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Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Myint Swe discusses paddy production meeting the target

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence delivers address at coordination meeting on production of paddy meeting the target.

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Yangon, 6 Nov—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the coordination meeting with departmental officials and agricultural entrepreneurs on production of paddy meeting the target at the briefing hall near Ngamoeyeik Sluice Gate in Dagon Myothit (East) Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint explained the arrangements for agricultural entrepreneurs and farmers to grow the crops to meet production target.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on necessary assistance to be provided by YCDC to the farmers.

The agricultural entrepreneurs submitted the reports on efforts to be made for meeting production target of paddy and tasks being carried out.

Departmental officials presented reports on their respective sectors to render assistance to the growers.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs and gave concluding remarks.

Agricultural entrepreneurs and farmers will cultivate high yield paddy strains on 8,731 acres of farmlands with the use of agricultural machinery in Yangon Division Agricultural Special Zone (1) in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and Special Zone (2) in Dagon Myothit (South) and (Seikkan) Townships.

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Thaphanseik Dam, main contributor of upper Myanmar’s agricultural sector

Article : Zaw Win (Kyemon); Photos : Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

We left Shwebo of Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, for Kanbalu Township to observe Thaphanseik Dam, from which water is drained to Karboe and Kindat diversion weirs to irrigate monsoon and summer paddy fields in Shwebo District, the granary of Sagaing Division.

On the left side of the embankment of the canal were greenish paddy fields stretching to Karboe Diversion Weir, and on the right side, Shwebo Canal, in which water flowed continuously.

(See page 7)

Part of Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District.
Myanma Railways in pursuance of improving transport sector

Smooth transport ensures flourishing of Union Spirit and all-round development of the home regions of national races across the Union.

Secure and smooth transport lies at the centre of the drive for development of the nation. In its bid to help the motherland keep abreast of the international community, strengthen national economy, and improve the living conditions of the people, the Ministry of Rail Transportation is working hard to make significant contribution towards transporting goods, and to improve the transport sector.

The handing over of locomotives purchased from YMEC Co of the People’s Republic of China to the Ministry of Rail Transportation took place at No. 1 Platform of Yangon Railway Station on 2 November 2008.

The locomotives are also designed to run in hilly regions.

The locomotives can carry more loads than other brands of locomotives. Each locomotive is equipped with computer system, electronic system and a black box. Being installed with sophisticated devices with modern information systems, the locomotives can provide necessary signals in time.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation is pursuing the goal of ensuring safety and convenience of the people while enhancing its performances through various means such as repairing and upgrading railroad sections, and building new roadways for improving the transport sector and raising the momentum of regional development.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung makes inaugural speech at the meeting on international planetarium to be built at Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).—FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A meeting on international planetarium to be built at Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at the ministry, here, yesterday evening.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung heard report on construction of the planetarium presented by Design & System Consultant Mr Jean Francois Delorme, Mr Albert Lim and Mr Scott A Niskach of Evans & Sutherland Co and gave necessary instructions. Also present at the meeting were directors-general of departments under the ministry, deputy director-general, officials and technicians for construction of the planetarium.—MNA

Israeli Ambassador meets UMFCCI General Secretary

YANGON, 6 Nov—Ambassador of Israel Mr Yaron Mayer met with General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the office of UMFCCI on 29 October.

They discussed promotion of trade between the two countries, plans to jointly organize the technological discussions for enhancement of agriculture sector and the opportunity for trainees in private sector of Myanmar to attend courses on agriculture in Israel. MNA

Maintenance of libraries discussed in Maubin

YANGON, 6 Nov—The Head of the Information and Public Relations Division of Ayeyawady Division held a discussion with employees of IPRD of Maubin, Nyaungdon, Pantanaw, Dhambyu townships at the office of Maubin District IPRD on 3 November.

The officials briefed on instructions of the minister at the concluding ceremony of the basic library course No. 1/2008 and development and maintenance of the library. Next, the officials of the district IPRD explained tasks on the respective townships. MNA
Moscow, 6 Nov — Russia will deploy short-range missiles near Poland to counter US military plans in Eastern Europe, President Dmitry Medvedev warned Wednesday, setting a combative tone that clashed with global goodwill over Barack Obama's election.

In his first state of the nation speech, Medvedev blamed Washington for the war in Georgia and the world financial crisis and suggested it was up to Washington to mend badly damaged ties.

Medvedev also proposed increasing the Russian presidential term to six years from four a change that could deepen Western concern over democracy in Russia and play into the hands of his mentor, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who has not ruled out a return to the Kremlin.

