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President U Thein Sein and wife extend warm welcome to Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec— A ceremony to extend a welcome to Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and wife, who were on a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, took place on the lawns in front of the Presidential Residence here at 9:00 am today.

Upon arrival at the Presidential Residence from Shwe Nan Daw Hotel where they were staying, the Vietnamese Prime Minister and wife received a warm welcome from President U Thein Sein and wife.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein and the Vietnamese Prime Minister went onto the dais and took the salute of the guard of honour as national anthems of the two countries were being played.

After that President U Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minis-ter Mr Nguyen Tan Dung inspected the Guard of Honour.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung presented mem-bers of the Vietnamese goodwill del-e-gation to President U Thein Sein who presented members of the welcoming party—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minis-ter for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic De-velopment U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyi and Charge daffairs of Myanmar Em-bassy to Vietnam Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khaing to the Vietnamese Prime Minister.—MNA

UEC Chairman attends opening of new school building of Zayatgwin BEPS

Guangxi Zhaung Autonomous Region Governor calls on Union NPED Minister

Bank of England warns of possible recession in 2012

Wambach handily wins Female Athlete of the Year
New school building handed over in Chauk

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Dec—A ceremony to hand over Wady Kahar building of Basic Education Primary School (Branch) in new Thwemat Village, Thwemat Village-tract, Chauk Township, Magway District, Magway Region was held at the school on 18 December.

Donors U Soe Naing, Assistant Director of Development Affairs Department, and wife Daw Hay Hay Hu Yi of Golden Hours Co Ltd explained purposes of the donation. Other wellwishers contributed cash assistance to the school totaling K 290,000.

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Four persons were injured in Paung head-on crash

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Dec—Three people were injured in a head-on collision on a bridge on Yangon-Myaik road in Paung Township in Mon State on 17 December.

The Mawlamyine-bound Townage crashed head-on with tricycle heading to Thaton as both sides lost patience with the queue of traffic waiting to pass the bridge. Both were damaged.

The wounded passengers of the tricycle are not in a critical condition.

Model rice field in Mawlamyine produces nearly 74 baskets per acre

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Dec — A model rice field in Mawlamyine produced 73.91 baskets per acre during harvesting on 12 December.

The harvesting took place at the 6.43 acre rain-fed field at the 6.43 acre rain-fed field in new Thwenat Village, Thwenat Village-tract, Chauk Township in Mon State on 17 December.

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The new school building of Zayatgwin Basic Education Primary School in Zayatgwin Village of Toungoo Township in Bago Region was opened today, attended by Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Win Tin, Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Nyo Saw, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Kyaw Oo, Director-General U Kyaw Thu of No. I Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education, departmental personnel, senior citizens, teachers and students.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Kyaw Oo formally opened the new school building.

Next, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye unveiled the stone plaque of the school building. At the handing-over of school building, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye explained the donations and handed over relevant documents to Director-General U Kyaw Thu.

A responsible person of Shwe Su Pan Co provided teaching aids to the school and Director-General U Kyaw Thu presented certificate of honour to Shwe Su Pan Co.

Tin Aye presented documents related to the primary school to Director-General U Kyaw Thu.

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Chairman of Advocates Council Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Tun Oo presented advocate licenses to 144 barristers.

Chief Justice of the Union: Lawyers responsible to keep judicial pillar up

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Dec—Lawyer as a career is a noble profession representing for justice in judicial affairs and personalities who have chosen this career are not only to have required educational qualifications but also to be ethical, said Chief Justice of the Union Dr Tun Tun Oo at the conferring of advocate licenses at Supreme Court of the Union here this morning.

The Chief Justice called lawyers to try to be acknowledged as good lawyers. They then took oath before the Chief Justice. Next, Chief Justice of the Union Dr Tun Tun Oo and Chairman of Advocates Council Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin presented advocate licenses to 144 barristers.

Staff Officer U Tin Win Thein of District Information and Public Relations Department presented publications worth K 100,000 donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation to AyoneU Library in Nanma Village in Mohnyin Township through Village Administrator U Aye Min Oo at the ceremony on 17 December.

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of Farmer U Par Par in Naung Khayi Village in Mawlamyine and was attended by officials of Mawlamyine District Land Records Department and the district and township agricultural offices and local farmers.

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Mass man convicted of helping terrorists

BOSTON, 21 Dec—A Massachusetts man faces the possibility of life in prison after a federal jury in Boston Tuesday convicted him of helping support terrorism.

Tarek Mehanna, 29, of Sudbury, was found guilty on four terrorism-related charges and three charges related to providing false information to the government.

It took a US District Court jury 10 hours to convict Mehanna following a nearly eight-week trial.

US Attorney Carmen Ortiz said in a release the jury “rendered a just verdict of guilty.”

"From his travel to Yemen to receive training to kill American soldiers to his material support for terrorism at home, Mr Mehanna’s efforts to use and support violence followed no predefined path and knew no bounds,” said Richard DesLauriers, the special agent in charge of the Boston FBI. "The FBI fulfilled its most important mission by stopping Mehanna’s conspiracy to support terrorism, the goal of which was an unlawful affront to our nation’s cherished ideal of peaceful dissent.”

Authorities said Mehanna traveled to the Middle East in February 2004, seeking military-type training at a camp where terrorists were prepared for armed jihad against US interests.

Once back in the United States, Mehanna provided material support by, among other things, translating and posting on the Internet al-Qaeda recruitment videos and other documents.

Prosecutors said.—Internet

NY senator guilty of taking bribes

NEW YORK, 21 Dec—New York state Sen Carl Kruger pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges he accepted nearly $500,000 in bribes to influence him.

US Attorney Preet Bharara noted Kruger, a Democrat who was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee from 2009 until the start of this year, “stood near the apex of political power” in state government.

“With Senator Kruger’s guilty plea today, yet another lawmaker-turned-lawbreaker has now been removed from an undeserved position of power in Albany,” Bharara said. “Instead of serving the people who elected him, Senator Kruger monetized his public office and served himself.”

Kruger, 62, of New York City’s Brooklyn borough, was elected to the Senate in 1994. He pleaded guilty to four counts, admitting from 2007 through March of this year he used his official position to benefit those who paid him bribes.

A co-defendant, Dr Michael Turano, 50, a New York City gynecologist, also pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery, the US Justice Department said in a release.

Kruger and Turano, who were charged March 11 with six others, each agreed to forfeit up to $450,000.

