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* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

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NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—The following is the translation of the message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on the occasion of 91st Anniversary National Day:-

Esteemed national brethren,

Today is the 91st Anniversary National Day which marks the launch of national education movement stemming from nationalistic fervour in the independence struggle of Myanmar.

Through the patriotic-spirit-driven national movement of the entire nation for emergence of an education system compatible with socio-economy of Myanmar people, the national brethren managed to fight back the colonialists in unity with nationalistic sentiment, patriotic fervour and Union Spirit and could finally march towards independence.

It is innate nature of Myanmar people to value their race, language, religion and education for their whole life time, with which Myanmar has always maintained and promoted national prestige and integrity by repelling every invader in the course of its history.

After independence, successive governments took the helm of State’s affairs. These periods made it clear that for a Union like Myanmar, Our Three Main National Causes, namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty is the national duty every citizen has to embrace, bearing in mind that Union Spirit only is the true patriotism.

All citizens, therefore, with deeply-rooted Union Spirit, are to safeguard the nation for freedom to decide the fate of our nation and our people, for perpetual existence of sovereignty and for socio-economic safety of the national people.

In this age of rapid scientific and technological advances, the global trend of information and communication technology is growing at terrific speed. All the global nations have been implementing their own education promotion programmes designed to help overcome the challenges of future socio-economic life. Myanmar also has been implementing 30-year long-term national education promotion plan since 2001-2002 academic year. The plan is aimed at nurturing youths to become responsible and educated human resources with strong patriotic spirit and Union Spirit.

The State has adopted seven-step Road Map to build the country as a modern and developed nation and 92.48 per cent of voters nationwide at the national referendum voted in favour of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar drafted by the National Convention. In line with the new constitution, free and fair elections were held on 7 November, 2010 and first regular sessions of the Hluttaws constituted with elected Hluttaw representatives were held from 31 January to 30 March 2011.

As the Hluttaws have elected the President, the Hluttaw speakers and formed the Cabinet and authorities, the constitution has been brought into force after equal division of power into legislative, executive and judicial pillars. All the citizens need to work in unison with the government to enable the Republic of the Union of Myanmar stand tall among global nations.

On the occasion of 91st Anniversary National Day, I would like to urge the entire people in all seriousness to strive with inexhaustible nationalistic fervour for realization of the objectives of the National Day—

(1) To uplift national prestige and integrity and to strengthen Union Spirit

(2) To promote national education

(3) To ensure perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State

(4) To build a modern and developed new nation.—MNA

HONOURING 91ST ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL DAY
Firm resolve to foster patriotism

Today, the 20th November (10th Waning of Tazaungmon), is the National Day which fosters patriotism. Celebrations to mark National Day have been held throughout the country on that day, and it now turns 91 years.

The National Day was conceived in fighting against colonial education system. British moved to introduce the University Act on 28 August 1920. The Act was one that would make it more difficult for Myanmar people to pursue higher education. The act says a single university shall be established in Myanmar with one college under it. Meanwhile, those wishing to pursue university education shall be boarding students.

Accordingly, the boycott of the colonial education system was launched by patriotic university students on 10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1282 (5th December 1920). Thanks to boycotts against subjugative education system, nationalistic spirit was revitalized in minds of Myanmar people, and national schools emerged one after another across the nation. And the day was designated as National Day.

The National Day motivated all the people to fight against colonial government to free the nation from colonial yoke and such day became a significant milestone in Myanmar’s independence struggles.

It should keep in mind that the entire nationals had to struggle for independence that had lost for over 100 years, sacrificing life, sweat and blood. All national brethren are to harmoniously protect the country against any internal and external destructive elements that would make attempts to undermine the State.

Nowadays, the country is in the process of democratization to be based on justice and liberty. Systematic measures are being taken for the development of education, health, education and social sectors and poverty alleviation.

The entire Myanmar people are thus to try their utmost for perpetuation of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of Union Solidarity and perpetuation of Sovereignty already in place.
Chinese premier meets US president

BALI (Indonesia), 19 Nov—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met Saturday with US President Barack Obama on the sidelines of East Asian summits in Bali, Indonesia.

Four due in court on terror charges

LONDON, 19 Nov—Four young men charged with terrorism offences were due to appear in a London court on Saturday as part of a major counter-terror operation, police said.

Bomb blast injures four soldiers in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 19 Nov—An improvised bomb believed planted by leftist rebels exploded in southern Philippines early Saturday wounding four government soldiers, the military said. Troops from the army’s 25th Infantry Battalion were conducting patrol at Kalinungan, Casoow village, Monkayo town, in Mindanao’s Compostella Valley province when they were hitting by a makeshift landmine around 2:30 am Saturday, said Lieutenant Colonel Lyndon Punza, spokesperson of the army’s 10th Infantry Division.

Germany to launch nationwide data monitoring neo-Nazis

BERLIN, 19 Nov—Germany has decided to launch a nationwide databank to track dangerous elements of the neo-Nazis, after it had been found negligent of the far-right extremists’ killing of 10 people in the past 10 years, Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich said Friday.

Russia welcomes IAEA resolution on Iran

MOSCOW, 19 Nov—Russia welcomed Friday a new resolution adopted by the board of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the Iran nuclear issue.

UN says Half of Niger villages face food shortage

NAYEMI (Niger), 19 Nov—Almost six million people living in more than half of Niger’s villages are facing a food and nutrition crisis, the UN warned on Friday.

Rescue workers check on volunteers as they participate in a training exercise simulating a nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) attack at La Defence metro station, near Paris on 19 Nov, 2011.

Villagers from Western Niger flee toward the capital city in October 2011. Almost six million people living in more than half of Niger’s villages are facing a food and nutrition crisis, the UN warned on Friday.

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Vegetarians are no less susceptible than others to malnutrition. The key, says the US Department of Agriculture, is to eat a variety of foods that ensure enough calories and proper nutrition.

The agency offers these suggestions for a healthy vegetarian diet:

* Choose plant-based protein sources such as soy, nuts, peas and beans.

* Get plenty of calcium through leafy, dark-green vegetables, calcium-fortified foods and dairy products.