Extending the presidential term could mean a possible 12 more years in the top office for the popular Putin. — Internet

Suicide bomber kills six, wounds 12 in Baghdad

Baghdad, 6 Nov — A suicide bomber rammed his car into a police patrol on the road to Baghdad’s airport Wednesday, killing six people and wounding 12 others, police said.

Police said three officers were among those killed in the attack, while four policemen were wounded.

The heavily secured highway leading from central Baghdad to the capital’s airport was once among the most dangerous stretches in Iraq. Insurgents staged almost daily attacks with roadside bombs and automatic weapons on US military convoys and civilian vehicles traveling to and from downtown Baghdad.

But security has improved markedly on the highway in the past 18 months since authorities blocked off side streets feeding onto the road put up blast walls along the highway.

Also Wednesday, two US soldiers were wounded in a roadside bomb attack near the town of Karmah west of Baghdad as they responded to reports of a bomb in the area, the US military said.

An Iraqi security official said the US troops were injured as they rushed to the site of an earlier roadside bomb attack that killed a prominent leader of the local awakening council, the term for mostly Sunni groups traveling to and from downtown Baghdad.

Afghan men work on a house destroyed in airstrikes in Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 5 Nov, 2008. Afghan President Hamid Karzai said airstrikes had caused deaths in the district. — Internet

Iran sees US choppers near its frontiers

Teheran, 6 Nov — Iran’s military says US helicopters have been flying too close to its border with Iraq and may even have crossed the frontier.

The statement, carried by the state news agency Wednesday, says the helicopters were seen in Iraq and are “likely to violate Iranian airspace”.

The Iranian military said it would respond to any violation of its borders and warned the US military to keep its distance.

The US military has over 150,000 troops in Iraq who make extensive use of helicopters to transport forces and carry out patrols.

Iraq-based US forces carried out a raid on neighboring Syria on 26 Oct, killing eight people. — Internet

US air raid blamed in Afghan civilian deaths

Herat (Afghanistan), 6 Nov — US-led troops have killed at least seven civilians in an air strike in northwestern Afghanistan, officials said Thursday, a day after the president said warplanes had killed 40 civilians in the south. President Hamid Karzai said the issue of civilian casualties was the biggest source of tension with his main backers, the United States, and called on President-elect Barack Obama to make it his top priority to stop the killings of innocents.

The air strike was called in after a joint convoy of Afghan and US forces came under an attack by Taliban insurgents in Ghoramch district of Badghis province in the northwest late on Wednesday, provincial officials said. District chief Abdullah said seven civilians and 15 insurgents were killed in the raid, but the head of the provincial council Qari Daulat, quoting villagers, put civilian deaths at around 30. — Internet

Two skinheads indicted in alleged plot against Obama

Memphis (Tenn), 6 Nov — A federal grand jury in Memphis, Tenn., has indicted two white supremacists accused of plotting to kill Democrat Barack Obama and dozens of other black people.

Twenty-year-old Daniel Cowart and 18-year-old Paul Schlesselman were arrested last month, before Obama won the presidential election. They are being held without bond.

They were indicted Wednesday on charges of possessing a sawed-off shotgun, planning to rob a licensed gun dealer and threatening a presidential candidate.

Authorities say they plotted a killing spree that would end with them attacking Obama while dressed in white tuxedoes and top hats. — Internet

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev

Afghan children receive treatment at a local hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan. President Hamid Karzai said that around 40 villagers died this week in international air strikes targeting militants. Karzai urged Barack Obama to end civilian casualties in the “war on terror”. — Internet
World trade slips to 6% growth in 2007

GENEVA, 6 Nov—Growth in world merchandise trade slipped to 6 percent in real terms in 2007, down from 8.5 percent in the previous year, according to a report released by the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Wednesday.

The slowdown mainly resulted from uncertainties of the world market, which were caused by the weakening demand in developed countries, realignments in exchange rates and fluctuations in the prices for commodities, such as oil and gas, the report said.

The “International Trade Statistics 2008” said import demand decelerated not only in the United States, but also in Europe and Japan.—Xinhua

Egypt hopes to strengthen co-op in archaeological excavations with China

CAIRO, 6 Nov—Secretary-General of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) Zahi Hawass voiced his hope to strengthen cooperation with China in archaeological excavations during an exclusive interview with Xinhua on Tuesday.

He said he is going to negotiate with the Chinese concerned bodies to hold a new exhibition for the Egyptian antiquities in China.

He also asserted that he is going to call for holding a meeting next year with all countries concerned to discuss the topic of retrieving artifacts to their countries of origin.

