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**General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla welcome back Lt-Gen Soe Win, wife Daw Than Than Nwe and party**

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla welcomed back the Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe who arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this afternoon after paying a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh at the invitation of Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen, ndc, psc of the Bangladesh Army.

Also present at the airport to welcome back the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation were Lt-Gen Hla Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief’s Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief’s Office and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command.

Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Tun Nay Lin and senior military officers who accompanied Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

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**Lt-Gen Soe Win and party visit Dhaka of Bangladesh**

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe and party left Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 8.45 am on 22 November to pay a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh at the invitation of the Chief of Army Staff of the Bangladesh Army General Md Abdul Mubeen, ndc, psc.

They arrived at Kurmitola Airbase Headquarters in Dhaka of Bangladesh at 10.30 am local time.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and wife were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Min Lwin and wife, Military Attaché Col Myint Thein and wife, Bangladesh Military Attaché Brig-General Md Shahidul Hague, Bangladesh senior military officers and staff of Myanmar Embassy.

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Union FM receives Indian Ambassador

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Realize aim in agricultural business**

Circle of summer, rainy and cold seasons is rolling on and on. Farmers, the majority of country’s population are busy in all seasons. As a main business, they are engaged in production of paddy and various kinds of crops.

Although farmers could earn sufficient income for family from the works they undertook the whole rainy season in the past, they are now to work hard in their business of agriculture every season for improvement of their living standard and growth of economy at full capacity due to increasing population. Beginning early monsoon, they invest their efforts in the farmlands, focusing on feeding fertilizers and using pesticides at the farms in real time so as to boost per-acre yield of paddy. Moreover, they have to set aim not only for local food sufficiency but also for export of surplus products.

After harvesting paddy in November and December for the first time, farmers are to grow another paddy. Only when they cultivate mung bean, green gram, cold season groundnut and other crops on a wider scale, will they enjoy larger benefit. Farmers have to cultivate groundnut, sesame, and beans and pulses in the lands of edible crops. In addition, they need to observe modern agricultural technology and new strains of high yield crops.

At present, farmers can use water to some extent for agricultural purpose. Companies of selling fertilizers and agriculturalists make field trips to grassroots level. Despite giving latest agricultural information and seeds of various crops, they have not satisfied the demand of farmers in agricultural sector yet. Entrepreneurs and agriculturalists must provide more assistance for the farmers.

Nowadays, the State disburses agricultural loans to farmers. Moreover, the government gives hundreds of million kyats through micro-credit scheme to farmers in rural areas to be able to fulfill their requirements. Thus, people should respond to the benevolence of the State.

Farmers on their part need to effectively utilize the assistance of the State. They should spend the loans in their businesses the whole year systematically. Only when the farmers work hard in cultivation of crops and vegetables and livestock breeding on a manageable scale the whole year, they will meet their goals enjoying fruitful results of businesses.

**Hockey umpiring course ends**

**Yangon, 26 Nov—** Hockey umpiring course jointly conducted by International Hockey Federation and Myanmar Hockey Federation was concluded at the Theinhbu turf here yesterday evening.

It was attended by Vice-Presidents of MHF U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, U Zaw Win, General Secretary U Khin Maung Latt and executives, course instructors Referee Mr Amarjit Singh Swaran Singh of International Hockey Federation, coaches of Myanmar selected hockey team Mr Muhammad Uz Man, and Mr Embaraj Kanniah R.

**Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—** Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye viewed thriving sugarcane, banana, Eucalyptus and teak plantations at the tissue culture farm of Great Wall Co between 72nd and Theikpyan streets in Mandalay this morning.

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The Union ministers gave instructions and visited the farm together with Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than, Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Region Minister for Planning and Economic Minister U Aung Zan and farmers.

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**Significant evidences of Bronze and Iron Age found near Gyogon Village of Pyawbwe Township**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—** A Myanmar-French combined research team excavates archaeological site near Gyogon Village of Pyawbwe Township.

Among these buried items, there were 35 human remains buried heading towards the eastward including six almost completed remains. Seven human remains were buried in the pots and three in the wooden coffins. One of the remains was worn with a bronze ring at the left forearm and a necklace decorated with eyeteeth. Three remains buried in the wooden coffins was the significant findings in the unearthed work.

Although research works have been conducted at 19 sites with cultural evidences of Bronze and Iron age during 10-year period from 1998 to date, finding the human remains worn with necklace and buried in the wooden coffins was the first excavation. Together with remains, the research team found 114 items including eyeteeth, mussels, various sizes of beads, small stones, bronze bracelet, necklace, bottle-shaped item made of bone, iron ware and small reed.

**Myanmar-French combined research team excavates archaeological site near Gyogon Village of Pyawbwe Township.**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—** Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Ambassador of the Republic of India Dr Vihllar Sundararajan Seshadri at the ministry, here, at 3 pm yesterday.

At the call, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.

The Indian Ambassador was accompanied by Counsellor from the Indian Embassy Ms Sripriya Ranganathan.

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**UNIDO, China eye strengthened cooperation**

**VIENNA, 26 Nov—**The UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) said on Friday that the organization is willing to strengthen ties with China in various fields of promoting development.

The UNIDO head Kandeh K Yumkella made the remarks while meeting with Yu Jianhua, China’s Assistant Commerce Minister and representative to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Ministerial Meeting. The two sides agreed that debt crisis in some countries, turmoil in financial markets, inflation pressure in emerging countries; extreme weather and recurrent natural disasters have brought enormous harm to the economies of the LDCs. The global community therefore should stand united to offer more supports to the LDCs, they stressed.

During their talks, Yumkella spoke highly of China’s active role in pushing sustainable industrial development and promoting the South-South cooperation. He also hoped that the UNIDO and China would continuously intensify their cooperation in the sectors concerned and achieve more fruitful results. The two-day LDCs Ministerial Meeting, hosted by the UNIDO, closed Friday at the organization’s headquarters in Vienna. Representatives to the meeting discussed LDCs structural transformation and UNIDO’s news strategy towards LDCs.

Several high-level panel discussions have brought together LDCs ministers, UN agencies, regional economic commissions, donors, financial institutions and private sector entities to promote partnership for future action.—Xinhua

**Einstein’s brain slices go on public display at Philadelphia museum**

**LONDON, 26 Nov—**Tiny slices of famed physicist Albert Einstein’s brain have been put on public display for the first time at a Philadelphia museum.

The ultra-thin slices were taken from the physicist’s brain in an attempt to find out what made him so extraordinary, the Daily Mail reported. Philadelphia’s Mutter Museum and Historical Medical Library are exhibiting 45 of the samples in their original slides as well as one under a microscope. Einstein’s brain was removed as part of a routine autopsy following his death in 1955 at the age of 76 from an abdominal aneurism. But Thomas Harvey, the pathologist who carried out the autopsy, had failed to put the brain in the skull, claiming that Einstein’s son had given him permission to keep it for study. However this was disputed by Einstein’s family, which led to Harvey losing his job.

