President U Thein Sein receives Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Secretary of Beijing Municipal Committee and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received the visiting Chinese delegation led by Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Secretary of Beijing Municipal Committee Mr. Liu Qi at the hall of President Office, here, this evening. Together with the President, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and departmental heads were present at the call. The Chinese delegation led by Mr. Liu Qi was accompanied by Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua. They held a cordial discussion on bilateral relations and cooperation.—MNA

Myanmar sports contingent bags two silver medals in canoeing event

YANGON, 11 Nov — Win Htaik of Myanmar clinched silver medal at 1000 meters-C 1 canoeing event on the Day 1 of the XXVI SEA Games. In the event, first and third prizes went to Indonesia and Vietnam. Moreover, Win Htaik and Ye Aung Soe of Myanmar won one more silver medal at 1000 meters-C 2 canoeing event. Indonesia and Thailand bagged first and third prizes respectively in the event.

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Out of a sense of duty...

Myanmar will enjoy healthy development in the future if each and every individual fulfils their own duties.

Only when the entire people brush away egotistic thoughts and shoulder responsibilities, will the country be peaceful and developed.

Holding geographically strategic position, rich in natural resources and initiating dramatic reforms, Myanmar is now on the radar of international investors and entrepreneurs. Myanmar nationals, viewing every issue on political and economic standpoints, will have to accelerate the current developments. To keep abreast of the developed world countries, Myanmar needs to step forward with considerable progress.

Opportunities and competitions will arise from these changes in political, economic and social scenarios. It is high time for Myanmar to display their brilliant performances.

The onus is on all Myanmar citizens to do their bit for earning an ideal position for our own nation, people and culture on the world stage reaping the benefit of its vast resources in grand style while sharpening their skills.

Myanmar sports contingent leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 11 Nov—Myanmar sports contingent left for Indonesia to participate in XXVI SEA Games yesterday.

The contingent was formed with Taekwondo, cycling, track and field, boxing, swimming, tennis, volleyball, shooting, Sepak Takaraw, wrestling, cycling, track and field, boxing, swimming, tennis, and acrobatic athletes and seen off by officials of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation.

Publications donated to libraries in Falam

NAVP TAW, 11 Nov—Publications donated by Myanmar Library Foundation were handed over to rural libraries in Falam this morning.

The ceremony to hand over books to the libraries in Lonpee and Valon villages held in Township General Administration Office in Falam was attended by the Township Administrator and the Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department.

Monsoon paddy harvested, loans given to breeders and poppy strains handed over in Kayah State

NAVP TAW, 11 Nov—Harvesting ceremony of monsoon paddy was held in Kontha village in Loikaw on 1 November, attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, State ministers and farmers.

A total of 119 baskets of rice per acre were reportedly harvested from the scientific model plot. The State Chief Minister inspected repair works of Mobye Dam while State Minister for Social Welfare U Koe Yal and party supervised giving out loans for breeding for rural development and poverty alleviation at Loikaw City Hall.

Planning and Economy U Tot Yal and party provided loans to breeders in Dimawhso Township. Loans given to breeders in Loikaw and Dimawhso Townships amounted for K 500 million. The State Chief Minister also attended ceremony to hand over poppy strains in Dimawhso Township.

Union Ministers, Yangon Region Chief Minister visit Pale Thwal Rice Mill

YANGON, 11 Nov—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe visited Pale Thwal Rice Mill in Seikkyi Khaungto Township in Yangon Region yesterday afternoon.

They inspected advanced paddy silos in the rice mill. After hearing report of the in-charge of the mill, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing highlighted the importance of rice mills in development of rice sector in Myanmar.

Saguing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye unveiled stone inscription of Sasana Beikman in Monywa Township on 6 November. —MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Chinese delegation led by Member of Political Bureau of CCCPC Secretary of Beijing Municipal Committee

NAVP TAW, 11 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a goodwill Chinese delegation led by Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Secretary of Beijing Municipal Committee Mr. Liu Qi.

Beijing Municipal Committee Mr. Liu Qi at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon. They held cordial discussions on matters of cementing strategic friendship between Myanmar and China. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann was accompanied by chairmen and secretaries of Hluttaw’s Affairs committees. Together with the goodwill Chinese delegation led by the Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Secretary of Beijing Municipal Committee, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials attended the meeting.

Union Minister U Win Myint said that the state would provide assistance for exporting rice to investors.

The region chief minister called for cooperation of farmers in increasing per acre yield of rice.

Union Minister’s Win Myint visit to Pale Thwal Rice Mill in Seikkyi Khaungto Township, Yangon Region.

— MNA
Iran’s first nuclear power plant has suffered a serious cyber-intrusion from a sophisticated worm that infected workers’ computers, and potentially plant systems.

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Three policemen killed in Afghan attack

KABUL, 11 Nov—Three Afghan policemen were killed Thursday in an attack on a government office in Afghanistan’s eastern Paktia Province.

Five attackers wearing vests laden with explosives stormed into the Samkanai District administrator’s office where a meeting of tribal elders was ongoing Thursday afternoon, said Rohullah Samoon, a spokesman for the Paktia Province governor’s office.

Three of the attackers blew themselves up at the entrance, Samoon said. The other two engaged in a fierce gun battle with Afghan security forces backed by NATO air support. The shooting went on for an hour before the two attackers were killed, Samoon said. Two policemen were injured, among them the chief of police, he said.

Earlier this week in neighboring Paktika Province, between 60 and 70 militants were killed after they attacked an Afghan base in Barmal District.

NATO provided air support to Afghan National Security Forces in that incident as well.

An Afghan policeman walks at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Panjshir Province recently.—Reuters

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Dmitry Medvedev, Barack Obama to discuss missile defence

MOSCOW, 11 Nov—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his US counterpart Barack Obama will discuss missile defence issues on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Honolulu

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NATO has said it was ready to offer Moscow written assurances, but has refused so far to provide the legally-binding commitments demanded by Moscow.

Russia and NATO agreed to cooperate on the so-called European missile defence system at the Lisbon Summit in November 2010. NATO insists there should be two independent systems that exchange information, while Russia favours a joint system with full-scale interoperability.

NATO says it needs the shield, which will be eventually deployed in the Mediterranean, Poland, Romania and Turkey, to counter the threat of missile attacks from “rogue states” such as Iran.—Internet

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Iran’s supreme leader warned Israel and the US that Teheran will respond strongly if its arch-enemies conduct a military strike against Iran over the country’s controversial nuclear programme.

Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said, “We are not a nation to sit back idle and watch the materialistic, corrupted and rotten powers threaten the strong and dignified Iranian nation. We will threaten in return for threats. Anybody who takes up the idea of an attack on Iran, should get ready to receive a strong slap and an iron fist by the Iranian nation, Army, Revolutionary Guards, Basij forces and above all the Iranian nation.”

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei’s comments come two days after the UN atomic agency released a report saying Iran is suspected of conducting secret nuclear experiments.

The report was the International Atomic Energy Agency’s most unequivocal yet in suggesting Iran is using a peaceful cover to produce atomic weapons. But Iran insists it is only pursuing nuclear energy. Four rounds of UN sanctions have not halted Iran’s nuclear programe.

On Wednesday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad slammed the IAEA report, saying Teheran would not retreat “an iota” from its nuclear programme.—Xinhua

Sergeant convicted of killing Afghans

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, 11 Nov—A US Army staff sergeant was immediately sentenced to life in prison Thursday after a court-martial convicted him of killing three Afghan civilians.

Staff Sgt Calvin Gibbs will be eligible for parole after 10 years, The Seattle Times reported. A panel of three officers and three non-commissioned officers heard testimony for a week at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Gibbs took over a platoon in Afghanistan after his predecessor was seriously injured by a bomb. Prosecutors said he cultivated a “kill squad” within the platoon that killed unarmed civilians, posed for snapshots with their bodies and cut off body parts as trophies.

“Staff Sgt Gibbs betrayed his oath,” the military prosecutor, Maj Robert Stelle, told the court Wednesday in his summation, “He betrayed his unit, and with the flag of his nation emblazoned across his chest, thousands of miles from home, he betrayed his nation.”

Eleven soldiers have been charged in the case, many of them with lesser crimes. Two have pleaded guilty to murder and one to involuntary manslaughter, and another is awaiting court martial on a murder charge.

An Iraqi police officer uses a bomb detector to searches a woman outside the 14th Ramadan mosque, seen in the background, on the first day of Eid al-Adha in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, on 6 Nov, 2011.

Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of the Sacrifice, is celebrated to commemorate the prophet Ibrahim’s faith in being willing to sacrifice his son.

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**Business**

**Wall Street rebounds on corporate news**

NEW YORK, 11 Nov—Stocks bounced back on Thursday from a 3 percent drop in the previous session as investors latched onto positive corporate and economic news in the absence of a clear worsening of Europe’s debt crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average <.DJI> gained 113.07 points, or 0.96 percent, to 11,894.01, according to the latest available figures. The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index <.SPX> gained 10.59 points, or 0.86 percent, to 1,239.69. The Nasdaq Composite Index <.IXIC> gained 3.50 points, or 0.13 percent, to 2,625.15.—Reuters

**Downside risk factors to dominate S Korean economy**

SEOUL, 11 Nov—The South Korean economy would be dominated by downside risk factors rather than upside factors, the central bank said Friday.

“Our economy will show a long-term trend rate of growth down the road, but in terms of upside and downside risks to the future growth path, the downside will dominate over the upside given Europe’s sovereign debt crisis,” the Bank of Korea (BOK) said in a report assessing current economic developments after the November monetary policy meeting. The BOK left the 7-day repo rate unchanged at 3.25 percent this month, keeping its rate freeze stance for the fifth consecutive month.

The central bank said in a separate statement that the global economy would recover at a moderate pace down the road even though advanced nations showed signs of sluggishness.

**Health Tip: Is the nasal spray flu vaccine for you?**

The annual seasonal flu vaccine is available as a shot and a nasal spray, but the nasal spray isn’t recommended for everyone.

The American Academy of Family Physicians says these people should not get the nasal spray version of the flu vaccine:

* Children under age 2, or adults aged 50 and older.
* Anyone with a chronic health condition or a weak immune system.
* Anyone taking aspirin therapy.
* Women who are pregnant.
* Anyone with Guillain-Barre syndrome, diabetes, or heart, lung or kidney disease.
* Anyone with an egg allergy or a previous allergic reaction to the flu vaccine.

**Beijing curbs antibiotic addiction and overdose**

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Beijing authorities will launch a citywide campaign to regulate the overuse of antibiotics in public hospitals from tomorrow to the end of this year, a move to ensure safe medical practices.

The overuse of antibiotics causes many of the drugs to become ineffective, which means drug-resistant infections may develop, such as MRSA, known as the “superbug.”

If hospitals fail the assessment, their ranking may be downgraded, which may affect the hospital’s reputation.

Mao Yu, deputy director of the bureau, said hospitals that overuse antibiotics will be downgraded.

Prescription records will be used to check hospitals’ antibiotic usage, he said.

The regulation will limit the number and type of antibiotics to be used, and also regulate the types of antibiotic can be prescribed for. Fewer than 60 out of 100 patients can receive antibiotic treatment, the regulation says.

Antibiotics are also abused in the treatment of children. Yang Yong-hong, a doctor at Beijing Children’s Hospital, told Xinhua that nearly one third of outpatients at that hospital are given inappropriate drips containing antibiotics.—Xinhua

**Most smokers want to quit and try to quit**

ATLANTA, 11 Nov—About two-thirds of US adult smokers say they want to quit and 52 percent of adult smokers say they tried to quit in the last year, health officials say.

A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 48 percent of smokers who saw a health professional in the past year recalled getting advice to quit and 32 percent used counseling and/or medications in the past year. The use of these effective treatments can almost double to triple rates of successfully smoking cessation, the report said.

“More than two-thirds of smokers want to quit smoking and more than half tried to quit last year,” Dr Thomas R Frieden, director of the CDC said. “Smokers who try to quit can double or triple their chances by getting counseling, medicine, or both. Other measures of increasing the likelihood that smokers will quit as they want to include hard-hitting media campaigns, 100 percent smoke-free policies, and higher tobacco prices.”—Internet

**Private equity takes two approaches to Yahoo**

NEW YORK, 11 Nov—Private equity firms including KKR and TPG Capital are looking to potentially buy minority stakes of up to 20 percent in Yahoo Inc with an eye to eventually taking over the whole company, people with knowledge of the situation said.