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Scientists decode first genome of cancer patient

BEIJING, 6 Nov—Scientists in US for the first time have decoded the entire genome of a patient suffering from white blood cell cancer and found a set of mutations that may have caused the disease or aided its progression, according to media reports Thursday.

They compared the tumor tissue of a woman who died of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) to her normal tissue, and sequenced 10 mutated genes in the cancerous tissue apparently involved in triggering the disease.

Previous researches had linked two of them to AML, but the rest never before had been implicated. “The other eight were all things that caught us off guard. They’re all new. And they are all genes that we didn’t really have on our radar for this particular kind of cancer. In retrospect, they all make sense,” Dr Timothy Ley said.

Three of them normally act to suppress tumor growth, four are involved in promoting cell growth and the final one may affect how drugs enter a cell, the researchers said.

“This is the first human cancer genome that’s been sequenced. In the past, we’ve always looked at parts of the genome for mutations. But this is the first time that we’ve been able to look at everything,” Ley said.

It will take more research to determine exactly what the mutations did. Researchers would also like to know the order in which they occurred, and whether there was one that finally tipped the balance towards cancer.

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Moderate quake hits Philippines

MANILA, 6 Nov—A magnitude-5.2 earthquake hit the eastern Philippine region of Samar on Thursday morning, but no casualty or damage has been reported.

The quake was recorded at 09:04:33 am local time (01:04:33 GMT), and the epicentre was 415 km east-southeast of Manila at a depth of 35.0 km, the United States Geological Service said in a report posted on its website.

At the same time, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the quake was recorded at magnitude 5.0. It said the earthquake was tectonic in origin and no aftershocks are expected.

No casualty has been reported in the Philippines.

The Philippines is often hit by earthquakes, although most are low in magnitude and cause little damage.

Xinhua

Clash in Paraguay injures at least 15 policemen, 50 protesters

BUENOS AIRES, 6 Nov—At least 14 policemen and 50 protesters were injured Wednesday during a clash in the capital of Paraguay, according to reports.

According to information received from Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, hundreds of people, mainly peasants and activists, gathered in front of the Prosecutor Office building, asking Ruben Candia Amarella, the general prosecutor, to resign. Clashes erupted when police officers tried to prevent protesters from entering the building.

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Visitors view the sculpture titled “The Number You Dialed is Busy Now...” exhibited on the first China Great Mobile Exhibition of Sculptures opened in Wenchou city of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 5 Nov, 2008. —Xinhua

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The crew members of Chinese navy ship ( CNS) Zhenghe line up on board at the Sihanoukville Port of Cambodia, on 5 Nov, 2008, as Zhenghe entered the Sihanoukville Port on Wednesday morning, thus starting its 9-day official goodwill visit and the first ever entry of Chinese military boat into the Kingdom of Cambodia. —Xinhua

Obama’s victory sets off optimism in Latin America

MEXICO CITY, 6 Nov—US Democrat Barack Obama’s victory in Tuesday’s presidential election has generated optimism in Latin America, which is looking to improve ties with the country and the end of a US embargo against Cuba.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Obama’s triumph was “extraordinary” and expressed hope that the victory will help “end the embargo against Cuba,” which began almost 50 years ago.

Lula told reporters that “those, who doubt an African-American could be the president of the United States, now know it is possible.”

Bolivia’s first indigenous president Evo Morales said Obama, who came from the most discriminated circle in the United States, “forever will continue making history.”

“My great wish is that Mr Obama could end the economic embargo against Cuba and withdraw the troops from some countries,” he added.

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez sent a congratulation letter to Obama on his victory, which Fernandez called “a great milestone” in US history.

Xinhua
Himalayan nation of Bhutan crowns its 5th king

Thimphu, 6 Nov—The tiny Himalayan nation of Bhutan has crowned its 5th king in an elaborate Buddhist ceremony.

On Thursday morning, King Jigme Singye Wangchuck placed the Raven Crown on the head of his son, 28-year-old Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck, giving him the title of Druk Gyalpo, or Dragon King.

The festivities, symbolizing the strength of the monarchy, are seen as a deeply reassuring moment for the last independent Himalayan Buddhist kingdom.

Once one of the most cutoff, tightly controlled places on earth, the country is now slowly opening up to the uncertainties of modernity and vagaries of democracy.—Internet

Dems, GOP, already targeting 2010 Gov races

Washington, 6 Nov—Their majority of gubernatorial seats larger by one, Democrats are taking aim at key states in 2010, including California, Minnesota and Connecticut. Republicans, who successfully re-elected four incumbents on an election night of big GOP losses elsewhere, want to win back Kansas, Ohio and Pennsylvania, among others. At stake is control over the redrawing of legislative and congressional maps and the chance to influence the 2012 presidential election through governors’ bully pulpits and fundraising machines.