But he kept hold of the brain, preserving it in a jar of formaldehyde and dividing it into 240 sections, which he kept in jars at his house.

He gave a box containing 46 slides to his pathologist colleague William Ehrich, for letting him create the samples in his lab. One neuroscientist found Einstein brain to be 15 per cent wider than average as his inferior parietal regions on both hemispheres were far more developed than average.—Internet

**Nicaragua, Vietnam sign agreement on political cooperation**

**MANAGUA, 26 Nov—**Nicaragua and Vietnam have signed a “political cooperation agreement” to strengthen mutual support in international organizations and forums, the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry said Friday.

According to a statement released by the ministry, the deal was signed by Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Samuel Santos and his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Binh Minh in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. The two ministers pledged to cement cooperation in organizations such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. Both countries also agreed to exchange more senior delegations to increase mutual understanding and deepen bilateral ties. The two officials also discussed how to tap potential for cooperation in such fields as agriculture, telecommunications and energy. Nicaragua and Vietnam established diplomatic relations in 1979 following the victory of the revolution by the Sandinista National Liberation Front in the Central American country.

However, their official relations were interrupted in 1990 by a series of government and political changes in Nicaragua. Following the 2007 Nicaraguan elections which brought Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega back as president, full diplomatic relations with Vietnam were quickly restored.—Xinhua

**Russia’s new radar station ready to monitor missiles from Europe**

**MOSCOW, 26 Nov—**A new radar station in Russia’s Kaliningrad was ready to monitor missile launches from the entire European continent, a senior commander said Friday. Commander of the Russian Air and Space Defence Troops Lieut Gen Oleg Ostapenko said the Kaliningrad radar station would significantly enhance Russia’s early warning system on missile attacks.

“It will allow us to efficiently monitor missile launches over the entire European continent, as well as from the North Atlantic area, including the functioning and systems of the European missile defense shield,” Ostapenko said. “Now we are ready on the orders of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief to put this radar station in service of the missile attack warning system,” he said.—Xinhua

**Navy training ship sails into Bahia de Santa Lucia**

**ACAPULCO, 23 Nov, 2011.** The Cuauhtemoc is returning from a seven and a half months-long instruction trip in the Mediterranean as Mexico’s armed naval forces is celebrating its national day.—Reuters
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Health

Expert says AIDS epidemic at “unacceptable high” level

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—In the United States, the AIDS epidemic has plateaued, but it is still at “unacceptable high” level, a US expert said ahead of the World AIDS Day.

“The situation is stable in the United States, stable in an unacceptable high level for at least 10 years and has not gone down. It’s still a serious problem,” Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), told Xinhua in an exclusive interview.

According to Fauci, there are about 1.1 million people infected with HIV in the US, of which about 20 percent do not know they are infected. Those are the ones that more likely will infect other people. Since the world’s first AIDS case was reported 30 years ago, the US has seen close to 600,000 AIDS-related death. And among the 65,000 new infections each year in the US, about 50 percent are African Americans. In the United States, about 12 percent of the population is African American.

“Our new approach to prevention is to try and get access at community level, to people at most risk, to seek out to voluntarily test, to link them to care, and to automatically get them treatment,” said Fauci. “When you get someone on treatment, it is extremely unlikely that they will infect their sexual partner.”

Fauci thought the international community’s battle against the HIV/AIDS has gotten better over the last 30 years.

Early on, when the disease was inaccurately thought to be a disease of developed world. There was a denial in many countries in Asia, in Southern Africa, South America and Caribbean, that this will turn out to be an extraordinary problem in those countries. As the years went by, it was clear that it was not a disease of gay men in the United States and the developed world. It was a disease mostly in the developing world when 90 percent of new infections occur in low- and middle-income countries and 67 percent of the cases are in Southern Africa.

Number of diabetes patients nearly doubled in China over past decade

BEIJING, 26 Nov—The number of Chinese diabetes patients nearly doubled over the past decade, with 9.7 percent of the country’s 1.3 billion people suffering from the disease, according to a Chinese medical expert.

Ji Linong, director of the Chinese Medical Association’s (CMA) Diabetes Society, announced the statistic on Friday at an inauguration ceremony for a story-collecting activity entitled “I and Insulin” which is being launched by the government to improve the public awareness of diabetes. The CMA’s Diabetes Society, a branch of the CMA, accounted for 93 percent of its total gross domestic product (GDP).

Media report

In this 10 Oct, 2005 file photo, two Continental Express airplanes taxi toward the runway as a baggage handler moves luggage, in Cleveland.—INTERNET

Airlines cut small jets as fuel prices soar

MINNEAPOLIS, 26 Nov—The little planes that connect America’s small cities to the rest of the world are slowly being phased out.

Airlines are getting rid of these planes — their least-efficient — in response to the high cost of fuel. Delta, United Continental, and other big airlines are expected to park, scrap or sell hundreds of jets with 50 seats or fewer in coming years.

Small propeller planes are meeting the same fate. The loss of those planes is leaving some little cities with fewer flights or no flights at all.

The United Airlines Regional Network, a subsidiary, ended service to 34 cities in late 2009 after Delta eliminated flights on 34-seat turboprops. Now, passengers from the city of 2,000 have a 90-minute drive to the Minneapolis airport 65 miles to the southeast.

“AA” to “AA”, and gave a negative outlook.—Xinhua

S&P downgrades Belgium’s credit rating

NEW YORK, 26 Nov—The rating agency Standard & Poor’s on Friday lowered Belgium’s long-term sovereign credit rating from “AA+” to “AA”, and gave a negative outlook.

The agency said in a statement that Belgium’s already high government debt weakened the country’s ability to finance. It anticipated that by the end of 2011, Belgium’s net government debt will account for 93 percent of its total gross domestic product (GDP).

Also, S&P is concerned that the slow economic growth also poses a threat to the country’s budget situation. It projected Belgium’s budget deficit in 2011 to be around 3.6 percent of its GDP.

The ability of Belgium’s authorities to respond to potential economic pressures from inside and outside of Belgium is constrained by the repeated failure of attempts to form a new government, according to the statement.

Five main currencies’ exchange rates against Canadian dollar

TORONTO, 26 Nov—The following are the five main currencies’ exchange rates against the Canadian dollar in Toronto at 5 pm local time (22:00 GMT) on Friday.—Xinhua

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Toyota discussing green-car tie-up with BMW

TORONTO, 26 Nov—Japanese auto giant Toyota is in discussions with BMW over a partnership in eco-friendly cars, a Press report said Saturday. Under the deal, the German automaker would provide diesel engines for Toyota vehicles, while Toyota would share its hybrid technology, the business daily Nikkei said. It would mark Toyota’s second green-technology tie-up with a major foreign automaker, following its agreement in August to develop hybrid-vehicle systems with Ford of the United States.

A Toyota spokesman said the report was based on “speculation” and refused to comment further.