Underwear bomber wants new lawyer

DETROIT, 21 Dec—The man who admitted trying to blow up a plane as it approached the Detroit airport has asked a federal judge to appoint a male Muslim to represent him. While Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab did not ask for a specific lawyer, he suggested Eliasayed Mostafa, a lawyer based in Dearborn, Mich, The Detroit News reported.

Mostafa said he would represent Abdulmutallab if US District Judge Nancy Edmunds appoints him.

“I find there is more understanding when the person of the same religion,” Abdulmutallab said in a letter delivered to the court Monday.

Abdulmutallab, who pleaded guilty mid-trial to setting off explosives in his underwear, told Edmunds that Anthony Chambers, who was advising him while he represented himself, had not met with him and had lied to him. Edmunds scheduled a hearing for 6 Jan.

Russia tests interceptor missile

MOSCOW, 21 Dec— Russia says it has successfully tested a short-range interceptor missile designed to be part of a proposed domestic missile defence shield. The Defence Ministry said the missile was launched from the Sary Shagan anti-ballistic missile testing range in Kazakhstan. RIA Novosti reported Thursday.

With missile defence talks between Russia and NATO close to deadlock, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has threatened to deploy Iskander tactical missiles in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad and halt disarmament and arms control efforts.

Russia agreed last year to cooperate with NATO on a European missile defence system but wants guarantees that the US-backed programme will not be directed against Russia.

The United States has said the shield is aimed at thwarting threats from Iran and North Korea.—Internet

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VANCOUVER, 21 Dec — The World Health Organization is urging countries to be on the lookout for new flu viruses.

The WHO is stressing the importance of monitoring for new variants of flu and reporting any findings to the Geneva-based UN health agency.

The statement comes in the wake of a series of discoveries in the United States of human infections with a new swine-origin H1N2 virus.

There have been 10 infections with this virus in the US since the new variant of swine H1N2 viruses was first seen in humans in July; some limited person-to-person spread is believed to have taken place.

The WHO says countries should remember they have an obligation under the International Health Regulations to notify the WHO of any human infections with a flu virus that is not one of the subtypes normally seen in people.

The International Health Regulations require countries to alert the global community to outbreaks of four diseases deemed to be an international threat: polio, smallpox, human influenza viruses that cause novel flu viruses and severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS. The H1R, as the regulations are called, were devised after the 2003 SARS outbreak, which spread rapidly from China to a number of parts of the world — including Canada — before subsiding. An estimated 774 people died in the outbreak, 44 of them in Canada.

The WHO’s statement also urges countries to send for further testing any influenza A viruses their national laboratories cannot identify.

Health Canada is warning Canadians that a class of drugs used for osteoporosis is linked to a slightly higher risk of a rare but serious thigh bone fracture known as an atypical femur fracture.

The advice is the result of Health Canada’s review of bisphosphonate drugs, which has led to new warnings and precautions for patients and doctors and will lead to new labels for the drugs.

The department says the risk is higher for those taking the drugs, but the benefits of using the medications to avoid other osteoporosis-related fractures outweigh that risk.

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Apple scores hit on HTC in patent case

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Dec— Apple scored a hit in an ongoing patent brawl with mobile handset giant HTC with a US trade authority ruling the iPhone maker has rights to features using one-tap screen commands. The International Trade Commission gave Apple part of what it wanted in a "limited exclusion order" directing that HTC stop bringing offending smartphones into the United States effective on 19 April, 2012.

Taiwan-based HTC expected to be able to adapt the Android-powered handsets to sidestep the trouble with the single patent before the deadline. The move was expected to come at the cost of removing some features smartphone users enjoy and came as part of an ongoing campaign by Apple to remove the momentum of smartphone powered by Google's Android software.

The patent affects functions such as touching a smartphone screen to follow a Web link or call a phone number displayed on a page. The decision was deemed final and sent for review by the staff of US President Barack Obama, who was unlikely to overrule it. The final order came with the commission reversing a prior decision and ruling in favor of HTC on patented technology that would have been harder to design out of handsets.—Internet

Deutsche Telekom could be forced into arms of Sprint

FRANKFURT, 21 Dec— Deutsche Telekom may be forced into a tie-up of its sub-scale US wireless unit with Sprint in a $30 billion deal with AT&T collapsed. AT&T said on Monday it had dropped its bid for T-Mobile USA, bowing to fierce regulatory opposition and leaving both companies scrambling for alternatives. While Deutsche Telekom is now walking away with a $6 billion breakup package, its chief executive Rene Obermann said: "This is just crying out for a merger with Sprint. That’s the only long-term solution for Deutsche Telekom," Will Draper, head of telecoms research at Espri Santo, said.

T-Mobile USA, a growth engine in its early days but now struggling, is badly lacking in the spectrum it needs to build a network capable of handling the vast data volumes that US consumers and businesses use on smartphones. Bleeding money and losing customers, it ranks fourth among US carriers behind AT&T, Verizon and Sprint. Deutsche Telekom shares closed down 0.6 percent at 8.83 euros, the only decliner in the blue-chip DAX index, on investor concern the company is back at square one with its American problem child.

Deutsche Telekom has lost a lot of time and will now have to invest in the US market or find a new way to exit the country, an option analysts regard as unlikely. T-Mobile USA "is just crying out for a merger with Sprint. That’s the only long-term solution for Deutsche Telekom," Will Draper, head of telecoms research at Espri Santo, said.

T-Mobile logo is ready to be placed on a former Era Mobile outlet in Warsaw on 1 June, 2011.—Internet

Nokia: Software glitch draining some Lumia batteries

LONDON, 21 Dec— Some versions of Nokia’s Lumia 800, the first flagship smartphone from the Finnish company using Microsoft Corp’s Windows Phone operating system, have a software glitch that drains the batteries. "We can now confirm that while the battery in the device is fine, in some variants a software problem is preventing the phone from accessing the full battery capacity," a company spokesman said.

He said the problem will be fixed in early 2012 with a planned, wider software update. “Once this update is applied customers should experience much better battery life,” he said. The Lumia 800 is the first Nokia smartphone to use Microsoft software, the platform the Finnish firm has bet its future on. Since Nokia unveiled the Lumia 800 the stock has dropped almost 30 percent, in part due to fears of poor sales, because the device has received positive reviews, but limited interest from consumers.—Internet

Apple to hold alien planet briefing

WASHINGTON, 21 Dec— Earth-like planets outside the solar system will help humanity know its place in the galaxy, the US space agency said ahead of an alien-planet news briefing. NASA’s alien, or extraterrrestrial, planet announcement, set for 1 pm EST Tuesday, was expected to be based on findings made by the space agency’s Kepler planet-hunting observatory, orbiting Earth since March 2009.

