Yangon Children’s Hospital successfully separates fifth conjoined twins Ma Ingyin Khaing, Ma Ingyin Hlaing

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Four successful surgical operations on the Siamese twins had been breakthroughs of Myanmar’s medical history. Yangon Children’s Hospital today added one more to the history. Two years and ten months old conjoined twins Ma Ingyin Khaing and Ma Ingyin Hlaing of Kawtin village in Launglon Township of Taninthayi Region came through surgical operation well in Yangon Children’s Hospital this morning.

Dawei People’s Hospital referred the twins born on 25 January 2009 to Yangon Children’s Hospital the next day. Two surgical teams comprised of four surgeons each and two anesthetic teams comprised of 12 anesthetists performed the operation with the help of 19 nurses and four nursing aides.

Professor Dr Htoo Han, leader of surgical team (1) successfully separated the twin baby girls at 11.30 am.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and

Union Minister in Ayeyawady Region on mission of mangrove forest conservation

YANGON, 9 Nov—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun discussed ongoing environmental conservation activities and future plans with Resident Representative Mr Tomohiro Snabayama of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and party at Town Hall of Bogale in Ayeyawady Region on 7 November.

In his address to Region-level Coordination Meeting and Seminar on Mangrove Forest of Ayeyawady Region, the Union Minister said mangrove forests were conserved at forest reserves since earlier 19th century, but they were degraded following socio-economic changes of the country. He underscored the conservation of mangrove forests as an engine to alleviate poverty in rural regions as it would create better livelihoods and generate more incomes for rural people.

He also alerted the local people that international assistances were just for infrastructures and they were to conserve the mangrove forests in the long run. Resource personnel read papers on mangrove forest conservation at the seminar. The Union Minister inspected mangrove forests along Bogale river course.

He instructed the officials to reach out to the public in educative activities and to distribute saplings to eachhouse starting from 2012 monsoon, underlining the contribution of mangrove forests to prevention against natural disasters.—MNA
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Thursday, 10 November, 2011

Do meritorious deeds on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon

Today is the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon 1373 ME.

While residing at mango garden of physician Jivaka in Rajagjo with His disciples, Lord Buddha expounded the sermon on Samaññaphala Sutta which means the benefits of attaining monkhood, at the request of King Ajatasat. Referring to the expounding of Samaññaphala Sutta, Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon was designated as Samaññaphala Day. Seasonal Khawei flowers are in full bloom in Tazaungmon, the eighth month of Myanmar calendar. The zodiac sign of this month is Scorpio and the constellation is in crow shape. Tazaungmon was called Tazaungmon in Bagan Period and finally became Tazaungmon in Inwa Period.

In ancient times, Myanmar people defined Tazaungmon as “light post” and offered lights to Dhammapala Pagoda in the celestial abode on a grand scale.

The word “Kahtein” derives from Pali word “Kathina” which means “firm and steady”. Since the time of the Exalted One, Buddhists have been celebrating the Kathina-robe offering ceremony in the month of Tazaungmon. Associated with the festival of the Kahtein robe offering is the weaving of Mathoe robe, which if literally translated means “no-stale” robe. Mathoe robes are made overnight and offered to the Lord Buddha before dawn. Accompanied by music and dance, Mathoe-robe weaving competitions are held annually on the day before Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon at famous pagodas nationwide.

Another traditional custom of Myanmar people in connection with Tazaungmon is to eat mezali bud salad on fullmoon night of this month. There is a wide belief that all the guardian spirits of herbs gather together at the place of guardian spirit of mezali plant on fullmoon night and mezali leaves and buds are blessed with medicinal properties this particular night.

Buddhists are, therefore, exhorted to hear the sermon of Samaññaphala Sutta, offer Kathina robes and lights to the Buddha on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.

DPS launches Yangon Tourist Map (YTM-14)

YANGON, 8 Nov—Design Printing Services Co Ltd (DPS) has distributed over 1.8 million copies of Tourist Guide Map under the guidance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism since 1995. It is distributing 30000 copies of free Yangon Tourist Map (YTM-14) in this open season.

The YTM-14 is detailed map of Yangon, with domestic airlines, hotels, restaurants and tour companies stated clearly. Hotels, tourism and related industries and tour guides are to take out YTM-14 at Myanma Tourism Industry (Sule) and DPS office at No (165-167), 1st floor, 35th street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Ph: 95-1) 204020 and 09-5030177, and Ph/Fax: (95-1) 245230 in office hours.

Union Defence Minister receives Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min received Malaysian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr. Ahmad Muhamad at the Union Minister’s office here this afternoon.

They discussed matters relating to holding LIMA Exhibition in Langkawi of Malaysia from 6 to 10 December, 2011. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt.—MNA

Union A&I Minister receives Chairman of Kirloskar Brother Co Ltd and party

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a delegation led by Chairman of Kirloskar Brother Co Ltd Mr Sonjay C Kirloskar of India at his office at 3 pm yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on mutual cooperation for the agricultural development and investment in agro-based industries and farm equipment.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends work coord meeting of Zeyapadaytha Foundation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—The work coord meeting 1/2011 of Zeyapadaytha Foundation of Sagaing Region took place at the meeting hall of the Region Government Office on 4 November with an address by Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye. Afterwards, a general round of discussions followed. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the region chief minister. MNA

Cash donated to respect-paying ceremony

YANGON, 9 Nov—To mark the Myanmar Sarsodaw Day, Mingala Taungnyunt Township Writers and Journalists Association donated K 100,000, Ni Ni (Myanmar) of Bahan Township WJA, U Win Hlaing (Maung Yadmar) and Daw Win Mar (Win Mar family), K 30,000 each, U Than Win (Min Yin Su), U Kyaw Soe (Maung Kyaezu) and Daw Khin Yin family, K 15,000 each, Ni Nyein (Anyar Tekkatho), Daw Thaung Nyan (Thaung Nyan-Panhtawkyun), 10,000 each and Daw Myint Myint Than (May Zun), Daw Si Si Nyunt (Ma Sein Zaw-Wakema), K 5,000 each to the ceremony. Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the ceremony may contact MWJA (Central) at No.529 on second floor of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 252417 and 385273). MNA

Deputy Health Minister accepts medical equipment

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint met Southeast Asian Regional Coordinator Mrs. Florence Mary Bevin of UK-based AID to Hospital Worldwide at his office, here, this afternoon.

They discussed matters relating to holding LIMA Exhibition in Langkawi of Malaysia from 6 to 10 December, 2011. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt.—MNA

Chairman of Aungmyaythazan Township Writers and Journalists Association U Tun Hla Aung (Moe Zaw Aung-Mandalay) donated 50 copies of journals to library of No (38) Basic Education Post-Primary School on 1 October.—SLM
Second Red Arrows pilot killed in three months

LONDON, 9 Nov—A pilot from Red Arrows air display team died Tuesday in an accident on the ground at the squadron’s base, the RAF said, three months after a colleague was killed in a crash. “The pilot was ejected from his aircraft while the aircraft was on the ground,” said Royal Air Force Group Captain Simon Blake, adding that an investigation was under way into the “tragic incident.”