These buyout firms have signed confidentiality agreements with Yahoo and could be willing to team up with its co-founders Jerry Yang and David Filo, who together own 9.5 percent of the Internet company, according to the sources. Acquiring a minority stake could give the buyout firms an advantage in taking full control once the leverage finance market opens up, and also provide them with the potential for representation on Yahoo’s board, the sources said.

Another group of firms, including Blackstone Group, Providence Equity, Bain Capital and Hellman & Friedman have held out against signing nondisclosure agreements that would restrict their ability to form consortia with strategic partners such as China’s Alibaba Group or Japan’s SoftBank Corp, they said.

Carollely Group has also not signed an NDA, sources told Reuters last week. Yahoo and the private equity firms declined to comment. —Reuters

**Japan’s tertiary industry index declines 0.7 pct in Sept**

Tokyo, 11 Nov—Japan’s tertiary industry activity index declined a seasonally adjusted 0.7 percent on month in September, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) said in a report on Friday.

The index in the recording period stood at 97.2, falling short of consensus forecasts for a 0.5 percent retreat and follows an unchanged reading in August, according to the ministry’s latest data.—Xinhua
Astronomers shed light on early stars in cosmos

CAPE CANAVERAL, 11 Nov—After decades of scouring the universe, astronomers finally have found two immense clouds of gas that are pristine — free of the metals fired out into the cosmos by stars.

The findings provide the first solid detection of primitive, uncontaminated gas and support the longstanding theory as to how the chemical elements were formed in the early universe. It is these types of pure gas clouds that formed the first stars.

The research also suggests that stars have not succeeded at distributing metals throughout the entire cosmos; astronomers consider metals to be heavier elements like carbon, silicon, iron, even oxygen.

A separate study in the same issue of Science concludes the early stars were much smaller than thought — tens of times bigger than our sun, versus hundreds of times bigger.

The two pristine gas clouds were formed 2 billion years after the Big Bang creation of the universe.

Ten times the solar mass. Still, by all standards, very massive "but a little less massive" than initially thought.—Internet

Apple releases iPhone battery drain software fix

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Nov—Apple Inc on Thursday released a software update for its iOS 5 operating system to fix complaints on the performance of the new iPhone 4S battery.

Apple, after facing a rash of complaints on the new phone’s short battery life, had promised earlier to release an update to address the issue.

The software update also addresses some security issues, including a flaw in the operating system that may allow hackers to build apps that secretly install programmes to steal data.—Reuters

Polar bear declared ‘species of special concern’

OTTAWA, 11 Nov—The majestic but vulnerable polar bear has been declared a "species of special concern" under Canada’s Species at Risk Act.

Environment Minister Peter Kent notes that Canada is home to two-thirds of the world’s polar bear population.

The listing means a comprehensive management plan must be prepared within three years. Polar bear populations have been increasingly threatened as global warming shrinks the Arctic icepack, restricting their traditional hunting range.

Environment Canada consulted with provincial and territorial governments, regional wildlife management boards, aboriginal peoples and other stakeholders before making the declaration.

It says the vast majority supported the listing. A government statement says the management plan will build on its existing National Polar Bear Conservation Strategy, drafted in coordination with the United States, Russia, Norway, and Greenland.

The strategy aims to illustrate, strengthen and formalize Canada’s existing polar bear conservation measures. A Conservative senator recently proposed replacing the beaver with the polar bear as Canada’s national animal.—Internet

Ancient star factory galaxies observed

BALTIMORE, 11 Nov—Looking 9 billion years back in time, the Hubble telescope has found a population of tiny, young galaxies brimming with star formation, US astronomers say.

Scientists at the Space Telescope Science Institute said the galaxies are a hundred times less massive than the Milky Way galaxy, yet they churn out stars at a furious pace.

These newly discovered dwarf galaxies are extreme even for the young universe, when most galaxies were forming stars at higher rates than they are today, an institute release said Thursday.

Their rapid star birth rate likely represents an important phase in the formation of dwarf galaxies, the most common galaxy type in the cosmos, the researchers said.

"As our observations continue, we should find many more of these young galaxies and gather more details on their star-forming histories," STScI researcher Anton Koekemoer said. Internet
UNESCO Suspends Projects after US Funding Cut

**Paris, 11 Nov**—United Nations cultural agency UNESCO has been forced to suspend all its spending programmes until the end of the year after the United States withdrew its funding, its director general said on Thursday.

In an address to UNESCO diplomats, Irina Bokova said the agency faces a $65 million (47 million euro) funding shortfall and would have to halt all of its activities, following a call with Washington over Palestinian membership.

“This deficit corresponds to the sum due from the United States for the year 2011. The United States have a habit of paying their contribution at the end of the year for reasons of their own budget calendar,” she said.

“We will not receive this sum. We will therefore have to take radical measures, and we will need to take them now, at this general conference.”

China, US Vow to Strengthen Cooperative Partnership

**HONOLULU, (United States) 11 Nov**—China is willing to build a cooperative partnership with the United States based on mutual respect, mutual benefit and win-win results, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here Thursday.

Yang made the remarks during a meeting with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, two days before the annual leaders’ meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Honolulu.

The upcoming meeting between Chinese President Hu Jintao and his US counterpart Barack Obama is of great significance to the steady development of China-US relations, Yang said.

He added that under the current situation, China is ready to make concerted efforts with the United States to deepen understanding and enhance mutual trust, and to better carry out the consensus reached by the two countries’ leaders.

For her part, Clinton said President Obama is looking forward to his meeting with President Hu.

The US side values its cooperative partnership with China, which is not only in the interests of both sides, but also of great importance to the world at large, she said.

Clinton voiced her hope that the two sides would join hands to make US-China relations develop smoothly.

Yang and Clinton expressed their willingness to strive for positive outcomes from the APEC summit.

The two sides also exchanged views on some international and regional issues of common concern, including the situation on the Korean Peninsula and Iran’s nuclear issue.

Japan Govt “ Cyber Attacked”

**Tokyo, 11 Nov**—A Fujitsu computer system run by about 200 Japanese local governments has been hit by a series of cyber attacks and is in a vulnerable condition, the company said Thursday.

The online system, developed to enable local residents to request official documents on the Internet, was paralysed twice on Wednesday afternoon, a Fujitsu spokesman said.

The company, which investigated the cause of the defect, found the system had been overwhelmed by a massive flow of accesses released from abused IP addresses, Fujitsu spokesman Takashi Kato said.

