Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a Chinese delegation led by Director of the State Administration of Religious Affairs of China Mr Wang Zuo An at President Office here yesterday evening.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Director-General at the President Office U Min Zaw, and Director-General of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Khine Aung and officials. The Chinese delegation led by Director of the State Administration of Religious Affairs of China Mr Wang Zuo An was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

They held a cordial discussion on conveyance of the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic and further cementing friendly ties between the two countries.

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—Scientists at a Chinese university said Monday they can use rice to make albumin, a protein found in human blood that is often used for treating burns, traumatic shock and liver disease. When extracted from rice seeds, the protein is “physically and chemically equivalent to blood-derived human serum albumin (HSA),” said the research in the US-published Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The findings could lead to a breakthrough in production of HSA, which typically comes from human blood donations. The demand for the blood protein is about 500 tons per year worldwide, and China has faced worrying shortages in the past.

The rice method was devised by scientists at Wuhan University in China and colleagues from the National Research Council of Canada and the Centre for Functional Genomics at the University at Albany in New York. First, they genetically engineered rice seeds to produce high levels of HSA. Then, they worked out a way to purify the protein from the seeds, gathering about 2.75 grams of the protein per kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of rice.

When they tested the rice-made protein in rats with liver cirrhosis, a common condition for which the human equivalent is often used, they found it produced similar outcomes to treatment with HSA.

“Our results suggest that a rice seed bioreactor produces cost-effective recombinant HSA that is safe and can help to satisfy an increasing worldwide demand for human serum albumin,” said the study. The protein is often used in the manufacture of vaccines and drugs and is given to patients with serious burn injuries, hemorrhagic shock and liver disease, the researchers said.

Internet
Let’s pay deep homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

The upper-left sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed from the People’s Republic of China arrived in Myanmar on 6 November to be kept for public obeisance.

Now is the fourth time for the sacred Buddha Tooth Relic to be conveyed to Myanmar. The sacred Buddha Tooth Relic will be kept in Myanmar for a total of 48 days for public obeisance — at the Cave of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda from 6 to 21 November, at Maha Pasana Cave on Kabah-Aye Hilllock in Yangon from 22 November to 7 December and at Maha Atulawaiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Mandalay from 8 to 23 December from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

After delivering a sermon to human beings and celestial beings during the period of 45 years after His Enlightenment, the Lord Buddha passed away at the age of 80 with the 45 years of Buddhahood, leaving tooth relics and others relics.

Of tooth relics and other relics, only the two sacred tooth relics are being kept in human abode. The upper-left sacred Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept at GuanxiSI Temple in Beijing of the People’s Republic of China and the lower-left sacred Buddha Tooth Relic at the Tooth Relic Temple in Kannii of Sri Lanka.

According to historical findings, the upper-right sacred Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept at Çulamuni Pagoda in Tavatimsa upper-right sacred Buddha Tooth Relic at Yadana Pagoda in the abode of dragons.

Nonetheless, the upper-left sacred Tooth Relic of the Lord Buddha has already arrived in Myanmar for public obeisance. All Myanmar people are urged to take this rare opportunity to pay homage to the sacred Buddha Tooth Relic as all necessary arrangements have already been made by officials concerned for those who missed the chance to pay homage to the sacred Buddha Tooth Relic during the first, second and third conveyance of the sacred Buddha Tooth Relic to Myanmar.

Union Religious Affairs Minister meets SARA Director

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — The relationship between Myanmar and China had grown into a stage of long-lasting mutual friendship in terms of cooperation, said Director of State Administration of Religious Affairs of China Mr Wang Zuo An while meeting with Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung at Religious Affairs Ministry this morning.

Also present at the call were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Dr Maung Htay and personnel.

Bridging health care quality gap between urban and rural regions high on the agenda: Union Health Minister

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses opening of National Consultative Meeting on Reproductive Health, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health in the Context of Poverty Reduction.

Mr Wang Zuo An, MNA

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung receives Director of State Administration of Religious Affairs of the PRC Mr Wang Zuo An.

Myanmar Libraries Foundation donates books to Yaungzin Library

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated publications to Yaungzin Library in Naungtalaw Village of Waingmaw Township this morning.

The MLF donated 250 publications through the State Information and Public Relations Department. Wellwishers also furnished the library with a TV, a cupboard, publications and periodicals, and cash contribution.—MNA

Railroad in Mogaung Tsp blasted

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — The railroad section between Htopu Station and Sahmaw Station in Mogaung Township of Kachin State was blasted on 5 November, it is reported.

The mine blast cut off about one foot rail track between mile post No. 678/1 and 678/2 and about 1.5-ft rail track at mile post No. 678/2, said the personnel who rushed to the scene after the report at about 2 am.

Personnel of Myanmar Railways repaired the damaged railroad and normal transportation resumed at about 7.30 am.

It is reported that people in Kachin State hope that such terrorist and destructive acts like mining railroad, pedestrian walks and motor roads which can cause great casualties, bullying with power of weapons, kidnappings, and extorting money would end soon and the region enjoy peace and stability like other regions across the nation. They would like armed groups in the region make peace with the government, longing for eternal peace.—MNA
Israel unlikely to strike Iran without alerting US

JERUSALEM, 7 Nov—The Israelis ambiguity over a possible air strike on Iran’s alleged nuclear weapons programme continues as the United Nations nuclear agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is scheduled to release its report on Iran’s nuclear activity later this week. Western and Middle Eastern countries are all concerned that Iran is using its intentions for civilian use of nuclear energy as a cover for producing nuclear weapons. Israel considers the issue an existential threat, owing to numerous statements by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and other leaders calling for destruction of the Jewish State.

The US administration has lately been asking Israel to clarify its position on a possible military strike, perhaps even without alerting Washington beforehand.

During a visit to Israel in October, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak. Panetta, however, reportedly left without a clear answer regarding Israel’s true intentions.

“It’s very hard for me to see them (strike Iran) without coordination with the US,” Prof Joshua Teitelbaum, of the Interdisciplinary-Centre in Herzliya, told Xinhua.

Roadside bomb kills south Afghan police chief

KABUL, 7 Nov—Police say a roadside bomb has killed a district police chief in restive southern Afghanistan and his two bodyguards.

Helmand Province police chief Mohammad Hakim Angar said on Monday that Mohammad Safiullah, the police chief in the province’s Garm Ser District, was killed when a roadside bomb detonated as he and two of his bodyguards were driving by on Sunday night.

Helmand is one of Afghanistan’s most violent provinces and sits in the heart of the Taleban’s traditional stronghold in the south.

Security responsibilities in the province’s capital have already been handed over to Afghan forces by NATO while two other districts in the province are being recommended for an upcoming second phase of handovers. Garm Ser is not among them.

Internet

Roadside bomb kills two in northwestern Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 7 Nov—A suicide bomber detonated his explosives Monday as a former government official greeted others outside a mosque in northwestern Pakistan on an important Islamic holiday, killing the official and his guard, police said. Malik Hamid Khan Jadoon had just finished morning prayers celebrating Eid-al-Adha at the mosque in Swabi district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

In a statement sent to Xinhua, Superintendent Gamba said three soldiers from the 6th Scout Rangers Company under Lieutenants Marco and Sara-sara were wounded in an encounter with New People’s Army rebels in Zapanta valley around 11 am. Another group of soldiers from the 5th Scout Rangers Company also ran into an undetermined number of NPA guerrillas in nearby Maribuhok, setting off a clash that killed a soldier and injured another, Gamba said, adding that pursuit operation against the rebels was immediately launched.