“It would be inappropriate to speculate on the cause of the incident until that inquiry is complete. The investigation will determine the facts,” he said. Paramedics were called to the Red Arrows’ base, at RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire after the accident, which involved a Hawk T1 aircraft. The pilot, who has not yet been named, died after being taken to hospital with serious injuries. The low-flying aircraft in the Red Arrows distinctive scarlet are fitted with ejection seats designed to fire through a canopy, the BBC reported, citing eyewitnesses who said they saw a plane with the canopy smashed through.

In August, the Red Arrows were plunged into mourning after pilot Jon Egging died when his plane crashed at an air show near Bournemouth Airport in southern England.

The team is currently carrying out their winter training at RAF Scampton after holding their final display of the season in September.—INTERNET

Bomber plane crashes in S Philippines, two pilots hurt

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 9 Nov—Two military pilots were hurt when their plane crashed Wednesday in this southern Philippine City.

According to Lt Col Randolf Cabangbang, spokesman for the Western Mindanao Command, the OV10 bronco bomber plane with body number 801 was on a routine test when it crashed around 9:50 am local time at the Edwin Andrews Air Base while it was trying to make an emergency landing.

He said the test pilots of the ill-fated plane ejected and bailed out successfully from the aircraft seconds before it hit the ground. They’re undergoing medical checkup at the base’s clinic. Cabangbang identified the pilots as Maj Trajano andLt Buscas. Trajano suffered fracture while Buscas sustained minor injuries.

“They are now safe. They were trying to land the plane as one engine had trouble,” he said.

The pilots tried to bring down the plane safely but the sudden gust of wind forced the aircraft to fly out of its landing path prompting the pilots to eject within the altitude of 50 to 60 metres. The plane hit the ground and subsequently exploded. Cabangbang said the plane, on a maintenance flight when the accident happened, was a “total wreck.” Military officials are investigating the incident.—Xinhua

China deletes 400,000 web links for copyright piracy

BEIJING, 9 Nov—The Copyright Protection Center of China has deleted more than 400,000 unauthorized Internet audio video links since June 2010, according to a statement released Wednesday.

As part of the country’s efforts to crack down on rampant copyright infringements, the center launched services for both domestic and overseas copyright owners last summer. Since then, it has detected more than 410,000 links of copied video and audio materials and deleted 97 percent of them, the statement said. Copyright owners are informed by letter if infringements on their works are found by the center’s round-the-clock monitoring service. So far, more than 2,400 such letters have been sent.—Xinhua

Another three Australian soldiers injured in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 9 Nov—Another three Australian soldiers were injured in Afghanistan when an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier opened fire to his colleagues, Australian Defence Force confirmed on Wednesday.

The incident came just 10 days after three Australian soldiers were killed and seven others were injured in a similar attack in Afghanistan. The ANA soldier is on the run after he shot and wounded the three Australians and two of his colleagues in the Charm-e Sharin region on Tuesday. According to Defence force chief David Hurley, there was not enough information to decide whether Tuesday’s attack was linked to the earlier incident.

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Roadside bomb kills 11 Afghans

KABUL, 9 Nov—Eleven Afghans including nine civilians were killed as a roadside bomb struck police van in Badghis province 555 km northwest of Afghan Capital Kabul on Monday, a Press release of Interior Ministry said Tuesday. “In a roadside bomb that struck a police vehicle in Qadis District of Badghis Province on Monday 11 people including nine civilians and two police were martyred,” the Press release added.

Among those killed in the blast are six children and two women, it further said. Three others including a 10-years old child and two policemen sustained injuries in the blast, the Press release asserted. The Press release did not furnish more details. It also blamed Taleban militants for organizing the deadly roadside bomb attack, but the outfit has yet to make comment.—Xinhua

Photo shows an Iraqi army soldier inspects the damage at Camp Ashraf in Khalis, north of Baghdad, Iraq. The top UN envoy to Iraq, Martin Kobler, offered on 3 Nov, 2011, to broker the peaceful closing of Camp Ashraf, a camp of Iranian exiles, before the government in Baghdad forces its residents out at the end of the year.—INTERNET

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Autistic brains are heavier, with more neurons

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov—A post-mortem analysis of half a dozen autistic boys showed that their brains were heavier and contained many more neurons than counterparts without the disorder, US researchers said Tuesday. The study, while small, suggests that brain overgrowth may be occurring in the womb, according to the findings published in the 9 November issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers examined the brains of seven autistic boys, age two to 16, most of whom had died by drowning. The 16-year-old’s cause of death was undetermined and one eight-year-old died of muscle cancer.

When they compared them to a control group of six boys without autism who died in accidents, they found that the brains of autistic boys had 67 percent more neurons in the prefrontal cortex and were nearly 18 percent heavier than normal brain weight for age. “Because cortical neurons are not generated in postnatal life, this pathological increase in neuron numbers in autistic children indicates prenatal causes,” the study said. The researchers suggested that “faulty prenatal cell birth or maintenance may be involved in the development of autism.”

Worldwide economic slowdown to be top agenda at ASEAN Summit

JAKARTA, 9 Nov—The impact of the worldwide economic downturn on Southeast Asian countries will be one of the top issues to be discussed at the 19th ASEAN Summit next week, the Jakarta Post quoted an official as saying on Wednesday.

Trade Ministry’s ASEAN Cooperation Director Iman Pambagyo said on Tuesday that the issue would be highlighted during the upcoming high-level meeting, as ASEAN countries would be affected by the slump in Europe and the United States because of its inclusion in an increasingly integrated world economy.

ASEAN leaders and economic ministers will meet from 17 to 19 Nov in Nusa Dua, Bali. Intra-ASEAN trade grew significantly in recent years, reaching 470 billion US dollars in 2008, 376.2 billion dollars in 2009 and 519.7 billion dollars in 2010.—Xinhua

Microsoft, AOL, Yahoo, strike ad alliance

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov—Yahoo Inc, Microsoft Corp and AOL Inc have set up an advertising partnership as Google and Facebook’s online ad dominance grows. The alliance, announced on Tuesday, allows each of the companies to sell each other’s unsold premium advertising inventory — known as display ads — by early next year.

Display units are big splashy units that appear on Web pages and attract marketers interested in branding their products or services. Typically, these ads command higher rates.

Brazil launches nationwide home healthcare programme

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Nov—Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Tuesday launched a nationwide home health-care programme which will be completely free of charge. The so-called “Better at Home” program is aimed at patients who are undergoing physical therapy, the elderly, people with chronic but not grave diseases and post-op patients.

With the home healthcare initiative, the government expects to reduce the notoriously long lines in Brazil’s public hospitals and vacate some beds in infirmaries. Rousseff said that the program will offer “quality treatment, close to the patients’ homes, with the feeling of safety we get when at home, and without the psychological pressures that we feel in a hospital.” By the end of Rousseff’s term in December 2014, the government intends to have 1,000 multidisciplinary teams and 400 support teams in the programme.—Xinhua

Health Canada reports mix-ups with Pradax and Plavix

OTTAWA, 9 Nov—Health Canada is warning of mix-ups caused by the similar-sounding names of two prescription drugs, Pradax and Plavix.