After resuming the system early Thursday, however, the system froze again twice due to attacks from different foul addresses, Kato said.

“They were DoS (Denial of Service) attacks,” Kato said. “We shut down accesses from the identified IP addresses, but more cyberattacks are possible from other addresses.”

The system is used by 10 prefectures, including southwestern Fukuoka, the spokesman said.

About 200 local governments of prefectures, cities, towns and villages are linked to the system to provide public online services.

Aliens May be Hovering around ‘Unnoticed’ in Our Solar System

LONDON, 11 Nov—Scientists including one of Indian origin believe that aliens might be wandering within our solar system but we simply are missing them because we have not looked closely enough at outer space.

The White House this week issued a statement saying there was no existing evidence that aliens had attempted to contact earth—or in fact that they even existed. But two researchers at Penn State university disagree with the Obama administration, and insisted that our deep-space probes - NASA’s Pioneer and Voyager craft—may be equally too small for extraterrestrial civilisations to notice.

Their paper on the subject has been accepted by Acta Astronautica and posted online on ArXiv.

Jacob Haqq-Misra, of Rock Ethics Institute, and Ravi Kumar Kopparapu, of the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute, claimed alien spacecraft or probes the size of a racing yacht could be floating around our solar system, and we’re blissfully unaware.

“The vastness of space, combined with our limited searches to date, implies that any remote unplotted exploratory probes of extraterrestrial origin would likely remain unnoticed,” the Daily Mail quoted them as writing. —Internet

Soviet Scientist Denies Helping Iran Develop Atomic Bomb

**Moscow, 11 Nov**—A Soviet scientist has denied being the brains behind Iran’s nuclear programme, despite US media reports that he helped to diminish the chances of making an atomic bomb, a Russian newspaper said on Thursday.

The United Nations’ nuclear watchdog said in a report issued this week that it had strong indications that a foreign expert had helped Iran develop a “high explosives detonation system” but did not identify this person.

“The Washington Post newspaper cited intelligence reports that named the foreign expert as Vyacheslav Danilenko and said he had assisted the Iranians for at least five years,” Kommersant, one of Russia’s leading newspapers, said it had tracked down Danilenko now 76.

It said he had worked for decades at one of Russia’s top secret nuclear weapons research centers known in Soviet times as Chelyabinsk-70.—Reuters

Newlyweds take photos in Lovers Park, in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 10 Nov, 2011. 11 Nov, 2011, or 10/11/11, has been recognized by many Chinese people as Super Single’s Day or Divine Single’s Day since the 1990s, because the date is entirely composed of the single digit “1”.

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A pair of Blue Hawaiian tour helicopters sit grounded on a tarmac at Kahului Airport in Maui, Hawaii, Thursday afternoon, 10 Nov, 2011, after a helicopter from the company crashed taking four tourists on an excursion over the neighbouring island of Molokini killing all of the tourists and the pilot, according to authorities.

INTERNET
Redt Rector U Maw Than to give talk on financial reporting framework

YANGON, 11 Nov—Chairman of Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association Retired Rector U Maw Than will give talk on “Financial Reporting—Framework, Agriculture and Current Issues” at the hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry here on 27 November. One may register with certain fee at Myanmar CPA Association Office at Auditor-General’s Office training school not later than 23 November. Those from towns may register at Ph: 214653 in advance. Overdue registration may not be accepted.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends opening ceremonies of tarred roads

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Sagning Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended opening ceremony of Sein Pan Ni tarred road in Myothit ward of Monywa on 8 November. The similar ceremony was held in Yadanabon ward of Monywa. The Region Hluttaw representative and officials formally opened the new road.

Two rhino species bite the dust

PARIS, 11 Nov—Several species of rhino have been poached into extinction or to the point of no return, according to an update of the Red List of Threatened Species, the gold standard for animal and plant conservation. All told, a quarter of all mammal species assessed are at risk of extinction, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which compiles the list, said on Thursday. About a third of the 61,900 species now catalogued by the IUCN are classified as “vulnerable,” “endangered,” or “critically endangered.” Far with some groups, such as amphibians and reptiles, in particularly rapid decline. Rhinoceroses have been hit especially hard in recent years. Their fearsome horns — prized for dagger handles in the Middle East and traditional medicine in east Asia — can fetch hundreds of thousands of dollars on the black market.

A newly-born black rhinoceros baby stands next to its mother.—INTERNET

Recently, foreign media have stated that there are two groups in Myanmar politics, hard-liners and soft-liners. They even named who are hard-liners and who soft-liners. Media usually highlight hard-liner to have incorrect attitude and soft-liner to have correct attitude. U Nu, leader of Clean AFPFL during Parliamentary Democracy period, was seen as a soft-liner. U Nu, to win the support of Buddhist Myanmar people, the majority of the voters, promised the designation of Buddhism as the state religion of Myanmar. And the majority of the people supported U Nu. Leader of Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta U Thein Pe Myint, however, did not support the idea of designation of Buddhism as the state religion. Believing that so doing would lead to conflicts between Buddhist Myanmar people and other races, U Thein Pe Myint faced tough times in the elections. U Thein Pe Myint, however, preferred to peaceful and non-violent political approach and thus described by Thakin Than Tun as a hard-line communist whereas U Thein Pe Myint is a moderate communist. At length, the armed revolutionary road led Thakin Than Tun to his doom, assassinated by his subordinate in the Bago Mountain Range jungles. Moreover, the nation and its people were hit hard by internal insurgencies. The political attitude of Thakin Than Tun did not stand up to righteousness and honesty. We have learned that the political attitude of moderate U Thein Pe Myint who practiced unity and peace approach is proved to be right and correct.

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Sky Net family donated LED Display Boards at southern and northern archways to enable pilgrims from around the country to pay close homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic.

U Kyaw Nyunt Yi-Daw Wah Wah Kyaw (Kyaw Nyunt Yi Publishing House) family and U Moe Hoang-Daw Aye Thuzaar Win family donated K 0.3 million each, U Hla Nyunt-Daw Myat Thada Ko and family, three jewellery worthy of K 820000, U Aung Win Htay-Daw Khin Hay Myint family, seven gold rings worthy of K 216000, U Win Khant-Daw Win Pale family, jewellery worthy of K 561500. Members of financial sub-committee returned certificates of honour to 35 donors of over K 0.1 million and 45 donors of jewellery.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun and wife Daw Swe Swe Chit donated K 0.3 million to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic yesterday evening.