At the end of an Election Day in which 11 governorships were decided, eight incumbents were re-elected, split evenly between the two parties. Democrats won the three governors’ posts where no incumbent was running, and flipped one of those — Missouri — from Republican to Democratic hands.

But Tuesday’s results gave both parties reason to be optimistic about 2010.—Internet

Toyota 08/09 operating profit seen at 8-year low

Tokyo, 6 Nov—Toyota Motor Corp’s operating profit will plunge to an eight-year low below $10 billion this year as the financial crisis carves through the sector, a paper said, sending the automaker’s shares sliding 8.9 percent.

Auto sales have dived in the United States, Japan, Europe and emerging markets, thanks to tightening credit and a looming recession from the financial crisis, and the Toyota Shinbun said this would more than halve Toyota’s operating profit for 2008/09. Toyota, the No1 automaker and until recently the envy of the industry with eight straight years of profit growth, has put factories on hold, let go temporary staff and offered unprecedented incentives to buyers as sales slide.

If Toyota confirms the bleak forecast when it reports quarterly results at 1 am EST (0600 GMT), it would be well below an average operating profit projection of 1.34 trillion yen from a poll of 17 brokers.—Internet

Workers at Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor Corporation’s Global Production Centre in central Japan.—Internet

Hundreds of doctors attend the First International Meeting of Graduates from Cuba’s Latin American Medical School in Havana on 4 Nov, 2008.INTERNET

Thousands flee Congo fighting; Journalist seized

Kiwanja, 6 Nov—Sporadic gunfire and explosions echoed Wednesday around this town in eastern Congo, as rebels fought pro-government militiamen for a second day, forcing thousands to flee.

A wider cease-fire between the rebels and the government was holding, however, and diplomats scrambled to assemble a regional peace summit Friday in Kenya.

In Kiwanja, 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of the provincial capital of Goma, clashes erupted between rebels and a militia known as the Mai Mai.

Associated Press journalists saw several thousand people on the roads, including mothers with babies on their backs, trying to find safety. As insurgents loyal to rebel leader Laurent Nkunda searched houses, artillery fire boomed in the hills nearby, and rebels told the journalists to leave.

In nearby village of Mabenga, a Belgian journalist working for a German newspaper was kidnapped by the Mai Mai late Tuesday along with his assistant and three rebel fighters, according to local official Gilles Simpeze. He said the government was negotiating their release.

On the edge of Kiwanja, hundreds of people took shelter at a roofless, abandoned school beside a UN base manned by Indian peacekeepers. The soldiers, in blue helmets and flak jackets, crouched behind sandbags and a ring of concertina wire.

“The UN should open up their gates to protect us,” said Ntaganzwi Sinzahera, a 30-year-old refugee.

Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,191

Washington, 6 Nov—As of Wednesday, 5 Nov, 2008, at least 4,191 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003. The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,388 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet

Poonam, 14, performs a balancing street act in Allahabad, India, on 4 Nov, 2008, earning about Rupees 200-300 (US$ 4.5-7) per day.INTERNET

A rescue team searches for missing villagers during floods in Palopo on 5 Nov, 2008.—Internet

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US says it killed militants at civilian death site

US and Afghan forces killed “several” militants during an extended patrol in southern Afghanistan where villagers say some 40 civilians in a wedding party were killed, the US military said on Thursday.

The military said militants attacked a coalition patrol that was moving through the Shah Wali Kot region of Kandahar Province between Monday and Wednesday.

The US said that civilians "reportedly attempted to leave the area, but the militants forced them to remain." The brief statement did not say where the US got that report from. It also did not say precisely how many militants the US forces killed.

Villagers in Weeb Baghuto said that around 37 people — mostly women and children — died in a Monday afternoon bombing run by jetfighters after US forces and Taliban fighters battled nearby. That home was hosting a wedding party at the time, the reason so many people died, the villagers said.

President Hamid Karzai’s office said around 40 people died and 28 were wounded. In one of the most serious civilian deaths cases in Afghanistan, an Afghan government commission found that a US operation in August in western Afghanistan killed some 90 civilians.

According to a US count of civilian deaths this year, US or NATO forces have killed at least 275 civilians, while 590 have died from militant-caused violence like suicide bombs.