* Make peas and beans important staples of your diet, and make nuts a regular snack food.

* Get plenty of vitamin B12—found naturally only in animal products and by choice in fortified foods, such as cereals or soy products.

**Health Tip: Eating healthy for vegetarians**

Canadian retailers are again selling off Research in Motion’s PlayBook tablets at massive discounts and shoppers seem to be eagerly snapping them up. —INTERNET

TORONTO, 19 Nov—Canadian retailers are again selling off Research in Motion’s (TSX:RIM) PlayBook tablets at massive discounts and shoppers seem to be eagerly snapping them up.

Best Buy, Future Shop, Sears, The Source and Walmart are among the stores selling the tablets at $300 off, making the cheapest 16-gigabyte model just under $200. The 32GB PlayBook is $300 and the 64GB model is $400.

“It’s been crazy popular, at $200 I think the value is pretty incredible,” said Szeto, noting that a post about the sale had amassed nearly 3,000 replies and 333,000 views by midday Friday.

**One in 16 suffers from depression in Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 19 Nov—One in 16 people in Singapore suffers from major depressive disorder in their lifetime, making it the most common mental illness in the city state, according to the results of a study released on Friday. The Singapore Mental Health study led by the Institute of Mental Health and conducted in 2010 found that 12 percent of the population has at least one form of mental illness in their lifetime. For the majority, mental illness will hit by the time they are 29 years old.

About one in 29 people suffered from alcohol abuse in their lifetime, while one in 33 suffered from an anxiety or compulsive disorder.

This undated photo provided on 31 Jan, 2011, by California-based Genentech Inc, shows the blockbuster cancer drug Avastin. Internet

**US FDA revokes approval of Avastin for breast cancer**

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday revoked its approval of Avastin for treating the breast cancer after concluding that the drug has not been shown to be safe and effective for that use.

Avastin will still remain on the market as an approved treatment for certain types of colon, lung, kidney and brain cancer.

“After reviewing the available studies it is clear that women who take Avastin for metastatic breast cancer risk potentially life-threatening side effects without proof that the use of Avastin will provide a benefit in terms of delay in tumor growth, that would justify those risks,” FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said in a statement.

Nor is there evidence that use of Avastin will either help them live longer or improve their quality of life—Internet

**Research firm: Amazon sells $199 tablet at a loss**

NEW YORK, 19 Nov—Amazon.com Inc’s Kindle Fire tablet, which started shipping this week, costs $201.70 to make, a research firm said Friday. That’s $2.70 more than Amazon charges for it. The analysis by IHS indicates that Amazon is, at least initially, selling the tablet at a loss that it hopes to cover through sales of books and movies for the device.

The manufacturing cost of a new gadget usually comes down over time as chips become cheaper.

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos told The Associated Press in September that the company’s goal was to make a small profit from the hardware, but as a retail company, Amazon was willing to live with a smaller margin than most electronics companies would.

“We want the hardware device to be profitable and the content to be profitable. We really don’t want to subsidize one with the other,” Bezos said.

IHS’s estimate includes the cost of components and assembly, but not the costs of development, marketing or packaging.

The most expensive part of the Kindle Fire is the 7-inch (17-centimeter) color touch screen, which costs $87. Amazon kept the cost of the tablet low compared to Apple Inc’s iPad and similar tablets by making it smaller — the screen is half the size of that for the iPad — keeping the amount of memory low and excluding a camera and microphone.—Internet

**Oil continues falling on European debt concerns**

NEW YORK, 19 Nov—US crude oil price continued falling on Friday as concerns about European debt crisis lingered.

The European Central Bank (ECB) bought bonds in the secondary market to help some of the debt-burdened countries. But European debt crisis was far from addressed as the major players in this region were widely divided in how to tackle the crisis. Germany and France, two euro zone powerhouses, disagreed with each other on the role of ECB. And Britain also had different views.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Friday warned against expecting too much from the region’s leaders, while British Prime Minister David Cameron advocated “decisive action” to guard the bloc’s common currency. Political uncertainties kept making investors nervous.

Besides, there was technical selling signal as many investors WTI grew too fast earlier this week.
Researchers mimic winter in state-of-the-art lab

TORONTO, 19 Nov—For most of us, winter is a nuisance. But for some, the sudden temperature drop can be a health risk, boosting their chances of having a heart attack or stroke. Some Toronto experts, however, are conducting new research on the effects of cold weather.

At Toronto Rehab’s iDAPT Winter Lab, researchers are recreating typical Canadian winter conditions complete with sub-zero temperatures, snow and ice, and winds up to 30 km/hour within the safety of a controlled laboratory setting.

“We can recreate temperatures that go down to -15 Centigrade, we can create ice on the floor,” says Geoff Fernie, the director of research at Toronto Rehab. Fernie notes that while Toronto sees about 10 months of cold weather, it is not always convenient to do research outside.

“We need an environment where we can have winter on demand and precisely the way we want it, so we can reproduce and test all the results,” he says.

“In a year or two, maybe next season, you will buy better shoes that are labelled that will tell you that this will work best in this environment,” says Fernie. —Internet

Space missions not directly linked to defence

BEIJING, 19 Nov—China’s space missions have not included any programmes that directly serve defence purposes, a senior space programme official said Friday. However, space-related technological developments can be used in both civilian and military sectors, Wang Zhaozao, vice director of the China Manned Space Engineer-ing Office, said at a press conference.

“For example, a communications satellite can be used for TV broadcasting and military communication,” he said. In response to comments that China’s space missions have lacked transparency, Wang said the country has made great efforts to introduce its missions to the outside world and will continue to cooperate with other countries under the principle of mutual respect, mutual benefit and transparency. China completed its first-ever space docking mission Thursday after the successful landing of the unmanned spacecraft Shenzhou-8, which docked twice with the space lab module Tiangong-I during its 17-day mission. —Xinhua

Asian gecko at risk over AIDS cure claims

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Nov—Claims that a nocturnal Asian lizard can be used to help treat the HIV virus have led to a sharp boom in smuggling of the reptile, putting it at risk, a conservation group said Tuesday.