Under the proposed arrangement, BMW would provide diesel engines for Toyota vehicles, while Toyota would provide diesel engines for BMW’s passenger vehicles, most likely medium-sized cars of around 2.000cc to be sold in Europe, Nikkei said. BMW, which inked a deal with France’s PSA Peugeot Citroen Group in late 2010 to jointly develop hybrid systems for subcompacts, would be able to expand its lineup, the daily said.—INTERNET
Russia launches rocket with Chinese satellite

MOSCOW, 26 Nov—Russia’s Proton-M carrier rocket was launched on Friday from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan with a Chinese communications satellite “AsiaSat-7”, according to Russia’s Federal Space Agency Roscosmos. Roscosmos’ live broadcast on its official website showed that the Proton-M rocket atop the Briz-M upper stage was launched at 23:10 Moscow time (1910 GMT). The separation of the satellite from the rocket was scheduled for 08:23 Moscow time (0423 GMT) on Saturday. The AsiaSat-7 which belongs to the Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited (AsiaSat) located in Hong Kong, China, is a new generation satellite designed to replace AsiaSat 3S at the orbital location of 105.5 degrees East. The new satellite was expected to support a broad range of applications for the Asia-Pacific region, including television broadcast and VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) networks.

Eco-friendly tech expo opens in China

BEIJING, 26 Nov—Over 240 domestic and foreign firms are taking part in an international eco-friendly technology expo opened in eastern China Friday. The three-day event in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu Province, will also see a series of symposiums on metal and air pollution, solid waste disposal and development of the eco-friendly technology industry.

Archaeologists unearth ancient Chinese tomb

BEIJING, 26 Nov—A tomb dating back to 475-221 BC has been unearthed in northeast China. It lies about five meters underground and covers an area of 72 sq metres in Dongdazhangzi village of Liaoning Province. The tomb dates back to the Warring States era, Xinhuanet.com quoted Guo Dashun of the Liaoning Institute of Archaeology as saying. It is the largest tomb from the period ever excavated north of the Great Wall, making it of great academic value, said Guo. It is the largest tomb from the period ever excavated north of the Great Wall, making it of great academic value, said Guo. —Internet

Mars rover to rely on technology Canadians helped develop

CANADA, 26 Nov—When NASA’s latest Mars rover makes it to the red planet next August, scientists are hoping to get a clearer understanding of the terrain’s chemical composition.

To do so, the Curiosity rover will make use of a device that Canadian scientists helped develop and fine tune, and which has been used in previous rover missions to Mars.

It’s called an Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) and it allows scientists back on Earth to remotely analyze the composition of rocks and soil located on Mars.

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“So far, Rs 17.23 crore has been sanctioned for 37 cities, of which Rs 2.75 crore has been released for utilisation by the concerned state nodal agencies/municipal corporations,” he said.

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Snow avalanche kills three in Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, 26 Nov — A snow avalanche killed three people in Kyrgyzstan, two of them were Chinese citizens, the Kyrgyz Ministry of Emergency Situations told Xinhua Friday.

The avalanche, carrying a snow volume of 105,000 cubic metres, occurred Thursday morning on the Bishkek-Osh highway, which has seen several avalanches recently. During search and clean-up Friday evening, rescuers found a Lexus car buried under the snow rubble, in which the bodies of a Kyrgyz citizen and two Chinese citizens were found. All three worked in the Chinese gold mining company Kaldi, confirmed the Chinese Embassy in Kyrgyzstan.

Earlier, the Ministry of Emergency Situations had recommended that people avoid traveling on the Bishkek-Osh highway. —Xinhua

Two killed, 37 hurt as bus hits van in Kerala

KANNUR, (Kerala) 26 Nov — Two people, including a civil police officer, were killed and 37, including school students and teachers, injured when the school bus hit a van at Nadal Bypass under Edakkad Police Limits, about six km from here, this morning.

According to police, the deceased were identified as Suresh (38) of Munderi, a Civil Police Officer attached to Thalassery Police Station and Van Driver Dhamesh(35) of Karunanappally. Bus Driver Vinod, who was seriously injured, was admitted to Mangalore Hospital.

Another bus driver, Musthafa and 35 students of St Theresa School, Bernacherry-Kannur and two teachers were admitted to different private hospitals in Kannur.

The school tour bus, which was on rent, was proceeding to Thusharagiri Waterfalls, near Thamarrassery in Kozhikode District and the van was coming from Thalassery when the mishap occurred at 0645 hrs today. —Internet

Mumbai fire guts three shopping plazas, no casualties

MUMBAI, 26 Nov — A major fire gutted three popular shopping complexes in south Mumbai early Saturday, the fire brigade said. There were no casualties.

According to a fire brigade official, the fire broke out around 3.30 am in the Sara-Sahara Mall, barely a stone’s throw away from Mumbai Police Commissionerate at Crawford Market. The blaze quickly spread from Sara-Sahara Mall to the adjoining Manish Market and Mohita Market, both reputed for their array of electronic and electrical consumer goods, and situated in a thickly congested area. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

The Sara-Sahara Mall has been in the news for its reported ownership by absconding mafia don Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar. Municipal Commissioner Subodh Kumar told reporters that the fire would be brought “under control soon” and there are no immediate reports of any casualties. At least 33 fire tenders and 20 water tankers were rushed to the scene and attempted to tackle the blaze in the heart of the commercial area of south Mumbai. —Internet

Small plane crash in Karachi of Pakistan not yet confirmed

ISLAMABAD, 26 Nov — While some of the local media reported that a small plane crashed in Karachi of southern Pakistan on Friday afternoon, some other media said that it was just an emergency landing.

Local media Express said that two pilots of a small training plane had an emergency landing at the Malir square in the City of Karachi after encountering some technical problem and the two pilots survived the crashed landing.

Other details about the incident are not immediately available. —Xinhua

36,000 participants to flood in Ethiopia for mass run

ADDIS ABABA, 26 Nov — About 36,000 runners are expected to appear at Maskal Square on Sunday for the 2011 Great Ethiopian Run in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia. The mass run in Ethiopia started in 2001 with about 10,000 participants with the increasing of the number of participants from time to time.

During a news briefing at Hilton International Hotel, Dagmawit Amare, member of the Organizing Body, said that preparation is going on to hold the 11th edition of the Great Run in the country which is preceded by Children’s Run on Saturday.

The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia is the title sponsor of the 2011 Great Run in Ethiopia.

The number of participants in the mass run here in the country is increasing from time to time and running has become a fashion in Ethiopia, said Halie Gebre-Selassie, Ethiopian famous athlete and founder of the mass run in the country. —Xinhua

Nigerian ministers call for multiple approach to food security

ABUJA, 26 Nov — Two Nigerian ministers on Friday reiterated the Federal Government’s commitment to food security.

Minister of Science and Technology Ita Ewa said in Abuja at the opening of a forum on Agricultural Biotechnology (OFAB) organized by the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) that food security was not only a priority of the present administration, but a matter of grave concern to the international community.