At least 10 dead after triple blasts in Iraq capital

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov—At least 10 people were killed when three bomb blasts rocked a busy market in Iraq’s capital on Sunday where people were shopping for the Muslim festival of Eid-al-Adha, police sources said.

The blasts occurred in Shurja, an important commercial district in central Baghdad where shop owners and vendors sell clothes, electronics, textiles, food and other goods.

“I can see fire and black smoke rising and a large number of fire engines, ambulances and police patrols rushing to the market,” a Reuters witness close to Shurja market said.

Police sources said 10 people had been killed in the attack and a source at Baghdad’s central morgue said it had received 10 bodies. A source at al-Kindi hospital in Baghdad put the toll at eight killed and 26 wounded.

“The reason behind the fire was sabotage. The perpetrators used gasoline to set ablaze the market,” Major General Qassim al-Moussawi, a spokesman for Baghdad security operations, said.

Iraqi forces are preparing to take full responsibility for security by year-end when all US troops pull out of the country, nearly nine years after the US-led invasion.—Reuters

Military history fans reenact a battle of World War II to mark the 68th anniversary of the liberation of Kiev, capital of Ukraine, on 6 Nov, 2011.—Xinhua

Soldier killed, four others wounded in clashes in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 7 Nov—Government troops clashed anew with suspected leftist rebels in southern Philippines on Sunday, leaving one soldier dead and four others wounded, police said on Monday.

The incident happened as Philippine army rangers were conducting simultaneous combat operations in the villages of Zapanta valley and Maribuhok, Kitcharao town, in Mindanao’s Agusan del Sur Province shortly before noon Sunday, according to Superintendent Martin Gamba, Caraga police regional spokesperson.
**Business**

**China's October CPI to ease to 5.5 pct**

BEIJING, 7 Nov—China's consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, will ease for a third consecutive month in October, economists said Monday.

China's CPI is likely to fall to 5.5 percent in October, due to falling food prices, said Yuan Gangming, a researcher at the Institute of Economic Research under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

According to data from the Ministry of Commerce, the wholesale prices of 18 staple vegetables fell 2.2 percent during the last week of October, while prices of pork and eggs dropped by 1 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively.

In addition to lower food prices, declines in world commodity prices and weakening tail-raising factors will also contribute to the CPI's decline, said Lian Ping, chief economist for the Bank of Communications.

Lian said he expects the country's CPI to stand at 4 percent in December, with the full-year CPI reaching 5.5 percent.

China's CPI has reached a turning point and will be kept below 5 percent during the last two months of the year, said Peng Sen, deputy director of the National Development and Reform Commission.

The National Bureau of Statistics will release the October CPI on Wednesday.

**BoFA considering further stake sale in CCB**

HONG KONG, 7 Nov—Bank of America Corp is considering further reducing its stake in China Construction Bank Corp, a newspaper reported Monday, after the bank cut its holding by half in August.

BoFA officials contacted CCB over the weekend to say that the bank was weighing selling part of its remaining CCB stake to boost its capital, the South China Morning Post reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

BoFA and CCB officials declined comment.

In August, BoFA sold about half its 10 percent stake in CCB raising about $8.3 billion. BoFA's remaining stake is worth about $9.2 billion based on CCB's current market value.

**Wine, beer can trigger reaction, asthma**

BOSTON, 7 Nov—It's rare, but allergies to alcohol can cause symptoms such as red itchy eyes, nasal congestion, upset stomach and breathing problems, US researchers say.

Allergist Dr Sam Bahna, chief of allergy and immunology at Louisiana State University Medical School in Shreveport, said such reactions can be triggered by naturally occurring ingredients in beer and wine, including barley, ethanol, grapes, histamine, hops, malt, oats, tryptamine, tyramine, wheat and yeast.

Other potential allergens may be introduced to beer and wine during processing, including egg whites, which are sometimes used as a filtering agent and sulfites, which occur naturally in wine but also may also be added as a preservative, Bahna said.

In most cases, simply understanding what triggers the allergic reaction will help the person find an alternative drink to enjoy, Bahna said in a statement.

"Individuals can be allergic to the alcohol itself or an added ingredient, but even when people are not allergic, they may not realize that alcohol can worsen existing allergy symptoms, particularly food allergies."

Allergic reactions to alcohol can produce minor symptoms such as rash, or life-threatening reactions including asthma attacks and anaphylaxis, Bahna said.

Wine, particularly red wine, contains chemicals called tyramines that commonly cause headache, Bahna added.

Bahna presented his findings at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in Boston.

**Seniors, experts decry lack of help for false teeth**

TORONTO, 7 Nov—Many Canadian seniors are suffering the health and social effects of tooth loss because they can't afford even the expert- agreed minimum standard of care when it comes to false teeth. All too often, experts and patients say, financial considerations are forcing seniors to endure less-effective treatment that can profoundly affect their quality of life. “It’s unfortunate: There is a disproportionate number of people who have no teeth who also have no money,” says Dr Duncan Chambers, president of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada.

“They never had the money to take care of their teeth in the first place, and now they’re being punished again because they don’t have the money to replace the teeth they had removed.” Edentulism — complete tooth loss — might not exactly roll off the tongue, but it is one of the most common ailments afflicting Canada’s seniors.

The latest federal figures indicate more than one in five Canadians over the age of 60 — more than one million people — have no natural teeth, a situation the World Health Organization considers a physical handicap. The standard treatment has long been upper and lower dentures. And with dentures comes a whole new set of problems.

**Asia shares fall after Greece coalition deal**

TOKYO, 7 Nov—Asian shares and credit markets weakened on Monday, with investors still nervous despite the agreement on formation to a new Greek unity government intent on avoiding imminent debt default.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan, which may be all that representative of credit markets are more liquid, was down 0.2 percent, was down 0.2 percent. Japan’s Nikkei stock average <N:225> fell 0.5 percent while Hong Kong shares <HSI> opened slightly higher but then slipped to be off 0.1 percent.

US stock index futures reversed course and fell into negative territory after opening higher, as market players focussed on a lack of commitment to details that are crucial in making the Greek bailout programme work. Investors were also shifting their attention to another debt-burdened country, Italy, putting it under pressure to swiftly restore its credibility on financial markets.

The spreads on the iTraxx Asia ex-Japan investment grade index, a gauge of investor appetite for risk, widened by 3 basis points as equities languished.

“Credit market spreads are a bit wider, while equities are mixed, because debt issues may matter more for Europe and the credit markets are more bearish over these kinds of uncertainties,” said Frances Cheung, senior strategist for Asia ex-Japan at Credit Agricole CIB in Hong Kong. With many trading centers in Asia on holiday on Monday, including India, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore, price actions may not necessarily be all that representative given thin volumes, analysts said.
Huge asteroid will pass closer to Earth than the moon

BEIJING, 7 Nov—A huge asteroid will pass closer to Earth than the moon on Tuesday, but experts say there is no cause for alarm.

Asteroid 2005 YU 55 will pass about 300,000 kilometres from the earth. The giant space rock is about 400 metres in diameter. The close encounter will occur at 23:28 Greenwich Mean Time. Computer models showing the asteroid’s path for the next 100 years show there is no chance it will hit Earth during that time.

Previous studies show the asteroid is what is called a C-type asteroid that is likely made of carbon-based materials and some silicate rock. It is called a “sophisticated threat,” the scientist has revealed.—Internet

Scientists reveal jealousies on ‘mission to Mars’

MOSCOW, 7 Nov—It was not always smooth sailing for the six young men who huddled in uncomfortably close quarters on a 520-day fake mission to Mars, a Russian scientist has revealed.