Demand for the Tokay Gecko has skyrocketed in recent years after online blogs, newspaper articles and wildlife traders extolled the consumption of the lizard’s tongue and internal organs as a miracle cure for HIV, TRAFFIC Southeast Asia said in a report.

TRAFFIC said such claims were unfounded and “indicative of an elaborate hoax.” The Philippines’ government in July also warned that using geckos to treat AIDS and impotence may put patients at risk.

“TRAFFIC is alarmed at the massive increase in trade of these geckos. If the trade continues to mushroom, it could take years to repair the damage currently being inflicted on gecko populations,” said Chris R Shepherd, TRAFFIC’s regional deputy director. —Xinhua

Amazon reported to roll out smartphone in 2012

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Nov—Online retail giant Amazon is working on a smartphone scheduled to be released in the fourth quarter of 2012, US media reported Thursday.

A note from Citigroup analyst Mark Mahaney obtained by technology news site AllThingsDigital said that based on the supply chain checks in Asia, Amazon is believed to launch a smartphone in the fourth quarter of 2012.

According to the note, Amazon is working with manufacturer Foxconn and the device will run Texas Instruments’ OMAP 4 processor. The Kindle Fire, the latest tablet introduced by the e-commerce giant, also uses OMAP processor.

The analyst said the smartphone will cost Amazon between 150 and 170 US dollars to build and the company could sell the handset at or near its cost rather than a 30 percent gross margin like many other smartphone manufacturers usually do. The move is expected to further intensify Amazon’s rivalry with Apple and Google after the e-commerce giant had made moves on some booming businesses like tablet computer and cloud-computing service. —Xinhua

13% of kids face cyber threats on cell phones

SINGAPORE, 19 Nov—A latest survey has found that 13 percent of children worldwide are exposed to dangers such as cyber-bullying and sexually explicit images due to the growing popularity of mobile phones, local daily Straits Times reported on Friday. In Singapore, the rate is even higher at 16 percent, according to the Norton Online Family Report based on polls covering more than 4,500 children and 12,700 parents in 24 countries and regions. Experts said the higher level of exposure was due to higher level of mobile phone use in the city state.

“More than six in ten children in Singapore own a mobile phone,” said Effyndy Ibrahim, Symantec’s Internet safety advocate and director for Asia.

“Cyber criminals will continue to capitalize on the rising adoption of these mobile platforms, and it is important to have adequate safety measures.”

It was the first time mobile phones were included in the annual study. It also asked respondents about negative experiences on the Internet, including on computers.

Seven in 10 youngsters in Singapore had encountered such problems, with the most common being strangers trying to befriend them on social networking sites.

Another complaint was the number of violent images online. The study found the combined impact of these negative experiences left children feeling angry, fearful and upset. Nevertheless, a third of youngsters said they would not tell their mother and father in case their parents overreacted. —Xinhua

In this undated photo released by TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, a Tokay Gecko is seen in Beibing town, southern Thailand, near the border with Malaysia.—Internet
IMF urges eurozone to implement economic reforms
WASHINGTON, 19 Nov—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Thursday urged the eurozone nations to carry out the agreed economic and financial reform steps in a swift manner to lift growth, as weak economic data across the 17-member bloc were further weighing on market confidence.

There is great concern about the region, IMF spokesman David Hawley said at a regular Press conference, adding that eurozone authorities should move expeditiously to implement the agreed plans to step up comprehensive crisis management efforts.

To contain risks stemming from the eurozone debt turmoil, European leaders on 26 October agreed on a policy framework to restore debt sustainability in Greece, recapitalize European banks, strengthen the fire wall against financial contagion, and lay the foundation for robust economic governance in the region.

Hawley noted that the Washington-based global lender was waiting for “broad political support” from Greek authorities through austerity measures before providing the cash-strapped nation with the eight-billion-euro loan, the latest aid tranche from the IMF-European Union joint financing package inked in May 2010.—Xinhua

Int’l hackers blamed in water pump attack
WASHINGTON, 19 Nov—Hackers outside the United States were responsible for damaging the municipal water system in Springfield, Ill, an expert says. Joe Weiss provided information from a report on the Illinois attack to The Washington Post. A Department of Homeland Security spokesman confirmed the damaged water pump in Springfield and said federal agents were trying to determine if it was the result of a computer attack, the newspaper said.

The report said the pump burned out after the system powered up and down unpredictably. Weiss said a municipal water district employee noticed the result of a computer attack, the newspaper said.

The report said investigators do not know if the hackers succeeded in getting into other systems. “This is a big deal,” Weiss said.

IAEA proposes mission over Iran nuclear programme
BEIJING, 19 Nov—The UN’s nuclear watchdog starts a two-day meeting in Vienna to discuss concerns over Iran’s nuclear programme. The IAEA chief Yu-kya Amano says he proposes sending a special mission to Iran to address the issue. Amano says Iran has to answer questions over the possible militarization of their nuclear activities. The meeting follows an IAEA report that says Iran appears to have worked on a nuclear weapon design and may still continue secret research.

The IAEA report set out a mass of intelligence suggesting Iran was seeking to build a nuclear bomb.—Xinhua

Three confirmed dead, 79 hospitalized in Sydney nursing home blaze
SYDNEY, 19 Nov—At least three people have been confirmed dead and 79 residents hospitalized after a fire ripped through a nursing home in western Sydney, authorities said on Friday. Emergency services were called to the nursing home in Hambledon Road, Quakers Hill after the fire broke out in the building shortly before 5 am (local time) on Friday.

New South Wales (NSW) Police Superintendent Robert Redfern said the death toll may rise. “A process needs to be followed to identify these people,” he told reporters. NSW Ambulance Acting Commissioner Mick Willis said a total of 79 residents from the nursing home were being cared for in hospitals or care centres. Willis said eight of them were in a serious condition. NSW Police acting assistant commissioner Robert Redfern said the homicide and arson squads had moved in to carry out the investigation together with fire specialists.—Xinhua

Pilot causes mid-air terror scare off New York’s LaGuardia Airport
NEW YORK, 19 Nov—A pilot inadvertently caused a mid-air terror scare when he accidentally locked himself in the toilet and sent a passenger “with a Middle Eastern accent” to the cockpit for help. With the flight not far from landing, a spooked co-pilot refused to let the Good Samaritan in and instead told the control tower at New York’s LaGuardia Airport of his serious concerns that an attack was underway.

