Stands of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) to be extended to an international standard stadium

Secretary-1 inspects football stadium extending project of YTC (Thuwunna), 550-bed Children’s Hospital construction project

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspected preparations for the football stadium extending project of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, this morning.

At 8 am, the Secretary-1 arrived at the centre, where he was welcomed by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Thaung, Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials.

First, the Secretary-1 viewed conditions of the eastern, southern and northern stands including the grand stand of the YTC and lay-out of the football ground.

At the briefing hall, the President of MFF reported that the YTC (Thuwunna) is located in Thingangyun Township, six miles from downtown Yangon. The YTC has an area of 31 acres and its stadium area, 21 acres. The YTC was built in 1987 under the Myanmar-Japan friendship programme and it can accommodate 20,000 spectators. Next, he gave an account of the plans to extend the stands in conformity with the existing stadium, arrangements for extending the seats and roof of the eastern stand and seats of southern and northern stands, extension of exist and entrance gates, tracks, masts, score board and stands.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that two stadiums are being built in Nay Pyi Taw, meeting the international standards to be able to raise the national sports standard and host the South-East Asian Games and the Asian Games. A plan is under way to implement the National Sports Park Project (Mandalay) in Mandalay for an international standard stadium and various sports events, he added.

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Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Second round robin matches of the 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued here today. At Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung sports ground in the morning.

UMFCCI, Thai delegation spotlight business prospects

YANGON, 23 Dec—Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and CEC members met a Thai delegation led by Chairman Mr. Kawi Prakenree of Slam Seder International Company Limited at the office of the federation here yesterday.

They held discussions on ongoing businesses in Myanmar, prospects for cooperation in investment and agro-businesses and for economic development thanks to Dawei and Kyaukpyu deep sea ports and boosting border trade and normal trade between the two countries.

UMFCCI's funds.

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KMD Christmas Road Show on 25 Dec

YANGON, 23 Dec—KMD Sales & Service Centre will organize Christmas Special Sales Road Show at every KMD Sales & Service Centre in Yangon on 25 December (Christmas Day only). At the show, a wide variety of notebook brands, desktop computers, Lenovo branded desktop are available at special prices. Printer, scanner and UPS will be sold at a 60 percent discount.

As a special programme, those who bought a computer will get a chance to buy a Pen Drive for K3,000. It also includes lucky draw programme for the customers who bought the materials worth more than K100,000.

KMD Education Centre will accept enrolments for the courses at a 30 percent discount. For more information, contact KMD Sales & Service Centre: (Pansodan branch) (ph-385177, 245180); Maha Bandoola Park Street (branch) (09-8301037, 09-49224750); and Myeikong branch (ph-502244 and 503511).

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Energy Minister meets ROK guests

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi received a delegation led by Vice-Minister Mr Park Young-June of Ministry of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea and party at the ministry here this morning.

At the call, they held comprehensive discussions on energy sector between the two countries.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 24 December, 2010

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Coffee project areas were designated in PyinOoLwin, Nawngkhiyo, Wanggan and Yaksawk townships. As local growers have much experience in cultivation of coffee for many years, they can do growing of coffee on a commercial scale. As such, they are making utmost efforts for extending coffee cultivation on vacant and virgin lands.

Out of over 10,000 acres of coffee in Shan State (North), the most of sown acreage can be seen in Nawngkhiyo Township. The ministries concerned have reclaimed over 100,000 acres of cultivable lands in PyinOoLwin and Nawngkhiyo townships in order to extend cultivation of coffee.

Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise is rendering coffee cultivation and production technology to the local growers. The enterprise is encouraging establishment of coffee farms, sales of coffee saplings and marketable production of coffee fruits. Coffee Project and sales of coffee saplings and marketable coffee to the market.

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Tube well opened in Thayawady Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—As a gesture of honouring the 53rd Anniversary Independence Day, the opening of two-inch diameter tube well was held at Mayam Inn village, Thayawady, Bago Region (West) yesterday. Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee Assistant Director U Aung Aung Phyoo and senior engineer U Thein Zaw formally opened the tube well. The task was carried out at a cost of K2.21 million with the contribution of Thayawady Township DAC’s funds.

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Suicide bomber kills one policeman in northern Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 23 Dec—A suicide bomber blew himself up near a police checkpoint in Kunduz City, capital of Afghanistan’s northern Kunduz Province, on Thursday morning, killing a policeman and injuring four civilians, deputy to provincial police chief said.

“A suicide bomber targeted police checkpoint at around 08:00 am local time (GMT 0430), killing a policeman and injuring four civilians,” Abdul Rahman Haqtash told Xinhua.

He said the blast damaged several shops in Chok-e-Kunduz area where the explosion occurred. The bomber was also killed in the blast, he said.

He blamed the Taleban militants for the attack but the group has yet to make comments.

Taleban claimed responsibility for suicide attacks on the army recruitment centre in Kunduz city on Sunday, which left nine people dead including two bombers and injured 14 others.

Kunduz, relatively quiet until early this year, has been suffering from increasing Taleban-led militancy. Xinhua

Iraqi soldier killed, four people wounded in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 23 Dec—An Iraqi soldier was killed and four people were wounded in gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Gunmen opened fire on Iraqi soldiers at a checkpoint at the entrance of a military base in Alawi District in central Baghdad, killing a soldier and wounding three others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a sticky bomb attached to the car of an employee at the ministry of health, detonated in Baghdad’s southern district of Doura, critically wounding him, the source said.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years. Xinhua

Iran threatens to cut ties with Britain

TEHERAN, 23 Dec—An Iranian senior lawmaker said Wednesday that Iran’s parliament will decide on the diplomatic relations with Britain next week if the British government does not formally apologize over the ambassador’s remarks, the local satellite Press TV reported.