The drugmakers for the two products teamed up with the federal agency Tuesday to alert patients of the risk of medication errors associated with name confusion.

“Mix-ups between the drug names Pradax and Plavix have been associated with similarities in the names, when spoken or written, and in their use in patients with certain heart conditions or at risk of blood clots,” the statement said.

China October inflation drops, more policy tweaks seen

BEIJING, 9 Nov—China’s annual inflation rate fell sharply in October to 5.5 percent in a further pullback from July’s three-year peak, giving Beijing more room to fine tune policy to help an economy feeling the chill of a global slowdown.

October’s 5.5 percent inflation rate was down from 6.1 percent in September and marked the third straight decline since a peak of 6.5 percent in July, bolstering expectations that price pressures were on a solid downtrend.

Premier Wen Jiabao said prices had fallen further since October, adding to the view that policymakers will edge toward more pro-growth policies, although inflation is still too high to expect a cut in interest rates.

“As inflation worries ease, the room for fine-tuning monetary tightening is getting bigger,” said Ting Lu, an economist at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch in Hong Kong.—Reuters

Customers inspect washing machines at a supermarket in Wuhun, Hubei province on 8 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

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General view of Microsoft Corporation new headquarters in Issy-les-Moulineaux, near Paris on 6 Oct, 2009.—REUTERS

Rik van der Kooi, corporate vice president of the Microsoft Advertising Business Group characterized the partnership in a statement as a “rising tide that lifts all boats.” While the companies are striking a partnership, they still actively competing with each other for both advertiser spending and publisher partners, as well as maintain their own set of controls.

Yahoo, AOL and Microsoft executives said they are not expecting any issues from the Department of Justice, which could potentially frown upon the partnership because it could reduce competition or effect ad pricing.—Reuters

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Honda shows smarter robot, helps in nuclear crisis

Honda Motor Co’s revamped human-shaped robot “Asimo” runs during a news conference at the Japanese automaker’s research facility in Wako, near Tokyo, on 8 Nov, 2011. Internet

WAKO, 9 Nov—Honda’s human-shaped robot can now run faster, balance itself on uneven surfaces, hop on one foot, pour a drink and even almost “think” on its own. Honda’s demonstration of the revamped “Asimo” on Tuesday at its Tokyo suburban research facility was not only to prove that the bubble-headed childlike machine was more limber and a bit smarter.

Big space rock flies close to Earth, no harm done

MOSCOW, 9 Nov—A 400-metre-wide asteroid harmlessly zipped past earth early Wednesday, closer to our planet than the Moon’s orbit. The “space rock” named 2005 YU55 approached earth at a distance of 325,000 km at 3.28 am Tuesday.

It was a way to try to answer some critics that Asimo, first shown in 2000, had been of little practical use so far, proving to be nothing more than a glorified toy and cute showcase for the Honda Motor Co brand.

Honda President Takeo Ito told reporters some of Asimo’s technology was used to develop a robotic arm in just six months with the intention of helping with the nuclear crisis in northeastern Japan. The mechanical arm can open and close valves at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, which went into meltdown after the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, according to the Honda. The automaker is working with the utility Uni-pec on developing a robotic arm to try to meet demands to bring the plant under control.

Asimo was able to walk without falling over 2 centimetre (0.8 inch) pined bumps on the floor. It can also now jog faster than it did in 2005, at 9 kilometers per hour (5.6 mph), instead of the earlier 6 kph (3.7 mph), pushing better with its toes so its run was smoother and not as jerky.

Asimo was also able to distinguish the voices of three people spoken at once, using face recognition and analyzing sound, to figure out that one woman wanted hot coffee, another orange juice, and still another milk tea.—Internet

iPhone 4S gets thumbs up from Consumer Reports

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov—Consumer Reports, the influential magazine for product reviews, gave a thumbs up to Apple’s new iPhone 4S on Tuesday after declining to recommend the previous model because of reception problems. “Apple’s newest smartphone (the iPhone 4S) performed very well in our tests, and while it moving at a speed of 13.7 km/sec, Scientists around the globe have been monitoring the approach of the 2005 YU55 on and off ever since the asteroid has been discovered by Robert McMillan from the University of Arizona six years ago. 2005 YU55 has never been classified as a real threat to earth but rather as an opportunity for astronomers to study the asteroid in its closest flyby of our planet in 220 years.

The gravitational influence of the “space visitor” had no detectable effect on Earth, including tides and tectonic plates, as NASA experts earlier predicted.

The next time a known “space rock” of a similar size will come close to earth will be in 2028, when the 2001 WSN asteroid flies by Earth at a distance of 248,000 km.—Internet

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YouTube, Disney teaming up

LOS ANGELES, 9 Nov—YouTube and The Walt Disney Co announced on Monday they are teaming up to produce an original video series and feature “family-friendly” Disney programming on the popular video-sharing site. Disney Interactive and Google-owned YouTube said the programming will be available on Disney.com and on YouTube and the “complementary online video destinations” will launch in early 2012. “Disney Interactive will produce and programme the co-branded video destinations for both Disney.com and YouTube, providing a family-friendly experience for viewers across both platforms,” Disney and YouTube said.

The programming will include original video from Disney, Disney Interactive original series, some Disney Channel programming and content created by Disney users. The first project will launch in February and will be an original video series based on Disney’s mobile game “Where’s My Water?” According to The New York Times, Disney Interactive and YouTube will spend a combined $10 million to $15 million on original video series.

Giant solar flare detected

PASADENA, 9 Nov—A giant sunspot that erupted last week has been ranked as one of the largest solar flares seen in years, US scientists said.

NASA said a powerful solar flare that erupted Thursday on the sun’s surface has been classified as a powerful X1.9 flare.

The flare triggered some disruption to radio communications, the US space agency said on its Web site. “Scientists are continuing to watch this active region as it could well produce additional solar activity as it passes across the front of the sun,” NASA said.—Internet

Russia launches unmanned probe to Mars’ moon Phobos

MOSCOW, 9 Nov—Russia has launched an unmanned probe on a daring mission to reach Phobos, a moon of Mars, and to fly samples of its soil back to Earth.

The Phobos-Grount (Phobos-Soil) craft was successfully launched by a Zenit-2 booster rocket at 12:16 am Moscow time Wednesday (2016 GMT Tuesday) from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. It will take the robotic probe a few hours to conduct a series of preliminary manoeuvres before it can shoot off to the Red Planet.

The return vehicle is expected to carry up to 200 grams of soil from Phobos back to Earth in August 2014.

The $170 million endeavour would be Russia’s first interplanetary mission since the Soviet times. A previous 1996 robotic mission to Mars ended in failure when the probe crashed in the Pacific following an engine failure.