The passenger continued to bang on the door for assistance and even offered the password, but the co-pilot refused to budge, leading to fighter planes being alerted.

The apparent danger was only averted when the pilot managed to force his way out of the men’s lavatory and resume his place behind the controls, the Daily Mail reports. In a cockpit radio recording, obtained by the New York Post, he can be heard telling air traffic control: “The captain, myself, went back to the lavatory and the door latch broke and I had to fight my way out of it with my body to get the door open. There is no issue, no threat.”

The drama took place on a New York-bound Chatauqua Airlines flight from Asheville, North Carolina, and began when the pilot decided to take a bathroom break before landing.
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Any race in the world has a particular day highly esteemed and celebrated in nationalistic fervour. Simply adored and highly valued by Myanmar people, National Day of Myanmar is one among them.

The British imperialists annexed the entire country after waging three dirty wars. Myanmar ceded Rakhine and Taninthayi to the Britain by Rantapo Treaty signed after first Anglo-Myanmar war in 1824. They continued to occupy Upper Myanmar as far as Pyay and Bago in second Anglo-Myanmar war in 1852. The imperialists extended their influence over the whole country in third Anglo-Myanmar war in 1885.

After falling under the yoke of imperialism, Myanmar people chased their independence through armed rebellions, conventions and sending Myanmar representatives to discuss Myanmar’s Independence with British counterparts. Though, the activities failed to make an impact on the imperialists. The revolution broke out on 10th Waning of Tazaungmon in 1282 ME was quite the tipping point.

The education offered by the imperialists till 1920 was the subjugated one designed to nurture brainwashed youths. There was no university for higher education, apart from Yangon College and Judson College, both of which were branches of Kolkata University and followed the syllabuses of the university. The Kolkata University set the exams in Yangon, which used the exam papers prepared in Kolkata. Most of Myanmar youths were denied the discriminatory education which only offered to offspring of the rich, landlords and bureaucrats. It brought good to the privileged imperialists and their followers.

YMBA made a series of instigations, claims and calls for establishment of a separate university in Myanmar. Myanmar government formed a 30-member expert committee headed by Education Commissioner Mr Mathieu Hunter for drawing University Act in June, 1918. Most committee members drafted and submitted a university law to establish the science university for higher education, apart from colleges.

High school students in Yangon followed the suit of college students by boycotting the schools and joining the latter at Bahan boycott camp. Then, the education revolution spread to the entire country. Townsfolk lend the students their firm support.

Without considering the demand of the students, the authority of Yangon College announced that the students who failed to attend the class as early as 23 December would be kicked out of the school. The announcement was responded with the letter of the students, listing their names, to absolutely remove them from the college.

GCBBA convention on 29 December called for opening of national schools, colleges and universities, for transforming schools under YMBA and similar organizations into national schools and for not returning to government schools.

The 1920 boycott against the imperialist education system led by the college students fueled the anti-imperialist patriotic movement of that time. GCBBA’s support provoked patriotic spirit of the people of the colonial era. The movement not only initiated the emergence of the national schools but helped devise modern national education ideology. It brought about political motivation, national unity and nationalistic spirit as well. It was such a morale-boosting victory of Myanmar people.

Tenth Waning of Tazaungmon, the day students started boycott in 1921, was agreed to designate as the National Day in ninth GCBBA convention held in Mandalay on 24 October, 1921. The GCBBA Special Conference at Jubilee Hall in Yangon in June, 1922, approved the National Day. The milestone of the revolution against the imperialism is celebrated annually on 10th Waning of Tazaungmon.

This year, we celebrate 91st anniversary of National Day of Myanmar. Thanks to the flame of nationalism lighted by the descendents, patriotic spirit and nationalist fervour still thrive in the hearts of Myanmar people. That once helped Myanmar regained her Independence and sovereignty. The bounden duty of all the national people of Myanmar is to relay the fruits of the National Day to new generations.

Current requisites to perform this duty are to uphold national prestige and integrity and to strengthen Union spirit, to promote national education, to ensure perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State and to build a modern and developed new nation. By fulfilling these requisites heart and soul, the modern and developed new nation will certainly be materialized.

Translation: IHKA

At Cu Chi Tunnel of Phu My Huo Village-tract in Cu Chi District, they were welcomed by officials of No. 7 Military Region. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party observed Cu Chi Tunnel.

At Air Force Division in Ho Chi Minh City, the local commander of the Air Force Division explained facts about the division. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services extended greetings. They exchanged emblems of the two Armed Forces. Next, they looked around aircrafts and helicopters in the airbase.

In the evening, the Deputy Commander of No. 7 Military Region hosted a dinner to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services at Tan Son Nhat Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. Before the dinner, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, wife and party were welcomed by Deputy Commander of No. 7 Military Region Maj General Tron Don. At the hall, they had a discussion on further strengthening of friendly ties between armed forces of two countries.

The Union Minister urged attendees to give remarks for betterment of the project, and set out work situation to have more transparency and cohesive movement. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin, Director-General U Khin Maung Thein of Directorate of Telecommunications and officials.

Local private companies venturing with Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in GSM project inked agreement on payment for work.

The school has seven buildings—two two-storey and five one-storey buildings. A total of 419 high, middle and primary students are learning at the school in current academic year.

The Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min looks into progress of Kunchaung Hydropower Project.

Work coord meeting on extension of GSM mobile phone project held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun in his address at work coordination meeting on extension of GSM mobile phone project (first year) held the ministry here yesterday said that installation of four million GSM mobile phones project which was started on 27 July has now taken about four months, signing agreements with private companies.

Sataung Village BEHS (Branch) upgraded

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—A ceremony to open Sataung Model Village Basic Education High School which was upgraded from the BEHS (Branch) was held at the school in Sagaing Township of Sagaing Region yesterday. Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Director-General of No. 2 Basic Education Department U Ye Lwin Aung and Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Win formally opened the school and Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint unveiled the signboard of the school.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye donated a set of television and computer and Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint K 1 million and Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye sports gear for the school.