“Recently the world population was estimated to hit the 7 billion mark, thereby raising the need to meet the increasing demand for food, feed, fiber and fuel (4Fs),” the minister added.

“Given the urgency that this situation requires, expeditious effort need to be made to optimize the productivity of the 4Fs,” he said.

The minister promised that the ministry would provide the needed support to keep OFAB alive, to harness the potential of agricultural biotechnology for food security and socio-economic development of the country.

According to the minister, more than 70 percent of the country’s population earned their living from agriculture and agro-allied activities. —Xinhua
Congress for art and literature ends

BEIJING, 26 Nov—Artists and writers from all over the country have gathered in Beijing for the Ninth Congress of the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles and the Eighth Congress of the Chinese Writers’ Association.

The meeting closed on Friday by announcing a newly-elected governing body of the two organizations.

It’s a first-time gathering of major artists and writers from all over China, including Taipei, Hong Kong and Macao. President Hu Jintao delivered a key-note speech at the opening ceremony. He said literature and arts are among the most important factors in building socialism with Chinese characteristics. He also noted China’s literature and arts face valuable opportunities in today’s changing and developing world.

During the four-day meeting, the two organizations reviewed their work of the past five years, and worked out plans for the next five years.—Xinhua

White House Christmas tree arrives

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—A horse-drawn wagon pulled up to the White House Friday, carrying the 19-foot balsam fir that will grace the Blue Room for the holiday season, observers said.

The Los Angeles Times said the 18-year-old tree from a farm near Neshkoro, Wis, was presented to first lady Michelle Obama, with daughters Malia and Sasha and first pooch Bo in tow. It was harvested by growers Tom and Sue Shroeder last week and shipped to Washington.

Some 100,000 visitors are expected to view the tree, which will be decorated to honor Blue Star families.

Not to be outdone, the Capitol will boast a 650-foot Sierra white fir from the central Sierra Nevada Mountains in California, the Times reported.

That tree is due to arrive Monday. The architect of the Capitol said the tree will be decorated to the theme “California Shines.”

Endangered baby gorilla born at Chicago zoo dies

CHICAGO, 26 Nov—A preliminary exam shows that an endangered baby gorilla born nine days ago at Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo died of head trauma.

Zoo workers discovered the baby gorilla was dead Friday morning, as she was being carried around by her mother.

The zoo says workers allowed the mother, 16-year-old Bana, to keep the baby for several hours “to make peace with what happened.” She was a first-time mother.

The cause of death was determined later in the day during a necropsy, the animal version of an autopsy.

The baby’s father was a 22-year-old silverback gorilla named Kwan.

The baby was the first Western lowland gorilla born at the zoo since 2005. She had not been named. In a statement, the zoo says the baby appeared to be fully developed.—Internet

Regular direct flights launched between China’s Chongqing, Maldives

CHONGQING, 26 Nov—A regular direct route between the southwestern Chinese City of Chongqing and the Maldivian capital of Male commenced Friday, local Chinese airport authorities said.

The new round-trip route (5M162/5M163) is operated by Mega Maldives Airline every five days, using a Boeing 767-300ER with a capacity of 250 passengers, according to a spokesman with the Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport.

The 6.5-hour flight departs from Chongqing at 11 am and arrives at 3 pm local time in Male. Passengers from the Chinese mainland will be able to apply for a visa on arrival.

The flight marks the airline’s third regular service route between mainland Chinese cities and the Maldives, following flights departing from Beijing and Shanghai.

Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport has opened more than ten international air routes to date, including ones to Seoul, Tokyo, Singapore and Phuket. Next week, the airport will launch a direct flight to Doha, Qatar. —Xinhua
**Lt-Gen Soe Win and party visit …**

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and party arrived at Hotel Radisson.

At noon, they laid a wreath and paid tribute to the Shaista Anirban in Dhaka.

At 12.30 pm, Lt-Gen Soe Win arrived at Senkunja in Dhaka Station. He took the salute of the Guard of Honour of the Bangladesh Armed Forces and then inspected the Guard of Honour.

Also present on the occasion were Adjutant-General Major-General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiu Haq, psc and Quartermaster-General Lieutenant-General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, psc of Bangladesh.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Soe Win planted a commemorative tree at Senkunja.

From 12.45 pm to 2 pm, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) held a discussion with Chief of Army Staff of the Bangladesh Army General Md Abdul Mubeen, ndc, psc at the latter’s office.

Also present at the discussion were Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Tun Nay Lin, senior military officers and the Myanmar Military Attaché.

The Bangladeshi Chief of Army Staff was accompanied by officials of the Chief of Army Staff’s office.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed further strengthening bilateral ties between the two Tatmadaws and cooperation matters between the two countries.

After that, Lt-Gen Soe Win signed the visitors’ book.

At the hall of the Office of the Chief of Army Staff, Principal Staff Officer Lieutenant-General Abdul Wadud, ndc, psc explained the history of Bangladesh Armed Forces and its international and local tasks.

Leaders of Tatmadaws from the two countries and senior officers posed for documentary photo in front of the meeting hall of the Chief of Army Staff.

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**Chinese delegation led by Director of State General Administration of Sports on a visit in Myanmar**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—A seven-member Chinese delegation led by Director of State General Administration of Sports President of Chinese Olympic Committee Mr Liu Ping arrived in Yangon yesterday evening. General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and personnel welcomed the Chinese delegation at Yangon International Airport.

The Chinese delegation accompanied by the MOC General Secretary visited Kanbawzathadi Palace and Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago this morning. The MOC Secretary General then conducted the delegation round National Stadium No (1) Thwunna in the afternoon. —MNA

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**Preparations for organizing GMS tourism meetings inspected in Bagan**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan arrived at Bagan-NyaungU Airport on 25 November and inspected arrangements for welcoming the guests who will attend the 28th Meeting of the GMS Tourism Working Group, IDD telephone services of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and the information counter of Myanmar Tourism Service.

The Union minister also looked into display of shops at the Bagan evening market during the period of Bu Pagoda Puja, rest room for tourists and theatre for entertainments of GMS cultural troupes, booths for tourism promotion at the Nannyaung Tower of Aureum Palace Hotel where the 28th Meeting of the GMS Tourism Working Group will be held, 11th floor of Nannyaung Tower for Spectrum of Myanmar Photo Expo, the meeting hall of Travel Leaders’ Symposium on Sustainable Tourism to be held on 27 November and the meeting room for Joint Steering Committee on Sustainable Tourism Development Project to be held on 28 November.

In meeting with officials at the conference, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win takes salute of Guard of Honour of Bangladesh Army.—MNA

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Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik welcomes a Chinese sports delegation led by Director of State General Administration of Sports President of Chinese Olympic Committee Mr Liu Ping.—MNA

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Opening Ceremony of 29th Meeting of the GMS Tourism Working Group Joint Steering Committee on Sustainable Tourism Development Project (STDP) Travel Leaders’ Sustainable Tourism Symposium GMS Travel Exhibition Spectrum of Myanmar Photo Expo

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Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepts publications donated by U Maung Myo and Daw Li Li Hla (Kyaung Hna Kaung Sarpay).