The multinational crew emerged blinking from its Moscow isolation module on Friday and was quickly bundled away for further observation after being briefly presented to the world’s press.

But a scientist who was one of the brains behind the Mars-500 mission — an unusual experiment designed to test the long-term effects of stress and isolation — revealed that nerves had frayed on a few occasions.

“The psychologists witnessed conflicts between crew members and the command team because the work load was not always being evenly distributed,” scientific programme director Alexander Suvorov told the Gazeta.ru website. “Some of the crew members had to do a lot of the work while others tended to play a more passive role,” the scientist told the site.

A photo released by Moscow’s Institute for Medical and Biological Problems on 4 November, shows the six members of the Mars-500 crew posing after they emerged from the Mars-500 isolation facility in Moscow. It was not always smooth sailing for the six young men who huddled in uncomfortably close quarters on a 520-day fake mission to Mars, a Russian scientist has revealed.—Internet

Adidas website taken down after cyber attack

PARIS, 7 Nov—Adidas, the German sportswear and equipment maker, said Sunday that all its websites remained closed down Sunday after what it called a “sophisticated and criminal” attack.

“Our preliminary investigation has found no evidence that any consumer data is impacted. But, while we continue our thorough forensic review, we have taken down affected sites,” Adidas said in a statement which replaced the home page on its www.adidas-group.com website.

It said the attack first came to light on Thursday, with its Reebok and several online shops all affected.

The company did not give any further information about the attack or who may have been behind it in the statement.

New Ford system urges caffeine fix for drowsy drivers

DETROIT, 7 Nov—It’s not often that a vehicle reminds you when it’s time to pull off the highway and grab a cup of coffee, but the Ford Explorer will soon do just that. Ford is introducing a new safety feature in early 2012 it calls the Driver Alert System, which will notify drivers when it detects signs of drowsiness.

The system uses a small camera mounted behind the rearview mirror that faces forward to scan pavement lines, predicting where the vehicle should be relative to lane markings. If the system notices driving that’s consistent with drowsy driving — weaving within the lane, for example, or drifting out of the lane and then swerving back — a chime sounds and a coffee cup light will appear on the instrument panel. That’s the driver’s warning that it’s time to take a break. If the motorist doesn’t respond and the system continues to sense drowsy driving, it lets out another more urgent chime. Once the driver pulls over and turns off the engine, the system resets.—Internet

China’s tech firms back in controls on Internet

BEIJING, 7 Nov—The heads of China’s largest technology companies have endorsed Beijing’s aim to intensify controls of online social media, pledging to “stop the spread of harmful information” on the Internet, state news agency Xinhua said on Sunday.

Some 10 top executives, including Sina Corp’s Charles Chao, Baidu’s Robin Li and Alibaba’s Jack Ma, participated in the three-day discussion that ended on Saturday in Beijing hosted by the State Internet Information Office, one of the country’s Internet regulators, Xinhua said.

China’s Internet companies and Internet operators have “reached a common agreement” that they would “conscientiously safeguard the broadcasting of positive messages online,” the report said. “Resolutely curb the spread of rumors online, online pornography, Internet fraud and the illegal spread of harmful information on the Internet,” the report said.

The meeting was presided over by Wang Chen, director of the State Council Information Office, the government’s propaganda and information arm. The Minister of Industry and Information Technology, Miao Wei, said Internet companies must increase their investment in “tracking surveillance.”

Sina and other Chinese microblog operators already deploy technicians and software to monitor content and block and remove comment deemed unacceptable, especially about protests, official scandals and party leaders.

People use computers at an Internet cafe in Changzhi, north China’s Shanxi province on 20 June, 2007.—Internet
NYC man allegedly loots Dubai royal family

Police arrested a man who allegedly stole $230,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables from a United Arab Emirates princess’ New York City hotel room.

Police arrested parolee James Bennett, 45, after searching his New York apartment and recovering some of the stolen items, the New York Daily News reported. Apple iPads, designer handbags, jewelry and a $100,000 Rolex watch were among the items stolen from Dubai Princess Arwa al-Qassimi’s Plaza Hotel suite 30 Oct, police say.

Police say it was Bennett’s seventh arrest for burglary. Bennett was reportedly arrested Tuesday for allegedly stealing several checks from the London Hotel’s manager’s office. He was still in custody when investigators questioned him about the Plaza burglary.

“IT was the same MO [mode of operation]. That’s how they caught him,” a police source said.

Bennett was charged with burglary and held on $50,000 bail in the London Hotel burglary and is now awaiting arraignment on additional charges in the Plaza theft.

Road accident kills at least 10 in central Vietnam

HANOI, 7 Nov—An road accident occurred at about 2 am local time on Monday, in Ham Thuan Bac District in Vietnam’s central Binh Thuan province, killing at least 10 and injuring another 23, reported Vietnam News Agency.

Initial report said that a truck running from central Khanh Hoa Province towards southern Ho Chi Minh City hit two passenger coaches running from the opposite direction, one after another.

The collision burnt off the two coaches, killing at least eight passengers on the spot and another two on the way to the hospital, and injuring another 23 passengers.

Local authorities are working on the consequence.

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TOKYO, 7 Nov—Japan’s Emperor Akihito was admitted to hospital on Sunday night due to symptoms of a light form of bronchitis.

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The emperor was last hospitalized eight years ago at the University of Tokyo Hospital, where he underwent surgery for prostate cancer.

Cabinet members approved on Sunday that Crown Prince Naruhito will temporarily take the role of the emperor in affairs of state.

Factory blast kills three, injures eight in northeast China

CHAOCHIN, 7 Nov—Three people have been confirmed dead and eight others injured after a factory blast occurred in northeast China’s Jilin Province Sunday evening, local authorities said.

The blast occurred at 11:55 pm at a petroleum refinery in the City of Songyuan, triggering a fire, according to the city government.

Firefighters have evacuated nearly 3,000 local residents as of 6 am Monday and the fire has been brought under control.

The cause of the blast is under investigation, local authorities said. —Xinhua

11 Hungarian tourists killed, 27 injured in Egypt bus crash

CAIRO, 7 Nov—Eleven Hungarian tourists were killed and 27 others injured when their bus overturned in the Red Sea resort of Hurghada Sunday, according to Egyptian official news agency MENA.