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Cambodia marks 58th anniversary of independence from French protectorate

PHNOM PENH, 9 Nov—Cambodia commemorated the 58th anniversary of Independence Day from French protectorate on Wednesday.

The event was held at the Independence Monument under the presidency of Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni and the participation of National Assembly President Heng Samrin, Cambodia’s Prime Minister Hun Sen, the First Vice President of Senate Prince Sisowath Chhorn Monirak, and other high-ranking officials, diplomatic corps, armed forces, as well as students, totaling about 20,000 people.

During the celebration, King Norodom Sihamoni laid the wreath and lit the victory torch inside the monument.

The victory flame will be kept burning for three days.

Cambodia gained independence from the French protectorate on 9 Nov, 1953 after the retired King Norodom Sihanouk had conducted the royal crusade in 1952.

France had ruled Cambodia for 90 years independence.

**Cambodian children hold portraits of Cambodia’s former King Norodom Sihanouk and incumbent King Norodom Sihamoni (1st L) during a celebration marking the 58th anniversary of independence from French protectorate, in Phnom Penh on 9 Nov, 2011.**

**SINGAPORE, New Zealand navies conduct joint exercise**

SINGAPORE, 9 Nov—The navies of Singapore and New Zealand have been conducting a joint exercise over the past two days, local daily the Straits Times reported on Wednesday.

The bilateral exercise in Singapore, codenamed Lion Zeal, involved 265 personnel from the two navies, it said.

The Lion Zeal series of exercise, established in 1999, aimed to enhance the inter-operability and professionalism of both navies.

Besides professional exchanges in conventional operations, the participants shared best practices in navigation, naval aviation, fire-fighting and damage control, too.

The Ministry of Defence said the exercise underscored the close and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between both countries, adding that the two navies interact regularly.

**Known disease breaks out in western Zambia**

LUSAKA, 9 Nov—At least 78 people have been admitted to a local hospital in western Zambia following an outbreak of an unknown disease, the Post of Zambia reported on Tuesday.

A strange disease has broken out in Kalabo District in Western Province.

The strange disease is making people vomit, have diarrhea and pneumonia.

Dr Reuben Mbewe, Ministry of Health spokesperson, said the district had been reporting increased number of patients presented with sudden onset of fever since 24 Oct.

The health official has however said signs and symptoms of the disease were consistent with typhoid but confirmatory laboratory investigations were still being awaited. “The disease is affecting all ages of both male and female patients.

There have been no deaths amongst the hospitalized cases,” he was quoted as saying by the paper.

He said of the 78 people that were admitted, 65 were still receiving treatment while 13 have been discharged, adding that health officials in the district have responded well and providing appropriate medical attention to the patients.—Xinhua

**Russia to build up Northern Sea naval presence**

MOSCOW, 9 Nov—Russia would increase its submarine task force along its Northern Sea Route, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Tuesday.

Speaking at a national transport industry conference in Russian’s White Sea port City of Novosibirsk, Putin said new submarines were arriving this week at the city’s Sevmash shipyard after sea trials.

“We will build our forces there. Russia will undoubtedly work to ensure security in the northern region,” said Putin, Xinhua reported, citing the Interfax news agency.

He said the Northern Sea Route — a Russian shipping lane that runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean along the Russian Arctic coast to the Bering Strait and Far East — was one of Russia’s priority transport lanes and the Russian emergency situations ministry would also deploy forces there.

**Merkel, Medvedev inaugurate new Baltic sea pipeline**

BERLIN, 9 Nov—German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday turned the tap of the Baltic pipeline which connects the Western Europe and one of the world’s most abundant natural gas fields in Siberia.

“When we talk of security of supply, we must think of diversification,” said Merkel at the inauguration ceremony.

Medvedev spoke highly of the pipeline, referring to it as an important step to “strengthen relations with the EU and Germany,” despite that fact that the project still remained largely controversial.

“This pipeline will allow us to provide the Western European consumers reliably and at an acceptable, reasonable price,” Medvedev said at the beginning of the installation work.

The project of the Baltic Pipeline has been enthusiastically acclaimed by the Russian media, which draw the historical comparisons with Peter the Great, who founded the city of St Petersburg to open up a window to the west. The Nord Stream pipeline, which runs 1,224 kilometres, has been proceeding on smoothly in a record 16 months, while the work on the second section of the pipeline has been put on schedule.—Xinhua
16 killed in stampede in India

NEW DELHI, 9 Nov—At least 16 people were killed and 10 others injured in a stampede which broke out at an abode in the northern Indian holy town of Hardwar Tuesday, said police. The incident happened when hundreds of people had gathered for the centenary celebrations of Hindu religious Guru Pandit Siriram Sharma at Shantikunj Ashram. The stampede broke out when a large number of followers tried to enter the gate of the holy place to take part in a “yagya” (chant) as part of the celebrations. Senior administrative and police officials have rushed to the spot of the incident. According to local TV footage, the injured were removed from the site to ambulances by organizers of the event, which was supposed to draw 5 million people.

Stampede takes place from time to time in crowded religious events in India. Xinhu

Death toll rises to 10 in central China rock burst accident

ZHENGZHOU, 9 Nov—After medical efforts failed for two seriously injured miners, the death toll rose to ten following a rock burst in a coal mine in central China’s Henan province, a mine official confirmed on Tuesday.

They were two of three critically injured miners among 53 trapped miners that had been pulled out by rescuers, the official said.

A rock burst occurred in the Qianqiu Coal Mine in the City of Sammenxia, Henan Province, following a 2.9-magnitude earthquake on Thursday.

Of the 75 miners working in the shaft, eight died and 14 managed to escape. Rescuers saved 53 others, including 45 who had been trapped underground for 40 hours.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.—Xinhua

Chinese Huawei in Android patent talks with Microsoft

LONDON, 9 Nov—China’s leading telecom company Huawei has confirmed that it is in talks with Microsoft over the use of Android software.

Huawei Device’s chief marketing officer, Victor Xu, said the discussions are “in progress”.

He also revealed that the firm plans to open a new design centre in London, and would expand to expand into the US, Japan and India next year, and then other parts of the world in 2013.

“Over the next three years we are aiming to be in the top five smartphone makers, and in the top three in the next five years. We have established very aggressive targets in the market,” the BBC quoted Xu, as saying.

Meanwhile, it is suspected that Huawei’s mobile device roll-out could lead it into a clash with Microsoft.

The US company has claimed that the Android system, which is used by Huawei’s devices, exploits some of its innovations.

Xu, however, hinted that his firm is able to defend itself.

“We always respect the intellectual property of key companies. At the moment we have more than 65,000 patents and we have enough instruments to protect our interests,” Xu said.

Microsoft said it would not comment on the status of “confidential patent licensing discussions”.

Malaria battle changed Cheryl Cole’s life

LONDON, 9 Nov—Cheryl Cole’s battle against malaria opened her eyes to healthy living.

The former “X Factor” judge caught the disease after visiting Africa last year and although she was hospitalised, she insists it did benefit her as it made her focus more on the important things in life, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“It opened my eyes to health and things I hadn’t focused on before. It’s now less about work, work, work and more about taking time to chill and be with my friends and family,” she said.

