweygin Monastery in Bahan in August 1921, and many eminent persons such as Thakhin Kodaw Hmaing, Venerable Monk U Sana, and Deedok U Ba Cho served as voluntary professors and lecturers.

Due to the national colleges and national schools, the youth were in a position to learn studies on history and jatakas (Buddha’s life stories) that can boost Myanmar literature and traditions and nationalistic fervour. As a result, the youth of Myanmar came to imbibe themselves with a stronger sense of patriotic spirit with the mottos “Myanmar literature is ours”, “Myanmar language is ours”, and “Myanmar nation is ours”.

At the 9th conference of GCBA held in Mandalay on 24 October 1921, U Ba Thaw put forward a motion to designate a suitable day as national day, and U Ba Sein seconded the motion.

In that case, the attendees tentatively fixed three suitable days for national day: (1) the day on which King Thibaw was exiled, (2) the day on which Venerable Monk U Ottama was put behind bars, and (3) the day on which students launched their movement in protest against University Act.

The attendees agreed to designate as national day the 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1282 ME (5 December 1920) on which students mounted a protest at University Act to arouse the nationalistic spirit of the entire people. The resolution was passed at the special conference of GCBA held at Jubilee Hall in Yangon in June 1922.

Thenceforth, the 10th Waning of Tazaungmone has been celebrated as Myanmar’s national victory yearly. This year, National Day is in its 90th anniversary. Overall, National Day is a landmark in the Myanmar history. As a result of the movements that led to the designation of National Day, Myanmar people were further equipped with Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit, and the nation regained independence. As a gesture of honouring the National Day, I would like to urge the people to serve national interest more than ever with a sense of nationalistic spirit.

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Venerable members of the Sangha meet...

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Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaaka Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Patiñamanda supplicated on briefed report of the SSMNC (first branch).

Member Sayadaws of the SSMNC (first branch) submitted reports on their respective sectors.

Members of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee discussed Viniççhaya, religious and educational affairs reported by the first branch Sayadaws. Also present at the meeting were Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General U Khang Aung of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Than Zin Naing of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and officials. The meeting continues tomorrow.

Today, Lt-Gen Ye Myint (Rtd)-Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and family offered meals to members of the Sangha.

Archaeologists uncover ancient town of Pyu Era

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov — Myanmar archaeologists uncovered infrastructures of a religious building and parts of a wall that circled the brick infrastructures and oil lamp cups at the site-1 and assumed that the infrastructures are of a religious building. The team also parts of earthen pots used in Iron Age and early Pyu era and the town is an ancient Pyu town built on 320 acres. The ancient town is circular and an ancient town of Pyu Era during their third excavation in Wadee ancient town in central Myanmar. After excavating the two sites in the ancient town from 23 July to 9 August, they uncovered discovered a brick infrastructure of the western wall of the ancient city at the excavation site-2.

The archeologists assumed that parts of earthen pots unearthed during the excavation are smaller than Tharakhittara, Pinle and Waithale ancient towns and larger than Thagara ancient town. The new finds together with other discoveries of last two excavations showed that the town was established during time of Pyu Era. The archaeologists had carried out excavations three times in the ancient town from the 2008-2009 fiscal year to the 2010-2011 fiscal year. During the second excavation, they found ancient bronze sheet, bronze jingle bell, mussel, sand slab, charcoal, iron rivet and other items. They also found out the funeral customs at the ancient town that they buried the dead body or burned it and put ash and bones in the urn and buried it together. As the discoveries and customs found at Wadee ancient city is similar to other ancient towns Beikthano, Hanlin and Tharakhittara of Pyu Era, Wadee is also considered as an ancient town of Pyu Era. — MNA
Aung San Suu Kyi on 25 November at Kandaw Mingala University Avenue in Bahan Township, and met her, and U Tin Oo, U Win Tun, U Than Tun, U Nyunt Wai, U Hla Pe, U Ohn Kyang, U Han Thar Myint, U Win Myint and Dr Daw May Win Myint of dissolved National League for Democracy, and U Aye missions in Yangon at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in the afternoon. In the evening, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win hosted a dinner to Special Adviser Mr Vijay Nambir and party at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.—MNA