The accident took place at the entrance of Hurghada, 510 kilometres southeast of Egypt’s capital of Cairo. According to the reports, the tourists were heading to Hurghada airport when the driver of their bus lost control of the steering wheel while taking a curve. —Xinhua

A couple of newlyweds are seen on a vintage car in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 24 Oct, 2011. The Republic of Cuba, with an area of some 110,000 square kilometres and Havana as its capital, lies at the entrance of the Gulf of Mexico in the northwestern Caribbean Sea. Being the largest island country in the West Indies, Cuba is an archipelago of two main islands, Cuba and the Isla de la Juventud (Isle of Youth), and about 1,600 islets. Cuba has a population of 11.24 million, most of whom are of Spanish and African origin. Spanish is its official language. Cuba is honored as “the Pearl of the Caribbean” due to its enjoyable scenery. The historical centre of Havana was listed as a world cultural heritage by the UNESCO in 1982.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 3 Nov, 2011 shows Suopo ancient watchtowers and Tibetan houses in Dunba County of southwest China’s Sichuan Province. Dunba lies on the eastern border of the Ganzi Tibet Autonomous Region of Sichuan Province. The Tibetan villages here are famous for their gorgeous watchtowers and traditional Tibetan fortress-like houses, which constitute a remarkable scenery with the natural surroundings. There are 362 ancient rock watchtowers in Dunba, which are all built hundreds of years ago for defensive purposes. Jaiju Tibetan Village in Dunba, the most popular among tourists, was proclaimed “the most beautiful ethnic town in China” by the Chinese National Geographic in 2005.—Xinhua

A staff member shows the ‘Hairy Crab King of the Year’ during the 5th Fengshou Cup National River Crab Contest in Shanghai, east China on 6 Nov, 2011. More than 40 crab-raising enterprises sent about a thousand crabs to compete for the ‘crab king and queen of the year’ and other awards.—Xinhua

The wreckage of cars are seen at the site of a road accident in Harbin, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province on 6 Nov, 2011. A road accident that involved nine vehicles broke out on a bridge in Harbin Sunday morning due to heavy fog, leaving one killed and four others injured. —Xinhua

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Wild Asian elephant kills villager in SW China

KUNMING, 7 Nov—A villager was killed by a wild Asian elephant in Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture in southwest Yunnan Province, the local government said on Sunday.

Local police confirmed the death of Cao Xiaoer, a resident of Xishuang Village in the prefecture, was caused by a wild elephant, said a statement issued by the prefecture government’s information office.

According to Cao’s family, Cao went to gather herbs Friday afternoon and did not return. His body was found on Saturday afternoon.

Cao’s back had bloodstains and wounds to his head, chest and legs indicated he had been trampled.

Under the protection of the local government, the number of wild Asian elephants in the rainforests of Xishuangbanna has increased to more than 250, about 90 percent of China’s wild elephant population.

The local government used to pay the villagers’ losses, the statement said.

In November 2009, the provincial government used to pay the villagers’ losses, the statement said.

Since 1991, wild elephants in Xishuangbanna have attacked more than 140 people and destroyed about 90 percent of China’s wild elephant population.

On the ground, fresh foot prints and dung of wild elephants were scattered, according to the statement.

South Africa uses metro to carry waste to landfills

EAST LONDON, 6 Nov—A metro train system in South Africa is helping in the fight against climate change by carrying waste to landfill sites on trains instead of trucks, state-run news agency BuaNews reported.

The East London Metro was working hard to mitigate its impact on global warming and climate change, said a municipality official named Andile Fani.

“Our plans to participate in the fight (against climate change) include the reduction of waste trucks going to the landfill sites daily. We have a contract with Metrorail for trains to carry most of our waste to the landfill,” he said.

A workshop was organized jointly by the Metro, the National Environmental Affairs Department and the South African Local Government Association, where officials from different departments discussed ways of combating climate change.

Leigh Stolworthy, metro transport and planning interim director, said the city would soon implement the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

“With the implementation of the BRT, we hope to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads by encouraging passengers to use buses,” he said.

Police confirms gunmen seize three S Korean miners in S Philippines

COTABATO, 7 Nov—State police confirmed on Monday gunmen are holding three South Korean miners who have gone missing recently after a mission to inspect a mining site in the southern Philippines.

Senior Superintendent Orlando Vinas, Lanao del Sur provincial police commander, said Monday there was still no word from armed men holding the victims Woo Shu Bong, Kim Nam Dou and a certain Choi in the remote areas of the province.

The foreigners failed to return to their hotel in the city of Cagayan de Oro after a trip to inspect a mining area in the province on 30 Oct.

Vinas said they are searching for the victims’ tour guides who accompany his clients before the abduction.

Based on their latest information, the police official said the hostages were being kept by their kidnappers in an area within Lake Lanao and there was no ransom demand so far.

Von Al Haq, spokesman for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, told Xinhua by phone they have mobilized their men under Ad Hoc Joint Action Group to track down the kidnappers.

AHJAG governs cooperation between the military and the rebel group in running after criminal groups in Mindanao.

David Cameron, other elected officials ‘banned’ from running with 2012 Olympic torch

LONDON, 7 Nov—British Prime Minister David Cameron and other elected officials have been banned from running with the London 2012 Olympic torch relay when it embarks on a 70-day journey across the nation from 18 May.

Cameron and Mayor of London Boris Johnson would not be allowed to take part in the journey by road, boat, balloon, sidecar, helicopter, and white water rapids, due to International Olympic Committee’s strict rule that has been formulated to prevent the torch relay from descending into political grandstanding.

London 2012 executives have, however, reserved a small portion of relay spots for high profile sportspersons and celebrities, names of which are still to be determined, the Telegraph reports.

According to the report, the torch will visit local government areas, including remote towns and islands such as Shetland, Orkney, the Isle of Lewis, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

The Met Police has a specialist team of 49 officers dedicated to protecting the Olympic torch and the torchbearers throughout the route.

Visitors look at the agricultural mechanical equipments during an agricultural fair in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, on 5 Nov, 2011. More than 17,000 agricultural produces from 2,300 exhibitors around the world took part in the fair starting on Saturday. —XINHUA

A boy and his sister shows their work during celebration of Red Panda Day in Zagreb Zoo, on 5 Nov, 2011. Zagreb Zoo invited visitors to suggest names for the newborn baby panda. —XINHUA

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Police confirms gunmen seize three S Korean miners in S Philippines

COTABATO, 7 Nov—State police confirmed on Monday gunmen are holding three South Korean miners who have gone missing recently after a mission to inspect a mining site in the southern Philippines.

Senior Superintendent Orlando Vinas, Lanao del Sur provincial police commander, said Monday there was still no word from armed men holding the victims Woo Shu Bong, Kim Nam Dou and a certain Choi in the remote areas of the province.

The foreigners failed to return to their hotel in the city of Cagayan de Oro after a trip to inspect a mining area in the province on 30 Oct.

Vinas said they are searching for the victims’ tour guides who accompany his clients before the abduction.

Based on their latest information, the police official said the hostages were being kept by their kidnappers in an area within Lake Lanao and there was no ransom demand so far.

Von Al Haq, spokesman for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, told Xinhua by phone they have mobilized their men under Ad Hoc Joint Action Group to track down the kidnappers.

AHJAG governs cooperation between the military and the rebel group in running after criminal groups in Mindanao.

David Cameron, other elected officials ‘banned’ from running with 2012 Olympic torch

LONDON, 7 Nov—British Prime Minister David Cameron and other elected officials have been banned from running with the London 2012 Olympic torch relay when it embarks on a 70-day journey across the nation from 18 May.

Cameron and Mayor of London Boris Johnson would not be allowed to take part in the journey by road, boat, balloon, sidecar, helicopter, and white water rapids, due to International Olympic Committee’s strict rule that has been formulated to prevent the torch relay from descending into political grandstanding.

London 2012 executives have, however, reserved a small portion of relay spots for high profile sportspersons and celebrities, names of which are still to be determined, the Telegraph reports.

According to the report, the torch will visit local government areas, including remote towns and islands such as Shetland, Orkney, the Isle of Lewis, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

The Met Police has a specialist team of 49 officers dedicated to protecting the Olympic torch and the torchbearers throughout the route.

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**Union Energy Minister on inspection tour of Nyaungdon Oilfield**

YANGON, 7 Nov—As Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy has been carrying out tasks for drilling of oils and natural gas, and inland natural gas is being distributed to the natural fertilizer plants, the gas oil plants and vehicles running with CNG, and producing offshore natural gas in cooperation with foreign companies, distributing to the State-owned plants, the cement plants and other plants fuel.