Donation at the centres from 11 November till 6 pm today amounted to K 269209109, US$ 551, RMB 1961, RMB 953, Baht 660, 500 Peso, 321 Ringgit, 10 Singapore dollars, and 81 jewellery worthy of K 4268700.

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The harvest was attended by District manager Myanma Agriculture Service U Kyaw Hla, Township Administrator U Kyaw Khaung, Township Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Zaw Min and personnel. Farmers also observed the harvesting process.

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The unnamed Marine, who apparently had been drinking, then jumped from a third-floor balcony and suffered “significant” injuries, said Ed Buice of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

“The pace of the investigation depends on his recovery,” Buice said.

Arias was a trainer with the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron 303, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. He joined the Marine Corps shortly after graduating in 2010 from Canoga Park High School near Los Angeles.

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performance of Indian companies, to showcase Indian technologies and services in Myanmar, to increase investment, to create opportunities in new markets, economic bonds and networks, and to overcome trade barriers and to enhance friendship of the two neighbouring countries.

Over 60 companies are participating in the show, displaying Ta Ta automobiles, machine tools, agricultural machinery, iron and steel products, home decoration accessories, electronics, medicines, food, household accessories, and services. It was also participated by education institutions, services, export/import industries, ICT companies and tourism industry.—MNA

80 percent of Jakarta adults had Hepatitis A

JAKARTA, 11 Nov—About 80 percent of Jakarta’s adult residents were once infected with Hepatitis A, an expert says.

“We did research on Jakarta’s adult residents and about 80 percent of them had contracted the virus.” Unggul Budihusodo, a health consultant from the Medical School of the University of Indonesia, said on Thursday.

He explained the Hepatitis A virus was transmitted through contaminated food and drink. After experiencing Hepatitis A, patients usually retained antibodies that protected the patient from another infection and the antibodies could be detected although the infection occurred long ago.

Unggul said Hepatitis A patients could recover quickly only with total rest, but the virus could turn chronic if the patient had already been infected with other viruses, such as Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C, which had no symptoms. He added that Hepatitis A was only found in countries with poor sanitation.

Camels shot, left to rot in Australia

AUSTRALIA, 11 Nov—An Australian cattleman claims thousands of camels have been shot from helicopters and their carcasses left to rot by those intent on culling the population.

Ian Conway, owner of Kings Creek Station in Alice Springs, said about 5,000 camels have shot and left to die in the past two weeks, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported Wednesday.

“We’ve been along and seen where camels have kicked for 20 minutes, half an hour, a couple of hours in some instances, still alive,” he said.

Conway said he agreed camel herds need to be thinned because the animals cause ecological and pastoral damage, but the current tactic causes other problems.—Internet

FBI smashes cyber ring that hijacked four million computers

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—The FBI has busted an international cyber crime ring that hijacked at least four million computers in over 100 countries, including at least half a million computers in the US.

According to the officials, cyber thieves known as the Rove group netted 14 million dollars in “illegitimate income” before being caught in a two-year investigation called Operation Ghost Click. The accused hackers, six Estonian nationals and a Russian national, rerouted the internet traffic illegally on the infected computers for the last four years in order to reap profits from internet advertisement deals. According to the federal indictment, the malware allegedly used in the “massive and sophisticated scheme” also managed to infect computers of US government agencies including NASA.

It also targeted the websites for major institutions like iTunes, Netflix and the IRS, ABC News reports. According to the FBI, the defendants used malware to force infected computers to unwillingly visit the target sites or advertisements.

The malware was also designed to prevent users from installing anti-virus software that may have been able to free the infected computers.—Internet

Kachin State, Kayah State and Bago Region Hluttaw sessions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Third day second regular session of Kachin State Hluttaw continued today at State Hluttaw Meeting Hall, attended by State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyaw Swe and 19 Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were answered, one proposal was approved another was changed to question and approved and donation of Hluttaw representatives to flood victims was put on record. The second regular session of Kayah State Hluttaw concluded successfully.

Fifth day second regular session of Bago Region Hluttaw continued today at Region Hluttaw Meeting Hall, attended by Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and 74 Hluttaw representatives.

Forty questions were answered by respective Region ministers.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits Enterprise India Show 2011. MNA
Arctic sea ice to melt by 2015

LONDON, 11 Nov—The Arctic Sea ice could completely melt away by mid 2015, destroying the habitat of polar bears and other endangered animals, says an expert.

Peter Wadhams, professor at Cambridge University, warned the ice over the Arctic Sea is shrinking so fast that it could be gone in about four years.

Although it would reappear again every winter, its absence during the peak of summer would rob polar bears of their summer hunting ground and threaten them with extinction.

The ice mass between northern Russia, Canada and Greenland waxes and wanes with the seasons, currently reaching a minimum size of about four million square kilometres. The Telegraph reported. Most models, including the latest estimates by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), track the decline in the area covered by ice in recent years to predict the rate at which it will deteriorate. Citing a research by Wieslaw Maslowski, from the American Naval Postgraduate School, Wadhams said such predictions failed to spot how quickly climate change is causing the ice to thin.

While the IPCC suggests the ice will remain in place until the 2030s, Maslowski’s study takes into account the rate at which it is thinning and calculates it will vanish much more quickly.

Maslowski’s model, along with his claim that the Arctic sea ice is in a “death spiral”, were controversial but Wadhams, a leading authority on the polar regions, said the calculations had “pretty much persuaded”.

Bangkok appoints crocodile hunters

BANGKOK, 11 Nov—Fear of crocodiles in Bangkok floodwaters has prompted the creation of a special unit — the Crocodile Rescue Team — to investigate sightings.

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However, there has been no confirmed reports of crocodiles attacking humans amid the floods. Crocodiles only attack humans when they fear for their own survival. In fact, crocodiles are just as scared of humans as humans are of the reptiles. But it is no comfort to frightened residents, who have reported chickens and dogs suddenly going missing.

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He reported that three chickens kept in his coop had disappeared, but officials said witnesses may confuse other reptiles — such as monitor lizards — for crocodiles. Monitor lizards are common in Thailand, can bite severely and eat small animals. Officials added that debris floating in the brackish water can cause injuries.

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Soon, super pills that may prevent cancer and help live longer

LONDON, 11 Nov— Scientists have come up with a pill, which has the potential to ward off diseases like cancers, make people look younger, as well as prolong life.