In the recent remarks posted on the website of the British embassy in Teheran to mark the International Human Rights Day, British ambassador to Iran Simon Gass said he is critical of the human rights situation in Iran.

“The recent opinions expressed by British officials show that they have not changed (their conducts and) still are insisting on their past mistakes and even interfere in Iran’s internal affairs,” lawmaker Mohsen Kouhkan was quoted as saying.

“The parliament will rethink its decision (to cut relations) if the British government makes a formal apology and promises not to make such interfering remarks,” Kouhkan added. The National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of Iran’s parliament decided on Sunday to “cut relations completely” with Britain, but the decision needs to be passed by the parliament.

Iran arrests four “terrorists” in northwest

TEHERAN, 23 Dec—General and Revolution Prosecutor of Iran’s northwestern city of Mahabad said the security police arrested four alleged “terrorists” in the city of Mahabad, the official IRNA news agency reported on Thursday.

Samad Hazrati told IRNA on Wednesday that the arrested people intended to conduct bombing and terrorist operations in Mahabad in the religious mourning ceremonies of Moharram in the past days.

“All of the arrested people were the members of the same family,” three of them were arrested in Mahabad City and another one was arrested on his way to escape to Bookan, Hazrati was quoted as saying.

From the one who wanted to escape to another northwestern city of Bookan, four automatic guns were seized, he told IRNA without elaborating on the identity of the detainees and the time of arrest.

Iranian police men carry a wrapped body of a policeman, who was killed by a suicide attack in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 Dec, 2010. Three civilians were also wounded in the blast. The bombing is the second suicide attack in less than a week in Kunduz City. Xinhua

Afghan and international security personnel inspect the site of a blast in Kunduz recently. A roadside bomb attack blamed on Taleban militants killed 15 civilians, including children, in southern Afghanistan and a car bomb wounded six people, officials said. Internet

Blasts at Swiss, Chile embassy in Rome, two injured

ROME, 23 Dec—Rome’s police chief says all embassies have been informed about a pair of package bombs that exploded at the Swiss and Chilean embassies, injuring two people who opened them.

Chief Francesco Tagliente said a suspicious package found at the Ukrainian embassy turned out to be a false alarm. He spoke to reporters as he arrived Thursday at the Chilean embassy, where witnesses say an explosion was heard shortly after 3 pm. One person was injured.

Three hours earlier, a package bomb exploded inside an office in the Swiss Embassy, wounding the staffer who opened it. He was taken to the hospital with serious hand injuries but his life is not in danger, the Swiss ambassador Bernardino Regazzoni said. Internet
Neanderthal family found cannibalised in cave in Spain

Although the highly fragmented bones of six adults and six children were found in a cave, it is thought they probably lived and died on the surface before the ground collapsed beneath them naturally after their death. Their end was a bloody one, with distinct markings on the bones showing they fell victim to cannibalism. “They all show signs of cannibalism. They have cut marks on many bones including skulls and mandibles,” said Professor Carles Lalueza-Fox of Barcelona’s Institute of Evolutionary Biology, who lead the research.

“The long bones have been fragmented to obtain the marrow so all the signs of cannibalism that have been described in other Neanderthal sites are present in all these individuals.” The claim that the group were a family comes from analysis of their mitochondrial DNA, genetic material found within animal cells that is passed down the female line. The genetic data suggested that while the three adult males in the group shared the same maternal lineage, the three adult females had different maternal origins.

Proof, say the researchers, that at least in this Neanderthal family, the women came from outside the group, while the men remained within the family group on reaching maturity. This model of what is called “patrilocality” is often seen among modern humans, says Professor Lalueza-Fox, with men remaining in the family home in many societies across the world. — Internet

UK telescope array yields first images

MANCHESTER, 23 Dec — An array of radio telescopes in Britain has captured images of a galaxy pouring out a huge jet of matter from the black hole at its centre, researchers say.

The first images from the new e-Merlin array of linked telescopes show a distant quasar 9 billion light years from Earth. SPACE.com reported on Wednesday.

Quasars, energy-swinging supermassive black holes at the center of galaxies, are among the brightest objects in the universe.

The e-Merlin images were of an object dubbed the “Double Quasar” because its light gets bent around another galaxy closer to Earth by the curvature of space, resulting in a “gravitational lens” that produces multiple, magnified images of the same quasar, scientists said.—Internet

Skype apologises for losing half of daily call traffic

On Skype’s Twitter account, the company said their “engineers and site operations team are working non-stop to get things back to normal”. The news blog ReadWriteWeb said they have monitored complaints from users who reported that they are unable to log into the service and that the programme is crashing across all platforms, whether on their mobile device or PC.

Mr Bates did not rule in or rule out the possibility of a malicious attack and said “all avenues” were being explored. He estimated that as a result of the outage, Skype has lost around 10 million calls. Mr Bates told the BBC that normal call volume for the time of day would be 20m. Om Malik, an industry commentator and editor of the Gigaom.com website, is not impressed.

Have cell phones killed the landline telephone?

NEW YORK, 23 Dec—Need further proof that cell phones have finally taken landlines in communication’s version of survival of the fittest? A new study from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that young people lead the way in the communication revolution.

51% of 25-29-year-olds live in accommodations where wireless phones are the only mode of telephonic communication while people in their 20’s with young children continue the habit of using cell phones when they make a home together, are the primary findings of the study. The CDC study shows us that, overall, 27% of households in the US depend solely on cell phones.

“It’s a sign that wireless-only is no longer strictly tied to a lifestyle of being young and restless,” said Stephen Blumberg, a senior scientist at CDC and an author of the survey.