In doing so, Nyaungdon Oilfield and Aphyung Natural Gas field are being used in advance for excavating of oils and natural gas. The oil and the gas fields, however, are turning down manufacture of gas and oil due to their long existence.

The Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise is always finding out new gas and oil fields, and repairing the old ones for their needs to get by using natural gas.

Therefore, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday paid an inspection tour of Nyaungdon Oilfield, together with Managing Director of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U Aung Htoo and officials concerned.

At the briefing hall of the oilfield, the Union minister stressed the need for finding and producing gas programmes to be carried out by oilfield general manager and officials in coming open season to keep on enough natural gas for smooth public transportation, allowing international oil companies to cooperate in inland oilfields.

Then, the Union minister looked round process of drilling oilfield No. 48 and repair of oilfield No. 35.

**Two people injured in insurgent-planted mine blast in Shwegyin Township**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Maung Tun Lin Aung, 19, and his younger brother Maung Kyaw Ko Ko, 13, of Thepyuchaung village in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region who were leaving for collecting bamboo near Gwaykon Hilllock on the upper reaches of Hthabyu creek, east of Shwegyin Hill, stepped on a mine planted by insurgents at 5 am on 5 November. The explosion blew of upper part of the left ankle of Maung Tun Lin Aung and wounded head, face and chest of Maung Kyaw Ko Ko.

Officials concerned sent the injured to Shwegyin Township People’s Hospital where they are being given necessary treatment.

**Prize-presentation of essay, painting, cartoon and photo competitions in Mawlamyine**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—A prize-awarding ceremony of Myanmar Forest Week essay, cartoon, painting and photo contests to mark International Year of Forest-2011 under the supervision of Mon State Forest and Mines Department U Tet Toe Director of District Forest Department U Win Maw Oo and Director of Mon State Forest Department U Chit Paw. Afterwards, Mon State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe and Mon State Minister U Win Maw Oo awarded prizes to the winners.

**Earthquake hits central Oklahoma**

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—A rare earthquake that shook the central US state of Oklahoma late Saturday had 5.6 magnitude — stronger than initially believed, the US Geological Survey reported. The survey revised the strength of the seismic event, the second of the day, saying it had reached magnitude 5.6.

The USGS initially put the magnitude of the temblor at 5.2. The epicentre of the temblor, which occurred at 10:53 pm local time (0353 GMT Sunday), was located just six kilometres (four miles) east of the town of Sparks at a depth of five kilometres.—Internet

**Nay Pyi Taw Council Member inspects teak, eucalyptus plantations**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe on 5 November inspected teak and eucalyptus plantations of Forest Department in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

He conducted around the premises and appreciated the work of the forest officials.

**In insurgent group abducts four workers in Langkho Tsp**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—An insurgent group abducted four workers of a farm in Lone Tan village on Farm Road in Langkho Township on 3 November as they entered Daheik village-tract in Langkho Township Shan State (South) to export teak, eucalyptus plantations of Forest Department in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The general manager and officials concerned sent the injured to Shwegyin Township People’s Hospital where they are being given necessary treatment.

** Landslide in Colombia leaves at least 14 dead**

COLOMBO, (Colombia) 7 Nov—A landslide caused by heavy rains left 14 people dead and dozens more missing in northwest Colombia on Saturday, a Red Cross official said.

Cesar Uruena, a Red Cross rescue director, said the landslide buried more than 14 homes in the city of Manizales in Caldas state, 165 kilometres (102 miles) northwest of the capital, Bogota.

Rescuers have reports of 14 people dead and 13 injured, Uruena said.

“We are talking about an average of 60 people missing. This could be a bit speculative, but the number is high,” Uruena said.

He said that because of the many people listed as missing, rescuers would continue the search through the night.

Caldas emergency services director Sandra Lopez said heavy rains pounded the area the night before and caused a part of a mountain to collapse onto the houses. As a preventative measure, authorities are asking that 35 homes near the landslide site be evacuated.

**Sri Lanka records over 7,000 child abuse complaints**

COLOMBO, 7 Nov—Sri Lankan authorities said Sunday that over 7,000 complaints of children being abused have been recorded this year.

The National Child Protection Authority said most of the complaints included children being sexually abused or molested by their parents, guardians or people known to the victims. Sri Lanka has a national telephone hotline to report child abuse and most of the complaints had been received on the hotline and they were authenticated, said Anoma Dissanayake, the chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority.

Dissanayake said people with political links in Sri Lanka are also believed to be involved in child abuse but the incidents go unreported owing to the political connections of the suspects. The Sri Lankan police on Sunday reported two incidents of 15-year-old girls being raped by their lovers. Both incidents had taken place in remote areas far from the capital Colombo and similar incidents had been reported last week as well, the police said.—Internet
Tens of thousands of pilgrims...

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Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and wife Daw Mya Mya Win donated, K 1800000 and Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than and wife Daw Yi Yi Win, K 300000 yesterday evening.

Cash donation at the donation centres till 6 pm today amounted to K 10581787 and US$ 100 and 26 kinds of jewels with estimated value of K 2358900.—MNA

Important role of monetary sector workshop kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov.—The Ministry of Finance and Revenue focusing on sustainable development of banking services and monetary sector, formulating laws in accord with international norms suitable to regional economic development, said Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun at the opening of workshop on monetary development in Myanmar and important role of monetary sector in economic growth and poverty alleviation programme at Chainmyin Hotel, here, this morning.

EU Ambassador to Myanmar Mr David Ramon Lipman and Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein delivered addresses at the workshop. Next, economic advisors to the Union government, economists of private banks and professors of international universities discussed programmes for development of banking services, the role of monetary sector in economic development and poverty reduction schemes.

The workshop continues tomorrow.—MNA

Negligence fire engulfs 92 houses in Yanbye Township, Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov.—It was reported that about 92 houses were lost in a negligence fire in the south of Kyauknaw Village in Yanbye Township, Rakhine State on 3 November morning.

The fire left 104 households homeless in the township. The fire started from building a fire for making dried prawn. Most fire incidences among the annual fire cases are due to negligence. It is reminded that preventive measures against fire should be taken not to lose lives and property due to fire that should be used only for servant but not for master.—MNA

Union Attorney-General attends 8th ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov.—Myanmar delegation led by Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin attended 8th ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 4 and 5 November and arrived back here today. Delegation members Director U Nyan Naing Win and Deputy Director U Soe Naing of Union Attorney-General Office arrived back on the same flight.

Natural gas pipeline explodes in Bilin Tsp, causes no casualty

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov.—A natural gas pipeline exploded between milepost Nos (131/4) and (131/5) of Yangon-Mawlamyine motor road near Shweyaungpya village in Bilin Township yesterday.

The exploded pipeline is part of 10-inch pipeline transporting natural gas from Shweypittha of Yangon to Myakangulay Cement Plant in Hpa-an Township.

Despite no casualty, traffic was blocked temporarily after the explosion. The authorities are handling security and administration concerns. —MNA
Fourteen homes damaged in record earthquake in Oklahoma

OkLAHMa CITY, 7 Nov—Fourteen homes were damaged late on Saturday in the largest earthquake to hit Oklahoma on record, emergency management officials said on Sunday.

The 5.6-magnitude earthquake’s epicentre, located 44 miles east of Oklahoma City, was felt as far away as Wisconsin and South Carolina, but there were no serious injuries, officials said. The Oklahoma health department reported two minor injuries, neither requiring hospitalization. The largest earthquake previously recorded in Oklahoma was a 5.5-magnitude tremor in 1952, according to the Geological Survey.