Construction Minister inspects Yangon-Sittway Road (Minbu-An section), Magway (Kanbya)-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw

200 helmets donated to Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

ASEAN-China youth representatives observe Yangon

The minister later oversaw roadworks between mile post Nos 87/10 and 97/2 and between mile post Nos 77/0 and 82/0 on Yangon-Sittway Road (Minbu-An), and gave necessary instructions. He also inspected roadworks along Minbu-An Road and 108.4 miles long Magway (Kanbya)-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road. Efforts are being made to complete the roadworks of Yangon-Sittway Road (Minbu-An section) with one Airport Special Group, two Road Special Groups, three sub district groups and nine private companies. MNA

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects progress of Minbu-An road section on Yangon-Sittway road.—MNA

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In the evening, they visited Union National Races Village and enjoyed dances of national races. The youth camp-gors shared experiences and facts about each country at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel at night. MNA

Youth representatives from ASEAN and China visit Union National Races Village.—MNA

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Two gold for Myanmar in Guangzhou Asian Games

The new light of Myanmar Sunday, 28 November, 2010

Yangon, 27 Nov — Myanmar Sepak Takraw team won two gold medals in 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou of China. Lin and Zaw Zaw Aung of Myanmar secured straight-sets win over South Korea duo in men’s double final in which Indonesia and Japan shared third place.

Myanmar women team composed of Kyu Kyu Thin, May Zin Phyo and Phyu Phyu Than emerged champions in women’s double final after beating hosts China 2-1, followed by third place sharers South Korea and Japan.

1st Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw cycling contest starts

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Nov — The opening ceremony of First 390-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw Men’s and Women’s Cycling Contest was held in front of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee City Hall here this morning.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint and responsible persons.

The sports minister opened the contest after making an opening speech. The commander fired to start the race.

The total distance of today’s contest for men was 100 miles long from Nay Pyi Taw to Meiktila in which 116 cyclists participated. A total of 16 women cyclists took part in the 26 miles long contest from Pyaywbe to Meiktila.

Man cyclists will engage in 95 miles long from Meiktila to Mandalay and woman contests in 30 miles long from Kyaukse to Mandalay tomorrow.

Kutkai-Tamoeny-Tarpa-Tarshwehtan Road...

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Tamoei-Shasiku. I use four excavators at works. Although it is difficult work, I am pleased with emergence of better transport for national races of hilly regions.”

I had an interview with Senior Engineer U Kyaw Min Aye of Lashio District. He said, “Lashio District Public Works is taking responsibility for upgrading the 66 miles long road section. Kunlong District Public Works is to construct the 12 miles long section. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation including border areas and the directives of the Minister for Construction on 24-5-2010, the upgrading of Kutkai-Tamoeny-Monesi-Tarpa 18th-mile junction Road commenced on 10 June 2010. On completion, the road will contribute much to the swift flow of commodities along road in Tamoeny and Monesi areas, and the local people will have easy access to Laukkai and Kongyan townships through

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U Kyaw Min Aye, Senior Engineer of Lashio District Public Works,

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Green life, green growth

BEIJING, 27 Nov—
The 2010 China International Green Industry Expo that opened on Wednesday in Beijing speaks volumes about the country’s ambition to make the green economy a new growth engine for its sustainable development.

By spreading green ideas and technologies, the Green Expo can help make the country’s industries more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. Chinese enterprises’ drive to go green will be crucial to the ongoing global efforts on tackling climate change. However, efforts to cut pollution and save energy will not be enough to ensure a fundamental change of the country’s growth model if 1.3-billion Chinese consumers cannot be fully mobilized to embrace a greener lifestyle.

Chinese policymakers should do more to persuade the public that a greener lifestyle is a worthy goal for everyone.

The central government set environmental and energy efficiency targets for local governments and domestic enterprises. But some local governments’ attempts to meet their green goals do not augur well for the future. After failing to work hard enough during most of the past five years to increase their energy efficiency, some local governments just cut energy supplies to households and enterprises as the deadline approached.