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Three-tical gold necklace snatched in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 19 Nov—A case on snatching of gold chain occurred at Janu Medical Store at No. 27 in East Ward in Mogaung of Kachin State on 17 November. At 7 pm, two men arrived at the store by motorcycle, and one of them asked the shopkeeper woman to choose medicines while the another one was waiting on the motorcycle. The buyer snatched the gold chain weighing three ticals from the neck of woman behind her and run way by motorcycle. Mogaung police station filed the case to take action against dared snatchers.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING: Photo shows new post-primary school building, 120 feet by 30 feet, built in 2011-2012 fiscal year at a cost of K 19 million by State and K 13 million by local people in Ohnsanhsai Village of Mohnyin Township.—NLM-001
Publications and periodicals for the sports gear for the school and personnel presented note books and Education Primary School in Myaing attended the opening of the school. Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye back in Yangon. They bronze medals also landed gold, two silver and one Khaing that grabbed one bers of rowing federation bronze medals in Panjat athletes clutched three here yesterday. The Indonesia, arrived back Myanmar Martial Arts Ywap Hsai Eain of Vice-President Daw Vice-President Prof Dr Daw Khin Swe Secretary of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, General Secretary Daw L. Khan Yi and executive committee members welcome Myanmar archers at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Rowing, martial arts contestants come back home

Yangon, 19 Nov—Myanmar martial arts athletes headed by Vice-President Daw Ywap Hsai Eain of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation, after taking part in XXVI SEA Games in Indonesia, arrived back here yesterday. The athletes clutched three bronze medals in Panjat Silat event. Thirty-four members of rowing federation led by Daw Mon Mon Khaing that grabbed one gold, two silver and one bronze medals also landed back in Yangon. They International Airport in Da Nang City in the afternoon. They were see off at the airport by Deputy Political Commissioner of the Military Region of Da Nang Maj General Quynh Nhon and officials. Charge d’Affaires ai of the Myanmar Embassy Daw Hnway Hnway Khaing, Myanmar Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing, and staff of Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office. The Comman-der-in-Chief of Defence Services and party arrived back here by special aircraft of Myanmar Tatmadaw in the evening. — MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends opening of new school building

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Nov—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye attended the opening of the school building of Koebing Village Basic Education Primary School in Myaing Township on 15 November. The Region chief minister and personnel presented note books and sports gear for the school and publications and periodicals for the village library. The Region chief minister then went to Magyoboke Village to formally open Bawathit labour room donated by the Saydaw of Minkyun Payrungyai Monastery in Labutta. He also attended the opening of lake built to store water for prevention against fire and supply of potable water. — MNA

Region/State minister for agriculture and livestock, entrepreneurs, farmers observe plantations in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Nov—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint conducted region and state ministers for agriculture and livestock, entrepreneurs of agriculture companies who attended the central meeting on agricultural development and farmers from regions and states totaling 128 round model plantations and research farms in Nay Pyi Taw District today. The study group visited thriving plantations in the 500-acre farmer educative farm in Pobbathiri Township, pilot farm of high yield paddy plants run with the technical assistance of Vietnamese agriculturalists in the 50-acre farmer educative farm near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township. While conducting them round paddy plantations in Yezin Agricultural University and Union Minister called for more cooperation to ensure availability of high yield paddy strains to farmers. The Union Minister also explained standard quality of Palethwe rice in comparison with most demanded ones in international market and its benefits to farmers and exporters. — MNA

Ayeaywady Region Hluttaw continues for 8th day

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Nov—The second regu- lar session of the first Ayeaywady Region Hluttaw continued for the 8th day at Ayeaywady Region Hluttaw Office yesterday morning, at- tended by Speaker of the Region Hluttaw Thayaysithu U Hsan Hsint and 64 Hluttaw representatives.

The Chief Justice of the Region High Court and region ministers replied to one question on judicial matter, nine questions on job opportunities, religion, national cause and develop- ment affairs, two ques- tions on security and drugs, six questions on transport, three questions on factory, workshop, farming equipment and energy, four questions on cement plant, wild el- ephants, domestic use timber matters, totaling 25.

The Hluttaw dis- cussed rural development and poverty alleviation of Ayeaywady Region Gov- ernment, putting on record, amendment of bill on opportunity of fisher- men, granting of prices for agricultural produce of farmers and seeking mar- ket, proposal on ways of sending complaints against levying any tax more than prescribed rates. The session came to an end at 4.30 p.m. — MNA

TV viewing more risky for heart than using computers

Toronto, 19 Nov—High levels of TV viewing by kids can elevate their chances of developing heart disease later in life, but significantly high use of computer does not.

Different kinds of sedentary behaviour produce different consequences for young people’s health, according to the findings from Queen’s University, Canada. “Even if a child is physically active, this activity is really only making up a short period of their whole day, so it’s important to look at other aspects of their day to see what’s going on,” says Valerie Carson, doctoral candidate in Queen’s School of Kinesiology and Health Studies.

Previous research has identified high volumes of sedentary behaviour as a risk factor for cardiovascular diseases in adults, the journal BMC Public Health reports. But among the children she surveyed, Carson found no general connection between the volume of sedentary behaviour and the risk of developing diabetes or heart disease, according to a Queen’s statement.— Internet
5.0-magnitude quake hits eastern Turkey
ANKARA, 19 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted eastern Turkey at 19:39 (17:39 GMT) on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10.00 km, was initially determined to be at 38.806 degrees north latitude and 43.7572 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

Earthquake hits southern Iran
TEHERAN, 19 Nov—An earthquake measuring 4.3 on Richter scale hit Iran’s Lamard city in southern Fars Province on Friday night, the local media news agency reported.

An earlier report by local Fars news agency described the quake as “strong” and “lasting”, saying that frightened people of Lamard rushed out to the streets. There is no immediate report on possible casualties or damage.