The Oklahoma Geological Survey has warned people to expect more aftershocks, said Michelann Ooten, a spokeswoman for the state emergency management department.

Saturday’s quake ripped north through Kansas and into Missouri, rattling windows and waking sleeping residents, though there were no reports of damage or injuries there. At one of the homes damaged in Oklahoma, the chimney crashed through the roof and its walls and foundation were split by tremors, said Joey Wakefield, emergency management director for rural Lincoln County. The severity of the earthquake startled everyone, he said, because earthquakes in the area are typically mild. “We’re in tornado country, man,” Wakefield told Reuters. “These earthquakes, it just scares the hell out of everybody here.”

Three people were injured, including a couple knocked unconscious when their home collapsed onto them in a mobile home park, said Ooten, a spokeswoman for the state emergency management department.

Jess Burrow, left, and James Patterson, look over the damage caused outside the home of Joe and Mary Reneau when their chimney was toppled by Saturday’s earthquake, in Sparks, Okla, on 6 Nov, 2011. Internet

India tops Asian family business percentage share

NEW DELHI, 7 Nov—India has the highest percentage share of family businesses in Asia, accounting for 67 percent of total listed companies with market capitalization of more than 50 million US dollars, local daily The Times of India reported on Sunday. The newspaper quoted Credit Suisse as saying in a research report on Thursday that 663 of 983 listed Indian firms were family businesses and they account for half of all corporate earnings.

Family businesses in India account for 46.8 percent of the total market capitalization. Indian energy major Reliance Industries, top IT exporter Tata Consultancy Services, mobile operator Bharti Airtel and No 3 software exporter Wipro are among the top 20 firms in the Credit Suisse “Asian Family Business Basket,” according to the report.—Internet

Nigeria pirates release oil tanker seized last week

LAGOS, 7 Nov—Pirates have released an oil tanker and its crew they seized off the coast of Nigeria a week ago, the Nigeria Maritime Administration said on Saturday, the latest in a string of attacks on ships in the oil-rich Gulf of Guinea.

Contact was lost with the crew of the Halifax, and oil products tanker managed by Greece-based Ancora Investment Trust Inc, around the time it was hijacked last weekend, an official said. It was located 60 miles (97 kilometres) off the coast Port Harcourt before it was hijacked. Experts say recent attacks on ships in the Gulf of Guinea threaten the region’s position as an emerging trade hub which is an increasingly important source of oil, metals and agricultural products such as cocoa to world markets.

Portions in the Gulf of Guinea, whining stretches from Guinea to Angola, ten to raid ships for cash and cargo rather than hijacking the crews for ransom like their counterparts off the coast of Somalia analysts say. MNA/Reuters

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France, Iran could resolve tensions through talks

TEHERAN, 7 Nov—French Ambassador to Teheran Bruno Foucher said the tensions between the Islamic Republic and France could be resolved through talks, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported Sunday.

“`We are confident that the issues could be resolved through talks,”’ Foucher told ISNA as responding to a question on the existing problems between the countries. France has called on Iran to take concrete moves in order to stop its nuclear enrichment programme.

Teheran repeatedly insisted on the peaceful aspect of its nuclear programme, but the United States and its Western allies worry that Iran would use the uranium enrichment to make nuclear weapons.

The French envoy added: “No one wants to deprive Iran from Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) privileges. We just call on the country to fulfill its commitments.”

“We hope Iran’s nuclear issue would be resolved soon so that the two sides could continue economic cooperation. I am confident that it would happen soon,” he was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

Cyber criminals may target London 2012 Olympics computer systems

LONDON, 7 Nov—Crime gangs may target London 2012 Olympics computer systems as a cover for a far bigger cyber attack on financial institutions in the City, an expert has warned.

One of the UK’s leading experts on cyber security have warned all traders, banks and financial institutions to act now to shore up systems against an attack next July.

According to experts, the London Olympics is billed as the first “truly digital games,” Express.co.uk reports.

Stuart Okin, former chief security adviser at Microsoft UK, said it was a “given” that hackers would try and breach Olympic security.

At the Beijing Games there were 12 million attempted cyber breaches. Okin, a director of Cipher Security, is however, warning of the likelihood of something far more sinister.

“Not only will we see a more concerted effort to launch these attacks, we believe for the first time we will see these attacks used as a diversionary tactic for an attack on the financial sector,” Okin said.

“You always get hacking during the Olympics, this will be at the next level,” he said.

“The attack on Olympic systems does not have to work, it just has to create enough noise to divert resources.

“It’s like any war, you will divert manpower and resources to where it is needed most,” he added.—Internet

Poor employment quality affects growth quality in China

BEIJING, 7 Nov—Employment quality in China is relatively low, which is a major reason affecting the quality of economic growth, says a latest report on the labour market.

The report, released Saturday by the Labor Market Research Centre of the Beijing Normal University focusing on the quality of employment in China, says Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin were the top three cities in terms of employment quality, adding the overall employment quality in China is still low.

“The poor employment quality in China is a major reason for the poor quality of economic growth,” said Lai Desheng, a professor with the Beijing Normal University.—Xinhua

Pakistan rejects report of unsafe nukes

ISLAMABAD, 7 Nov—Pakistan on Sunday angrily rejected a report that it had been moving its nuclear weapons in unsafe conditions, saying nobody should underestimate its capability to defend itself.

Two US magazines reported Friday that Pakistan has begun moving its nuclear weapons in low-security vans on congested roads to hide them from US spy agencies, making the weapons more vulnerable to theft by Islamist militants.

The Atlantic and the National Journal, in a joint report citing unnamed sources, wrote that the US raid that killed Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in May at his Pakistani compound reinforced Islamabad’s longstanding fears that Washington could try to dismantle the country’s nuclear arsenal.

But in a statement, Pakistan’s foreign ministry said the report was “pure fiction, baseless and motivated. It is part of a deliberate propa-ganda campaign meant to mislead opinion.”

Pakistan has consistently rejected concerns over the safety of its nuclear arsenal and alluded to a smear campaign.

“The surfacing of such campaigns is not something new. It is orchestrated by quarters that are inimical to Pakistan, ” said the statement.

The ministry said Pakistan was capable of defending itself.—Internet

Green tea and red laser could provide novel treatment for Alzheimer’s

LONDON, 7 Nov—Green tea and red laser light can act as a powerful duo in obliterating Alzheimer’s plaques, a new study has revealed.

The research team at University of Ulm in Germany including Andrei Sommer and colleagues revealed that the light makes it feasible for the green tea extract to work on the plaques.

The researchers had earlier used red light with a wavelength of 670 nanometres to transfer cancer drugs into cells.

During the process they found that the laser light pushes water out of the cells and when the laser is switched off, the cells ‘suck’ in water and any other molecules, including drugs, from their surroundings.

Sommer’s team have established that the same technique can be used to annihilate the beta-amyloid plaques in Alzheimer’s disease.

According to the researchers, these plaques consist of abnormally folded peptides, and are thought to interrupt communication between nerve cells, which may cause symptoms like loss of memory.”