Ariane 5 lifts up two communication satellites

PARIS, 27 Nov—
The fifth Ariane 5 mission of 2010 lifted up two communication satellites Intelsat 17 and HYLAS 1 on Friday in Kourou, French Guiana.

The heavy-load Ariane 5 was launched off in the afternoon seconds after a suitable window opened at 3:39 pm local time (1839 GMT) from the launch zone located in Guianan rainforest in South America.

With a weight of 5,540 kilograms, the first passenger Intelsat 17 is built by Space Systems/Loral of the United States and will replace Intelsat 702.

Intelsat 17 was separated from the rocket around 27 minutes after the launch was lift off from the pad and will continue its journey to reach the planned orbit of 66 degrees East.

It is missioned to provide telecommunications coverage over Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India for International Telecommunication Satellite Organization (Intelsat).

HYLAS 1, weighs 2,570 kilograms, is the first satellite for London-based Avanti Communications, a new European satellite operator, and also the first European satellite to offer high-speed broadband services across Europe.

It is designed and produced by EADS Astrium in partnership with the Indian Space Research Organisation.

A map of the Central African Republic locating the town of Birao.—INTERNET

BANGUI, 27 Nov—
The Central African Republic government announced Friday its forces had retaken a key town captured by rebels in a deadly assault two days earlier but the rebels said they were still in control.

“At the moment, the army controls the town of Birao,” government spokesman Fidele Ngonandjika said.

Convention of Patriots for Justice and Peace (CPJP) rebels stormed Birao, which is near the borders with Chad and Sudan, in an attack on Wednesday that the CAR military said killed at least four of its soldiers.

“Announced that the response would be immediate and that if the Central Africa authorities say key town recaptured from rebels

BRUSSELS, 27 Nov—
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An eastern massasauga rattlesnake is seen in its exhibit at the Philadelphia Zoo in this Sept. 2003. Environmental groups are criticizing the Obama administration for what they say is a continuing backlog of plants and animals in need of protection under the Endangered Species Act. Many of the species listed as candidates for protection have been waiting for such a designation for decades, including the eastern massasauga rattlesnake, found in nine Midwest and Great Lakes states.

A crew member is transferred to a frontier defence vessel in the sea near Zhoushan, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 25 Nov, 2010. A fisher carrying scrap iron sank in the sea near Zhoushan Thursday morning. Three of all the seven crew members have been rescued, but four others are missing. Xinhua

A map of the Central African Republic locating the town of Birao.—INTERNET

An Indian man (C) feeds pigeons outside the Taj Mahal Palace hotel on the second anniversary of the Nov, 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai on 26 Nov, 2010. A total of 166 people were killed and more than 300 others were injured when 10 heavily-armed militants stormed the city on 26 Nov, 2008, attacking a number of sites, including the city’s main railway station, two luxury hotels including the Taj, a popular tourist restaurant and a Jewish centre.

The 2010 China International Green Industry Expo 2010 (CIGIE) in Beijing, Capital of China, on 24 Nov, 2010. The 4-day expo opened on Wednesday, with the participation of more than 200 enterprises from 25 countries and regions.—Xinhua

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 CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (537)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (537) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
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Air France to resume Atlantic flight recorder search

PARIS, 27 Nov — The French government has said it will resume the search for an Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean, killing 228 people.

Officials will launch a fourth hunt for parts of wreckage, including the flight recorders, in the area of ocean where the Airbus A330-200 went down.

All those on board Flight AF447 from Rio de Janeiro to Paris died in the June 2009 crash. The cause of the disaster has never been established.

Families of some of the victims have demanded that the search continue until investiga tors are able to give them answers about the incident, which occurred during a thunderstorm. “The fourth sea search phase should begin in February 2011,” France’s junior Transport Minister Thierry Mariani said in a statement.

The “best equipment currently available” would be used, the statement said. Those investigating the crash have previously said the plane’s airspeed monitors were faulty, but officials believe other factors must also have contributed.

Finding the black boxes, which record flight data and cockpit conversations, could finally allow investigators to explain the mystery of why the plane came down.