Son of Osama bin Laden loses asylum bid in Spain

MADRID, 6 Nov — Spain rejected an asylum request from a son of Osama bin Laden on Wednesday after deciding he had not met the conditions necessary for him to remain.

Omar Osama bin Laden, 27, flew to Spain earlier this week and remains in a transit area at Madrid’s Barajas Airport, an Interior Ministry official said. He has 24 hours to appeal the government’s decision.

“The Interior Ministry has not accepted the request for asylum because this does not meet the conditions necessary for entering Spain,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with government policy.

The official would not elaborate or discuss the younger bin Laden’s reasons for seeking asylum. Omar Osama bin Laden is a metals trader who had been living in Cairo with his wife.

He has not renounced his father, but has said he wants to be an “ambassador for peace” between the Muslim world and the West.

The Spanish official said the government usually seeks a recommendation from the UN refugee agency in asylum request cases and he said the agency also recommended against asylum.

Six foreigners kidnapped in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 6 Nov — Gunmen stormed an airport in Somalia on Wednesday, kidnapping two Kenyan pilots and four European aid workers in the latest strike against humanitarian organisations in the lawless Horn of Africa nation.

The Europeans — two French, a Bulgarian and a Belgian — were among a group on a runway near the central Somali town of Dusamareb when the gang struck, local residents said.

Health Tip: Obesity and Your Child

If your child is at an unhealthy, or even dangerous weight, and weight-loss efforts at home aren’t successful, you may want to try a professional weight-loss programme.

The Cleveland Clinic offers the following recommendations when choosing a child’s weight-loss programme:

* The programme should employ an array of health professionals, including physicians, dietitians, psychiatrists and exercise physiologists.

* Your child’s overall health should be evaluated before any weight-loss programme begins.

* The programme should include the entire family, rather than focusing on only the child.

* Look for a programme that is geared specifically for your child’s age group and has different programs based on age.

Programmes should focus on behavioral changes, teaching how to choose healthy foods in variety and portion size, and promoting physical activity.

Cold wallaby on the run in Ontario

A panicked wallaby is on the run in southeastern Ontario after a tree blew over and destroyed its pen at the Oxford Station zoo. Nearby residents should grab the marsupial, which looks like a miniature kangaroo, by the tail if they see it, the zoo’s owner told television broadcaster CBC Friday morning.

Officials in the town just south of Ottawa are concerned the animal, named Wendell, will suffer from the cold. Wallabies are native to Australia.
Thaphanseik Dam, main contributor of upper Myanmar’s agricultural sector

**Article:** Zaw Win (Kyemon); **Photos:** Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

(From page 1) Karboe Diversion Weir was constructed by damming the Mu River near Karboe Village, Kanbalu Township, in the early 20th Century.

When asked about the dam, U Win Myint, in-charge of the dam, explained that the right canal of Karboe Diversion Weir was YeU Canal, and the left canal, Shwebo Canal; that the facility was just a diversion weir, so it could supply water to the farmlands only in the rainy season; that in the past when the Mu River dealt with slow current, water from the dam was supported through the two canals alternately; that major crops grown with the use of irrigation water was paddy, and among other crops were cotton, sesame, groundnut, wheat and chick pea; and that according to the statistics collected in 2007, Shwebo Canal benefited 223,293 acres of arable lands in Shwebo, Wetlet and Kanbalu, KhinU, and YeU Canal, 115,749 acres in YeU, Dabayin and Ayadaw townships, totaling 339,042.

Since the construction of Thaphanseik Dam was completed in 2001, Karboe Diversion Weir has been able to supply sufficient irrigation water to the summer paddy fields around it, he said.

Then, we headed for Kindat Diversion Weir over Mu River near Wethoe Village, 24 miles upstream Karboe Diversion Weir in Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.

Junior Officer U Min Min Oo briefed us on the facility that Kindat Diversion Weir was situated near Wettoe Village, 24 miles upstream Karboe Diversion Weir; that it was constructed in 1994-95, and the project was completed on 21 March 1997; and that the right canal of the irrigation facility irrigated farmlands in Duze, YeU, Dabayin and Budalin townships and the left canal, farmlands in Kanbalu, KhinU and Shwebo townships totaling about 150,000 acres.

We proceeded to Thaphanseik Dam, about nine miles upstream Kindat Diversion Weir. The dam was constructed over Mu River near Thaphanseik Village, Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division in 1996-97, with the aim of supplying water to Kindat and Karboe diversion weirs through the Mu River and generating 117.2 million kilowatt hours a year.