Xinhua

Local people look at a dead gray whale on the beach of Baiting Town in Pingtung County, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 6 Nov, 2011. The 13.9-metre-long whale was found dead in the sea by local fishermen and then hauled onto the seashore on Saturday.—Xinhua

This undated image released by Julien’s Auctions shows the Irish Falcon Gretsch guitar in “evergreen”, from U2’s Bono’s personal collection with a scratch guard that read “The Goal is Soul” and signed by the lead singer. This item is part of a star studied auction that includes items from the worlds of Rock ’n Roll, Sports, the Royal family and political memorabilia. Internet
Sun gets all fired up as monster awakens

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The one that didn’t get away: Marlin spears himself a sardine supper

Baja, California.—Internet

The whale opened its huge mouth and swallowed scores of the fish. Some escaped and believed the danger was over...until two sea lions appeared and hoovered up scores more. One fish thought he had escaped the carnage, but a lurking striped Marlin speared him with a deft move and the sardine was toast. These stunning pictures were captured by photographer Doug Perrine under a fishing boat off Baja, California, who was struck by a whale under a fishing boat off Baja, California.—

National standard for trans fat labeling

Beijing, 7 Nov — The amount of trans fat and other nutritional information will be marked on the labels of prepackaged food, according to the country’s first national standard for food nutrition. The labeling will take effect on 1 Jan, 2013. It will help standardize the nutrition facts labeling by food producers and facilitate consumers’ rights to know and choose, while improving public awareness of food nutrition,” said Yang Yuexin, a senior nutritionist with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Fruits and vegetables planted in Canada are displayed during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Canada, on 4 Nov, 2011. The ten-day 2011 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair that opened here on Friday is one of the largest combined indoor agricultural fairs in the world. Xinhua

Russian ‘body snatcher’ kept 26 female corpses in tiny flat

Nizhny Novgorod, 7 Nov — Russian police arrested a man who was found to be living with the ‘snatched’ bodies of 26 women. Historian Anatoly Moskvin, 45, stole the dead bodies of females aged between 15 and 25 years from their graves, dressed them like dolls and then kept them in his three-room tiny flat.

Being trapped in San Francisco International Airport for over a week was nothing short of a nightmare for Terri Weissinger. Internet

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 10th November (Thursday) 2011. Full Moon of Tazawungmone being Under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Central Bank of Myanmar.

Sun sets all fired up as monster awakens

Pasadena, 7 Nov — After years of quiet, the sun is coming alive with solar storms in a big way. The sun shot off a flare yesterday from a region that scientists are calling a “benevolent monster”. Scientists at the Space Weather Prediction Centre say that region has been the most active part of the sun since 2005. This active region is now slowly turning toward Earth and scientists say it will be directly facing Earth in about five days.

Meanwhile, a huge asteroid will pass closer to Earth than the moon on Tuesday.—Internet
Complaint won’t stop flamingo fundraiser

Administrators at a Massachusetts high school said a fundraiser involving filling yards with pink flamingos will continue despite a complaint.

Quincy High School said the “flocking” fundraiser, which involves filling a resident’s yard with pink flamingos and having them pay $20 to “flock it forward” to another resident, will continue to raise funds for the after-prom Senior Night Out party despite a resident’s complaint that filling her yard with the plastic birds constituted vandalism. The Boston Globe reported Thursday.

“These children are being encouraged by adults in the school administration and parent advisory council to trespass and vandalize,” said the resident, Carol Abbott.

Quincy High School Principal Frank Santoro said the fundraiser has been used for three years and Abbott was the first to complain. He said residents who do not wish to participate are given a phone number to call so the flamingos can be removed. “People have actually called and we have a waiting list of people who want to be flocked,” he said. “I feel bad for the lady. She shouldn’t be upset by this. A simple call would have taken them off the lawn. She chose to use other avenues.”

Authorities in Georgia said a registered sex offender was connected to three indecent exposure cases using information from his GPS ankle monitor.

The Paulding County Sheriff’s Office said information from the ankle monitor worn by Anthony Sims, 42, of Hiram put him at the scenes of three incidents in the area of South Davis Mill and Hiram Sudie roads, beginning in mid-September, WGCL-TV, Atlanta, reported Friday.

Sgt Brandon Gurlay said victims told investigators they spotted a man exposing his genitals near their homes.

“We are fortunate that technology such as GPS exists, and we will continue to use it in order to keep our communities safe,” Sheriff Gary Gulledge said.

Sims was taken to the Paulding County Detention Centre on charges including public indecency and simple assault. Investigators said more charges are likely.

A group of plastic flamingos.

Ankle monitor ties offender to crimes

Gomez supports boyfriend Bieber

LONDON, 7 Nov—Actress-singer Selena Gomez is “standing by her man”! Justin Bieber over allegations that he fathered a child with another woman.

The 19-year-old left the US Friday without Bieber, but according to the source, they are “young and in love” and she is not concerned about Mariah Yeater’s claim that the 17-year-old is the father of her four-month-old son.

“They’re still together,” the source said.

Actress Julia Robert

Kate Moss

LONDON, 7 Nov—Kate Moss has got her friends worried about her drinking and partying habits again after she had to be helped out of an A-list bash recently.

She was at the A-list party held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of magazine Dazed and Confused, founded by former lover and father of her daughter Jefferson Hack.

The supermodel had started the night at an exhibition at Somerset House and later went to the bash at W London Hotel in Leicester Square.

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Lost and found saga of Michele’s bracelet

LONDON, 7 Nov—Actress Michael Michele flew into a panic at a charity event in New York after she lost a diamond bracelet worth over 166,000 pounds.

The former “ER” star had borrowed the diamond-and-emerald encrusted piece from designer Mimi to wear at the event, but the bracelet fell off her wrist, reports express.co.uk. The 45-year-old became upset after she was not present at the party.

Lost and found saga of Michele’s bracelet

Roberts’ ‘Snow White’ now titled ‘Mirror Mirror’

LONDON, 7 Nov—Actress Julia Roberts’ upcoming movie, which was tentatively titled “Snow White”, will be released as “Mirror Mirror”.


Roberts will play the Evil Queen in the movie, which also features Lily Collins and Armie Hammer in pivotal roles.

The film will be one of the two major 2012 movies inspired by the good-versus-evil fairytale. The other project titled “Snow White and the Huntsman” will see Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron and Chris Hemsworth playing the lead roles. It will release 1 June next year.

Man arrested for digging up women

Russian police said they arrested a 45-year-old man who allegedly had the mummified remains of 27 women in his apartment.

The government newspaper Rossiyskaya Gazeta reported the man allegedly dug up the women at various cemeteries and put dresses on them, the BBC said.

The grave-robbing reportedly occurred in Zhny Novgorod along the Volga River.

The man, a historian who was planning to write a guide book on cemeteries, faces charges of desecration.
Corinthians remain atop despite embarrassing loss

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Nov — Corinthians lost to bottom team America-MG in an away match on Sunday but still remain atop in the standings of the Brazilian soccer championship. America-MG scored the match’s first goal through a penalty kick in the 34th minute, but Corinthians were also awarded a penalty kick 10 minutes later which helped the visiting team tie the match at 1-1.

Ameriga-MG struck the winner in the 87th minute when Amaral drove a free-kick past the defensive wall of Corinthians and a helpless keeper Julio Cesar. Despite the embarrassing loss, Corinthians still lead the standings on 58 points while the impressive win of Atletico Mineiro moved up the team too much as the team still remain in the last place on 28 points.— Xinhua

PGA Tour happy with 2 events in Asia

SHANGHAI, 7 Nov — The PGA Tour no longer is looking for new tournaments in Asia as it considers revamping the schedule so that a new season would start in the fall after the FedEx Cup is over. PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said Sunday that if players approve the idea of a fall start to the season, then it would be easy to give the HSBC Champions equal status as the other three World Golf Championships. That would include making prize money official.