The Kepler mission is designed to discover Earth-like planets in or near the ‘habitable zone,’ where liquid water can exist on the surface of an orbiting planet, and determine how many of the billions of stars in our galaxy have such planets. NASA said. The spacecraft was named in honour of German astronomer Johannes Kepler, a key figure in the 17th century scientific revolution — in which new ideas and knowledge in physics, astronomy, biology, medicine and chemistry transformed medieval and ancient views of nature and laid the foundations for modern science. The Kepler mission has already found 2,326 potential Earth-like inner planets closest to the sun. The Kepler science team announced on 5 Dec it discovered Kepler-22b, the first potentially habitable alien planet. This distant world, located about 600 light-years from Earth, orbits its sun in the habitable zone that could support liquid water and perhaps life, NASA said.—Internet

Europe space agencies talk missions

MOSCOW, 21 Dec— Russian and European space programme officials say they will proceed with cooperative Moon research mission and a flight to Jupiter. The head of Russia’s Federal Space AgencyRoscosmos, Vladimir Popovkin, and European Space Agency Director General Jean-Jacques Dordain held a meeting in Moscow to consider five research projects, RIA Novosti reported Tuesday. Missions discussed were a flight to Jupiter with a stopover at one of its icy moons, the collection of soil samples from the polar region of the Moon, a study of Venus’ atmosphere and a landing on that planet, missions to near-Earth asteroids, and the establishment of an orbiting astronomical observatory. The Moon research mission with a possible date of 2016 to 2020, and the Jupiter mission with a landing on moon Ganymede for sometime after 2020 were deemed most feasible.—Internet

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Nile crocodile is two species, study says

SANDFORD, 21 Dec— The Nile crocodile, a species identified by ancient Egyptians, is in fact two distinct species that have been going by the same name, US researchers say. That’s the verdict of genetic analysis using samples taken from species throughout the animal’s range, and including DNA from mummified crocodile remains, researchers said.

This paper provides a remarkable surprise: the Nile crocodile is not a single species, as previously thought, but instead demonstrates two species — living side-by-side — constituting what has been called the Nile croc, Marlys Houck, a geneticist with the San Diego Zoo Global’s Institute of Conservation Research, said.

Even more remarkably, they are not each other’s closest relatives; one is more closely related to New World crocodilians,” Houck said in a release from the Zoological Society of San Diego Monday.

That species, Crocodylus suchus, is declining or has disappeared throughout much of its distribution, researchers say, and without proper recognition of this species current sustainable use-based management policies for the Nile crocodile may do more harm than good.

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Man sent to prison for economic espionage

BOSTON, 21 Dec—A Massachusetts man was sentenced to six months in prison and fined $25,000 for selling trade secrets of his employer, Akami Technologies Inc. Elliot Doxer, 43, of Brookline pleaded guilty to one count of foreign economic espionage at a previous hearing. At his sentencing Monday, he also was given an additional six months of house arrest. Federal prosecutors had sought a 36-month prison term. During an 18 month period in 2009 and 2010, Doxer believed he was selling details of Akami contracts to an Israeli agent, who actually turned out to be an FBI investigator, Boston Business Journal reported.

A sentencing memorandum written by the government stated he tried to sell Israel “confidential contracts between Akami and the FBI, [Department of Homeland Security], a leading aerospace company and several Department of Defense contractors.” The total value of those contracts was near $10 million. Doxer also implicated an agent that he wanted harm done to the mother of one of his children. “The mother is a terrible human being and has caused me tremendous suffering,” Doxer said he told the agent. “Not enough bad things can happen to her, if you know what I mean.”

Cyberbullying measure meets free speech

BUFFALO, 21 Dec—A lawmaker says he reworked his bill to make cyberbullying in his New York county a misdemeanor to allow concerns it could infringe on First Amendment rights.

The proposal from Erie County Legislator Edward A Rath III, R-Amherst, would make online harassment of minors or students illegal in the county, a change from his initial proposal that more broadly defined victims of cyberbullying. Rath rewrote the legislation after County Attorney Jeremy A Colby warned some of the definitions — including what constitutes a “person” — were too broad, since the original proposal would have prohibited cyberbullying against a “person or minor” categories that could have included everything from an individual to a corporation. The Buffalo News reported Monday.

“By its language, the law would prohibit anyone and everyone from ‘taunting,’ ‘insulting,’ or ‘humiliating’ a corporation or business,” Colby wrote in a memo to the County Legislature.

“Given the broad interpretation these terms could be given, it is very likely that the law would be seen as infringing upon the First Amendment.”

The rewritten proposal would make cyberbullying an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 or up to a year in jail.

Most cases against minors, Rath said, would be handled by Family Court and would not result in severe punishment.

“I don’t want to throw kids into jail,” Rath said. “What I want to do is let them know that there are some implications to cyberbullying, which are very serious.”

Mason City, Iowa, woman locks toddler in dryer

MASON CITY, 21 Dec—A Mason City, Iowa, woman allegedly locked the door on a clothes dryer and turned it on to teach a lesson to her 22-month-old son, police say. Mallory Ann Hakes, 25, faces a charge of child endangerment without injury, punishable by a possible two years in prison and a $6,250 fine.

The Globe Gazette reports Hakes’ son crawled into the dryer to hide. When she discovered the boy in the dryer, she allegedly closed the door and turned it on for a few seconds as punishment. The child was not injured.

The Department of Human Services received a report of suspected child abuse and made the arrest Monday after investigating the charge.

Conjoined twin dies after separation

SANTIAGO, 21 Dec—A Chilean infant separated from her conjoined twin in a risky surgery last week died of organ failure five days after the procedure, doctors said.

Though the surgery to separate Maria Jose Paredes Navarrete from her twin was initially called successful with few complications, the infant’s condition grew increasingly unstable and critical until she died Sunday night, The Santiago Times reported.

The death was the result of “a flaw in the right side of the heart as a consequence of pulmonary hypertension that afflicted her since her birth,” Calvo Mackenna Hospital said in a statement.
Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium with sale of value-added jewellery

Byline: Yan Gyi Aung; Photo: Htein Nan Naw

Myanmar, being a resource-rich country, jewellery is the natural gift of Myanmar. Among these precious stones, jades, ruby and sapphire are unrivalled in the world. Foreign merchants are very fond of Myanmar gems.