The AmeriSciences AS10 range of vitamins and supplements, which took six years to develop, contain the most powerful combination of antioxidants and vitamins ever devised. The pill works by natural and made from fruit and vegetables including superfoods acai, cupuaçu and acerola.

A daily dose counts as one of the recommended five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. NASA and the Johnson Space Centre originally made the pills for astronauts on long space flights but they have been developed for general use and will hit UK shelves this week.

“AmeriSciences’ AS10 line is just another way in which AmeriSciences is pushing the technology of the industry forward for the benefit of the consumer,” the Daily Express quoted Carlos Montesinos, the range’s director of scientific and regulatory affairs as saying.

“The product line poses a significant challenge to the current supplement market.”

“Indeed, the strength of the antioxidant and multivitamin formulas have been so significant in testing that it will change the way nutritional supplementation is viewed,” Montesinos added.—Internet

French planners built fake Paris towards end of WW-I to fool Germans

LONDON, 11 Nov— It has been revealed that a fake Paris, complete with Champs-Elysées and Gare Du Nord, had been built towards the end of the First World War to fool German bombards.

According to archives unearthed by Le Figaro newspaper, military planners believed that German pilots could be fooled into destroying the dummy city rather than the real one.

It was situated on the northern outskirts of Paris and featured sham streets lined with electric lights, replica buildings and even a copy of the Gare du Nord, the station from which high-speed trains now travel to and from London.

The bottles for these houses are currently being built in the United States, at the 2011 Dubai international auto show in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 10 Nov, 2011. The five-day car exhibition, the biggest in the Middle East, was opened on 10 Nov.

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Nigeria’s environmental friendly plastic bottle house attracts tourists

LONDON, 11 Nov— A house built from discarded plastic bottles is proving to be a tourist attraction in Nigeria. Hundreds of people, including government officials and traditional leaders have been coming to see how the walls were built in the round architectural shape popular in northern Nigeria.

The bottles, packed with sand, are placed on their side, one on top of the other and bound together with mud. The real beauty of the house is its outside wall as the round bottoms of the exposed bottles produce a lovely design.

But for those behind the project, its environmental benefits are what are most important.

Twenty-five houses, which will be available to rent, are being built on this estate on land donated by a Greek businessman and environmentalist.

Each house with one bedroom, living room, bathroom, toilet and kitchen uses an estimated 7,800 plastic bottles. This “bottle brick” technology started nine years ago in India, South and Central America, providing a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly alternative to conventional building bricks.

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Amin Al Amiri, assistant undersecretary for medical practices and licenses, said: “The step comes in the implementation of the coordination between the ministry of health and drugs companies to ensure the availability of drugs for all UAE residents. We also announce the approval of a new medical drug for the first time in the UAE and the region after Europe. The drug is for the treatment of diabetes and is to be used through a syringe once a week.”

Internet

Chinese President Hu Jintao (C) arrives in Honolulu, Hawaii, US on 10 Nov, 2011. Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Thursday for the Economic Leaders Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), slated for Saturday and Sunday.—XINHUA

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New Zealand Trade Minister says US pushing for TPP next year

WELLINGTON, 11 Nov—A trans-Pacific trade deal involving the United States, Australia, New Zealand and six other nations could be settled by the middle of next year if the US sets a deadline at talks currently underway in Hawaii, Radio New Zealand reported Friday.

The report quoted New Zealand Trade Minister Tim Groser as saying that in the next 48 hours the US could set a target to conclude the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) deal.

The deadline for a TPP deal had been set for the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) meeting now underway in Honolulu, but the report said that was suspended by slow progress on issues sensitive to the US, such as access to its dairy market.

APEC leaders and ministers have been meeting in Honolulu since Tuesday to discuss regional economic integration and free trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific.

Xinhua

Study stirs debate over transplants for alcoholics

CHICAGO, 11 Nov—Some gravely ill alcoholics who need a liver transplant shouldn’t have to prove they can stay sober for six months to get one, doctors say in a study that could intensify the debate over whether those who destroy their organs by drinking deserve new ones.

In the small French study, the vast majority of the patients who got a liver without the wait stopped drinking after their surgery and were sober years later. The study involved patients who were suffering from alcohol-related hepatitis so severe that they were unlikely to survive a six-month delay.

The findings, reported in Thursday’s New England Journal of Medicine, could boost demand for livers, already in scarce supply, and reopen a bitter dispute over whether alcoholics should even get transplants.

Xinhua

England no longer a major football power

LONDON, 11 Nov—Ahead of Saturday’s Wembley showpiece against Spain, England manager Fabio Capello has said that the Three Lions are no longer a major football power because there are not enough English players in the Premier League. Capello further said that he has done a good job for his six million pound-a-year salary considering what he has had to work with.

“I think we’ve done a pretty good job. English football has only 33 percent English players. No more. This makes everything difficult,” the Sun quoted Capello, as saying. He also says that there is no point in his players trying to match Spain’s successful one-touch football.

“Everyone talks about the Spanish style, the Barca style. It’s a style that only those players can have. It’s touch, touch, touch, but with the highest quality,” Capello said. “You can’t think of playing one touch if you don’t have the quality to play that way. We have our own good players, but not trying to force the playing style which Spain have, which Barca have, with 65 percent possession of the ball,” he added.

Dads’ depression affects kids’ behavior

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Kids with a depressed father tend to have more behavior issues than those with a happy father, a latest US study shows.

The study, published in the journal Pediatrics, used data from home interviews with almost 22,000 families. All of them had a child aged between five and 17, and both a mother and father living at home, according to a Reuters report on Tuesday.

After analyzing the data, researchers found 11 percent of the children with a depressed father had problems at home or at school, whereas only six percent of those with a happy father had such problems. This is one of the first large-scale studies focusing on the connection between depressed fathers and children’s behavior, said study author Michael Weitzman from the New York University School of Medicine.

Xinhua

A robot which is called “Mimi” is displayed at the International Robot Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan, on 9 Nov, 2011.—Xinhua

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Moscow considers giant Ferris wheel

Officials in Moscow said they are considering the creation of a 722-foot Ferris wheel, which would be the world’s largest, as part of a bid to bolster tourism.

The officials said the planned Moscow View Ferris wheel would be designed by Gensler, a global architecture, design, planning and consulting firm based in New York, and would surpass the Singapore Flyer, currently the world’s tallest at 541 feet, RIA Novosti reported Wednesday.