The 28-year-old singer was left bed-ridden by the effects of malaria. She has revealed the disease ate away her muscles and turned her complexion yellow. “I was yellow because of my kidneys, it was a bit like jaundice. It was hard to find a matching foundation, let me tell you,” she said.—Internet

Microsoft gives Murray 1m dollars fee for Jackson documentary

LONDON, 9 Nov—Conrad Murray, the doctor who was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in Michael Jackson’s death, has been put on suicide watch in a Los Angeles prison amid suggestions that he could be set to cash in on his crime.

The 58-year-old cardiologist has been assigned special protection by prison authorities to prevent him being attacked by other inmates, the Telegraph reported. He will have a single cell and an escort will go with him when he moves around inside the Los Angeles County jail.

After his conviction it appeared that Murray had been co-operating with a documentary team for the last two years, and the film will be broadcast around the world later this week.—Internet

A woman watches remembrance crosses outside the Westminster Abbey in London, Britain, 8 Nov, 2011. Various activities were held across the UK for the forthcoming Armistice Day to commemorate lives lost in the conflicts since the First World War. Xinhua
Yangon Children’s Hospital successfully separates fifth conjoined...

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein witnessed the operation through live coverage from CCTV cameras.
In the afternoon, the Union Minister again visited the pediatric hospital and expressed his congratulations to the surgeons, specialists and nurses who successfully performed the fifth operation for the country. He also said hello to parents of the twin sisters.

The Union Health Minister inspected the condition of the Siamese twins yesterday morning before they underwent the major operation. The condition of the conjoined twins, who are currently under intensive care of the unit constituted with professors, is reportedly developing. MNA

Union Health Minister attends WHO executive board special meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended special meeting of executive board of World Health Organization held at WHO (Head Office) in Geneva of Switzerland from 1 to 3 November.
The meeting was also attended by health ministers of member countries, senior officials, WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan and officials.
The Union Minister touched on health care projects of the country, fight against transmitted diseases, capacity building of health staff and cooperation with international organizations.—MNA

6th Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases held

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—The 6th Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases hosted by Myanmar was opened today at Hotel Yangon in Yangon this morning.
Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of the Health Department gave a speech. Director (Epidemic) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein acted the chairman of the meeting which is co-chaired by MDM. Lalitha Kuruputham of Epidemiology and Disease control Division of the Ministry of Health of Singapore.
The meeting focused on matters related to prevention against and responses to pandemic diseases, exchange of information and upgrading of labs, surveillance on epidemics. The three-day meeting ends 11 November.

Union Sports Minister, Myanmar sports contingents leave for Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Leading Myanmar sports contingents who will participate in the XXVI SEA Games to be held in Indonesia from 11 to 22 November, 2011, Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan flew to Indonesia at 10:00 am today as the first group, to attend the opening ceremony of the XXVI SEA Games and the South East Asia Games Federation Council meeting.
He was accompanied by General Secretary of the committee Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and members, acting secretary of the committee leader of Myanmar sports contingents Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and administration group, shooting, billiard and snooker, swimming, chess, sepak takraw, acrobatics, track and field athletes, totaling 142.
The host Indonesia of the XXVI SEA Games respectively holds 22 kinds of sports in Jakarta and 20 kinds of sports in Palembang. A total of 560 Myanmar contingents partake in 27 sports.

Banking Services Diploma course opens

YANGON, 9 Nov—Organized by Banks Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Banking Services Diploma Course No (5) was opened at the MBA Building here this morning.
Speaking on the occasion, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein urged the trainees to strive for development of banking services with knowledge gained from the course. A total of 63 trainees, one from the Central Bank of Myanmar and 62 from State-run and private banks are attending the one-year course.
Region/State Hluttaw sessions continue

Fourth day second regular session of first Bago Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Nov—First day second regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw was held this morning at State Hluttaw Office, with the attendance of Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, heads of institutions of the Region and 69 Hluttaw representatives.

A total of 11 questions were raised and answered, Region Hluttaw representatives willing to discuss Region budgets and three proposals were approved and four proposals were submitted at today’s session.

Second day second regular session of first Kayah State Hluttaw was held this morning at State Hluttaw Office, with the attendance of State Chief Minister U Hkaa Maung Oo and 46 Hluttaw representatives.

A total of 20 questions were raised and answered, Region budgets and three proposals were approved and four proposals were submitted at today’s session.

Fourth day second regular session of first Rakhine State Hluttaw was held this morning at State Hluttaw Office, with the attendance of Region Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and 74 Hluttaw representatives.

A total of 17 questions were raised and answered and four proposals were submitted. Hluttaw approved poverty alleviation tasks of Region government and of recorded the message of condolence and cash donation of Region Hluttaw representatives for Pakokku floods.

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(Article: Aung Theinga; Photo: Ko Ko Lay)

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U Nay Win Tun, also Chairman of Ruby Dragon Company, guarantees mining newcomers will be provided with capital, marketing, technical and regulatory assistance.

“Capital will be loaned with no interest. Assistance will feature departmental procedures for starting mining business, systematic formation of company, mining technologies and so on. The non-profit foundation will focus on bringing about wealth to the State and people,” he explained.

U Nay Win Tun will put K 1500 millions into the fund of the foundation with likelihood to add more if required.

Translation:HKA

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased
Laser treatment to change eye colour

BANGKOK, 9 Nov—After 20-second treatment, people can turn their brown eyes to blue. It is not magic, but a surgery that a US doctor is working on. Dr Gregg Homer, chairman and chief scientific officer of Stroma Medical, a medical firm in the US, claimed he could use laser light to remove pigment in brown eyes so they gradually turn blue.

“The laser can agitate the pigment on the surface of the iris,” Dr Homer told the BBC, after 20 seconds laser treatment, brown hue in the eyes would fade away and blueness appeared in two to four weeks.

By far, 17 patients with a high degree of short sights from Mexico have undergone the laser treatment and reported no harm. In return for taking part in the trials, the patients were offered lens transplants.

BBC reports that Dr Homer is now seeking up to 750,000 US dollars of investment to continue clinical trials. He intends to manufacture hundreds of lasers and launch trials overseas within 18 months.

But eye experts have cast doubts on it.

Some say that the pigment is there for a reason; if lost, there will be problems like glare or double vision.

In response to the concern, Dr Homer stated the laser only removed the pigment from the eye’s surface and it was “one third to one half as thick as the pigment at the back of the iris and has no medical significance”.

Dr Gregg Homer was once an entertainment lawyer. In mid-1990s he gave up his career and started to study biology at Stanford University in California.—Xinhua

How to eat more food and still lose weight

LONDON, 9 Nov—You can really eat more food and still lose weight if you eat it wisely. According to a recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health is to be believed.

Research monitoring 12,000 people over 20 years showed eating larger portions of healthy food can be more effective in helping you slim than diets that encourage you to consume less.