Since 1964, jades and gems sales have been held yearly. Then, foreign gem merchants had to buy it with foreign currency alone. Later on, sales times were increased to twice a year and since 2004, to three a year.

In 1992, permission for jade and gems mining was given to private gems companies. In 1995, the government has allowed Myanmar citizens to carry out mining, production and sales of gems and jewellery. Sales of jades and gems have been on the increase year by year because citizens could buy gems and jewellery, starting the 34th Myanmar Gems Emporium held in March, 1997.

Sale of jades and gems is going to be held very soon in Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Preparations are being made to hold Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium-2011 on a grand scale.

This emporium will be from 24 December to 3 January with one-day pause on 25 December. Pearl sale will be held on 24 to 26 December, gems sale, on 26 and 27 December, through tender system and competitive bidding system and jade sale, from 27 to 30 December through tender system and from 1 to 3 January through competitive bidding system.

For successful holding of the sale, Central Committee for holding Myanmar Gems Emporium has made systematic arrangements by forming work committee under it. In doing so, the Central Committee makes cooperation with Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association. Work committee will give necessary assistance to foreign merchants during accommodation, information, communication and transportation.

Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association, chairman, executives and members and staff from gems companies will be assigned for ceremonial preparations, admission for central committee members of Myanmar Gems Emporium, and staff and gem merchants, accommodations and showcasing gems and pearl. Invitation letters have been sent to 5069 foreign gem merchants from 13 countries.

There are more numbers of better quality jades in this year emporium than previous one. Arrangements will be made for gem merchants to observe gems beginning 22 December, explained Secretary of Jade Work Committee Deputy Director U Pe Khin of Myanmar Gems Enterprise.

Gems have been systematically sorted into type and size order for ‘customer’s convenience’, he continued.

That, he headed to Myanma Gems Museum where gems and pearl lots will be on sale. There, I found the officials of the work committee setting out gems systematically.

In an interview with Secretary of Gems Work Committee U Win Than Tin, he said, “The gems to be on sale at the emporium will be ruby, sapphire, colourful Mogok gems, uncut Monghla ruby, uncut crystal and uncut topaz. High-priced jewellery will surely catch attention of gem merchants.” Along with the gem emporium, private gem booths will sell jewellery.

Uncut sapphire with the weight of 145.00 Carat is Euro 200, 000 worth, to be displayed by Myanmar San Taw Win private company.

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Health in Nay Pyi Taw.

For smooth transportation of those merchants, Bandoola Transportation will run 100 Parasang total of 1960 rooms in 28 hotels have been reserved for easy accommodation in Nay Pyi Taw. In addition, Bawgatheldi restaurant will prepare meal for them. During the period of special sale, respective work committee will run temporary offices for smooth functioning of it.

Award and certificate will go to merchants who buy jade, gems and pearl lots most. The Central Committee successfully holds Myanma Gems Emporium year on year in coordination with Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association. The Central Committee make cooperation with staff from Ministry of Mines and other ministries, patron, of countries. Also, advertisements have been posted on daily newspapers for local gems merchants.

I found vibrant jade lots, when I was in Mani Yadana Jade Hall, various kinds of eye-catching imperial jades, quartz jades, kingfisher souvenirs and gems decorated drawings.

Then proceeded to pearl centre where pearl lots are sitting tight ready to fascinate viewers. Some pearls are purely as white as cotton, some are golden and some are light gold in colour.

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**President U Thein Sein, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung**

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Development Bank of Vietnam Mr Leo Dao Nguyen signed the MoU on provision of technical fund by Vietnam IDB to Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry for agricultural development.

**Vietnamese delegation led by Vietnamese PM wraps up visit**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Dec — A Vietnamese delegation led by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tang Dung and wife left here for Hanoi, Vietnam, by special flight this afternoon after paying goodwill visit and participating in the fourth Greater Mekong Subregion Summit.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and wife, departmental officials and Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khaing, an acting chargé d'affaires of Myanmar Embassy in Vietnam, and Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung.

The delegation comprises six ministers, 11 deputy ministers and other 75 members.

**Combodian Minister visits Nyaungbingyisu mechanized farm**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Dec — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than conducted Cambodian Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Mr Chan Sarum and party around Nyaungbingyisu mechanized farming 500-acre farmer educative farm in Pobbathiri Township Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 19 December.

The Cambodian Minister and party observed cross-cultivated Palethwe strain rice plants farm, farmer educative vegetables and fruits garden. The two ministers discussed cooperation for agricultural development of the two nations and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing presented a painting to the Cambodian Minister as a gift.

Likewise, high-ranking officials of a business delegation from Thailand and Laos attended the Greater Mekong Sub-region Business Forum visited farmer educative vegetables and fruits garden in 500-acre Nyaungbingyisu modern mechanized farm in Pobbathiri Township.

**Mon State holds seminar on HIV prevention and 100% TCP**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Dec — A seminar on Mon State level HIV prevention and 100% TCP, organized by Myanmar Anti Narcotics Association, was held at the meeting hall of Ngwe Moe Hotel in Mawlamyine on 9 December. First, Mon State Social Affairs Minister Dr Hla Oo delivered an address and MANA Chairman U San Then explained the purpose of holding the seminar.

Next, State Health Department Head Dr Aye Nyein explained HIV prevention tasks and 100% TCP-related health sectors and Mon State Anti Narcotics Association Chairman U Nay Win, the activities of MANA.

Then, Dr Maung Maung Lwin of MANA gave talks on measures being taken for HIV prevention and 100% TCP and Mon State Health Department Deputy Head Dr Wut Hmon on health knowledge. Later, MANA Secretary U Saw Nwe spoke words of thanks.
President U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese delegation led by…

The two sides discussed bilateral cooperation, investment potentials, developments of Myanmar and deepening existing unity among CLMV countries, and sector-wise cooperation.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Credentials Hall of President Residence.

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec.—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win hosted a luncheon in honour of goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife at Credentials Hall of Presidential Residence here this afternoon.

Aung Myint, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads. The delegation led by the visiting PM and wife was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung. The State Band played national anthems of the two countries before the luncheon.

The luncheon was also attended by Vice-President Tha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads. The delegation led by the visiting PM and wife was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung. The State Band played national anthems of the two countries before the luncheon.

Artists of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture performed songs and Myanmar’s traditional dances at the luncheon. After the luncheon, President U Thein Sein presented the visiting PM the documentary photo album of his visit.