Contracts on purchasing materials for pretensioned PC Girders signed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—A signing ceremony between Public Works under the Ministry of Construction and Barons Machinery & Engineering Pte, Ltd, Royal Sandakau Group Companies and Tianjin Universal Machinery Import & Export Company to purchase materials for pretensioned PC girders to be used in construction bridges took place at the meeting hall of the ministry on 24 November evening. It was attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin, Managing Director of the Public Works U Kyaw Lin, departmental heads and invited persons and officials concerned of the respective companies. The signing ceremony started with an address of the Union Minister, Director U Aung Kyaw Phyo of Barons Machinery & Engineering Pte, Ltd expressed words of thanks. After the managing director of the Public Works and the companies’ officials had signed the contracts, the ceremony came to an end.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw second regular session concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The second regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continued for 13th day at Region Hluttaw Office today, attended by Region Hluttaw Speaker Thayay Sithu U Hsan Hsint and 70 Hluttaw representatives. 12 questions were asked and answered at today’s session and the Hluttaw recorded its sympathy towards flood victims in Magway, Bago and Sagaing Regions. Deputy Region Hluttaw Speaker Dr Htein Win explained resolutions of the Hluttaw concerning four bills discussed, 18 proposals submitted, and 256 questions asked from first day to thirteenth day of the Region Hluttaw. The Region Hluttaw finally concluded after the Union Minister for Education, and the right standpoint of Hluttaw responsibilities of Hluttaw and budgets, rights and responsibilities of Hluttaw representatives, levying of taxes, promotion of education, and the right standpoint of Hluttaw representatives. MNA

ANMLD makes research into entrance of old Hanlin City

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department of the Ministry of Culture while excavating archaeological site Mound No. 33 of old Hanlin City, one of the ancient cities of Pyu Period, near Hanlin Village in Watlet Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, discovered the two protruding wings of the city entrance built of bricks. Stricken by the weather, the right wing remained 16 layers of bricks at the highest and six layers of bricks the lowest whereas the left wing remained 18 layers of bricks at the highest and six layers of bricks the lowest. The structure of the protruding wings is like the architectural design of city entrances of Pyu Period. Layers of ashes were dug out from the either side of the city entrance along with burnt pillars. Thus, it can be concluded that old Hanlin City was ruined because of fire. Some marked bricks, pieces of broken earthen pots, animal bones, iron weapons, pieces of iron materials, silver coins, silver rings, earthen oil lamps, earthen beads, iron knives, and iron arrow heads.—MNA

Excavation site west entrance of Hanlin city state.

Iron nails.

Pyu coin.
Shanghai Chinese Orchestra to bring musical feast to HK

HONG KONG, 26 Nov—The Shanghai Chinese Orchestra will hold two concerts in the New Year in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government said Friday.

According to the city’s Information Services Department, the orchestra will perform a Lunar New Year show at Sha Tin Town Hall on 6 Jan, featuring festive, rousing music to help ring in the Year of the Dragon.

The show at Tsuen Wan Town Hall on 7 Jan will feature guest artists from various ethnic groups, creating a wonderful tapestry of music, symbolizing the harmony and unity of the Chinese race.

Founded in 1952, the orchestra has become known for its lyrical timbre, distinguished style and virtuosity. It has given two Lunar New Year concerts in the Golden Hall at Vienna’s Wiener Musikverein and is often invited to perform for visiting heads of state and dignitaries.—Xinhua

Carnival held to raise funds for China’s disabled persons in rural areas

BEIJING, 26 Nov—Donations totalling 18.2 million yuan (2.87 million US dollars) were pledged during a philanthropic carnival aimed at lifting rural disabled persons out of poverty on Friday in Beijing.

The Jishan (literally, “pooling kindness”) Carnival is an annual event jointly launched in 2003 by the China Disabled Persons’ Federation and the China Foundation for Disabled Persons. The pledged donations will be used to build 50 poverty-reduction projects across five provinces, including Hebei, Heilongjiang, Anhui, Guizhou and Shaanxi.

Specific measures include organizing the physically-challenged in rural areas to engage in the farming, animal husbandry, fishery and handicraft industries, providing them with practical skills training, and procuring their products, among other things.

Jia Qinglin (C), a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), attends the Jishan Carnival, a philanthropic carnival aimed at lifting rural disabled persons out of poverty, held in Beijing, capital of China, 25 Nov, 2011. The carnival was jointly organized by the China Disabled Persons’ Federation and the China Foundation for Disabled Persons.—Xinhua

Robbers raid 4 banks in Nigeria’s Ogun State

AEGOJU, (Nigeria) 26 Nov—A gang of armed robbers numbering more than 20 on raided four commercial banks in Sagamu area of southwest Nigeria’s Ogun State, carting away an unspecified amount of money, police and bank sources reported on Friday.

The robbers, who had sent an advance notice to strike in the area, had earlier made three unsuccessful attempts in the last three weeks to operate in the area.

The robbers stormed the Sabo area of Sagamu around 11 am local time on Thursday and started shooting sporadically into the air for about 15 minutes to scare residents away. They were said to have eventually forced their way into the branches of Guarantee Trust Bank, Diamond Bank, Skye Bank and Zenith Bank.

The incident was coming exactly two weeks after three people were killed in a similar bank robbery operation at Ago-Iwoye in Ijebu-North Local Government Area of the state.

State police spokesperson Muyiwa Adepobi confirmed the incident to reporters, but decline to give further details.—Xinhua

Ministry works to hasten disaster relief

BEIJING, 26 Nov—County-level civil affairs departments should distribute subsidies to the people affected by disasters within 15 days of receiving the money from superior authorities, a senior official from the Ministry of Civil Affairs said on Friday.

Local civil affairs departments are also required to simplify the application procedures for such subsidies, said Luo Pingfei, vice-minister of civil affairs, during a meeting about helping disaster victims get through harsh winters.

Xinhua

Robbers raid 4 banks in Nigeria’s Ogun State

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According to ministry data, one thousand were killed or are missing. The economic cost of the disasters this year reached 300 billion yuan ($47 billion). Luo said the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Finance have allocated 3.6 million yuan to help the disaster-affected regions and will soon allocate more disaster relief money. However, he did not name an exact amount. Local civil affairs authorities have been ordered to speed up reconstruction work for residents who lost their homes in natural disasters. So far, more than 9.1 million people made homeless this year by disasters such as floods, earthquakes and landslides are living in camps or temporary shelters, according to the data from the Ministry of Civil Affairs. About 853,000 residential buildings collapsed and about 3 million were damaged in the country.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 25 Nov, 2011 shows the Christmas market in Brussels, capital of Belgium. The annual Christmas market, opened here on Friday, will last till January. Xinhua
X’IAN, 26 Nov—Fourteen people were hospitalized after eating contaminated food in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province on Thursday, local authorities said on Friday.