Overweight teens show heart risks at just 15

LONDON, 27 Nov — Children who are overweight are already showing signs of future heart disease when they hit 15 or 16, according to the first study of its kind, writes Jane Kirby.

Being overweight or obese aged nine to 12 leads to a higher chance of displaying risk factors — including high blood pressure and high cholesterol — at age 15 or 16.

Experts found that those children who were still overweight when they reached 15 or 16 were more likely to have high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high insulin levels.

At the start of the study, when the youngsters were aged nine to 12, 19pc of the sample was overweight and another 5pc was obese.

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James Bond gun sells for £277,250

LONDON, 27 Nov — A pistol held by Sean Connery as James Bond in a poster to promote the 1963 film From Russia With Love has sold at auction for £277,250.

The Walther air pistol fetched more than 10 times its estimate of £15,000-£20,000 at Christie’s in London on Thursday.

Meanwhile, a rare Darth Vader costume made for Star Wars film The Empire Strikes Back failed to sell. It had been expected to fetch up to £230,000.

The costume, which was being sold by a private collector from the US who acquired it in 2003, was believed to have been the first complete Vader costume to be offered at auction.

Another James Bond pistol, that appeared in 1974 film The Man With The Golden Gun, sold for £15,000.

Last month an American car enthusiast paid £2.6m to buy a 1964 Aston Martin DB5 — complete with revolving number plate, ejector seat and bullet-proof shield — featured in Bond films Goldfinger and Thunderball.

Hello Kitty castle on way to city

BEIJING, 27 Nov — Famed for inducing long snaking queues wherever she appears, Hello Kitty is to have her own castle in Beijing, the first time the famous Japanese cat will engage her Chinese fans in the real world, trying and experience the game she appears in.

A bedroom from the Hello Kitty castle.

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Snow hits N-E China, Beijing experiences coldest day since winter

BEIJING, 27 Nov — An overnight snow is continuing in most part of northeast China region on Saturday, bringing down temperatures and forcing airports and highways to close.

An airport in Changchun, capital of Jilin Province, was closed twice before 9 am on Saturday, because of occasional blizzards, with at least 13 flights being cancelled.

The transport authorities said all major highways in the northeastern region have been closed amid the widespread snow weather.

The Beijing Meteorological Station said the lowest temperature on Saturday would drop to minus six degrees Celsius in the urban area, and minus 10 degrees Celsius in the outskirts, making Saturday the coldest day since the beginning of winter.

The air pistol was used in posters for the second Bond movie.

MNA/Xinhua

Driver hit by her own car twice

MELBOURNE, 27 Nov — Paramedics have treated a woman in Melbourne’s southeast after she was run over by her own car twice.

Craig Brooks said the woman was incredibly lucky despite the unlucky chain of events.

“We were told that the 37-year-old thought she had put the handbrake on as she got out of her car, but it started to roll backwards down the driveway and knocked her over,” Brooks said. “She said that the car ran over her lower abdomen and legs before crossing the street, hitting a fence on the other side of the road, bouncing back and running over her again.”

He said ambulance officers were concerned that she may be bleeding internally. “The woman said she couldn’t move after being crushed the first time.”

Intensive care paramedics took her to The Alfred Hospital in a serious but stable condition.
Man wants to return book after 73 years

A Texas man says he’ll return a library book his family checked out in 1937. Dave Bradshaw, 61, a Paris News columnist who initially referred to the keeper of the book as “the old man” before admitting it was himself, said he is looking into options for returning the book to the Lancaster public library by 16 Dec, which would be exactly 73 years since it was checked out, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday. Bradshaw said the book, “Three Centuries of American Poetry and Prose,” was likely checked out by his mother in 1937.

Swede broadcasts music from his stomach

A Swedish man broadcast music from his stomach for several hours via a mini audio system, but said he was disappointed by the sound quality. The sound was “bad, bad. It was a very bad sound. But that was not the important thing. I just wanted to show that it worked,” said Fredrik Hjelmqvist, 45, owner of a hi-fi equipment shop in Stockholm.

In April, a 27-year-old elephant of chronic tusk ache, officially named Friday.