President U Thein Sein and the visiting PM presented flower bouquet to the artists and posed for documentary group photo.—MNA

Guangxi Zhaung Autonomous Region Governor calls on Union NPED Minister

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec.—A Chinese delegation led by Mr. Mao Biao, Governor of Guangxi Zhaung Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China, called on Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein at his office here this afternoon.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially and openly discussed promotion of investment and trade between Myanmar and the autonomous region.

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Sumitomo Golf Classic golf tourney from 11 to 14 Jan

Yangon, 21 Dec.—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and sponsored by Aung Hein Min Co Ltd and Sumitomo Heavy Machinery, Sumitomo Golf Classic golf tournament will commence at Shwe Man Taung golf club in Mandalay, Mandalay Region from 11 to 14 January, 2012.

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Take Fire Preventive Measures
Failed MLK parade bomber gets prison

Spokane, 21 Dec—A federal judge Tuesday sent a white supremacist to prison for 32 years for a failed attempt to bomb a Martin Luther King Jr Day parade in Spokane. Wash Kevin William Harpham, 37, of Coeville, will spend the rest of his life behind bars. King Jr Unity march in Spokane.

Authorities said Harpham’s attempt to kill some of the 2,000 marchers failed because his remote detonator wound up too far away after the planned parade route was changed. court documents have shown.

“Harpham’s intent was to kill as many people as possible through a carefully planned attack,” Assistant Attorney General Lisa Monaco said. “It’s not confirmed 100 percent, but it seems to lean that the 17 Jan Martin Luther King Jr Day Unity march in Spokane. (AP)

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FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Laura Langill called Harpham “a prototypical lone wolf” who “presents a particularly vexing threat” with nothing foreshadowing a carefully planned attack. “Harpham’s plan and swiftly brought him to justice,” she said.—Internet

More syringes found in Walmart clothing

Carterville, (IL), 21 Dec—Two more syringes were found in clothing at a Walmart in Carterville, Ga, authorities said. The syringes were found in a pocket of a nightgown and a men’s sweatshirt pocket. The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported the latest discoveries bring the number of syringes found in clothing at the Carterville store to nine. The first ones were discovered late last month. Walmart spokeswoman Dianna Gee said the store has a dedicated monitoring surveillance video. “We are continuing to partner with law enforcement to catch whoever is responsible for this senseless act,” Gee said on Saturday. “We are confident our surveillance cameras will identify that person.” Investigators say they do not have a suspect or motive, but believe the incident is contained to the single Walmart location.

At least two customers have been pricked by the needles and store officials said Walmart will pay for their medical expenses.

The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention said the victims could be at risk for contracting hepatitis or possibly human immunodeficiency virus which causes AIDS.—Internet

Factory building collapse kills two, injures five in N China

Taizhou, 21 Dec—A cement factory building under construction collapsed Tuesday night in the northern province of Shanxi, leaving two dead and five others injured, local authorities said Wednesday.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 pm in the Xuyingan Cement Plant in Xiangfen County, sources said.

Three people died and another two were trapped in the rubble. Another 11 people were injured, local authorities said.

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The Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported there were about 150 people inside and outside the building when the shooting broke out about 2 am.—Internet

Four hurt in strip club shooting in Canada

Laval, (Quebec), 21 Dec—Feuding street gangs may be responsible for an early Sunday shooting in a suburban Montreal strip club that left four people injured, police said.

“They are certain elements found at the scene that is making us believe this may be a street gang conflict between two rival gangs,” Laval police Constable Frank Di Genova said. “It’s not confirmed 100 percent, but it seems to lean that way.”

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Remains of plant-eating dinosaur unearthed in Antarctica

Washington, 21 Dec—Scientists have for the first time recorded the presence of large bodied herbivorous dinosaurs in Antarctica. Until now, remains of sauropods—one of the most diverse and geographically widespread species of herbivorous dinosaurs—had been recovered from all continental landmasses, except Antarctica. Dr Di Gregorio Alejandro Cerdá, from CONICET in Argentina, and his team’s identification of the remains of the sauropod dinosaur suggests that advanced titanosaurs (plant-eating, sauropod dinosaurs) achieved a global distribution at least by the Late Cretaceous. Other important dinosaur discoveries have been made in Antarctica in the last two decades—particularly in the James Ross Basin.

Dr Cerdá and colleagues report the first finding of a sauropod dinosaur from this continent and provide a detailed description of an incomplete middle-tail vertebra, recovered from James Ross Island. The specific size and morphology of the specimen, including its distinctive ball and socket articulations, lead the authors to identify it as an advanced titanosaur. These titanosaurs originated during the Early Cretaceous and were the predominant group of sauropod dinosaurs until the extinction of all non-bird dinosaurs at the end of the Cretaceous.

Although they were one of the most widespread and successful species of sauropod dinosaurs, their origin and dispersion are not completely understood. Our discovery, and subsequent report, of these sauropod dinosaur remains from Antarctica improves our current knowledge of the dinosaurian faunas during the Late Cretaceous on this continent,” the authors said.

The Cretaceous Period spanned 99.6-65.5 million years ago, and ended with the extinction of all non-bird dinosaurs at the end of the Cretaceous.

Their finding has just been published online in Springer’s journal, Nature News. —Science of Nature.—Internet

Five killed in plane crash on NJ highway

Horrizon, (NJ) 21 Dec—Five people were killed Tuesday when a small plane crashed onto a highway in New Jersey, police said. Witnesses say the plane crashed onto I-287 in Morris County. Two investment bankers and one of their families who were on board were killed, but none on the ground was injured, The New York Times reported.

Greenhill & Co investment bank said it believes two of its managing directors—Jeffrey F. Buckalew, 45, and Rakesh Chawla, 36—as well as Buckalew’s wife and two children were killed in the crash, the Times said.

“There was a lot of fire and black smoke,” Shona Sternberg of Hillsborough, NJ, who was about three cars behind where the plane went down, told The (Newark, NJ) Star Ledger. “I could smell burning, burnt rubber. You see something happening, you know it’s going to crash and you can’t do anything.”

The plane, a single-engine Socata TBM-700, appeared to be in trouble before it crashed, she said.

“Something was breaking off the plane as it was coming down. It was coming down fast. It looked like the right wing was breaking off”—Internet

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a chronic stinging and an inflamed. Symptoms include leaving them dry and evaporates too quickly, water that coats the eyes waxy — it’s usually an age these oils are too thick and do produce evaporate too enough tears, or those they dry eyes.