Weight-loss diets don’t necessarily mean meagre portions said Aine O’Connor, nutrition scientist at the British Nutrition Foundation (BNF). “It’s all about the energy density of your diet, that is how many calories it has per gram,” the Daily Express quoted O’Conno as saying.

“For example, taking a standard spaghetti bolognese recipe and reducing the meat content, using half-fat cheese and adding plenty of vegetables can reduce the energy density by half which means you can eat twice as much for the same calories,” she added.

Death toll reaches 529 in floods in Thailand

BANGKOK, 9 Nov—A total of 529 people were confirmed dead and two people were missing in the floods that have inundated the upper part of the country for almost three months, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Wednesday.

Two more people were confirmed dead on Tuesday in central Province of Phichit. Central Province of Ayutthaya has the highest death toll of 90 people, following by central Province of Nakhon Sawan, of which 62 people died in the flood.

Floods were caused by the heavy monsoon “Nock-Ten” and overflow from several dams in upper part of the country since mid July.

On Wednesday, floods still prevail in 24 of 77 provinces and are affecting about 2.8 million people from 1.1 million households.

The flood have affected about 3.3 million households and about 11.3 million people in 64 of 77 provinces since 25 July.

5.6-magnitude quake hits eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 9 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale jolted eastern Turkey early Wednesday at about 00:05 local time (2205 GMT Tuesday), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 9.40 km, was initially determined to be at 38.7143 degrees north latitude and 43.1330 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua
China to develop heavy-lift helicopter

BEIJING, 9 Nov—China is looking to develop a 33-tonne heavy-lift helicopter with Russian help. A major helicopter producer is holding talks with its Russian counterpart to develop the 33-tonne heavy-lift helicopter, reported China Daily.

“China can produce helicopters with a take-off weight from 1 tonne to 13 tonnes, but only the United States and Russia can produce choppers with lift-off weight of more than 20 tonnes,” Xia Qunlin, an official, was quoted as saying.

“If approved by the government, the 33-tonne heavy-lift helicopter is expected to fill a gap in China... and play important roles in rescue missions and fighting forest fires,” he added.—Internet

Computers ‘will soon enable humans to live forever’

SYDNEY, 9 Nov—A famous US futurist and inventor has predicted that in few years, computers will overtake humans and facilitate their life forever.

Ray Kurzweil has claimed that in the first half of this century there will be a ‘Singularity’, a phase in which there will be incredible rapid technological change, triggered by the moment computers become smart enough to improve themselves without human intervention.

He has set 2029 as the year when computers will overtake humans and the things start getting really weird - disease will be cured, death defeated, the universe will become the playground of immortal super-beings, the Sydney Morning Herald reported.

“Every aspect of human life will be irreversibly transformed,” says Kurzweil.

He has envisaged that computers will enter our bodies and brains and the pace of change will be beyond our understanding unless we enhance ourselves with artificial intelligence boosts.—Internet

NOTW hired private investigator to spy on phone hacking victims’ lawyers

LONDON, 9 Nov—The defunct British tabloid News of the World hired a private investigator who spied on two prominent lawyers representing victims of phone hacking, it has emerged.

According to the Daily Mail, a private investigator was hired to tail lawyers Mark Lewis and Charlotte Harris and record their movements. Lewis represented the family of Milly Dowler, whose mobile phone was hacked by the phone hacking outfit when she went missing in 2002. Harris is a high-profile media lawyer, acting for several people who have complained of their phones being hacked, including football agent Sky Andrew.

The investigator, who has been named by the BBC as Derek Webb, ran a private investigations firm called Silent Shadow, and reportedly filmed members of Lewis’s family on a shopping trip.

Russia delivers first batch of 80 Mi-17 helicopters to India

MOSCOW, 9 Nov—Russia has delivered the first batch of 80 Mi-17V-5 tactical transport helicopters to India under a 1.345 billion dollars deal in 2008. Russian arms sales agency Rosoboronexport said on Thursday.

The helicopters are being built by Russian Helicopters’ Kazan Helicopter Factory (KVZ) subsidiary, RIA Novosti reported. The Mi-17V-5 is designed for utility cargo work and can carry up to 36 passengers or four tonnes. The machine features advanced multifunction cockpit displays and upgraded TV3-117VM engines.

India is one of the world’s largest Mi-8 and Mi-17 operators with over 200 aircraft in service. The Mi-8/17 family is the most widely produced helicopter design in history, with over 11,000 delivered to more than 110 countries. Airborne troops and Navy Special Forces have long used the Mi-17. Its modified version can land several crews at once via several onboard exit points. The Mi-17 is the most recent upgrade for the Indian Air Force. The last helicopter deliveries occurred between 2000 and 2004.—Internet

Finland’s largest ever data leak uncovered

HELSDIN, 9 Nov—A data leak has been uncovered in Finland, in which personal details of around 16,000 people were uploaded onto a file-sharing website, according to Finnish media reports.

This act is the largest ever of its kind in Finland. The data leak is being looked into by the Finnish National Bureau of Investigation. Anonymous was behind the leak.

The group temporarily published a sample of information on 16,000 people as proof of the hack that was motivated by an apparent desire to shame the Finnish government into improving data security, reported Xinhua.

Finnish National Bureau of Investigation has not confirmed the claims that a loose group of hackers known as Anonymous was behind the data leak.

The list that was put on the Internet contains the names, full social security numbers, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and addresses of the victims.

Some civil servants and students of the Police College of Finland are mentioned by name.

Finnish police have confirmed that the names of some Finnish Defence Forces staff are on the list. The military said the leak did not pose a security threat.—Internet

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London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. The vehicles will leave Hyde Park just after 7am to travel the 60 miles to the annual event’s finish line on Brighton seafront.

The new city site and the ancient castle are seen in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 22 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 center of Havana was listed as a world cultural heritage by the UNESCO in 1982. — Xinhua

China gold demand may hit 400 tons in 2011

TIANJIN, 9 Nov—China’s gold output may exceed 350 tons and consumption reach 400 tons this year, according to the head of China Gold Association.

The output in the first nine months of the year hit 259 tons, up 4.32 percent from a year ago, said Sun Zhaoxue, also the president of China National Gold Group Corp., at the China Mining Congress and Expo 2011 that concluded Tuesday in the northern coastal city of Tianjin.

“I am optimistic about the prospect of China’s gold industry. The output is estimated to reach 400 tons in the next few years and there is potential for further increase,” Sun said.

The consumption, however, is estimated to hit 400 tons this year, a surge from 270 tons in 2010, Sun said. The purchase of gold bars is exceeded its 350 tons amid safe-haven buying, he added.

Nurse safety, patient safety linked

PHILADELPHIA, 9 Nov—A safe working environment for nurses is also a safe environment for the patients in their care, US researchers found.

Study leader Dr Jennifer Taylor of the Drexel University School of Public Health found the safety climate was associated with both patient and nurse injuries, suggesting patient and nurse safety may be linked outcomes.

The study included data from a large urban hospital, including 28,876 patient discharges on 29 nursing units employing 723 registered nurses.