The Sun newspaper’s royal photographer.

A paper’s long-serving royal photographer. The innovative operation was conducted on November 3 by filling the elephant was the first in the world to rid a 27-year-old elephant of chronic tusk ache, officials said Friday.

First Wills and Kate book published; more in store

LONDON, 27 Nov — First came the royal engagement. Now — 10 days later — the first book. “William and Kate: A Royal Love Story,” by The Sun newspaper’s royal reporter James Clench was published in Britain Friday, the first in a slew of new titles about the relationship between Prince William and Kate Middleton that publishers hope will set cash registers chirping in the months before their 29 April wedding at Westminster Abbey.

Published by Harper Collins and The Sun — both owned by Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp — the book is scattered with photos by Arthur Edwards, the paper’s long-serving royal photographer.

It is one of several books on the royal romance in the works. They include one by celebrity journalist Andrew Morton, whose 1992 book “Diana: Her True Story” rocked the royal family and punctured the image of Princess Diana’s and Prince Charles’ fairy-tale romance with its details of bulimia, depression and infidelity.

Murakami took four years to approve ‘Norwegian Wood’

TOKYO, 27 Nov — The director of a soon-to-be-released movie based on Haruki Murakami’s book “Norwegian Wood” said it took him four years to win the approval of the Japanese author to adapt the popular novel.

Recalling his first meeting with Murakami in 2004, Vietnamese-French director Tran Anh Hung told The Associated Press on Friday that the writer was “quiet, very serious, and very careful.” Murakami finally gave the green light for the adaptation in 2008.

“Murakami protected his work. He gave us two conditions. One is that he would like to see the script. The other one is he would like to know what would be the budget for the movie,” Tran said.

Korean pop star Rain to sing at closing ceremony

GUNGEON, 27 Nov — Korean pop sensation Rain will sing and dance at the closing ceremony of the Asian Games as part of a promotion for the 2014 Incheon Asiad, organisers said.

The pop star also known as Jung Ji-Hoon will sing three songs at Saturday’s closing ceremony which will be televised throughout Asia, Lee Dong-Me, an official with the Incheon organising committee of the Asian Games said.

Rain has sold millions of records throughout Asia after bursting on to the pop scene early this decade. He has also performed at Madison Square Garden in New York and at Las Vegas.

Bolshoi Ballet to beam live to world cinemas

PARIS, 27 Nov — Four performances of the Bolshoi Ballet are to be beamed live from Moscow to 300 cinema screens around the world as part of a tie-up with French movie house giant Gaumont-Pathe, the firm said on Friday.

The shows will be broadcast over a six-month period starting 19 December on cinema screens in 12 countries including the United States, Britain, Germany and France, under a partnership with Gaumont’s subsidiary Cilex.

Police: SC woman puts gun on grave to clear spirit

Some people lay flowers or notes at gravesites. A woman in South Carolina left a handgun.

Police in the northwestern county of Spartanburg say a 28-year-old woman who hadn’t been feeling well consulted a spiritual adviser, who told her she needed to return something that was given to her to cleanse her soul.

So the woman left a 45-caliber handgun in a box at a man’s grave at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens. She told police the man had given her the weapon about 12 years ago and she hoped by returning it that she would feel better. After police discovered the gun, the woman told them she wanted it destroyed. Police are storing the gun at the sheriff’s office. No charges have been filed.

Indian elephant gets root canal for tusk ache

A three-member team of dentists helped by a veterinary surgeon carried out the two-and-a-half-hour operation on the male pachyderm which developed a cavity in one of its tusks, they said.

The operation took place in early November after the owner of the pet elephant brought the animal for an examination of the infection that had damaged the tusk.

“We decided to use the traditional root canal process as a remedy,” dentist Sunil Kamar told AFP in state capital Thiruvananthapuram.

He said the elephant was the perfect patient as dentists drilled and pumped resin into the huge cavity in the chipped tusk.