With the daily incorporation of the cell phone into daily lives, mobile communication is likely to over-take the landline as America’s primary mode of communication, especially as this generation of 25-29 year olds age. However, the study does not suggest that landline telephones will be completely phased out.
Some suffer hip replacement angst

A researcher removes a colony of stem cells from an incubator. Leukemia patients with more genes associated with cancer stem cells have a “significantly poorer prognosis,” according to findings published Tuesday.

INTERNET

ABBOTT recalls millions of diabetes testing strips

WASHINGTON, DC—The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday that Abbott Laboratories is recalling up to 359 million testing strips used by diabetics because they can give falsely low blood sugar readings.

The testing strips are used to help diabetics check their blood sugar levels. But the FDA says the products being recalled by Abbott do not improve or have actually deteriorated one year after the operation. Rolfson says.

“Doing the right thing, doing the thing right and doing it at the right time is the major challenge facing orthopaedics in the future,” Rolfson says.

A woman smokes a cigarette in a bar in Aranjuez, near Madrid. Spanish smokers will be able to light up in bars and restaurants for the final time during the holiday period after lawmakers on Tuesday approved a ban starting on 2 January.

INTERNET

China says willing to help euro zone return to economic health

BEIJING, 23 Dec—China is willing to help countries in the euro zone return to economic health and will support the International Monetary Fund bailout package for the bloc, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said on Thursday.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu also told a regular news conference in Beijing that the eurozone is one of the important areas for China’s foreign exchange investments, following a report that Beijing could offer more “concerted action” to support European financial stabilization, the Financial Times said on Wednesday, citing unnamed senior European officials after talks with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan. Separately, a Portuguese newspaper reported on Wednesday that China is ready to buy 4.5 billion euros of Portuguese sovereign debt to help the country ward off pressure in debt markets.

INTERNET

Samsung eyes $43 billion in 2020 sales from new areas

SEOUL, 23 Dec—South Korea’s Samsung Group targets 50 trillion won ($43.3 billion) in sales in 2020 from new growth businesses, the chief executive of its core unit Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS) said on Thursday.

Samsung, South Korea’s No1 business conglomerate with nearly 70 affiliates, is expanding into solar cells, new displays, healthcare and medical equipment with investments of 23 trillion won by 2020.

It is set to report record sales of 154 trillion won this year, having earned 112.8 trillion won in the first nine months of 2010, according to analysts. —Reuters

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An employee of Australian mining giant Rio Tinto walks past a sign at the firm’s Shanghai offices on 11 February, 2010. Rio Tinto made a 3.9 billion US dollar offer for Australia’s Riversdale on Thursday, sparking speculation of a bidding war for its African steel-making coal with Indian and other rivals.

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**Beijing’s tallest building to top 500 metres**

BEIJING, 23 Dec — A 500-metre-tall building is expected to be built in Beijing’s Central Business District, making itself the highest in the Chinese Capital, China Daily reported Thursday.

The 122-floor skyscraper will stand on an 11,478-square-metre site that sold at auction for 6.3 billion yuan (948.15 million US dollars) on 21 Dec, the newspaper cited the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Land and Resource as saying.

The land where the building will stand is located on Guanghua Road in Chaoyang District, right at the heart of the CBD.

The completed building will offer 350,000 sq m of space. The bureau said the planning department called for such a skyscraper in its design plan for the area.

At the moment, the city’s tallest building is China World Trade Centre Tower 3, which is 330 metres tall.

**Two firefighters dead, 14 injured in Chicago building collapse**

CHICAGO, 23 Dec — Two firefighters died on Wednesday after a building that was on fire collapsed in the south of Chicago, and fourteen other firefighters were injured, The Chicago Tribune reported on Wednesday.

The fire broke out in the morning at an abandoned one-story brick building in South Chicago, and a dozen or fewer firefighters were in the building when the roof above them collapsed, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman was quoted as saying.

Fire officials said that 10 injured firefighters were stable and six others were taken to hospitals in serious to critical condition, including the two who later died.

Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff said the search was still under way, with dozens of firefighters digging through the rubble.

**Singapore to showcase latest media technology for education**

SINGAPORE, 23 Dec — The Media Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) said on Thursday it will be leading a delegation to the British Educational and Training Technology Show (BETT) in January next year in London.

The Singapore delegation will showcase how digital media technologies have improved the learning experience in Singapore’s education and learning sector. Singapore will also host two seminars to show how technology has made a difference to education and learning, namely “Use of Media in Learning: Singapore Experience” and “Use of Games in Learning.”

The first seminar will touch on how teachers have used and benefited from media technologies developed by Singapore companies in their teachings, while the second one is about the creation of a virtual world/role-playing experience of distant 14th century Singapore.

Thomas Lim, Senior Director of Interactive Media and Games from the MDA said, “We see a huge potential for digital media in the education and learning sector and believe media can act as a catalyst to enable learning in a more interactive and engaging manner.”

**Pilots killed as army trainer plane crashes in SW Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 23 Dec — Two pilots were killed on Wednesday as an army trainer plane crashed in the hill area of southwest Pakistan’s Balochistan Province, army sources said.

The small aircraft came down near Muslimbagh during routine training mission, according to the Inter Services Public Relations.

The Mashaq aircraft crashed due to technical problems, it said.

The army has ordered inquiry into the crash.

**Brazillian consumers’ confidence up 8.9% in 2010**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Dec — Although Brazil’s Consumer Confidence Index (ICI) fell to 122.5 points in December, down 2.07 percent from November, the ICC accumulated a rise of 8.98 percent in 2010, according to a study released Wednesday. The ICC is formed by the Present Situation Index (ISA), which measures the consumers’ confidence in the country’s current economic situation, and the Expectations Index (IE), which measures consumers’ perspectives for the next six months.