For each nursing unit, researchers collected nurses’ responses to a survey of safety attitudes — a measure of safety climate — as well as hospital-reported nurse and patient injury data collected the following year.

Vintage cars on marks for rally

LONDON, 9 Nov — More than 500 vintage cars are due to take part in the 78th London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. The vehicles will leave Hyde Park just after 7am to travel the 60 miles to the annual event’s finish line on Brighton seafront.

The group of cars set to take part is an 1894 Benz Velo which will be driven by the event’s youngest driver - 17-year-old Oliver Wright, from Skyrholme near Skipton, North Yorkshire. Other vehicles making the journey include an 1896 steam Salvesen open cart and a Delahaye limousine dating from 1897. The rally is not a race and is instead described by organisers the Royal Automobile Club as “an endurance of man and machine”. It will start at sunrise, around 7:02am, and the last car should arrive in Brighton by 4pm. — Internet

Five die in fire at Calif home for disabled

MARINA, 9 Nov—A body of a fifth victim was found on Sunday in the debris of a fire that swept through a home for disabled adults in Marina, Calif, authorities said. A sixth resident was hospitalized in critical condition, Salinas’ KION-TV said. The TV station said three Marina police officers and two caregivers suffered smoke inhalation.

The fire broke out shortly before midnight Saturday at the Mount Carmel Adult Residential Facility. — Internet

Chicago, 9 Nov — A month after Steve Jobs’ death, his love letter to his wife for their 20th wedding anniversary has inspired a string of translations and retranslations as fans of the Apple co-founder search for the perfect words to express their appreciation. Netizens including Luo Haqiang, 30, known as Jonah_Law on his micro blog, were unhappy with the wording in the official Chinese version of the biography, Steve Jobs, which they said was plain and not touching. They set out to write their own versions.

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109-year-old graffiti uncovered at palace

Workers participating in a restoration project at Kensington Palace in London said they uncovered some 109-year-old graffiti. Lee Prosser, buildings curator at Historic Royal Palaces, said workers removed a concealed piece of timber from a post supporting the ceiling next to the royal residence’s front door and discovered a neatly-written obscenity accompanied by the name “Peter Jackson” and the date “1/2/1902.” The Daily Telegraph reported Friday.

“When this was written he must have thought he was perfectly safe, that nobody in the world would ever lay eyes on it again,” Prosser said. “Sadly, we don’t know very much about Peter Jackson, but evidently he, like many others throughout history, could not resist the temptation to leave his mark on a royal palace. A spokeswoman said the piece of timber was replaced with a metal support but will be preserved and put on display.

Forgetful perp botches robbery

An unemployed Brazilian mason allegedly robbed a cellphone store only to be locked in and captured by the store clerk after returning for a forgotten folder.

Security camera video of last week’s incident allegedly showed Edmídio Rogerio Alves, 24, entering the GSM Phones Shop in Votuporanga carrying a folder holding working papers documenting employment, the Brazilian newspaper O Estado de Sao Paulo reported.

Alves feigned a gun under his shirt, put the folder on a display counter and announced a robbery, demanding the only clerk on staff, Ailton Victor Jr., open the showcase of mobile devices. When Victor refused, the camera showed, Alves smashed the display glass, grabbed four phones and ran out of the store leaving his folder, the newspaper said.

After Alves remem-bered his folder he ran back into the store but the clerk locked the door, scaling in the alleged robber who was eventually met by arresting police.

Jessica Chastain to play Princess Diana

The 30-year-old will portray the iconic British royal who died in a car crash in August 1997 in the movie “Caught in Flight,” reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel, the film will revolve around the love affair between Diana and heart surgeon Hasnat Kahn, who was said to be the love of her life. The film will be shot in a number of locations, including Pakistan, Angola, the south of France and Paris.

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Michelle Williams says she always finds working on film sets a little difficult. The Oscar-nominate-d actress has taken on her biggest role till date as Marilyn Monroe in “My Week with Marilyn”.

“It is the most challenging role I’ve taken, and I think it always will be. There is a degree of difficulty that always exists for me at work, but this really stepped it up. I was nervous, of course, but I tried not to think of her as an icon,” she said.

Lindsay Lohan released after serving just 4.5 hours in LA prison!

Lindsay Lohan, who was awarded 30-day sentence over probation violation, was allowed to leave after serving just 4.5 hours in prison.

Lilo enjoyed a last sushi dinner in Venice before checking into the jail just before 9pm to begin serving her sentence.

However she was not required to pack an overnight bag as she was

Lindsay Lohan

Robert Pattinson fears losing job ‘security blanket’ after ‘Twilight’ series

The 25-year-old star has said that he is concerned about not having a “security blanket” once the series is over.

“In career terms ‘Twilight’ was like a security blanket,” the New York Post quoted the actor as telling The Guardian.

“Not a blanket—a safety net. I had a three- or four-month window between each one during which I could do another job.

“But whatever I did, I knew that I’d have another ‘Twilight’ movie on the way, which is theoretically guaranteed to make a lot of money. So I could always afford to fail.”

Kristen Stewart loves casual dressing

Kristen Stewart says she likes fashion but she is a jeans and t-shirt kind of a girl and prefers casual clothes to designer wear. The “Twilight” actress goes for designer dresses for film premieres and glamorous showbiz parties, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“I like fashion because it’s part of my work. I dive into the new trends when I have to, but I’m more of a jeans and t-shirt kind of girl,” she said.

The 109-year-old graffiti was discovered in a restored building at Kensington Palace in London, as reported by The Daily Telegraph. The graffiti, written on a piece of timber attached to the ceiling, is believed to have been created by a mason named Peter Jackson in 1902.

The London-based Kensington Palace confirmed the discovery, stating that the graffiti is an important piece of history that will be preserved and put on display. The graffiti consists of neatly-written obscenity accompanied by the name “Peter Jackson” and the date “1/2/1902.” It is the most challenging role for the actress Michelle Williams, who will portray Marilyn Monroe in the upcoming film “My Week with Marilyn.”

Lindsay Lohan, whose probation violation sentence was 30 days, was released from LA’s Poway Jail after serving just 4.5 hours. She dined on sushi before checking into the jail at 9pm, according to sources.

Robert Pattinson, the star of the “Twilight” franchise, has expressed concern about losing the “security blanket” of stardom once the series comes to an end. He told The Guardian: “In career terms ‘Twilight’ was like a security blanket.”

Kristen Stewart, renowned for her casual style, has revealed that she prefers jeans and t-shirts over designer wear. She told femalefirst.co.uk: “I like fashion because it’s part of my work. I dive into the new trends when I have to, but I’m more of a jeans and t-shirt kind of girl.”
Wilshere: I’m a Gunner for life

LONDON, 9 Nov — Midfielder Jack Wilshere has told Arsenal that he promises to stay at the club for life. The 19-year-old has come through the youth ranks with Arsenal and is now a key member of their side.

Also an England international, Wilshere was quizzed about whether

he would remain loyal to the club - which lost the likes of Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri in the summer.