Indians dentists and a veterinary surgeon pose next to Desidasa, a 27-year-old bull elephant, after they successfully repaired the elephant’s tusk in the first operation of its kind in the southern Indian state of Kerala. The innovative operation was conducted on November 1 by filling the 50cm (19.6in) long, 4cm (1.5in) deep crack with special resin.

Swedish music enthusiast and CEO of Stockholm’s Pause home entertainment store Fredrik Hjelmqvist swallows A mini FM player with speakers enclosed in a capsule in Stockholm. Hjelmqvist swallowed a micro audio system to transform himself in to what he describes as “The Human Jukebox”.

The music was heard by using a stethoscope connected to an amplifier. After about three hours, however, the muted strains of Gloria Gaynor’s “I Will Survive” and the Village People’s “YMCA” faded and could no longer be heard. “The operation shouldn’t in any case last beyond this weekend, for natural reasons,” Hjelmqvist added.

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Korean film director Tran Anh Hung answers reporters questions during a interview with The Associated Press in Tokyo, Friday, 26 Nov, 2010. (AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye)

Vietnamese film director Tran Anh Hung answers reporters questions during a interview with The Associated Press in Tokyo, Friday, 26 Nov, 2010. (AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye)
Aston Villa 2 - 4 Arsenal

LONDON, 27 Nov — Arsenal held off a spirited Aston Villa comeback to earn a victory which puts them top of the Premier League.

Andrey Arshavin cut in from the left to fire in a shot and Samir Nasri volleyed home to put the Gunners 2-0 up. Ciaran Clark gave Villa hope with an 18-yard strike but Marouane Chamakh’s poked shot for the visitors appeared to quell the home side’s efforts. But Clark nodded in to set up a tense finale before Jack Wilshere headed in late on to secure Arsenal’s win.

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Asian Games medal standings on 26 Nov, 2010
GUANGZHOU, 26 Nov — Following are the medal standings on the Asian Games on 26 Nov, 2010:

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Barberov, United thrash Blackburn; Men City hand to draw

London, 27 Nov — Dimitar Berbatov’s five-goal burst enabled Manchester United to claim the provisional Premier League lead with a 7-1 demolition of Blackburn on Saturday, while Arsenal’s title charge was reignited with a 4-2 win at Aston Villa.

Berbatov took just two minutes to score his first goal since September. While Nani and Park Ji-sung also found the net against Blackburn, Wayne Rooney couldn’t find his first goal from open play since March.

David (Junior) Hoilett of Brampton, Ont., came on as a substitute for Blackburn in the 28th minute. Arsenal climbed up to second to two points behind United after withstanding a second-half Villa fightback to end a two-match losing streak in all competitions.

But champion Chelsea can return to the top Sunday by beating Newcastle.

Manchester City staged fourth despite being held 1-1 at Stoke.—Internet

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Myanmar wraps two golds in Asiad Sepak Takraw
GUANGZHOU, 27 Nov — Myanmar has wrapped two gold medals in Sepak Takraw at the Guangzhou Asian Games on Saturday.

They beat Korea and China in the finals of Men’s and Women’s Double respectively.

In Women’s Double final, Kyu Kyu Thin and Phyu Phyu Than outplayed the Chinese team Sun Xiaodan and Wang Xiaohua 2-1 to win the gold medal. Losing the opener 15-21, the Chinese were so close to their first Asiad Sepak Takraw gold medal by winning the second set 21-14, but they lost the decider 16-17.

China has also won one silver in Women’s Team and two bronze medals in Men’s Regu and Women’s Regu.

Thailand showed its dominance of the sports by wrapping four of the six gold medals at Guangzhou.