The victims began to show signs of food poisoning around 10:35 am Thursday after eating food purchased from a street vendor in the Chang’an District of the provincial capital of X’ian, according to district government officials.

An initial investigation showed that the victims, mainly migrant workers and students at a nearby university, are suffering from nitrite poisoning. They are being treated at the Shaanxi Provincial People’s Hospital and are in stable condition, officials said.

Police have questioned the street vendor who sold the food to the victims, as well as the owners of a nearby meat store and grain store.—Xinhua

14 hospitalized for food poisoning in NW China

Photo taken on 25 Nov, 2011 shows egrets in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province. Many egrets have migrated here to spend winter.—Xinhua

ADB provides loan to build roads in Indonesia’s remote areas

Jakarta, 26 Nov—Asian Development Bank (ADB) director board approved a loan disbursement for Indonesian government worth 1.53 trillion rupiah (about 180 million US dollars) to build roads in remote and border areas, aimed at supporting the inter connectivity in ASEAN region, a statement issued by the ADB said here on Friday.

James Lynch, ADB transportation director overseeing ASEAN region, said that the loan would be used to finance renovation and new road construction works in southern Java areas and northern Kalimantan, Indonesia’s border areas to Malaysia territory.

He said that the projects covering 470 kilometres of roads would connect Indonesia’s economic transportation corridor in four provinces, including a road connecting Indonesia and Malaysia.

“The road renovation on those very important routes would open access to market, investment, job opening and social services for many poor people.

This is an essential task to support the distribution of development benefits in regions across the country,” James said in the statement. Roads are the main transportation infrastructure in Indonesia.

The demand on such an infrastructure has been rising that makes the government hardly able to cope with even though it had doubled its allocation in the last ten years.

The road construction projects are essential to assure Indonesia in attaining two-digit growth rate and distributing the development benefits evenly in its vast territory, the statement said.

Five killed in fire near Moscow

Moscow, 26 Nov—Five people, all members of a priest’s family, were killed in a house fire in the Moscow region today. “Seven others were saved during efforts to extinguish the fire,” a police spokesman told RIA Novosti.

The fire broke out in a two-storey private house near Sergiyev Posad in the morning. Russia has an extremely poor fire safety record as 20,000 people die in fires across the country annually.

Earlier this year, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has signed into law a bill to raise fines for violations of fire safety regulations. The law that introduces amendments to Russia’s Administrative Offenses Code was passed by the State Duma, Lower House of parliament on 10 May and by the Federation Council, Upper House on 25 May. In line with the law, fines are doubled for individuals and raised tenfold for some organizations.

Companies’ operations may be suspended for 90 days if they are found to violate rules on internal water supply and evacuation system maintenance.

In this photo taken on 24 Nov, 2011, a Pagani Huayra is displayed during a supercar show in Macau. China’s superrich want supercars. That’s what the makers of world’s most exotic and expensive sports cars are hoping as they gather in Macau this week for the first Asian edition of Monaco’s annual Top Marques show that began eight years ago.—INTERNET

Indonesian court sentences Australian teenager to 2 months for drugs possession

Jakarta, 26 Nov—A Bali court on Friday sentenced a 14-year-old Australian boy to two months for illegally possessing drugs.

The boy has been in custody in Bali since 4 Oct, when Bali police arrested him in Kuta District of Bali tourist resort for allegedly having 3.6 grams of marijuana. During the court session, Presiding judge Amzer Simanjuntak said that the teenager had been proven guilty of illegally possessing drugs.

The judge said that the case could hurt tourism in Bali, the centre of Indonesia’s tourism Industry, in which about 250,000 foreign holidaymakers visiting the island every month.

Defendant lawyer said that he was disappointed with the decision, and saying that the judge should return the boy to his parents, tempestuous online reported.

French railway workers repair the track of a railroad to be taken by the last convoy of German nuclear waste treated in France. Baton-wielding French police battled anti-nuclear protesters Wednesday as the last convoy of German nuclear waste to be treated in France was prepared for its journey home. INTERNET

Iran hangs 11 convicted drug traffickers

Shiraz, 26 Nov—Eleven people who were previously convicted of drug trafficking were hanged in southern Iran on Thursday, state-run media reported. It is the latest in a series of mass executions in the country this year.

The drug traffickers were executed at a prison in Shiraz, the sixth most populous city of Iran and the capital of Fars Province, after their appeals were rejected and their death sentences confirmed by the Supreme Court. Other details were not released.

Mudder, rape and drug trafficking are among the crimes which are punishable by death in Iran. Dozens of people were executed across the country in September alone, including 22 convicted drug traffickers who were all hanged on the same day in the Teheran suburb of Karaj.

Xinhua

Customers shop for old books at the winter book fair held at the Ditan Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Nov, 2011.—Xinhua

Five killed in fire near Moscow

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Home birth increases death risk for baby

LONDON, 26 Nov — Babies born to first-time mothers who choose a home birth are almost three times more likely to die or suffer a medical complication, according to a report. The Birthplace in England study found these babies were 2.8 times more likely to suffer serious problems compared with those born in hospital obstetric units. Problems include stillbirth after the start of labour, the baby dying within the first week of birth, brain injury, fractures to the upper arm or shoulder during birth, and face in the long. Conditions can vary in severity and long-term impact but are linked to trauma at birth or the baby becoming distressed or being deprived of oxygen.

There was no increased risk for babies whose births were planned at units led by midwives, either ones that stand alone in the community or which are attached to a hospital. There was also no increased risk for second or subsequent babies whose mothers planned a home birth.

Serious adverse outcomes for the baby are rare — occurring just 3.5 times for every 1,000 babies whose birth was planned in an obstetric unit. But the research, carried out at Oxford University, shows this figure rises to 9.5 per 1,000 babies if the mother chooses a home birth. These figures relate to women who have had a low-risk pregnancy and who did not have any complications at the start of labour. The study compared data for almost 65,000 women at low risk of complications who planned to give birth in obstetric units, at home or at a midwife-led unit.

The researchers stressed that giving birth is generally very safe. For the entire group of women studied, 250 babies suffered an adverse outcome. The researchers did find women had a higher chance of intervention — such as caesarean, ventouse or forceps delivery — if they chose an obstetric unit. Only 58pc of these women had a natural birth without any intervention, compared with 88pc of women who opted for a home birth. Only 76pc of women whose birth was a midwife-led unit. The researchers stressed that giving birth is generally very safe.

Mexico acknowledges 2nd Mayan reference to 2012

MEXICO CITY, 26 Nov — Mexico’s archaeology institute downplays theories that the ancient Mayas predicted some sort of apocalypse would occur in 2012, but on Thursday it acknowledged that a second reference to the date exists and on a carved fragment found at a southern Mexico ruin site. Most experts had cited only one surviving reference to the date in Mayan glyphs, a stone tablet from the Tortuguero site in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco.