Now, ‘bio-battery’ that runs on waste paper

LONDON, 21 Dec — Sony has developed a battery that can ‘digest’ waste paper and turn it into energy. In 2007, the company demonstrated a Walkman that used a bio-battery — an organic battery that generates electricity by ‘digesting’ food, just like humans do. But the company’s latest development shows off a much more useful product, the Daily Mail reported.

The prototype — on show at Eco Products 2011 in Tokyo, shows how it could be possible to use enzymes to ‘break down’ waste paper into a fuel we can use. The prototype generates enough energy to power a (very) small fan. The process is unlike conventional batteries—and initially at least, much more like the action of a digestive system. A digestive enzyme, cellulase, breaks down the cellulose in paper into glucose, a sugar that Sony’s bio-batteries can use as fuel.

Now, electric goggles to ‘steam’ dry eyes

WASHINGTON, 21 Dec — Those struggling to get a restful night’s sleep will soon be able to have one, thanks to the new LED bio-bulb which will allow people to see at night without hindering body’s natural mechanisms. Most people usually find it difficult to get a restful sleep for several hours after sitting under bright lights post-sunset.

Now a Florida inventor is testing a new LED bio-bulb that could regulate the body’s circadian rhythm by helping control the production of melatonin, the body’s sleep hormone that tells us when it’s night time. Discovery News reported.

Fred Maxik, founder and chief technology officer of Lighting Science Group Corp asserted that this can be achieved by eliminating a small segment of the blue wavelength of light (around 465 to 485 nanometers) produced by the light bulb. “We’re looking at a way to filter out that part of the spectrum, and still have a white light,” Maxik said.

“Our ability to restore the natural position of where we were and natural hormonal secretions is an appealing one.”

Almost 20 years ago, medical researchers found that the eye has a separate photoreceptor that picks up wavelengths of light, and then sends a signal to the hypothalamus, which secretes melatonin. Although melatonin does not make a person sleep but it tells the body to prepare to rest. Maxik said that he is attempting to see what they are doing at night, like reading, doing homework or watching TV, without making it hard to fall asleep when they are ready. He is also trying to make it dimmable. “You need to remove part of the light spectrum, a significant notch cut out of that, and create a light that people don’t see as something that’s unusual.”

“It has to be something that’s natural,” Maxik added – Internet

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John F Kennedy’s hearse to go under the hammer

LONDON, 21 Dec — A US auction house specialising in collectible classic cars plans to auction the hearse used to carry the body of President John F Kennedy from a Dallas hospital to Air Force One. Barrett-Jackson Auction Co says the hearse was created to please the ‘god of lavatories’. It’s been created to carry the body of the president’s body to Love Field.

Earlier this year, Barrett-Jackson had also auctioned the ambulance used to carry the president’s body from Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base to the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Cadillac hearse will be listed for sale on 21 January, the Daily Express reported. O’Neal Funeral Home of Dallas had used the hearse to bring a bronze casket to the hospital on 22 November 1963, the day of President Kennedy’s assassination, then carried the casket containing the president’s body to Love Field.

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Rina Capuano (R) sits near her shop in Via San Gregorio Armeno in Naples which hosts many artisans who make world-renowned hand-crafted Nativity scenes. — Internet

Japan creates crystal-studded lavatory

LONDON, 21 Dec — Japan has built a crystal lavatory encrusted with more than 72,000 pieces of Swarovski cut crystal, which is valued at over 100,000 dollars. Lavatory manufacturer INAX teamed up with an Austrian jeweler to create the ornate fixture, which is on display in a showroom in Japan’s posh Ginza shopping district. In a nod to traditional belief, the sparkling lavatory was created to please the ‘god of lavatories’. “In Japan, we believe a deity exists in the lavatory. That’s why keeping lavatories clean and taking good care of it have been a Japanese custom since long ago,” the Telegraph quoted Karuo Sumimya, director of the showroom for the Luxil interior fixture company of which INAX is a part, as saying.

“If we were to sell it, it would probably be worth around 10 million yen,” he said.

Visitors admired the dazzling fixture, with one woman saying she’d like to invite her friends and hold a party around it. But others said it might be a bit too exalted to be useful. “It’d be hard. I don’t think I’d feel comfortable enough to use it even if I had this at home,” said 22-year-old Chikako Kawanami, an art museum receptionist.

The lavatory will be on display until the end of December.
Two arrested in Essex train stabbing inquiry

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Stolen snowman races go-karts, visits bar

An Australian family said someone stole their snowman Christmas decoration and has been sending them pictures of it “having a great time” at various locales.

Sarah Murley said the decoration, which her family dubbed Francis Frostman, was taken from the veranda at her Eaglehawk home more than a week ago and the family has since received pictures of the small hanging snowman riding a motorbike, racing go-karts, tanning and hanging out at a local bar, Stmelesbournu Sun reported Monday.

“Saturday night he went out dancing and did a piano duet with someone at the local pub,” Murley said. “It sounds, like he’s ‘having a great time, which is all very well, but the kids are missing him.”

Murley said her family has made a video pleading with the captors, who she suspects to be family friends, to have the snowman home for Christmas.

“He’s been having a great time compared to being locked up in a box in our shed for 11 months a year,” Murley said.

Teens broke in, cooked gizzards

Police in Florida arrested a pair of 14-year-old boys they say broke into a Chinese restaurant and cooked up some chicken gizzards.

Gainesville police Lt Jorge Campos said the boys allegedly broke into the China House restaurant in Gainesville Saturday night and apparently were unable to find anything worth stealing. The Gainesville Sun reported Monday.

“I guess they couldn’t find any money so they decided to cook some food,” Campos said.

The teenagers were arrested on burglary and petty theft charges. Campos said both suspects had been arrested on burglary and theft charges at least twice in recent months.

Amelia Warner says marriage to Farrell wasn’t legal

LONDON, 21 Dec—Singer/songwriter Amelia Warner said her marriage to actor Colin Farrell on the beach was not legally binding.

The musician, who records under the pseudonym Slow Moving Milie, was reported to have married the Irishman in Tahiti in 2001 when she was just 19, but the couple split several months later.

However the 29-year-old is now adamant that it wasn’t a proper wedding.

“We didn’t actually get married— it’s not actually true. I think we’ve been too polite to deny it,” the Daily Express quoted her as telling the Sun.

“We had a ceremony on the beach in Tahiti that was by no means legal and we knew it wasn’t. It was just a thing we did on holiday. We went shark feeding and then we did the wedding. We booked them both on the activities desk at the hotel.”