The ISA totaled 146.8 points in December, down 0.4 percent from November. From January to December, the ISA accumulated a rise of 21.9 percent. The IE fell 3.4 percent in December to 109.5 points, but accumulated a rise of 1.4 percent in 2010.

According to the study by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), 28.8 percent of Brazilians are content with their families’ economic situation, while 11.9 percent consider their situation bad. A total of 29.6 percent of consumers have positive expectations about the upcoming months, while 15.6 percent expect the economic scenario to worsen in the near future.

**A copy of TIME magazine featuring Mark Zuckerberg on the cover is put on the shelf in a bookstore in New York, the United States, on 21 Dec, 2010. In the most anticipated issue of the year, on sale on 17 Dec and available now on TIME.com, TIME names Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg the 2010 TIME Person of the Year.**

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**In this photo taken on Monday, 29 Nov, 2010 and released by the Imperial Household Agency of Japan, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko stand together by Sokointei arbor during their stroll at Fukiage Garden in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Akihito celebrates his 77th birthday on 23 Dec, 2010.**
As a young man, I liked reading left-wing books. While undergoing military training in Japan, I happened to read several right-wing books. So, I was no longer under extremism when I had arrived back in Myanmar.

I studied military engineering for about five years in India. Then, I learnt that Hinduism and Islam were contemporary with each other in the history of India; and a religious faith in India is a combination of strong points from Hinduism and Islam.

In 1973, I attended a political course in Chawdwingon. With the permission of course instructors, I, as a writer, gave political talks. After my talks, course instructors came to the barric I was staying for some talks. At that time, I foretold that capitalism and Communism would never be dated; and that there might emerge governments that practising a combined policy of strong points of left-wing and right-wing.

In 1980, Deng Shao Feng ruled China with a combined policy, and then the country achieved economic development by leaps and bounds, and it was in a position to become a world first-class country. The country saw a rich middle class as a result of exercising strong points about administration from left-wing and freedom of trade according to right-wing.

Middle class people prefer rights for the majority to individual rights. They are in favour of a policy that some points are to be under control and some points are no longer restrictive. Today, China is enjoying economic growth, exercising programmes designed to serve national interests rather than imported political policies.

In 1991, the Soviet empire collapsed, and then Russians began to practise capitalist democracy in place of Communism. Previously, the USSR said that it would use nuclear weapons to defend itself and its allies. But, later, to the liking of democrats, it claimed that it would not use nuclear weapons first. However, the country was deteriorating and suffered economic downturn due to the fact that it exercised democracy immediately without infrastructures and policies essential for democratization.

It was hopeful of receiving aid from other democracies because its overall deterioration was due to its democratization processes. Nonetheless, it did not get foreign aid as much as it expected. More than that, the super power was treated as a country just superior to one of the Third World. A factor democracies did not notice was that their ignorance of deterioration of the Russian Federation to go from bad to worse aroused patriotism of Russians. The country became a rival from a democracy ally due to the strong sense of patriotism of its people.

When President Vladimir Putin was in office, he made political reform. He nullified the country’s pledge that it would not use nuclear weapons first, and said that the country would have to use nuclear weapons if necessary for defending itself and its allies. Then, the country resumed test fire of intercontinental ballistic missiles to roar out a challenge. Like China, the Russian Federation started to practise the combined policy of putting only some factors under control and no longer restricting some factors, thus enjoying rapid economic development and seeing many billionaires in it.

They put in the fore common freedom and rights rather than individual freedom and rights. At a time when they were under the rule of the compatriot, Russians threw themselves into the businesses, which were previously under the government’s restrictions, accepting some restrictions imposed by the government. So, many Russians have become rich. According to the estimate by democrats, 78% of Russians are in support of whatever Putin does.

It has been accepted from the dawn of democracy to date that middle class people are the fortress of democratic social status, a secret tool of democracy, those safeguarding values of social relations, those who alleviate political extreme, those who help the people believe ruling a country in line with the law, reviewing things with consideration, a driving force behind economic development, and those who innovate services and tools.

In left-wing materialism, nature of humans was not taken into account, thus culminating in collapse of left-wing policy. When it was guaranteed that it was already the age of workers and there had been food security of all, the majority shrank from responsibilities and became self-centre. In consequence, it was followed by a sharp fall in productivity and downfall of left-wing.

Capitalists did not take nature of humans into account, but they narrowly escaped from economic crisis. Banks made bank loans to people wishing to build houses, irrespective of occupation. However, unemployed people could not pay off the loans. To make things worse, employed people did not repay the loans, either. Therefore, banking system suffered huge losses, and those countries were on the verge of economic crisis. By good fortune, they made economic recovery thanks to the in-time assistance rendered by governments.

Today, the economy of medium people is in decline in capitalist countries. Economists forecast that middle classes in emerging economies such as China, Russia, Brazil, Turkey, India, Indonesia and other developing countries will contribute towards economic development of the world; and with economic growth, like democracy medium people in the West, they will work for democratization and safeguard democracy and improve capitalism. And time and economic development will change the opinions and concepts of middle classes in the countries with the combined policy of strong points of left-wing and right-wing.

Yet, not their every estimate has come true. The people of any non-alien minority are satisfied with the fact that they are under the rule of the government composed of compatriots. They do not accept any advice and suggestions by aliens. Whether or not the ruler of their country is a dictator or an elected government, they accept and are satisfied with the work of the dictator or government to ensure national development.