But the National Institute of Anthropology and History said in a statement that there is in fact another apparent reference to the date at the nearby Comalcalco ruin. The inscription is on the carved or molded face of a brick.

Australian man charged in $1m suitcase mystery

SYDNEY, 26 Nov — A man questioned by Australian police about an abandoned suitcase stuffed with nearly 1 million Australian dollars ($970,000) has been charged with assault and dealing in the proceeds of the crime. New South Wales police announced the charges on Friday, but they haven’t said where they think the money came from.

Workers at a Sydney eatery say the suitcase was left there Tuesday by a nervous-looking man, and they were initially worried it might contain a bomb. In a release, police said they found the 49-year-old suspect in a dazed state later Tuesday. When he was taken to the station, police allege he assaulted three officers, causing them minor injuries. The man was then treated at a local hospital. The man was denied bail and is due in court on Friday. — Internet

Australia inquiry after wrong twin foetus terminated

MELBOURNE, 26 Nov — An Australian hospital has launched an inquiry after staff treating a woman carrying twin boys accidently terminated the wrong foetus. Doctors had told the woman that one of her babies had a congenital heart defect that would require numerous operations, if he survived. The woman chose to abort the 32-week foetus but staff injected the wrong twin.

The hospital in Melbourne described it as a “terrible tragedy”.

News in Brief

More victims in ‘buttocks’ case

More alleged victims are coming forward in the case of a Florida resident accused of injecting super glue and flat-tyre repair materials into the buttocks of a woman in an illegal cosmetic surgery procedure, the Florida Department of Health has said. Oreal Ron Morris (30) was arrested by Miami Gardens police last week in Fort Lauderdale and was charged with causing bodily injury and not holding a licence.

Rats help sniff out deadly landmines

In a laboratory on the grounds of a police-guarded complex in Bogota, 11 white-furred rats wait their turn to impress trainers and receive a bit of sugar as a reward. The rodents can play an important role in making conflict-wracked Colombia safer. They are in the final stages of a training programme to find landmines that kill or injure hundreds of people each year in Colombia.

Doctor on charges for secret photos

A German prosecutor said this week that 700 women have agreed to press charges against a gynaecologist who is suspected of secretly taking thousands of pictures of patients during check-ups in his practice. As many as 3,000 female patients may have fallen victim to the doctor’s hidden camera during examinations at his office in the town of Schifferstadt.

Adele may appear on ‘X Factor’ final

‘X Factor’ bosses are hoping record-breaking chart star Adele will appear in the show’s finale, just weeks after her voice-saving surgery. She has been pencilled in to appear at Wembley Arena for the climax of the ITV1 series on 11 December.

Bus driver leaves travellers in dark

Greyhound bus company is conducting an investigation after a bus driver left 45 passengers stranded during a pursuit. The driver drove away and collided with a police car, which crashed through a fence and into the side of a house. He fled the scene and dumped the car but was eventually arrested in the backyard of a home at Rockhampton. — Internet
Ketchum, $15 million. Bruce Willis has put his November "Die Hard" star.

November. The Blaine County Assessor’s Office said Willis bought the 20-acre property in 2001, the Idaho Mountain Express, Keepchum, reported. The property includes a six-bedroom, 8,400-square-foot house, a detached guesthouse and a gym, a listing by Sotheby’s International Realty said. Listing Agent Janine Bear said Willis is selling the property because he has not been able to spend as much time there as he would like to. Willis put The Mint bar and nightclub in Hailey on the market last year for $6 million. The bar is now listed at $4.5 million.

Bruce Willis to sell Idaho home

HAILEY (Idaho), 26 Nov—"Die Hard" star Bruce Willis has put his home north of Hailey, Idaho, on the market for $15 million. The Blaine County Assessor’s Office said Willis bought the 20-acre property in 2001, the Idaho Mountain Express, Keepchum, reported. The property includes a six-bedroom, 8,400-square-foot house, a detached guesthouse and a gym, a listing by Sotheby’s International Realty said. Listing Agent Janine Bear said Willis is selling the property because he has not been able to spend as much time there as he would like to. Willis put The Mint bar and nightclub in Hailey on the market last year for $6 million. The bar is now listed at $4.5 million.

Charlize Theron says she smoked ‘to die’

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—Charlize Theron has overcome her nicotine addiction but she doesn’t talk about it for fear of a jinx. The South African actress admits that the smoking habit had become a deadly obsession but she doesn’t like to talk about how she overcame the addiction in case she feels the urge to light up once more. "I was highly addicted. I thought, ‘I don’t smoke like normal people. I smoke to die.’ Contactmusic quoted her as telling Vogue magazine.

Charlize Theron

105-pound woman wins turkey-eating contest

A Virginia woman weighing in at 105 pounds took home the top prize at a New Year’s turkey-eating contest for information about the origin of rabbits. "We are investigating the case and trying to find the people responsible,” she said. Meyer said the exact number of rabbits is unclear, as several of the animals were rescued from the scene by individuals. She said the Humane Society is partnering with Dream Power to care for the rabbits and ensure they receive any needed veterinary attention.

Bruce Willis trying to grow moustache for Movember

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov—Teenage pop star Justin Bieber is trying to grow his first moustache to participate in an annual charity event which boosts awareness about prostate cancer throughout the month of November. This quirky initiative has been dubbed as ‘Movember’, under this project men across the world seek sponsorship to grow bushy facial hair. The 17-year-old Baby hitmaker admits that he is attempting to grow a little moustache in the name of charity too, though the results have been pitiful.

Justin Bieber

Couple give $15,000 to stranger

The St Cloud couple, who asked not to be named, said they read in the newspaper about how Aaron Wood used his iPhone’s iCloud technology to track down the device on his iPad after it was lost during a church carnival and confront the person who had the phone, the Orlando Sentinel reported Tuesday. The couple said they decided to do something to help Wood, who suffers from cerebral palsy. "He seemed to be a super kid. He’s a pretty sharp boy,” the man said.

Charlize Theron

American actor Bruce Willis

$6 million. The bar is now listed at $4.5 million.

Lewis Hamilton hopes of a reunion with ex-girlfriend Nicole Scherzinger

The former couple were photographed earlier this week at a restaurant in Sao Paulo, Hamilton, said that the photographers did not catch them at the best of times. "They weren’t doing anything, they didn’t catch us at the best of times,” the Telegraph quoted him as saying.