The $300 million wheel would be part of a $4.5 billion programme to bolster tourism in the Russian capital, which currently ranks 19th on the Euromonitor International list of the world’s largest tourist centres.

Wisconsin twins celebrate 11th on 11/11/11

The Corduroy Club ruled them out as “messiahs of corduroy,” but two Wisconsin twin sisters say they will celebrate their 11th birthday on 11 Nov in a big way. Betsy and Katie Overman of Madison, who are headed to a 11 Nov celebratory procession by the Corduroy Appreciation Club of New York City, which says 11 Nov, 2011, is the date that “most closely resembles corduroy,” Madison’s Wisconsin State Journal reported Wednesday. The twins were turned down for geographic reasons. Instead, the girls have been promised a trip to the mall of America in Bloomington, Minn, by their mother and have some other ideas of how to spend their day. “If we go to school, we’ll stay for 11 minutes,” Betsy said. “Or they may count down on the school clock to 11 minutes after 11,” Katie said.

The two were born 17 minutes apart on 11 Nov. 2000, but mother Julie Overman says she was only expecting one baby. She said she heard someone in the delivery room say, “I think there’s another baby in there,” after Katie was born.

No maternity wear for stylish Jennifer Garner

LONDON, 11 Nov—Actress Jennifer Garner, who is expecting her third child, has been banned from wearing maternity clothes by her stylist Rachel Zoe. The actress says Zoe does not want her to let go of her style just because her baby bump.

“Rachel is still determined not to put me in maternity clothes. I think she was so little when she was pregnant, she didn’t wear them. Sooner or later, she is going to have to put me in them!... but please respect we have a lot in store for you... but please respect the fans please help us keep the song!!!!!!! (sic).”

Kate Winslet’s wax statue unveiled at Tussauds

LONDON, 11 Nov—Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet’s wax statue has been unveiled at Madame Tussauds here making her the latest to join other celebrities at the museum. She was included after visitors voted for her to get her own tribute.

“Guests from around the world voted for Kate Winslet in droves—she has clearly got wide reaching appeal. She is an iconic actress of a generation; a true English Rose and we’re delighted to be creating global appeal. She is an iconic actress of a generation; a true English Rose and we’re delighted to be creating a figure of her,” contactmusic.com quoted Liz Edwards, PR Manager at Madame Tussauds, as saying.

The artists spent months perfecting the figure of the 36-year-old, which is dressed in a red cap-sleeve Elie Saab dress. 

Eddie Murphy steps down as Oscar host

LONDON, 11 Nov—Actor Eddie Murphy, who was set to host the 84th Oscar awards ceremony at the Kodak Theatre in Beverly Hills Feb 26 next year, has stepped down as the host.

Murphy departed in support of Brett Ratner, his “Tower Heist” director, who resigned from the post of co-producer of the Oscars, reports contactmusic.com.

Ratner resigned Tuesday over a homophobic slur he used during a question-and-answer session with fans on 4 Nov and his friend Murphy stepped down as host Wednesday.

Movie mogul Brian Grazer will replace Ratner as the co-producer of the 84th annual Oscars but it still isn’t clear who will host the gala event.

Man, 108, marks birthday with dancing

A World War II veteran who celebrated his 108th birthday recently in Florida said he was discharged from the military after a 27-year career and continued practicing oral surgery for many years.

Stein, who has stayed active in veterans’ groups and was given the honour of ringing the bell of North Miami’s newly installed Veterans Tower three years ago, moved from Bradenton to Aventura, in the south part of the state, in 2004.

True fans didn’t leak track, says Madonna

LONDON, 11 Nov—Pop star Madonna says her “true fans” didn’t leak her new song “Gimme All Your Love” online.

According to femalerefirst.co.uk, “Gimme All Your Love” was leaked online Tuesday and the singer has put out a plea for fans to stop sharing it, claiming it is an incomplete demo version.

The song is thought to be the lead single off her next album due in 2012.

Her manager, Guy Oseary, said in a series of posts on micro-blogging site Twitter: “Madonna told me this morning: ‘my true fans wouldn’t do this’ ... whoever is responsible for this leak, we ask that you please stop!” (sic).

Brian Grazer replaces Brett Ratner to produce Oscar Telecast

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — Oscar-winning producer Brian Grazer has replaced Brett Ratner to produce next year’s Academy Awards show.

The 60-year-old, who produced “Apollo 13” and “A Beautiful Mind”, signed in moments ago, agreeing to replace the ‘Rush Hour’ director just one day after he resigned, following uproar over a homophobic slur Ratner dropped at a film screening.

Academy president Tom Sherak announced Grazer’s appointment on Nov 9, TMZ.com reported.

However, there is no word on who will replace Eddie Murphy, who resigned as the Oscars host just hours ago.—Internet
**Premier League youth tournament**

LONDON, 11 Nov — The Premier League is to organize a Christmas Truce international youth tournament at Ypres. The Premier League is to organize a unique international youth development tournament to honour the sacrifice made by previous generations of football players in World War 1, whilst also promoting the development of the game’s future stars.

The Christmas Truce Tournament will bring together some of the best Under 12 players born in the Year 2000 from England, Belgium, France and Germany in the town of Ypres. England will be represented by Barclays Premier League title holders Manchester United and Germany by the current Bundesliga champions Borussia Dortmund. France will be represented by one of their most iconic clubs, RC Lens, while Racing Genk, reigning Belgian Pro League champions, will act for Belgium.

Ged Roddy, Director of Youth at the Premier League, said: “This is an opportunity for the next generation to honour heroes of the past, and build for the future. Tournaments like this are vital to development of players as per the EPPP. To create more rounded footballers, it is important that we play the best with the best.

Tiger Woods

**Beckham named to MLS all-star team**

NEW YORK, 11 Nov — Former England captain David Beckham has been named to the MLS’s all-star team, league commissioner Don Garber announced on Thursday. Beckham, whose five-year contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy expires at the end of the season, was one of the five midfielders named to the all-star team.

Beckham’s teammate and fellow midfielder Landon Donovan was also recognized along with France’s Thierry Henry who plays forward for the New York Red Bulls. The 36-year-old Beckham, who appeared in 26 games for the Galaxy this season, will play in his first MLS Cup final on November 20 when the Galaxy take on Houston.