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The Secretary-1 said that the stands of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) are to be extended to an international standard stadium. As the stadiums are public areas where tens of thousands of spectators can gather at the same time, it is necessary to extend the stands for safety and convenient seats for spectators, construct better entrance and exit ways, car parking, recreation halls, canteens and wider pavements including the vast areas for the spectators who flow out from the stadium, he said.

At 11.45 am, the Secretary-1 arrived at the 550-bed Children’s Hospital construction project on Kanbe Road in Yankin Township and viewed progress of medical wards, operation theatres, private rooms, lecture halls, recreation rooms for doctors and nurses, quarters for doctors and nurses. Chairman of Ayeyawady Bank U Zaw Zaw reported on progress of construction tasks. At the project hall, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe reported on location and area of the hospital, formation of emergency units, medical wards and private rooms at building No. 1, 2 and 3 of the hospital and supply of water and electricity.

The Secretary-1 said that the former building of the Ministry of Health located in front of the existing Children’s Hospital is being renovated as a Children’s Hospital. Likewise, a 550-bed Children’s Hospital is under construction in Mandalay. He stressed the need to build the hospitals in conformity with requirements of medical treatments.

The 550-bed Children’s Hospital will have three buildings. The No. 1 building will have 124,100 square feet of area, the No. 2 building 75,120 square feet of area and the No. 3 building 5,252 square feet of area. They will have medical wards, teaching wards, halls and private rooms including intensive care units. The renovating Children’s Hospital is former building of the Ministry of Mines. The Chairman of Ayeyawady Bank sponsors renovation of the building as the 550-bed Children’s Hospital inclusive of hospital equipment. So far, construction of the hospital has completed by over 90 per cent.

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New model village, station hospital, road section, bridges opened in Kachin State

Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and ministers view progress of Ayeyawady River crossing bridge.—MNA

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sector in Myanmar. After that, cornerstones were laid down for construction of the training school on 11-9-2001 and the first training course was opened on 27-1-2003. So far, the training school had conducted 35 times of training courses including this course No. 5/2010 and turned out 1040 trainees.

After the opening ceremony, the commander visited the model village. Afterwards, they formally opened the 16-bed hospital.

The commander and ministers also attended the ceremony to commission the concrete road in service. Myitkyina-Myitson road section and bridges on the road into service.

After the ceremony, they went to the Ayeyawady River crossing bridge construction site in Myitkyina and assisted in the construction works. During his inspection tour of Myitson Hydropower project, Minister U Zaw Min assisted in works of the project after hearing reports.—MNA

Samsung launches Bye Bye 2010 promotion

YANGON, 23 Dec—AA Electronic Ltd will launch the Bye Bye 2010 sales promotion of Samsung, Star and Fuji electrocits at 50% off from 15 to 31 December.

Depending on the amount of purchase, customers can get K 300 to K 300,000 or gifts.

The 46-inch full HD 3D LED TV will be installed with 3D Blu-ray player, 3D Blu-ray disc and 3D glass.

Samsung brand LED, LCD, Plasma, Slim TV, refrigerator, washing machines and air-conditioner are available at Samsung Showrooms and outlets of its agents.

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Ever fresh with victory

* When the sea is rough
  Vigorous we are.
  And perseverance added

* When there is storm
  Storm and courageous we are
  In our ability we believe
  Braving high winds
  Advancing with determination.

* When there is downpour
  Never afraid to face
  Endurance we have to conquer
  Ever with victory we are

* Thunderstorm we face
  Battling against tempest
  Braving all we, the Navy
  Glory we win with strength
  Ever at sea
  Defending Myanmar waters.

* O ...
  The Navy
  Time goes by
  Seasons have changed
  Ever fresh and vigour
  Reinforcements in quality and quantity
  Coming out like buds
  As fresh replacements
  An invigorating institution
  Always fresh and victorious
  Continuous it will be for years
  Ever we are dutiful
  For the safety of our cherished waters
  Ever with glory.
  History is written.
  Always fresh with strength
  The Navy we salute.

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)
Honouring the Anniversary of Defence Services (Navy) which falls on 24th December

Translation: TTA

Kyemon: 22-12-2010

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The new model village, a 16-bed station hospital and a concrete road and bridges in Kachin State were opened on 21 December. Aungmyinta model village located near Tanpho Village in Myitkyina Township was opened in the presence of Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw.

Visitors view electronic equipment at the booth of Samsung on Bye Bye 2010 Promotion of A A Electronic Ltd. —MNA
Industry-1 Ministry holds 2nd Men’s and Women’s Mini-marathon Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung enjoyed the participation of staff members in the Second Men’s and Women’s Mini-marathon Contest-2010 of the Industry-1 Ministry, here, today.

At the prize presentation ceremony, the minister and officials awarded winners.

A total of 50 men and 33 women joined the contest.

As 2010 December Sports Activity, staff also merrily took part in volleyball, Sepak Takraw and other traditional games.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung awards first prize winner in Mini-marathon Contest of Ministry of Industry-1. INDUSTRY-1

Commander’s Shield Volleyball Tournament opens

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—The opening of Coastal Region Commander’s Shield Volleyball Tournament was held at the hall of the Command headquarters on 20 December, attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Brig-Gen Khin Maung Htay and senior military officers, departmental officials, servicemen and contestants.

The commander made a speech and watched the opener.

Next, the commander addressed opening of advanced tailoring course and basic domestic course at Women’s Vocational Training School. The commander greeted trainees and fulfilled the requirements.

Then, the commander inspected traffic rules enforcement measures being taken by officials on Airport Road in Myekin.

The commander also oversaw roadwork at Kyweku village.

MNA

4th Myanmar, S Korea meeting on energy and natural resources cooperation held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—Fourth meeting on cooperation in energy and natural resources between Myanmar and Republic of Korea took place at Ministry of Energy here today.

Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, officials from Energy Ministry, Mines Ministry and Electric Power No. 2 Ministry, and South Korean Vice-Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Park Young-June and party were present on the occasion.

The deputy ministers of both countries made opening speeches.

Both sides touched upon cooperation in development of Block Nos A-1 and A-3, technology development in petroleum and natural gas firms, exploring natural resources, smelting minerals and supplying electricity, and conducting work efficiency course for staff and more participation in Myanmar’s energy projects.

The meeting ended with words of thanks by the two deputy ministers.

MNA

Chinese media delegation arrives Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—A Chinese media delegation arrived in Yangon on 19 December by air and visited Yangon.

The delegation comprises media personnel led by Director Mr. Zhan Jianwen of the information office of the government of the Yunnan Province of the People’s Republic of China and media personnel led by Ms. Ning Li, Deputy Director of the Yunnan Province TV.

The delegation visited Myanmar Radio and Television in Yangon the next day and went to Ngapali Beach in the afternoon.

They arrived back Yangon on 22 December and visited Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division in Bahan Township. During the visit to the division, they met officials of the division and Myanmar journalists.

They arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 December by car. They held talks with Director-General of the Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Acting Managing Director of the Publishing and Printing Enterprise U Ye Tint and Head of Office of the Ministry of Information U Myint Hwe at the Ministry of Information at 3 pm. At the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed matters related to bilateral information and TV broadcasting services. The Chinese delegation also met officials of the Ministry of Commerce in the evening.

The meeting ended with words of thanks by the two deputy ministers.

MNA

One dead, one injured in boat accident

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—The Myanmar-Myanmar Bala Kyaw Thu vessel driven by U Win Myint hit its bow on the river bank near Shwlarokyun Village in Kathwin Village-tract of Pantanaw Township at 3.50 am yesterday. In the incident, U Kyaw Than, 42, of Wakema who was on the front part of the vessel was dead of land slide and Ma Thin Thin Maw of Wakema sustained minor injuries. The bow of vessel was dented. From there, the vessel arrived at Maubin jetty at around 8 am. Pantanaw Police Station is taking action against U Win Myint.

MNA
Small plane crash kills one in Chicago

CHICAGO, 23 Dec—A small single-engine plane on Wednesday crashed near Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling, a village in the northwest of Chicago, killing one person, Chicago Tribune reported on Wednesday, quoting authorities.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said the plane took off from the airport but about a half-mile into the flight, the pilot reported a “rough-running engine” and tried to return to the airport.

There were two people aboard the plane when it crashed later crashed into a nearby parking lot, according to the report. One person was killed and the other was injured.

Records indicate the plane is Beech four-seat model B19 registered in California.

Three killed, 21 poisoned in chemical plant accident

ZHONGING, 23 Dec—At least three people were killed and 21 others poisoned in a chemical plant supposedly by toxic gas in northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region Thursday, local authorities said.

Many people showed symptoms of being poisoned by unconfirmed toxic gas in Tianyuans Manganie Corp in Zhongning County of Zhongwei City at about 4:00 am Thursday, government officials and police told Xinhua.

Three died later in hospital, three others are in critical conditions and the rest are in stable conditions, doctors said.

Work safety supervisors are investigating the cause of the accident.

Kidnapped Chinese-Filipino student rescued in southern Philippines

MANILA, 23 Dec—A 21-year old Chinese-Filipino student who was kidnapped by suspected Abu Sayyaf terror group was rescued Wednesday evening in southern Philippines, police said Thursday.

Sulu Provincial Police Office said that Kenn Klefford Lao, who was seized in Jolo, Sulu on 7 October, was rescued in Kabbon sub-village, Langhob village in Patikul town near the boundary of Indianan town in the same Province at around 8:45 pm.

Police said that concerned citizen reported sighting of the victim and authorities in the province immediately rushed to the area.

Surprised suspects withdrew without firefight while the victim managed to run towards the police. Lao is now in the Sulu police headquarters for medical check and for turning over to his family. Lao, a first-year college student of Notre Dame of Jolo College, went out to meet a friend in Jolo before he went missing.

Two killed after truck with chemicals rolls in SW China

NEW YORK, 23 Dec—An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale jolted Bonin Islands, Japan region at 21:49:38 GMT on Wednesday, a day after a strong quake hit the same region, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The quake struck at 7:49:38 am local time on Thursday, 146 km from Chichi-Shima, Bonin Islands with a depth of 10 km, the USGS said. There is no immediate report of any damages or injuries.

The quake followed a 7.4-magnitude one, which hit the same region the previous day and triggered tsunami alert.—Xinhua

6.3-magnitude quake hits Bonin Islands, Japan region

JAKARTA, 23 Dec—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale rocked Aceh Province in westernmost Indonesia at 07:01 local time (0001 GMT) on Thursday, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said here in a statement.

The earthquake was centered at 45 kilometres southwest of Meulaboh city and at depth of 15 kilometres under seabed. The agency did not release a tsunami warning.—Xinhua

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The chemical leaked out and mixed with the air producing hydrogen chloride, which could cause respiratory problem, headaches, eye and skin irritations.

Rescuers immediately cordoned off the area and evacuated residents. No more casualties have been reported. Experts are testing the water quality in the area and police are investigating the cause of the accident.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ORIENTAL ELF VOY NO (008)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL
ELF VOY NO (008) are hereby notified that the vessel
will be arriving on 24.12.2010 and cargo will be
discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will
lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to
the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8
am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day
now declared as the third day after final discharge of
cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted
after the Claims Day.