Executive Officer U Aye Win of the Irrigation Department (Shwebo District branch) said that the project was launched in 1996-97 and completed in 2001-2002; that it was inaugurated on 17 April 2001; that the catchment area of the dam was about 3,460 square miles covering Wuntho, Kawlin and Pinlebu townships; that its maximum water surface area was 106,200 acres and its annual inflow water, 3,534,000 acre feet; that its earthen embankment was 108 feet high and 22,587 feet long; and its maximum water storage capacity was 2,880,000 acre feet.

He said that in 2007-2008, the dam benefited 497,373 acres of monsoon paddy and 333,469 acres of summer paddy and generated 172.24 million kilowatt hours; that 506,252 acres of monsoon paddy and 338,395 acres of summer paddy were on target for 2008-2009; and that up to 24 October 2008, the size of in-flow water was 5,080,445 acre feet and the size of out-flow water, 5,061,806 acre feet; that its full tank level (FTL) was 545; and that on 24 October its FTL stood at 544.75, so sufficient irrigation water could be supplied to summer paddy fields.

Chief Engineer of the Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power (1) said that Thaphanseik Hydropower Plant was constructed in 1998 and test running was carried out on 22 April 2002; that the generated power was supplied to Kyunhla, Kanbalu and Shwebo townships through 11 KV and 33 KV lines; that it contributed 132 KV to the national grid through Hkeitpya aintaug sub-power station in Kanbalu Township; that in 2007-2008 fiscal year, it produced 181 million kilowatt hours and the target generated power for 2008-2009 fiscal year was 120 million kilowatt hours; and that the size of the generation of power depended on local demands of electric power and irrigated water.

Sagaing Division is named the second granary of Myanmar, and Shwebo District, the granary of Sagaing Division. Thaphanseik Dam is the main source of irrigation water to cultivate summer and monsoon paddy in Shwebo District.

The giant irrigation facility is, to put it another way, the main contributor of the agricultural sector of Sagaing Division, the second rice bowl of Myanmar.

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and party at the ministry here yesterday.
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Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Mr Marc Neurnann,
Kadonkani Village.
Village and gave instruction to officials concerned on
work between Mile Posts 8/0 and 9/0 of the road.
Includes in the road network project in Ayeyawady
Division on 4 November.
construction of the road.
Machinery and construction of a hillock near
shoulders of the road with the use of heavy

Railway rolling stock for the road.

PM, U Thein Sein, Chief Minister of Ayeyawady
Division, yesterday and then

Tour of Ayeyawady Division

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein meets Managing Director Mr Marc Neurnann of Fritz
Werner Industries of Germany and party.—MNA

K 45 m donated for new school building in storm-hit Pyapon Township

Mr Marc Neumann of MAN Ferrostaal Industries of Germany donated K 45 million to
construction of a new school building in Achalay Village in storm-
hit Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Division, today. The donation
ceremony took place at the Thamada Hotel here at 3 pm.
Managing Director Mr Marc Neumann of MAN Ferrostaal Industrieanlagen GmbH of the
Federal Republic of Germany donated K 45 million to Director of Nargis Action Group, a social
organization, Dr. Nay Win Maung, who then presented a certificate of
honour to the donor.
The school building will be built by
Pye Phyoe Kyaw Construction Co. It is a one-storey building with
110 feet in length and 30 feet in width and it has five classrooms and one
teacher’s room.

Today’s donation also included desks, furniture, school
uniforms and stationery.

A ball of gold in shape of pumpkin weighing 0.75 tical found by
U Kyaw Hsan of Khetkha East Village in Sagaing Myothit while
ploughing. (News reported) —MNA

Giant simulation could solve mystery of 'dark matter'

DURHAM, 6 Nov — The search for
a mysterious substance which makes up
most of the Universe could soon be at an
end, according to new research.
Dark matter is believed to account for
85 per cent of the Universe’s mass but
has remained invisible to telescopes
since scientists inferred its existence from
its gravitational effects more than
75 years ago.

Now the international Virgo Consortium, a team of scientists
including cosmologists at Durham University, has used a massive
computer simulation showing the evolution of a galaxy like the Milky
Way to “see” gamma-rays given off by
dark matter.

They say their findings, published in the prestigious scientific
journal Nature (Thursday, November 6), could help NASA’s Fermi
Telescope in its search for the dark matter and open a new chapter in our
understanding of the Universe.

Internet
Skeleton of 12,000-year-old shaman discovered buried with leopard, 50 tortoises and human foot

“ Altogether 254 factories and workshops are operating in the industrial zone regularly. ”

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(from page 16)

In North Okkalapa Township of Yangon Division, Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone is one of the industrial zones in the entire nation set up by the government. With regard to facts about Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone, an interview was made with Chairman U Than Win of the Industrial Zone Management Committee.

“Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone was initially established on 94.64 acres of land in 1990-1991 financial year. Actually, it was set up as a real industrial zone on 12 August 1998. In doing so, a total of 669 plots of land were reclaimed in the zone and allotted to the entrepreneurs,” explained U Than Win.

Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone is located next to the residential area. Therefore, workers find it convenient to go to work. The industrial zone is sharing borders with Yangon Industrial Zone (Mingaladon) in the north, Ward 16, Ward 17 and Ward 20 of Shwepaukkan Myothit in the east, Daninyye Creek in the west and Bagan Road in the south. So, local people enjoy fruits of better transport.

U Than Win went on to say, “Altogether 254 factories and workshops are operating in the industrial zone. A total of 67 factories and workshops have been built and 57 ones are under construction. At the zone, 2,482 male employees and 3,909 female employees, totalling 6,391 are working at the industries.”

While visiting the industrial zone, we witnessed the good conditions of roads and the factories and workshops being kept neat and tidy. We saw the running of factories and workshops on the allotted lands, working of employees and transportation of trucks with heavy loads of raw materials and finished goods.

In the industrial zone, UPT electronic factory is manufacturing eight kinds of electronic equipment, while SSI pharmaceutical factory is producing medicines continuously. Moreover, textile, food-stuffs, electronic goods, wood and finished wood products, paper and stationery and purified drinking water are also manufactured with momentum.

In line with the directives of the government, the local entrepreneurs are to manufacture the quality products for enabling the consumers to use the goods at reasonable prices and they have to try hard in taking innovative measures for producing the high quality goods without giving priority to the profits. In Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone, the quality products meeting set standards are being manufactured to contribute to the development of the country.

Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone manufacturing quality products

Article: Maung Chit Kyi; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Extreme weather postpones flowering time of plants

BAYREUTH UNIVERSITY, 6 Nov — Extreme weather events have a greater effect on flora than previously presumed. A one-month drought postpones the time of flowering of grassland and heathland plants in Central Europe by an average of 4 days. With this a so-called 100-year drought event equates to approx. a decade of global warming.

The flowering period of an important early flowerer, the common Birds-foot Trefoil (Lotus corniculatus) was even shortened by more than a month due to heavy rain and started flowering early by almost one month. In a study conducted by the University of Bayreuth and the Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) researchers came to this conclusion.

Using experimental plots in Bayreuth the researchers generated artificial heavy rain and drought in their experiment and the effects on ten different plant species were observed Accordingly over a two-year period. — Internet

Is the worst over for the airlines?

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov—The risk of failure is huge and the list of failures is growing in the airline sector.

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Small operators like Futura, Sterling, Maxjet, Oasis and EOS have also gone.

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Southwest, the innovative low-cost airline that spawned imitators such as Ryanair, has announced its first financial loss in 17 years. Of the other Big Six, American, Continental, Delta and NorthWest were all in the red for the last three months’ reported figures.

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Villagers in Pyapon Township see progress in rehabilitation work

YANGON, 6 Nov—Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the site for construction of a cyclone shelter after providing clothes, foodstuff and seeds to village elders and local people.

YCDC continues road upgrading works

YANGON, 6 Nov—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected paving asphalt on Bayintnaung Road in Kamayut Township today. During his tour, the mayor also inspected upgrading of Mandalay Road in Hlinethaya Township to a gravel one.—MNA

8th respect paying ceremony of TTC on 22 November

YANGON, 6 Nov—Old students, who studied at TTC of Institute of Education from 1974 till 1981, will hold the 8th respect paying ceremony at the school on 22 November (National Day). Teachers and students are requested to attend the ceremony and those wishing to make donation may contact the committee.—MNA

Dried mushrooms slow climate warming in northern forests

OTTAWA, 6 Nov—The fight against climate warming has an unexpected ally in mushrooms growing in dry spruce forests covering Alaska, Canada, Scandinavia and other northern regions, a new UC Irvine study finds.

When soil in these forests is warmed, fungi that feed on dead plant material dry out and produce significantly less climate-warming carbon dioxide than fungi in cooler, wetter soil. This came as a surprise to scientists, who expected warmer soil to emit larger amounts of carbon dioxide because extreme cold is believed to slow down the process by which fungi convert soil carbon into carbon dioxide.—INTERNET

CPT Minister inspects telecommunication office in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 3 November looked into new installed CDMA-450 machine room and auto exchange at Myitkyina Telecommunication Office in Myitkyina and fulfilled the requirements.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint meets Foreign Secretary Mr Touhid Hossain of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and party.—MNA

Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh calls on Dy FM

Foreign Secretary of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Mr Touhid Hossain, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, paid a call on U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here at 10.30 a.m today.