As one of the most seismically active countries in the world, Iran is often hit by destructive earthquakes. In 2003, an earthquake in Iran’s central city of Bam measuring 6.6 on Richter scale left at least 30,000 people dead.—Xinhua

Fire kills two, injures 11 in southwest France
PARIS, 19 Nov—A fire in the southwestern French city of Charente killed two people and injured 11 others, local media said on Friday.

Two men aged 70 and 80 years old were found dead after a fire broke out around 2:30 am local time (0130 GMT) at a retirement home which housed 81 people, the report said. The wounded have been evacuated and hospitalized with one of them in grave condition, it added.

Investigation is going on to confirm if the blaze was caused by a smoking cigarette.—Xinhua

Thai PM declares Central Bangkok “safe” from floods
BANGKOK, 19 Nov—Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra declared Bangkok’s central business district safe from floods on Saturday, as the death toll around the kingdom approached 600.

Yingluck was speaking in her weekly radio and television address from the Indonesian resort island of Bali, where she is attending regional summits.

“It’s certain that the inner zone of Bangkok will be safe from floods, as the measures to hold floodwaters have been successful,” Yingluck said.

Yingluck said the drainage of floodwaters in the western part of the capital was progressing slowly and she was confident that a key road linking the city to the country’s south would not be cut.

“Many feared that Rama II road may be submerged, but it’s unlikely now and if it is inundated it will not be serious,” she said.

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said in its daily update Saturday that 595 people have been killed in floods and two are still unaccounted for.

Fog-caused pileup kills three in Germany
BERLIN, 19 Nov—A huge pileup involving more than 30 cars on a motorway in western Germany has killed three people and injured another 30, local police said Friday night.

The accident, caused by heavy fog, occurred on the A31 autobahn between Heek and Gronau-Ochtrup in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, near the border with the Netherlands, German news agency DPA quoted local police as saying.

Local authorities shut down both directions of the autobahn for clean-up. Some of the injured were trapped in their vehicles but were rescued afterward.—Xinhua

Italian military plane crashes in Dubai
DUBAI, 19 Nov—An Italian military aircraft that participated in an airshow here crashed into the sea off Dubai Friday morning, but no casualties were reported.

The accident occurred about seven miles from Deira Palm Island when the air force plane was returning home, the government said, adding that the crew successfully ejected to safety, Xinhua reported.

The UAE General Civil Aviation Authority has confirmed the accident and said it could not disclose further details as the investigations fell under the UAE military’s purview.

Plane producer Alenia Aermacchi said that its representatives are co-operating closely with the local authorities, through the Italian embassy in the UAE, according to the local daily The National.

The Dubai Airshow from 13-17 Nov saw USD 63.3 billion worth of orders for aircraft, maintenance services and flight training programmes.

It was held in collaboration with Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Dubai Airports and UAE armed forces.—Internet
Pirates hijack Chevron ship off Nigeria

LAGOS, 19 Nov—Pirates have hijacked an oil supply ship working with Chevron Corp off Nigeria and took three people hostage, the company said Friday.

A group of eight armed pirates boarded the vessel on Thursday night, attacking the vessel and taking three people hostage, the company said in a statement. The vessel, the MV C-Endeavour, belongs to US firm Chouest.

The attack was the second by gunmen on Chevron-contracted vessels off the coast of the Nigerian coast in a month. The frequent attacks on ships by pirates in the Gulf of Guinea pose increasing threat to security in the region as a trade hub.—Xinhua

Minister says Russia has no plan to build aircraft carriers before 2020

MOSCOW, 19 Nov—Russia didn’t plan to build aircraft carriers before 2020 but was going to further develop its Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile, Russian Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said Friday.

The minister also told reporters that the country would purchase more Mi-35 helicopters and other types of combat vehicles. So far, no money has been allocated for aircraft carrier programmes until 2020, Serdyukov said, adding the ministry “does not quite understand so far” what the future warship should look like and what its capabilities could be.

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Indonesia’s Lion Air to buy 230 new Boeing 737

JAKARTA, 19 Nov — Indonesia’s budget airlines firm, Lion Air, announced its huge order of 230 new Boeing 737 planes worth 21.7 billion US dollars, a statement released by Lion Air said here on Friday.

The signing of the order that makes Boeing’s biggest-ever commercial plane order was conducted in Bali on Friday morning, witnessed by US President Barack Obama when attending the ASEAN Summit here. Also witnessing the purchase order signing ceremony were senior officials of both countries.

The purchase order was signed by Lion Air President Director Rusdi Kirana and Boeing Senior Vice President Sales and Customer Support Raymond L. Conner, the statement said. The new Boeing 737 planes ordered by Lion Air consisted of 201 Boeing 737 MAX and 29 Boeing 737 ER planes. The airlines initially ordered 176 Boeing 737-900 ER. With the latest order signed on Friday, Lion Air would operate 408 of that kind of planes. Delivery of the initial order has commenced since 2007 and the last will be done in 2016. The first batch order was worth 16 billion US dollars. Planes ordered in the second batch would be delivered from 2017 to 2025, the statement said.

Lion Air currently has a fleet of 65 planes, mainly 737 series, including 54 bought directly from Boeing several years ago. The company’s fleet expansion plans are in line with its ambition to become the largest airlines in Indonesia.

India, British Columbia tie up for renewable energy

NEW DELHI, 19 Nov—Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, Canada met Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New and Renewable Energy in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on Cooperation between India and British Columbia in the field of Renewable Energy.

Both the Ministers were accompanied by High Level Delegations. Farooq Abdullah gave an overview of the progress made by India in different fields of Renewable Energy.

It was observed that India has already signed an Umbrella Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Canada in the field of Energy including Renewable Energy and it was agreed the two sides would explore Cooperation with Institutions of repute of India and British Columbia in identified fields.

Fuel Cells, Storage batteries, Bio-Energy and Small Hydro Programs were identified as possible areas of Cooperation. British Columbia side informed that they are holding a Global Conference in Energy on 12-15 March, 2012 and requested India to depute a delegation to this Conference where Renewable Energy will be one of the focus areas of Cooperation.