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A worker operates a
snow plough at Lon-
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ports fought to clear
a backlog of thousands
of stranded Christmas
travellers on Wednes-
day as arctic condi-
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A woman stands in front
of a wall depicting a com-
puter user at the CeBIT
high-tech fair in Han-
over, central Germany. As
concern about online pri-
vacy grows, Mozilla is
promising to let people
check Internet activity in
free Firefox Web brows-
ning software being re-
leased early next year.

Bodies of Malaysia crash victims flown home
KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Dec — The bodies of 25 Thai
victims of Malaysia’s worst bus crash were taken
home on Wednesday aboard a Thai air force plane,
as authorities announced an independent probe into
the accident.
The Thai embassy in Kuala Lumpur said the
remains of those who died in Monday’s horrific
smash were loaded onto a C-130 transporter plane
at a military airbase on the outskirts of the capital.
Some survivors of the crash, as well as relatives
and friends of the dead, went home on a second
aircraft.

Europe airports fight to clear
Christmas backlog
LONDON, 23 Dec — Euro-
pean airports fought to
clear a backlog of thou-
sands of stranded Christ-
mas travellers on Wednes-
day as arctic conditions
gripped the continent and sparked fresh delays and cancel-
lations.

Weary passengers
faced another day stuck
in terminals amid fresh
snowfalls and continued
freezing temperatures which have hit airports in
Britain, Germany, France
and Ireland.

Britain has offered to
send in troops to end the
disruption at London
Heathrow, while Frank-
furt and Dublin airports
faced severe disruption.

Eurocontrol, the con-
tinent’s air traffic super-
visory body, said about
5,000 flights had been
cancelled across Europe
on Tuesday, with similar
numbers of cancellations
for each of the past four
days.

The cold snap chaos
also hit Europe’s rail net-
work with long queues
snaking outside the Lon-
don terminal for the Eurostar train link be-
 tween Britain, France and
Belgium.

Teen sailor: It’s ‘weird’ to walk
PHILIPSBURG, 23 Dec — A Dutch teen sailer yester-
day completed the longest leg so far of her attempted
circumnavigation of the globe, saying it felt “really
weird” to be back on dry
land after nearly three
weeks out on the ocean.

Laura Dekker, 15, aim-
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anchored her ketch just
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Lagoon after what she
called “a very nice trip” so
far. “It’s really weird. It’s
not moving and not
bouncy,” she said as she
tried to find her land legs
 while strolling in flip-flops
along a sidewalk to the
Dutch territory’s immigra-
tion office.
The Dutch teenager
started her trip from Gibral-
tar on 21 Aug and spent
two months in the Canary
Islands waiting for the
hurricane season to pass.
She left the Cape Verde
Islands on 2 Dec. Her
venture stirred an intense
debate about whether
youths should be allowed
to sail the world’s oceans
alone.

Colossal pliosaur fossils revealed by CT scanner
LONDON, 23 Dec — The innermost secrets of a
colossal “sea monster” skull are being revealed by
the UK’s most powerful CT scanner. The X-rays are
helping to build up a 3D picture of this ferocious
predator, called a pliosaur, which terrorized the oceans
150m years ago.

The 2.4m-long (7.9ft) fossil skull was recently
unearthed along the UK’s Jurassic coast, and is thought
to belong to one of the biggest pliosaurs ever found.
The scan could establish if the giant is a species
that is new to science. Pliosaurs are aquatic mammals
belonging to the plesiosaur family. Paddle-like limbs
would have powered their huge bulky bodies through
the water, and they had enormous crocodile-like heads,
packed full of razor-sharp teeth. The skull, which was
unearthed by a local fossil collector and then purchased
by Dorset County Council using Heritage Lottery
Funds, would have belonged to one of the most
fearsome beasts the seas have ever seen.

Scientists estimate the creature would have measured
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Man, 89, comes clean, returns book after 76 years

Mark McKee is lucky a Michigan library isn’t charging him a late fee for returning a book 76 years late.

In 1934, the 13-year-old McKee checked out “A Dog of Flanders” by English author Marie Louise de la Ramee from the Mount Clemens Public Library.

Recently, McKee, now 89, said he discovered the book and mailed it to the library.

“I was entranced by the book and kept it with my prized possessions, intending to return it forthwith,” McKee wrote in an accompanying letter. “Thus began a 76-year odyssey of missed opportunity and intention.”

McKee, who is a former publisher of The Macomb Daily, said he found the book among his possessions and wanted to do the right thing.

“My conscience took over,” wrote McKee, who is now a winter resident in Chandler, Ariz.

Library Director Donald Worrell Jr. said he was thrilled to get the package from McKee.

“He spent a great amount of time in here,” Worrell said. “We figure the story is better than the money,” Worrell said. Instead, Worrell said he plans to put the book and letter on display at the library and to send a fresh copy of the book to McKee.

Man gives $50 bills at Goodwill

Those at a Goodwill store in Memphis got some extra Christmas spending money thanks to a man who handed out $50 bills to everyone.

According to WMC-TV, no one knows the identity of the man, who passed out the money Monday.

Store employee Chestine Dunn says the man carried a stack of envelopes with him. Inside each envelope was $50.

Witnesses say the man didn’t buy anything and asked for nothing in return. He simply gave lucky strangers an envelope, wished them a merry Christmas and moved on.

One of lucky ones, Betty Ridenour, says everyone was stunned.

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The band will give two concerts in Shanghai and Beijing, respectively on 9 March and 12 March. The Beijing concert will be at the Wukesong Arena. The most expensive ticket will be 2,580 yuan, around 380 US dollars, according to its Chinese hosting company.