“It really wasn’t this secret wedding that no one was invited to. It was lovely. It was silly. It was sweet but by no means was it a serious thing and I think my mum thought it was quite funny,” she said.

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British police said three patrol cars and police dogs were dispatched to a hotel on a report of a disturbance at a Christmas party for off-duty detectives. Cleveland police said a party-goer called police during the Thursday event at Staircille Hotel in Seaton Carew, England, and reported a member of the party was engaged in an altercation with a woman, Metro.co.uk reported Monday.

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Angelina Jolie will cry if kids refuse to travel

WASHINGTON, 21 Dec—Angelina Jolie has admitted that she will break down in tears if one of her six children asks to be excused from the family’s global travels.

The Hollywood actress and another partner Brad Pitt, who have three adopted kids and three biological tots, pride themselves on their nomadic lifestyle, settling for a few weeks at a time wherever their work takes them.

But Jolie knows eventually her children will want to live in one place and she can’t bear the thought of leaving behind.

“Right now they love it. If we’re in the same place for two months they will ask why we’re not getting on an airplane,” Contactmusic quoted her as saying. “They really love to travel. Because they’re such a big travelling pack, it’s not one child moving around the world and missing friends, there’s so many of them they have constant play dates and are always together. “But I’m sure they’re gonna say, ‘Mum, let me stay home’ and when that happens I’m gonna cry. I don’t wanna settle. I love travelling, but we’ll see—Internet

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Angelina Jolie will cry if kids refuse to travel

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The Hollywood actress and another partner Brad Pitt, who have three adopted kids and three biological tots, pride themselves on their nomadic lifestyle, settling for a few weeks at a time wherever their work takes them.

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WOLVERHAMPTON, 21 Dec—Wolverhampton Wanderers equalized twice Tuesday to salvage a 2-2 Premier League draw with visiting Norwich at Molineux.

Former Manchester United striker Andrew Surman put Norwich ahead in the 12th minute only for Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, who replaced the axed Kevin Doyle, to level beforehand. Substitute Simon Jackson restored Norwich’s lead with his first touch.

Ronald Zubar’s first goal of the campaign with eight minutes left rescued Wolves.

The result lifted Wolves one spot out to 16th place in the standings, two points above the relegation zone.

Wolves made an encouraging start when Ebanks-Blake’s effort from a free kick by Stephen Hunt was blocked by Zak Whitbread. But Surman drew a save from goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey, who also pushed away a shot from Steve Morison, and Norwich soon took the lead through Surman’s first Premier League goal. Wes Hoolahan burst down the left flank before crossing for the unmarked Hennessey to head past Hennessey.

Hunt missed a great chance to equalize after 26 minutes but Ebanks-Blake managed to do so with a rebound shot that just trickled over the line.—Internet

Diakovic, new king of tennis in 2011

BERLIN, 21 Dec—With three Grand Slam and five Masters titles, the world number one ranking, a 70-6 win-loss record and a record prize money haul of 12.6 million US dollars, Serb Novak Djokovic was arguably the king of tennis in 2011.

He has been unbeaten in 43 matches in the first half of the season, dating back to the Davis Cup final in December 2010, until that run ended against 16-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals.

The streak brought him the number one ranking, a 70-6 record in 2011 and a 69-1 mark for his career since 2010.

The 36-year-old former Grand Slam winner and current world No. 5 Mark Philippoussis said before the match that it would be a “breathtaking semi”.

Djokovic’s self-belief and after taking a big break, he went back on the winning track.

The Serb defeated Nadal in the Wimbledon final and ended the Roger’s Rafach mystery at the All England Club in the past eight years.

In the process, Djokovic also took the Spaniard’s world number one spot. In the US Open final, Djokovic destroyed Nadal again after he had rallied past Federer from two sets, and two match points down, in a breathtaking semi-final.—Internet

Word of Beckham deal with PSG ‘premature’

LONDON, 21 Dec—David Beckham’s management company says reports the former England captain has agreed a deal to join Paris Saint-Germain are “premature.”

The 36-year-old former England captain has been in talks with the French capital club, but could still accept an offer to stay at the Los Angeles Galaxy where his five-year deal ended after winning his first MLS Cup last month.

“No agreement has been reached with any club yet—talks are premature,” Beckham’s management company, XIX Entertainment, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

“David has yet to make a final decision on his future.”—Internet

Bayern squeezes into German Cup quarterfinals

FRANKFURT, 21 Dec—Arjen Robben scored an injury-time winner Tuesday to give Bayern Munich a 2-1 victory at second-division Bochum and a place in the quarter-finals of the German Cup. Borussia Dortmund, last season’s Bundesliga champion, played through extra time with 10 men without conceding and then won a penalty shootout 5-4 to prevail at second-division leader Fortuna Duesseldorf.

Ivan Perisic converted the decisive penalty after Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller had stopped Thomas Brooker’s shot. Weidenfeller had kept Dortmund in the match after defender Patrick Owomoyela was given a yellow card in the 34th minute with his second yellow card.

Bayern trailed 1-0 at halftime after a goal by Giovann Federico in the 26th minute but the Bundesliga leader stepped up the pressure after the break and replied through Toni Kroos in the 52nd.—Internet

Wambach handily wins Female Athlete of the Year

NEW YORK, 21 Dec.—With the final seconds ticking down and the Americans on the verge of their earliest exit ever from the Women’s World Cup, Abby Wambach kept waving her index finger at her teammates. One chance, she screamed, all they needed was one chance.

When it came in the form of a left-footed cross from Megan Rapinoe, Wambach pounced. With one vicious whip of her heel, she struck the course of the ball so the Rose Bowl Cup and sparked a nationwide frenzy rarely seen for women’s sports.

Wambach’s clutch performance at this summer’s World Cup made her the clear choice for the 2011 Female Athlete of the Year, selected by members of The Associated Press. The US forward received 65 of the 214 votes cast, while teammate Hope Solo (58) was a distant second and UConn basketball star Maya Moore (35) was third.

Wambach is the first individual soccer player—men or women—to win one of the AP’s annual sports awards, which began in 1931. The US women’s team won in 1999, when their World Cup triumph at the Rose Bowl transfixed the nation.—Internet

Suarez banned 8 matches for racially abusing Evra

LIVERPOOL, 21 Dec—Liverpool midfielder Luis Suarez was banned for racially abusing Manchester United defender Patrice Evra during a Premier League match on Tuesday.

The English Football Association’s Anson, which includes a fine of 40,000 pounds ($62,000) came less than a year after Suarez left Ajax while serving a seven-match ban in the Netherlands for biting an opponent.