India agreed to explore the possibility of sending a business delegation to the Conference on receipt of invitation.—Internet

Men roll barrels of Beaujolais Nouveau wine for the official launch of the 2011 vintage in the center of Lyon early 17 Nov, 2011. This year is the 60th anniversary of the annual Beaujolais bash. In 2010 some 15.5 million bottles were exported and 7.5 million sold and consumed in France.—Internet

Airbus opens first Asian logistics centre in China

TIANJIN, 19 Nov—An Airbus logistics center opened for business on Friday in the northern port city of Tianjin — home to an Airbus final assembly line and delivery centre. The European aircraft maker hopes to ramp up its logistics network in China with the help of Airbus (Tianjin) Logistics Company, according to Airbus China.

The logistics company, Airbus’ first logistics center in Asia, will provide logistics support to Airbus and its parent company European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company in China, according to the aircraft maker. Laurence Barron, president of Airbus China, said the logistics company will also support the production of the A350 XWB, a new wide-body Airbus jumbo, of which 5 percent of the airframe will be manufactured in China. The country received its first Airbus-made jet in 1985 and now has over 600 Airbus airliners serving in its fleets, according to the official website of Airbus China. Airbus also produces manufacturing parts and components for Airbus jets in a number of Chinese cities.

Britain’s Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Jeremy Browne, sits beside a panda at a research base in Ya’an city, Southwest China’s Sichuan province, on 17 Nov, 2011. According to a scientific research cooperation agreement between China and Britain, China will send two pandas to Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland for exchange. The two pandas will stay there for 10 years.—Internet
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Consignee of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1156) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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NYC marathon runner loses car for two days

An Albany, NY, man says he finished the New York City Marathon only to realize he couldn’t remember where he parked his car for two days.

Charles Petraske, 34, parked his hybrid Hyundai Sonata in a Manhattan garage on 6 Nov and boarded a charter bus to the Staten Island start line.

He took only the key to his car and $40 with him, leaving the parking ticket on the dashboard in his car, the New York Post reported.

Sunday, Petraske took a cab back to Bryant Park after completing the race but couldn’t remember where he parked his car.

“I was completely disoriented,” he told the newspaper. “I had no idea where the heck I was, or where my car is parked, and I had no phone and no money.” Petraske’s wife drove into the city to pick him up when police said they couldn’t locate a missing car until it was towed.

Trailer loaded with seafood stolen

Pennsylvania State Police said they are searching for a stolen refrigerated semi-trailer loaded with 33,000 pounds of seafood.

Investigators at the Newport post said the trailer, owned by Western Star Transport of Carson, Calif, was taken from a Pilot truck stop in Dauphin County between 10.30 pm Friday and 4.30 pm Saturday, The (Harristown) Patriot-News reported Monday.

Police are asking for anyone with information to contact the Newport office.

Mechanics find cocaine hidden in minivan

A California man said mechanics found 19 packages of cocaine worth $500,000 hidden in his minivan more than a year after he bought the van from a dealership.

San Jose psychologist Charles Preston said he bought the 2008 Chrysler minivan from Thrifty Car Sales in Santa Clara for $14,000 in May 2010 and he took it to DHT Collision & Service Centre in San Jose about 15 months later for a brake problem, the San Jose Mercury News reported Monday.

The mechanics offered to look into the reason why the front windows wouldn’t go all the way down. They then removed the door panels to find the bulk of the cocaine and police found five more packages above the back wheels, Preston said.

He said police told him he was lucky the cocaine wasn’t discovered during a traffic stop and said he could have gone to jail “for the rest of your life.”

Preston said police recommended he get rid of the van because drug cartel members may be looking for it. Ron Battistella, the owner of Thrifty Car Sales, said he will replace the van.

Paris, 19 Nov— A French court has fined Irish actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers about $1,300 for threatening to kill three police officers while intoxicated in 2009, officials said.

Meyers, 34, was the star of TV’s “The Tudors.” His film credits include “Michael Collins.”

“Velvet Goldmine,” “August Rush,” “Vanity Fair” and “Match Point.” UsMagazine.com said the Golden Globe Award-winning actor was ordered to pay the fine and given a one-month suspended jail sentence Wednesday.

He had been charged with drunk and disorderly conduct for allegedly striking a bartender in June 2009 at Charles de Gaulle airport, then threatening to kill the police who responded to the scene.

Meyers later apologized for his behavior, explaining he has long battled alcoholism. He has gone to rehab several times.—Internet

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Megan Fox removing Marilyn Monroe tattoo

NEW YORK, 19 Nov— Megan Fox says she is in the process of having a tattooed image of Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe removed from her inner right arm.

“The star of the first two ‘Transformers’ movies admitted the process to remove the image is “hundreds times worse than the tattoo itself.” “I’ve only done one [removal session] so I probably have three or four left,” she said. “I think it will come off completely because I have the right skin type to remove ink. The more fair-skinned you are, the easier it is to remove dark ink, and I’m as fair as it gets.”

Internet

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‘Love’ still No 1 on US record chart

LOS ANGELES, 19 Nov—Rihannas “We Found Love” is No 1 on the US record chart for a third week, Billboard.com reported.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 is LMFAO’s “Sexy and I Know It,” followed by Adele’s “Someone Like You” at No 3, David Guetta’s “Without You” featuring Usher at No 4 and “Moves Like Jagger” by Maroon 5 featuring Christina Aguilera at No 5. Rounding out the top tier are “Without You” at No 6, Foster the People’s “Pumped Up Kicks” at No 7, Flo Rida’s “Good Feeling” at No 8, Bruno Mars’ “It Will Rain” at No 9 and Taylor Swift’s “If This Was a Movie” at No 10.—Internet

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Cleverley out until Christmas
LONDON, 19 Nov — Manchester United’s Tom Cleverley will be out of action until Christmas with ankle ligament damage. Cleverley suffered the injury at Everton last month, which was his first match back after sustaining a foot problem at Bolton Wanderers. And although Ferguson initially felt the injury was not too serious, he has now admitted it is worse than he imagined. “It is pretty long term,” said Ferguson. “(He will be out until) Christmas time. It’s unfortunate. It is worse than we thought.” Ferguson reported similar bad news about Michael Owen, who is set to be out for the same period of time with the thigh injury he sustained in the home Champions League win over Otelul Galati.