Sepak Takraw, or “kicking woven ball”, is played primarily in Thailand and Malaysia. It is like Volleyball, but with a no-hands rule. The sport made the debut at the Beijing Games in 1990 and the Women’s competition was added at Bangkok in 1998.—Xinhua

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE

ACROSS
7 Heaviness
8 For some time
10 Increase
11 Darkness
12 Level
13 Traded
17 Positive pole
18 Heath
22 Banter
23 Jumpy
24 Small wave
25 Scanty

DOWN
1 Heavy jersey
2 Curly lock
3 Impudence
4 Sparkle
5 Drab
6 Trivial
9 Servant
14 Jointed bit
15 Hues
16 Kitchen sideboard
19 Muffler
20 Pleased
21 Underground chapel
WEATHER
Saturday, 27th November, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and Upper Sagraing Region, partly cloudy over Chin and Shan States, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State and Bago Region and (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagraing Region (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin State, Mandalay and Yangon Regions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (5°C), Pylaung (6°C) and Mindat (7°C). The Noteworthy amount of rainfall was Machanbaw (0.08) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 26-11-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 27-11-2010 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-11-2010 was (68%).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 26-11-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 27-11-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-11-2010 was (77%).

Total sunshine hours on 26-11-2010 was (8.7) hours.

Rainfall on 27-11-2010 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 (7) mph from Northeast at (9:30) hours MST on 26-11-2010.

Bay Influence: Weather is partly cloudy over the West-central Bay and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 28th November 2010: Except for Likelihood of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Regions, weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Regions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

5.4 magnitude quake hits S Iran

TEHERAN, 27 Nov— An earthquake of 5.4 magnitude hit Iran’s southern city of Firooz Abad in Fars province on Friday, the Iranian Seismological Centre (ISC) said on website, however, there were no reports of casualties as of now. The earthquake, occurring at 16:03 pm local time (1233 GMT) and at a depth of only 17 km, was 28.4 degrees North and 58.65 degrees East. Some Iranian officials have sometimes caused huge damage in some regions due to the poor construction. Some Iranian officials have suggested to move the capital from Teheran to some other places. The idea of shifting the capital away from Teheran is not something new, and related preliminary planning was done in the late 1980s and again in the early 1990s.—Xinhua
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
We favour peace and stability
We favour development
We oppose unrest and violence
Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Model paddy fields harvested in Pathein District

Pathein, 26 Nov—Head U Thein Kyaw of Pathein District Settlement and Land Records Department under the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry attended the ceremony to harvest the model paddy fields to measure per-acre yield in Pathein, Yekyi, Kyaunggon and Kangyidaunt townships from 12 to 18 November.

The model monsoon paddy fields are designed to boost per-acre yield of the crop.

The per acre yield of Shwethwelay strain paddy field of U Po Khaing Gyi of Madawtkon Village-tract in Pathein Township was 82.17 baskets; that of Hsinthukha strain paddy field of U Kan Thein of Kaingngu Village-tract in Yekyi Township, 84.41 baskets; that of Manawthukha strain paddy field of U Huay Do of Thaunggyi Village-tract in Kyonpyaw Township, 70.80 baskets; that of Manawthukha strain paddy field of U Hla Win of Thitseintkon Village-tract in Kyaunggon Township, 77.48 baskets; and that of Thehetatmyin strain paddy field of U Aung Kyaw Min of Takongyi Village-tract in Kangyidaunt Township, 86.96 baskets.

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continues

Nav Pyi Taw, 27 Nov—The first round of the 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued at the designated zones this afternoon.

The Camp Commandant’s Office team of the Ministry of Defence blanked out No. 11 LID team in Eastern Command Zone (Taunggyi); Western Command (B) team edged out North-West Command team in South-West Command Zone (Pathein); Southern Command team hammered South-East Command (C) team 12-1 in North-West Command Zone (Monywa); Yangon Command team threshed No. 22 LID team in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo); Eastern Command (A) team routed Nay Pyi Taw Command (B) team 9-0 in Yangon Command Zone (Yangon); Defence Services (Navy) demolished Coastal Region Command (B) team 15-0 in Central Command Zone (Mandalay).

Publications donated to libraries

Yangon, 26 Nov—A ceremony to donate publications by Myanmar Medical Association to self-reliant libraries being implemented by the Ministry of Information was held at the hall of MMA here at 15 November morning.

Chairman of MMA Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing presented 7,727 Carana Magazines published by Carana Company and 339 MMA Annual Magazines.

Director (Production) of Information and Publish Relations Department under the Ministry of Information U Aye Kywe accepted the donations and expressed thanks. The publications donated today by MMA valued at K 14,949,900.