Today is a very difficult and painful day for both me and my family,” the 24-year-old Suarez said on his Twit­ter account. “Thanks for all the support, I’ll keep working!”

The striker branded the “Cannibal of Ajax” by the Dutch newspaper had started to put past misdemeanors— including a contentious handshake at the 2010 World Cup—behind him with fine displays on the pitch since arriving at Liverpool in January for around $35 million.

Now his reputation has been further stained by the FA’s panel, which accepted Evra’s allegation that Suarez had directed a racial abuse at him during United’s 1-1 draw at Liverpool on 15 Oct.

The insulting words used by Mr. Suarez included a reference to Mr. Evra’s color, “The FA said in a statement. The FA also warned Suarez about his future conduct.—Internet

Bolton heap more pressure on Blackburn’s Kean

LONDON, 21 Dec—Steve Kean’s tenure as Blackburn Rovers manager was left hanging by a thread after the team slumped to the bottom of the Premier League following a 2-1 home defeat by neighbours and fellow strugglers Bolton Wanderers on Tuesday.

Blackburn went behind after just five minutes when Mark Davies found space to fire home and Nigel Reoc-Koker made it 2-0 for the visitors in the half-hourafter more sloppy defending. Amid chants of “Kean out” from the disgruntled home fans Blackburn responded with a Yakubu Aiyegbeni goal after 67 minutes but they could not find the equaliser and now prop up the table on 10 points from 17 matches, two behind Bolton.

In Tuesday’s other game, lowly Wolverhampton Wanderers salvaged a point against promoted Norwich City in a 2-2 draw thanks to a late header from Ronald Zubar at Molineux.

The result left Norwich ninth with 21 points from 17 games, while Wolves crept up one place to 16th with 15 points, two clear of Wigan Athletic in the relegation zone.—Internet
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WEATHER

Wednesday, 21st December, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) above December average temperature in Southern Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Regions and (5°C) below December average temperature in Kachin State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (3°C) and Heho (4°C).

Bay inference: Weather is Partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd December 2011: Weather will be generally fair in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Kayah State and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

State of the sea: Slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-12-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-12-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-12-2011: Generally fair weather.

Rare bird seen on mountains in China

BEIJING, 21 Dec—Chinese and European researchers say they’ve discovered the breeding ground of an extremely rare bird in the mountains of north-central China. Fourteen male Blackthroat Luscinia were observed in the Qining mountains in Shaanxi province, which almost equals the total number of individuals of this species seen since its discovery in the late 19th century, a release from the Swedish Research Council reported Monday.

Nearly all of the birds were on mountain slopes above 7,800 feet in large, dense expanses of bamboo, researchers said. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, about 10 Blackthroats were collected in Gansu and Shaanxi provinces, but since then there have been only a handful of mostly unconfirmed records from Sichuan and Yunnan provinces, they said. The Blackthroat resembles a European robin in size and general appearance but with a jet black throat and breast.

The female is thought to have a pale brownish throat and breast, although no females definitely attributable to this species have been observed, researchers said.

“This is an adult male Black-throat Luscinia obscura, Foping National Nature Reserve, Shaanxi, China, June 2011.”

US donates bomb disposal vans, motorcycles to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 Dec — The United States donated four Bomb Disposal Vans and 100 motorcycles to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) police in a ceremony held on Wednesday at Police Headquarters in Peshawar, capital of KPK, a province in northwest Pakistan, reported local media AFP.

The equipment is being provided under the Police Assistance Programme, implemented by the U.S. Embassy’s Narcotics Affairs Section, said a spokesman for the U.S Consulate in Peshawar.

The U.S Consul General Marie Richards paid tribute to Pakistan’s security forces at the event, saying that “I would like to praise the courage and dedication of the police of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.”

“Both the commitment to duty that protects the people of Peshawar and KPK from criminals. I hope that the equipment we are providing today will help our security forces go about their duties safely and effectively in the future,” she said.

The United States has committed 75 million U.S. dollars in assistance to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police to build capacity and improve security across the province. Previous donations have included police vehicles, armored troop carriers, generators, solar panels, radios, binoculars, first aid supplies and other items.

Memorial

In memory of our forever beloved Daw Mary Kobrahanwai who passed away on (28-10-1999) and Dr. U Ko Gyi who passed away on (19-4-2004). You both are always in our heart.

Your favourite nephews, nieces, grandchildrens and Kyaw Aung, Yangon.

A resident walks with a baby car after a snowfall in Moscow, Russia, on 21 Dec, 2011. —INTERNET

Chinese magician to climb Canton Tower in one second on New Year’s Eve TV show

CHANGSHA, 21 Dec—A magician from Taiwan said on Wednesday that he will crest the world’s second highest tower in one second during a show airing nationwide on New Year’s Eve.

“I will first vanish from the tower’s outdoor platform, and, just one second later, I will be standing indoors on its top floor 450 meters above ground,” said Ding Jianzhong, who gained popularity in the Chinese mainland after his performance on the Spring Festival Gala, China’s most-watched TV event.

Ding’s magic trick will be staged in the city of Guangzhou’s Canton Tower, the world’s second tallest tower, according to the program’s broadcaster.

The magic show, which is scheduled for the last second of 2011 Beijing Time, will be broadcast live through a countdown concert on Hunat TV.

The magician said he plans to bring one or two audience members to perform the trick with him.

“Don’t blink,” Ding said. —Xinhua

Chinese-style red lanterns are laid out to adorn the Yishang Street, a historic commercial area, in Huzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, to celebrate the Spring Festival on 22 Dec, 2011, a month before the 2012 Chinese Spring Festival. —INTERNET

The new light of Myanmar Thursday, 22 December, 2011
President U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Residence here this morning.

Also present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Charge d’ affaires a.i. of Myanmar Embassy in Vietnam Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khin and departmental heads. The Vietnamese delegation was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and officials.

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The two sides had a frank discussion about importance of Greater Mekong Sub-region Initiatives between the two countries, promotion of economic cooperation between the GMS countries, strengthening bilateral relations and development of agriculture, livestock, forestry, trade and investment and mutually beneficially cooperation in communication, transportation, tourism and so on.

Afterwards, the Myanmar President and the Vietnamese PM attended the MoU signing ceremony. Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Vietnamese Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Mr Cao Duc Phat signed MoU on cooperation in agriculture and rural development between the two ministries and exchanged the documents.

Managing Director of Myanmar Agriculture Service under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Kyaw Win and Director of Investment and

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