Cech aims to keep it clean
Petr Cech is looking to extend his run of clean sheets when Czech Republic host Liverpool at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. The Blues will be hoping to close the gap on Barclays Premier League leaders Manchester City by beating their rivals for Cham-

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LONDON, 19 Nov — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has challenged Arsenal to close the gap on Premier League leaders Manchester City before Christmas. A four-match winning streak in the league has seen the Gunners rise up to seventh after a terrible start, and while they still remain some distance from the top of the table, the Frenchman is looking to further narrow the divide.

“Are we too far away from the top at the moment,” Wenger admitted to the club’s official website. “My complete focus is to reduce that gap before Christmas and hopefully we can do that.”

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Two more overhead kicks featured: by Julio Gomez for Mexico against Germany at the Under-17 World Cup, and defender Lisandro Lopez in an Argentine league match for Arsenal against Olimpico. Users of FIFA.com and francefootball.fr websites can vote until 5 Dec. The winner of the award, named after Hungarian great Ferenc Puskas, will be announced on 9 January.

City duo sign new deals
Pablo Zabaleta says he didn’t think twice about staying at the club
MANCHESTER, 19 Nov — Manchester City defender Pablo Zabaleta have signed new contracts at Manchester City. England winger Johnson has agreed a new deal which keeps him at the club until 2016, while Argentine defender Zabaleta has agreed fresh terms to stay at the club until 2015.

Johnson’s deal still needs to see the PFA recognize the club’s offer of a new deal, with the Argentine international gifted with a new deal to see him stay at the club until 2016. Johnson’s deal until end of the 2016 season, but is a long-term time frame that they’re working on. This club’s going places and big games.

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“I hit the ball really well,” said Kokrak, who had five birdies and two bogeys. “But I could have shot six or seven strokes (under) if I could have putted the ball better.” — Internet

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Two more overhead kicks featured: by Julio Gomez for Mexico against Germany at the Under-17 World Cup, and defender Lisandro Lopez in an Argentine league match for Arsenal against Olimpico. Users of FIFA.com and francefootball.fr websites can vote until 5 Dec. The winner of the award, named after Hungarian great Ferenc Puskas, will be announced on 9 January.

City duo sign new deals
Pablo Zabaleta says he didn’t think twice about staying at the club
MANCHESTER, 19 Nov — Manchester City defender Pablo Zabaleta have signed new contracts at Manchester City. England winger Johnson has agreed a new deal which keeps him at the club until 2016, while Argentine defender Zabaleta has agreed fresh terms to stay at the club until 2015.

Johnson’s deal until end of the 2016 season, but is a long-term time frame that they’re working on. This club’s going places and big games.

Zabaleta takes control at Presidents Cup
MELBOURNE, 19 Nov — Two perfect teams and a point for Tiger Woods. That was all the Americans needed on Saturday in the rain at Royal Melbourne to win over Otelul Galati.

US takes control at Presidents Cup
Van Persie goals earn Arsenal 2-1 win over Norwich

The Netherlands striker took his league-leading tally to 13 goals in 12 matches by equalizing in the 27th minute and scoring the winner just before the hour mark in Arsenal's deserved win at Carrow Road. Norwich had gone ahead against the run of play through Steve Morison but was overwhelmed by Arsenal's fluid attacking play which earned the visitors their fifth straight league win. The victory kept Arsene Wenger's resurgent side in touch with the teams chasing a place in the top four.—Internet

Arsenal’s Gervinho challenges Norwich City’s Kyle Naughton.
General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla pay tribute to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum

NAVPtTow, 19 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla visited Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi on 15 November. After paying tribute to the mausoleum with a wreath, they viewed round the commemorative places.

At Officer Training School in Hanoi, Commandant Lt General Tran Quoc Phu reported on facts about the training courses. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services extended greetings. They exchanged gifts of the two Armed Forces. They viewed skill demonstrations on firepower presented by the training depot.

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After visiting the airbase showroom, they signed the visitors’ book.

In the evening, they arrived in Ho Chi Minh City by air.—MNA

Myanmar hails winning 4 golds in boat race, 2 silvers in sailing and judo

YANGON, 19 Nov—In eight-day fight of XXVI SEA Games in Jakarta and Palembang of Indonesia, Myanmar secured gold medal in 1000-m ten-oar women’s tradition boat race while Indonesia and Thailand silver and bronze. Male athletes also snatched gold in 1000-m ten-oar men’s tradition boat race while Indonesia and Thailand silver and bronze. In 1000-m 20-oar women’s tradition boat race, Myanmar stood first while Indonesia and Thailand second and third. In 1000-m 20-oar men’s tradition boat race, Myanmar ended the race with gold medal while Indonesia and the Philippines silver and bronze.

Khin Nyo Lin and Theingi Win Shwe settled for second place in International 470 Class event of sailing competition. Thura Zaw stood second behind Thailand and before the Philippines and Vietnam.

Myanmar hailed four gold medals and two silvers in today’s games. From 11 till 19 November, Myanmar with eight gold medals, 18 silvers and 25 bronzes is standing at seventh position above Timor, Brunei, Cambodia and Laos in standing table.

Indonesian Footballers to SEA Games Final

JAKARTA, 19 Nov—Indonesia’s football squad guaranteed themselves either gold or silver medals in the Southeast Asia Games by beating Vietnam 2-0 in their semi-final match Saturday night. Indonesia will play Malaysia in the final after its regional rivals defeated Burma 1-0 in the other semi-final.

Patrick Steven Wanggar scored off a free kick in the 61st minute and Titus Bonai was on target in the 89th minute to secure the win.—INTERNET

The Indonesian team celebrates after beating Vietnam 2-0 at Jakarta’s Bung Karno stadium Saturday night to reach the finals of the Southeast Asia Games football competition. They will play Malaysia in the finals.—INTERNET

Rowing, martial arts contestants come back home

Dimitar Berbatov set to extend Manchester United contract for another year

US FDA revokes approval of Avastin for breast cancer

One in 16 suffers from depression in Singapore

Significant night temperature

(19-11-2011)

Pinlaung (4°C)
Loilem (6°C)
Heho (7°C)
Haka (7°C) each