Couple give $15,000 to stranger

A Florida couple said they awarded $15,000 to a 19-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer who tracked down an iPhone thief because he 'seemed to be a super kid.' “It’s Movember, I’m growing it out. There’s a little bit (of facial hair), but mostly on the upper lip area. I still have a high voice,” Contactmusic quoted him as saying. "I won’t shave it off till the end of November, and then I’m gonna shave it and then it’s gonna be all good. Then it’s gonna take another year-and-a-half to grow back!” he added. Internet

Lewis Hamilton

Singer Nicola Roberts

Sarah Harding is doing good:

Singer Nicola Roberts says her Girls Aloud bandmate Sarah Harding was doing good following her stint in rehab for depression and alcohol addiction. The 26-year-old is in regular touch with the 36-year-old Harding since she left for the treatment in Utah earlier this month. "Yeah, she’s good. I mean I wouldn’t really like to go into it, but she’s OK, she’s good,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Roberts as saying. Other bandmates including Cheryl Cole are also showing their support to Harding. “Cheryl is really concerned for her friend Sarah. She made time in her busy schedule to travel over to Arizona and visit her in the rehab centre. She has told Sarah she is more than welcome to use her LA home as an escape pad when she comes out of rehab,” a source told the website.
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**Chelsea back to winning ways against Wolves**

**London, 26 Nov**—Chelsea eased the pressure on manager Andre Villas-Boas on Saturday by sweeping to a 3-0 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League. Captain John Terry settled the home team’s nerves by heading home Juan Mata’s corner in the sixth minute. Daniel Sturridge slipped his marker to tap home Mata’s cross just before the half hour and the Spaniard added the hosts’ third in the last minute of the first half. Beaten 2-1 last weekend by Liverpool, Chelsea had slumped in the domestic standings and then lost 2-1 to Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League in midweek, costing Villas-Boas’ side an early place in the last 16.——

**Watson, Fraser tied for Australian PGA lead**

**Coolum, 26 Nov**—Bubba Watson and Australian Marcus Fraser were tied for the lead after nine holes of Saturday’s third round at the Australian PGA championship. Watson started the day two strokes behind second-round leader Fraser, but the big-hitting American eagled the par-5 first hole and was 3-under for the day when making the turn at the Hyatt Regency resort course. Watson and Fraser were at 12-under, with K.T. Kim and Robert Allenby a stroke behind. Australian Rod Pampling had the best round of the early finishers—a 6-under 66 that left him at 7-under 209.

**Cech says players are to blame**

**London, 26 Nov**—Petr Cech has assessed Chelsea’s current failings, blaming the blame firmly on the players. Goalkeeper Cech accused his team-mates of failing to defend aggressively enough during their current slump, of repeating the same mistakes over and over again, and of being persistently wasteful in front of goal, before demanding that the defeat at Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League on Wednesday should herald the end of their malaise.

He told the club’s official website: “The manager is not on the pitch, we are on the pitch and we are making mistakes. He cannot do anything about individual mistakes while he is standing by the bench. So the players are to blame and we know it and we try to make things happen and change. It is not easy but we keep going.” The 2-1 loss marked a new low in what has been Chelsea’s worst start to a season since Roman Abramovich bought the club.

**NASCAR fines Busch $50,000 for poor behavior**

**Charlotte, 26 Nov**—NASCAR fined Kurt Busch $50,000 on Friday for his poor behavior during the Sprint Cup finale last weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway. NASCAR cited both an obscene gesture Busch made inside his car and him being verbally abusive to a reporter in fining the 2004 Cup champion. “Kurt Busch showed disrespect toward a media member, an incident that followed similar unsuitable private media confrontations earlier in the season,” NASCAR said in a statement announcing the penalty.
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**Superstar**

A visitor views a walnut carving at China Artwork City in Suzhou City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, 26 Nov, 2011. China Artwork City, an arts and crafts producing base and shopping center covering a construction area of one million square meters, opened in Suzhou on Saturday. —Xinhua

China’s Qingshan nuclear power plant in safe operation for 20 years

BEIJING, 26 Nov—China’s first-ever nuclear power plant, Qingshan nuclear power plant has maintained safe and stable operation for 20 years, according to a symposium held by China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) on Saturday.

During the past two decades, Qingshan nuclear power plant, situated not far away from Shanghai, has caused no accidents that either endangered human safety or impacted the environment, and all its nuclear radiation indicators are not beyond the background radiation levels of the natural environment. From December 1991 when it started operation to October 2011, the Qingshan nuke generated 40.5 billion kWh of electricity, equivalent to saving 16 million tonnes of standard coal, or cutting 40 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions and 1.2 million tonnes of sulfur dioxide emissions.

Sun Qin, president of CNNC, said at the symposium that nuclear power remains a practical choice for China at the current stage, and that the company will continue exerting efforts to ensure nuclear security and explore more advanced technologies for safe and efficient development of nuclear energy in the nation—Xinhua.

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Cash, publications donated to libraries of Myanmar Libraries Foundation

Patron of Myanmar Libraries Foundation
Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donation from Myanmar Industrial Development Bank.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Nov—A donation ceremony for libraries of Myanmar Libraries Foundation was held at the hall of Central Press Factory on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon.

Patron of Myanmar Libraries Foundation Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan in his address on the occasion said that numbers of self-reliant libraries that emerged across the country tipped 55,555 with the aims of widening horizons of rural residents, getting a grip on media power, and developing democratization in correct and fine way realized by the entire people. To date, over K 14.055 billion had been spent on setting up of the libraries including lands, buildings, furniture sets, publications, TVs, radios.

There are now over 30,000 libraries that conform to five standards adopted for sustainability of the rural self-reliant libraries. Myanmar Libraries Foundation was purposed to help develop the libraries for long, keeping up momentum to see remaining libraries agreeable to five standards. Its basic principle is for national concern and national interest.

Funds of the foundation get earned by way of public-based fund seeking method and spent on mobilizing rural people to have reading habit and amping up tasks to set five standards for current libraries.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan urged scholars, well-wishers and entire people to do their bit in the activity of Myanmar Libraries Foundation so that the foundation can further apply itself in measures, basic needs for development of the country and the people.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Region Finance and Revenue Minister Daw San San Nwe, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information, chairman and executives of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, well-wishers and literature lovers.

The Union Minister accepted K 3.3 million donated by Myanmar Industrial Development Bank, K 2.5 million by U Htin Kyaw Linn-Daw Nyen Nyein Tim Tin Hsan, K 2.5 million by U Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu) family for construction of Kyonan village library, K 1 million by Eleven Media Group, K 700,000 and 11180 publications by Metta Thintaha motion and music family and academy winner actor Khant Si Thu, various kinds of 55000 publications by U Maung Myo-Daw Li Li Hla (Kyaung Hna Kaung Sarpay), 15478 English language books by Dr Thant Thaw Kaung, 4610 magazines and knowledgeable books by Kaung Thant Sarpay, 8819 books (knowledge and aesthetic) by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, well-wishers and literature lovers.

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Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Dated: 27th November 2011

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued a statement today.

The full text of the statement is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Yangon
Statement by the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission whole-heartedly welcomes the decision by the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of ASEAN that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will take up the rotating Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2014. This decision is in line with the Charter Provision that “Member States shall have equal rights and obligations under this Charter.”

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