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Robin Hood’ offers reward in casino case

The fountain show at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino is seen in Las Vegas, Nevada on 1 April, 2009.

A professional gambler who uses the name “Robin Hood 702” is offering a $50,000 reward for the return of $1.5 million in chips stolen from a Las Vegas casino.

The high stakes blackjack player, who operates anonymously under the “Robin Hood 702” moniker to use his winnings to help families with debt, said he is offering the reward for the return of the chips to the Bellagio and the arrest and conviction of the helmeted motorcyclist who produced a gun at the casino at 14 Dec.

The theft fled on a motorcycle with chips from a craps table in denominations as high as $25,000, the Las Vegas Sun reported on Wednesday. “I’m just trying to find this guy and stop any copycats,” Robin Hood said. “If the Bellagio was hit, the Palazzo could be hit, the Venetian, the MGM Grand it could be every casino. This guy has to be apprehended quickly.”

Police said the same suspect is also believed to be behind the 9 Dec robbery of less than $20,000 from the Suncost casino.

Dave Grohl of US rock band Foo Fighters performs during the MTV Europe Awards ceremony in Berlin on 5 November, 2009.—REUTERS

In this file photo, actor Jamie Foxx, right, holds an envelope as Foxx receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. Oscar and Grammy winner Foxx says his 16-year-old daughter Corrine has helped him stay relevant in his music career.—INTERNET

Cast member Christian Bale is interviewed at the premiere of the movie “Public Enemies” at the Mann Village theatre in Westwood, California on 23 June, 2009.—Xinhua

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Reuters
A trio of pursuing clubs failed to take advantage of them dropping two points, with PSG losing 2-0 away at Nancy, the visitors playing most of the match a man down after Mamadou Sakho was red carded and a second-half double by Youssouf Hadji giving the hosts the points.

Rennes also lost, 1-0 away at struggling Caen while Lyon were held to their second successive draw with a 1-1 draw at home to Auxerre. —Internet

**Lille’s Belgian midfielder Eden Hazard (R) vies with St Etienne’s French midfielder Blaise.** —Internet

**Arsenal centre-back Thomas Vermaelen (R) vies for the ball with Barcelona forward Bojan Krkic.** —Internet

**Celtic striker Gary Hooper seen here in January 2010, could be out for up to six weeks after a scan.** —Internet

**Kean to rule Rovers roost for rest of season.**

**LONDON, 23 Dec — Steve Kean will remain as manager of Blackburn Rovers until the end of the season, the English Premier League club announced on Wednesday.**

Kean was promoted from first-team coach to caretaker manager following the surprise sacking of former boss Sam Allardyce and assistant Neil McDonald last week.

Venky’s, the Indian-based poultry business that took over the northwest club last month for 23 million pounds (30 million dollars), had made it clear they would not rush to appoint a successor to Allardyce.

Internet

**Newcastle United midfielder Joey Barton.**

**McClaren on the brink after Cup humbling.**

**BERLIN, 23 Dec — Former England manager Steve McClaren’s future as coach of Bundesliga side VfL Wolfsburg hung by a thread on Wednesday after his team were knocked out of the German Cup by Second Division Cottbus.**

The future of former England manager Steve McClaren, as coach of Bundesliga side VfL Wolfsburg.—INTERNET

Internet

**SFA chiefs split over SPL reforms.**

**Glasgow, 23 Dec — Scottish Football Association (SFA) president George Peat and chief executive Stewart Regan are divided over the best way to reform the Scottish Premier League (SPL).**

One proposal on the table following a report by former Scotland first minister Henry McLeish is to reduce the top flight of Scottish football from 12 teams back down to 10. Regan, who took over as chief executive this season following a stint in a similar post at English county cricket club Yorks, is in favour of slimming down the SPL.

But Peat would prefer a 14 or even 16-team division. “How you put the team proposal.**

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Internet
WEATHER
Thursday, 23rd December, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

Nay Pyi Taw
Minimum temperature on 22-12-2010 was 90°F.
Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-12-2010
was (73%).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Minimum temperature on 22-12-2010 was 90°F.
Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-12-2010
was (69%).

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th December 2010:
Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region,
weather will be partly cloudy over Kachin, Rakhine,
Kayin and Mon States, Yangon Region and generally fair
in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty
is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring
area for 24-12-2010:Generally fair weather.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring
area for 24-12-2010:Generally fair weather.
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring
area for 24-12-2010:Generally fair weather.

Finnish nurse gets life for murdering five patients

HELSINKI, 23 Dec — A Finnish nurse was
sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday for
murdering five of her elderly patients with lethal
drug overdoses, and of trying to kill five others.
The Helsinki District Court found Aino Nykopp-
Koski guilty of five murders, three attempted
murders, three aggravated assaults, three thefts and
possessing illegal drugs.

The murders happened in hospitals, hospices
and private homes between 2004 and 2009.
Nykopp-Koski, who has protested her innocent,
will appeal against the verdict, her lawyer said.

“She is shocked and still considers the verdict
is not based on the truth. She will appeal,” lawyer
Heikki Lampela told reporters after the sentence
was handed down.

MNA/Reuters
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

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Chauk Township facilitated with tube-well, asphalt road

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Dec—As a gesture of hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day 2010, a ceremony to open the four-inch tube-well was held at Molar Village in Chauk Township on 17 December morning.

The local authorities formally opened the tube-well which was sunk at a cost of K 20.3975 million contributed by Chauk Township Development Affairs Committee and local people.

Likewise, the Township DAC inaugurated the 600 feet long and 12 feet wide asphalt Mindon Road in Ward 8 of Chauk.

The township level officials cut the ribbon to open the repaved road built at a cost of K 3.966 million by Township DAC.—MNA

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