That would give the PGA Tour two Asia stops—the Asia Pacific Classic in Malaysia and the HSBC Champions—which Finchem feels is adequate combined with the domestic tournaments. The earliest a fall start could happen is 2013, and Finchem said much of that depends on a player meeting in January at Torrey Pines and the next policy board meeting in March.

“We have a combination set of changes in front of the players that would relate to restructuring the Nationwide Tour and maybe restarting the season in the fall,” Finchem said.— Internet

Jones stops Marrone, retains WBA title

HOLLYWOOD, 7 Nov — Panama’s Guillermo Jones successfully defended his WBA cruiserweight title, stopping Mike Marrone in the sixth round Saturday night at Hard Rock Live Arena. Jones improved to 38-3-2 with his 30th knockout. Marrone dropped to 20-4-1, the rematch Marrone with an array of head and body punches.

Late in the fifth round, Jones had the first of two knockdowns, dropping

Panama’s Guillermo Jones

Bensel wins 2nd straight PGA Assistant title

PINE ST. LUCIE, 7 Nov — Frank Bensel overcame an eight-stroke deficit on Sunday to win the Callaway Golf PGA Assistant Championship for the second straight year, shooting a 6-under 66 in windy conditions for an improbable one-stroke victory. The 43-year-old Bensel, the PGA assistant professional at Century Country Club in Purchase, New York, had an eagle on the 15th hole and just one bogey to finish at 5-under 283 on PGA Golf Club’s Wanamaker Course.

“I couldn’t believe it. This game is so unpredictable,” Bensel said. “I knew the only way I was going to get back into the tournament was to have the wind howl again and make some putts. Both of those things happened.” He earned a spot in the PGA Professional National Championship in June, and the top 10 finishers and ties received berths in the first stage of the 2012 PGA Tour qualifying tournament.— Internet

Spanish Leading Scorers

BARCELONA, 7 Nov — Leading scorers on Sunday in Spanish first-division football:

Lionel Messi, Barcelona, 14
Cristiano Ronaldo, Real Madrid, 13, (4)
Gonzalo Higuain, Real Madrid, 11
Radamel Falcao, Atletico Madrid, 7, (3)
Karim Benzema, Real Madrid, 6
Roberto Soldado, Valencia, 6
David Barral, Sporting Gijon, 5
Cesc Fabregas, Barcelona, 5
Juanlu Gomez, Levante, 5
Fernando Llorente, Athletic Bilbao, 5
Miguel "Michu" Perez, Rayo Vallecano, 5
Imanol Agirretxe, Real Sociedad, 4
Santi Cazorla, Malaga, 4
Xavi Hernandez, Barcelona, 4
Nicolas "Miku" Fedor, Getafe, 4
Raul Garcia, Osasuna, 4
Tomer Hemed, Mallorca, 4, (4)
Manu del Moral, Sevilla, 4
Helder Postiga, Zaragoza, 4

Ronaldo leads Madrid to 7-1 win over Osasuna

BARCELONA, 7 Nov — Cristiano Ronaldo scored a hat trick and winger Angel Di Maria set up three goals to steer Spanish leader Real Madrid to a 7-1 win over 10-man Osasuna on Sunday. Madrid’s seventh consecutive league win lifted it three points ahead of defending champion Barcelona, which tied Athletic Bilbao 2-2. Valencia is four points back. Di Maria set up goals by Ronaldo, Pepe and fellow Argentina international Gonzalo Higuain to increase his league-leading assist total to 10 before halftime.

Osasuna played with 10 men from early in the second half and Ronaldo scored two more to record his fourth three-goal game in the league this season before substitute Karim Benzema capped the rout with a late brace.— Internet

Roger Federer (R) has emerged as the fittest of the tennis elite heading into Monday’s start of the final event of a long ATP season, the Paris Masters.— Internet

Federer wins at Basel for first title in 10 months

BASEL, 7 Nov — Defending champion Roger Federer beat Kei Nishikori 6-1, 6-3 in the Swiss Indoor finals on Sunday to win his first title in 10 months.

The former top-ranked Swiss was emotional as he thanked his hometown fans after winning for the fifth time in six years at the event where he once worked as a ballboy.

“It’s always the greatest for me to win the title here. So you next year,” he said on court in Swiss-German.

Federer had a complete game on display to dominate the 32nd-ranked Japanese, who stunned top-ranked Novak Djokovic in the semifinals.

“Was too good for me today,” said the 21-year-old Nishikori, who described Federer as “my idol.” “I tried to do my best but he wouldn’t let me.”

Injured Kaka out of Brazil squad for friendlies

SAO PAULO, 7 Nov — The Brazilian football federation says Real Madrid players Kaka and Marcelo have been dropped from Brazil’s squad for upcoming friendlies against Gabon and Egypt. Both players sustained muscle injuries while playing for the Spanish club and will not recover in time for the friendlies.

Brazil will visit Gabon on Thursday in Libreville and then will play Egypt on 14 Nov in Doha, Qatar. The federation also said Sunday that Bayern Munich player Luiz Gustavo won’t play against Gabon because he couldn’t get proper vaccination in time to enter that country. He will join the squad for the match against Egypt.— Internet
China claim titles at table tennis world team cup

BEIJING, 7 Nov—China’s men’s table tennis team won four straight world team championships in Magdeburg, while the women’s team toasted their fifth team title in a row.

China’s men’s table tennis team defeated South Korea in the final on Sunday to win the 2011 World Team Cup following the victory of China’s women’s table tennis team earlier in Magdeburg, Germany. China’s men’s team smashed South Korea three-nil with no mercy. The victory not only helped the team retain the crown it won in Dubai last year, but also enabled it to secure the title for the fourth consecutive time.

Like the men’s team, China’s women’s table tennis team overcame Japan with a three-nil victory and capped the title for the seventh time while setting a record for winning the title five consecutive times.

Players and coach of China pose during the awarding ceremony of the man’s match at the team’s World Cup in Magdeburg, Germany, on 8 Nov, 2011. China team defeated Korea 3-0 in the final and claimed the title.

*Xinhua*
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and wife pay homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet and family paid homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed from the People’s Republic of China at Uppatasanti Pagoda here, where the sacred Buddha tooth relic is being kept temporarily, at 8.50 am today.

After offering flowers to the Buddha Tooth Relic, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet and family paid homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker viewed around the cave and left the pagoda at 9.10 am.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet paying homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic being kept at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda.

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Tens of thousands of pilgrims gather at Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay homage to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Flood of pilgrims gathered at Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed for fourth time from China to Myanmar for public obeisance in Myanmar from dawn to dusk today.

Transportation sub-committee’s free-of-charge buses are running between Yazahtani road to the foot of the hill of Uppatasanti Pagoda.

KTM Purified Drinking Water Company offered purified drinking water to pilgrims.

The artistes of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture performed Dhammapuja songs in the accompaniment with harp troupe. Religious associations of ministries and in Nay Pyi Taw Station and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area recited religious verses.

Donation boxes and pavilions are opened at the southern archway and the eastern archway on the precinct of the pagoda for accepting donation of cash and jewellery.

Cash donation ceremony to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic was held at Dhammayon on Uppatasanti Pagoda precinct this morning and afternoon. Brig-Gen Hla Myint and wife Daw Swe Swe and family, Maung Maung Lay and brothers (Construction Materials Showroom), Prahita Nayaka Sayadaw Maha Saddhammajotikadha Hbddanta Nandaçariya

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