But the teenager insists he has no plans to quit the Emirates. “Can I promise I will be at Arsenal for ever? I can promise that, yes,” he said at a media event in London. “I’ve been at the club since I was nine and I’ve learned to love it.

“From the (Patrick) Vieira days, to (Dennis) Bergkamp, (Cesc) Fabregas, I’ve watched them come through and move on.” But now there’s a crop of new players, (Aaron) Ramsey, myself, Kieran Gibbs, hopefully we can really create something special. “I love the club and I want to be part of its future.”

Wilshere has yet to play for the club this season due to a stress fracture to his right ankle but is set to step up his training, six weeks after undergoing an operation on the injury. —INTERNET

Yaya Toure: City are double top

MANCHESTER, 9 Nov — Midfielder Yaya Toure says Manchester City’s second-string would challenge for a Champions League place.

The Ivory Coast star has been in brilliant form in recent weeks, with City also in commanding mood: they sit on top of the Barclays Premier League, unbeaten and five points clear.

And Toure now says that City are equipped to take English football by storm because they have such strength in depth.

“We have more than one team now - we have got two teams,” he insisted. “If you see the team that beat Wolves 5-2 in the Carling Cup, people said it was the second team. ‘For me, it is not the second team because everybody is good enough to play.

“The team that played against Wolves in the league at home won 3-1, but it was difficult. We have got two teams now that can both play in the Champions League.

“We have got a fantastic squad and everybody is improving. For me it is amazing.” I came here because I wanted to make history. I want to be part of history at this club.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Barcelona’s Pep Guardiola believes fewer teams would make La Liga more competitive

BARCELONA, 9 Nov — Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola claims that reducing the number of clubs in La Liga from 20 to 16 would make the league more competitive.

Speaking at a press conference, the 40-year-old told reporters that while the reduction in club numbers would provide a more challenging competition, the season set-up would need tinkering.

“It will be a much more competitive league with 16 compared to 20 clubs,” Guardiola said. “But I don’t know [how it would work].

“I think to win the titles, to win the games, is always difficult. I understand the game and I understand the sport in that way. Nothing is simple.”

Guardiola also stated that while the decrease in club numbers would not only create a more competitive league, but would also give players more time to recover.

“You will have more time to rest, but I think that would increase the number of international friendly games. The people demand to see the games.”

While Guardiola believes the reduction should include the removal of four teams from La Liga, Barcelona president Sandro Rosell believes the reduction should first be sized down to 18 clubs, and then 16 at a later stage.

Barcelona’s next league game is at Real Zaragoza on 19 Nov after the international break.—INTERNET

Roddick, Isner advance at Paris Masters

PARIS, 9 Nov — Americans Andy Roddick and John Isner advanced Tuesday at the Paris Masters.

Roddick defeated Julien Benneteau of France 6-4, 6-4, making 12 unforced errors compared to 25 for his opponent.

Isner relied on his strong serve to edge Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 6-7 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (5). He had 20 aces, including on match point.

“I’ve been in that situation, a bunch of tight matches, where although I’m maybe a little tired, I’m still able to hit my

biggest serve,” Isner said. “That’s what I did.”

Isner is ranked 25th and hopes to get into the top 10 “It’s something I definitely think I can do.”

Isner said. “It won’t happen this year, but it’s going to be one of my goals in 2012.”

Juan Monaco of Argentina cruised past Donald Young of the United States 6-4, 6-2, and Richard Gasquet of France defeated Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-4, 7-6 (4).—INTERNET

Pardew won’t cool expectations

LONDON, 9 Nov — Manager Alan Pardew is happy for Newcastle United fans to dream of Champions League qualification.

The Magpies remain unbeaten in the Barclays Premier League after beating Everton 2-1 at St James’ Park on Saturday to tighten their grip on a place in the top four.

They are currently third and Pardew can understand the growing excitement among fans, although he is refusing to get carried away at this stage.

While the manager is proud of the way his troops have performed during the early part of the campaign, he is staying focused on the next match against Manchester City on 19th November.

“I don’t want to dampen expectations. I am not here for that,” said Pardew.

“I want fans to enjoy this and if they are dreaming of the Champions League, let them dream, it

is fantastic, good luck to them.

“In the dressing room we have to be a little more conservative about our approach. We are a new team, we have done terrifically well and we go to the next game, that’s it.”

The trip to the Emirates will be Newcastle’s sternest test to date and marks the beginning of a daunting set of fixtures.—INTERNET

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Barclays Premier League

Manchester City are double top

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Owen Coyle’s struggling side made a dramatic return to form on Sunday as they thrashed Stoke City 5-0 at the Reebok Stadium.

It was only their third Barclays Premier League win of the season and their first points on their home
ground.

The Trotters had been

handed a daunting fixture list in the opening two months of the season - they lost to five of the current top
seven - but disappointing defeats by Sunderland, Swansea and Norwich brought criticism.

Eagles, the Trotters’ outstanding performer with two goals against the Potters, said: “None of us really pay attention to what people say.

“Anyone can put you down, any job you do.”

We don’t listen, we just go out there and do our job. We stick together.”

People can comment on everything, people think they can have a view on you.”

“But with Owen, he keeps it close-knit. We don’t listen to anyone outside. We are fit, happy and hopefully everyone can see that.”—INTERNET

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Crop scientists now fret about heat not just water

CHICAGO, 9 Nov—Crop scientists in the United States, the world’s largest food exporter, are pondering an odd question: could the danger of global warming really be the heat? For years, as scientists have assembled data on climate change and pointed with concern at melting glaciers and other visible changes in the life-giving water cycle, the impact on seasonal rains and irrigation has worried crop watchers most.

What would breadbaskets like the US Midwest, the Central Asian steppes, the north China Plain or Argentine and Brazilian crop lands be like without normal rains or water tables? Those were seen as longer-term issues of climate change. But scientists now wonder if a more immediate issue is an unusual rise in day-time and, especially, night-time summer temperatures being seen in crop belts around the world.

Interviews with crop researchers at American universities paint the same picture: high temperatures have already shrunk output of many crops and vegetables. “We don’t grow tomatoes in the deep South in the summer. Pollination fails,” said Ken Boote, a crop scientist with the University of Florida. The same goes for snap beans which can no longer be grown in Florida during the summer, he added.

“As temperatures rise we are going to have trouble maintaining the yields of crops that we already have,” said Gerald Nelson, an economist with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) who is leading a global project initially funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to identify new crop varieties adapted to climate change.

Haze from forest fires engulfs La Paz City, on 23 August, 2010.—INTERNET

Rambutan thriving in Mohnyin

With rambutan fetching high prices in the market up to 100 kyats per one, rambutan growers in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State are enjoying profits covering household expenses.

One of the rambutan growers in Aungthabyay Ward (1) of Mohnyin Township is U Myo Tun and Daw Hnin Hnin Htwe. Daw Hnin Hnin Htwe said she bought rambutan saplings from Yangon while visiting Flowers and Fruits Show in Myaypadethagyun in September and October, the season of rambutan, and usually earns up to nearly 4 million kyats from the sale of rambutan.

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