**Newcastle change stadium name**

LONDON, 11 Nov — English premier league side Newcastle have announced St James’ Park is to be renamed the Sports Direct Arena as part of a plan to sell the naming rights to their famous stadium.

The Magpies hope to follow Arsenal and Manchester City by licensing the naming rights to the ground, which has been their home since 1886, English website sportinglife.com said.

St James’ Park, which has a capacity of over 52,000, could join the list of grounds whose names have been sold to companies to help fund stadium improvements.

**Czech Republic’s Petr Cech recovers fitness to play against Montenegro in Euro 2012 playoff**

PRAGUE, 11 Nov — Czech Republic international goalkeeper Petr Cech has been passed fit to play against Montenegro in their Euro 2012 first leg play-off clash on Friday. Cech broke his nose while playing for Chelsea during their 1-0 away victory over Blackburn Rovers in the Premier League last Saturday, and there were doubts whether he would recover in time for his nation’s game in Prague.

Team doctor Petr Krejci has assured Czech supporters that their first-choice goalkeeper will be able to play against Montenegro at Stadion Letna but will be wearing a special mask made of carbon fibres in Italy to protect his nose.

**Carragher set for training return**

LIVERPOOL, 11 Nov — Liverpool vice-captain Jamie Carragher expects to return to full training next week. And the defender is hoping to be fit to face Chelsea when the Barclays Premier League resumes following the international break.

Carragher has missed the last two matches with a calf injury and is keen to get back into action, although he will not set himself a deadline for the trip to Stamford Bridge a week on Sunday.

“It’s the first time I’ve ever had a muscle injury in my life but I’m coming along fine,” the centre-back told the club’s website.

**Berdych, Tsonga, Fish qualify for ATP Finals**

PARIS, 11 Nov — Tomas Berdych, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Andy Murray were awarded singles places for the four-man ATP World Tour Finals on Thursday.

Assuming the results of the season-ending tournament, which starts on 20 Nov.

Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Andy Murray and David Ferrer had already qualified. “It’s just amazing,” Berdych said of qualifying for the tour finals for the second year in a row.

**Woods takes lead at Australian Open**

SYDNEY, 11 Nov — Tiger Woods, trying to end a two-year winless streak, is back in a familiar place— atop the leaderboard at the Australian Open after nine holes of his second round on Friday.

Woods began play at The Lakes on the 10th hole three strokes behind first-round leader Jarrod Lyle. Woods moved two strokes ahead of Lyle, who hasn’t begun play, with a 5-under-par 32 on his outward nine that included birdies at 10, 13, 14, 16 and 18. Fellow American Nick Watney, playing in the group behind Woods, was also at 7 under, level with Lyle. Woods, who was at 9 under after 27 holes, had an opening-round 68. His last win was at the Australian Masters in Melbourne in November 2009.
Weather forecast for 12th November, 2011

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**State of the Sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Summary of today’s weather forecast:**
- Generally fair weather in the North Bay, cloudy in the Southeast Bay and partly cloudy in the extreme Southern Myanmar area.
- Weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and partly fair in the remaining Regions and States.
- Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperature in Mandalay, Magway and Tawngoo Regions, Karen, Shan, Tha and Kayah States, (7°C) to (8°C) below November average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and Rakhine State and about (1°C) to (2°C) below November average temperature in the remaining Regions and States.
- The significant night temperature was Haka (4°C) and Pinlaung (7°C).

Colorado school shooter gets 18 months

DENVER, 11 Nov—A Colorado man convicted of possessing a weapon on school grounds in the shooting of two eighth-graders was sentenced to 18 months in prison Thursday.

Bruce Strong Eagle Eastwood was found guilty by reason of insanity of attempted first-degree murder, assault and child abuse after opening fire with a rifle at Deer Creek Middle School in February 2010.

The boys, Matt Thieu and Reagan Weber, both survived the attack, The Denver Post reported.

Eastwood apologized in court for wounding the middle-school students but the families of the victims said they were disappointed with the sentencing, KMGH-TV, Denver, reported.

“(Eastwood) knew he was hurting the kids. He had enough sanity to reload the gun, so we don’t understand how they don’t think he’s sane enough to be found guilty. We don’t think justice is being served,” Thieu’s family said in a statement.

He’s already served 626 days in prison and because of his insanity plea, was taken to a state mental hospital.

“Mr Eastwood is very ill. He feels tremendous remorse for what happened. He continues to struggle with what happened to those children,” said defense attorney Katherine Spengler.

Internet

Bruce Eastwood’s mugshot courtesy of the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits Enterprise India Show 2011

YANGON, 11 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visited Enterprise India Show 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here this morning.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, the Indian ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and officials welcomed Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo on his arrival at 10 am.

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri, President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mr Sanjay C Kirloskar and Indian entrepreneurs paid a courtesy call on Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at the hall.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Minister U Aye Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Myo Aung and Yangon Region ministers.

The Indian side discussed matters related to cooperation in information and communication technology, pharmaceutical and food industry, electricity generation, manufacturing of iron, steel, agricultural machinery and automobile, rail transportation and industrial technologies at the meeting.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo for his part said that Myanmar and India have maintained amicable relationship since the year dot. The show will improve trade and investment sectors between the two countries. The government is encouraging the extension of private enterprises. By staging trade shows, the friendship and economic cooperation between the two countries will be improved all the more.

The Vice-President and party viewed iron and steel products, ICT equipment, machine tools, medicines, clothes, household goods, farm equipment, electric cables and related accessories, and Ta Ta cars.

With the sponsorship of both countries’ commerce ministries, CII and Indian Embassy in Myanmar are organizing Enterprise India Show 2011 in Yangon.

In addition to the enhancement of friendship and trade, the show is intended to display the (See page 9)

New map shows US geothermal resources

Researchers say US geothermal resources are capable of producing more than 3 million megawatts of power, 10 times that of today’s coal-fired power plants.

A study by Southern Methodist University’s Geothermal Laboratory, funded by a grant from Google.org, suggests the country possesses vast reserves of this green energy source generated from the Earth’s heat that are realistically accessible using current technology, an SMU release said Tuesday.

The rural health centre was then opened in the same village. The Township administrator, Township Health Officer Dr Min Thant Zin and the Pyithu Hluttaw representative formally opened the rural health centre—MNA

Kachin State, Kayah State and Bago Region Hluttaw sessions continue

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