Also present at the call were U Phae Thann Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh, U Min Lwin, Director-General of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department, and officials from Myanmar side, and together with the envoy of Bangladesh was Maj-Gen Abu Rushde Rokomuddawala, Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hosted a dinner to the delegation at Aureun Hotel in the same evening in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Could life have started in lump of ice? Very cold ice films in laboratory reveal mysteries of universe

The universe is full of water, mostly in the form of very cold ice films deposited on interstellar dust particles, but until recently little was known about the detailed small scale structure. Now the latest quick freezing techniques coupled with sophisticated scanning electron microscopy techniques, are allowing physicists to create ice films in cold conditions similar to outer space and observe the detailed molecular organisation, yielding clues to fundamental questions including possibly the origin of life.

Researchers have been surprised by some of the results, not least by the sheer beauty of some of the images created, according to Julyan Cartwright, a specialist in ice structures at the Andalusian Institute for Earth Sciences (IACT) of the Spanish Research Council (CSIC) and the University of Granada in Spain.—Internet

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ASEAN nations remove aviation restrictions

MANILA, 6 Nov— Southeast Asian countries signed agreements on Thursday that will remove restrictions on air and air freight services and allow regional airlines to fly to any of the capitals of member countries by 2010, the Philippines said.

The multilateral agreements on air services and the full liberalisation of air freight services are part of plans drawn up by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to foster economic cooperation and growth.

Under the agreements, unlimited fifth freedom rights, allowing member countries the right to fly to other capital cities, will be in place by 2010. By 2015, all of ASEAN will be a unified aviation market, a statement said.

“Air transport is a vital component of the proposed ASEAN economic integration because it would allow exchange of people, it would facilitate trade and cultural exchange,” said Porvenir Porciuncula, deputy director of Manila’s Civil Aeronautics Board.

ASEAN groups Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos.

Pakistan bomber kills 17 pro-government tribesmen

KAR (Pakistan), 6 Nov— A suicide bomber attacked a gathering of anti-militant Pakistani tribesmen Thursday, killing 17 in a northwestern region where the military has clashed with insurgents for months, officials said.

A purported spokesman for a little-known Taliban-linked group claimed responsibility.

The attack in the Batmalai area of the Bajur tribal region was the latest to target tribal militias that have sprung up — with government backing — to take on al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters nested along the Afghan border.

Pakistan launched an offensive in Bajur three months ago to dismantle what it said was a virtual Taliban mini-state from where militants were flowing into Afghanistan.

The Salarzai tribesmen were preparing to stage an assault on local militant hide-outs when the blast occurred, said Iqbal Khattak, a government official. Malik Rahimullah, a tribal elder, said the bomb exploded as soon as armed contingents began to move.

He and officials initially said it appeared that a remote-controlled bomb was used, but later Khattak said mutilated body parts of an apparent suicide bomber were found, and that witnesses said they saw a young man rushing into the crowd before the explosion.

New detergent washes away stains of murder

MADRID, 6 Nov— Researchers found that new washing powders and other chemicals that generate oxygen rather than use chlorine erase telltale traces of haemoglobin.

A new generation of cleaning products could help criminals get away with murder by making bloodstains invisible to forensic tests, Spanish researchers said on Wednesday.

A team at the University of Valencia found that new washing powders and other chemicals that generate oxygen rather than use chlorine erase telltale traces of haemoglobin, the protein inside blood that transports oxygen around the body.

Police often rely on blood-spattered clothing to link a murderer to a crime. Even after 10 washes, forensic experts have been able, up to now, to identify blood using a cocktail of chemicals to unmask the stains.

But new detergents like Reckitt Benckiser’s ‘Vanish’ that contain the active ingredient sodium carbonate peroxycarbonate produce a fizz of oxygen bubbles that degrade blood even though the stain may remain visible to the naked eye, according to the study published in the German journal Naturwissenschaften and reported in the New Scientist.

Pakistan sets death penalty for “cyber terrorism”

ISLAMABAD, 6 Nov—Causing death through “cyber terrorism” will be punishable by death in Pakistan, according to a decree issued by President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday.

The Prevention of Electronic Crimes law will be applicable to anyone who commits a crime detrimental to national security through the use of a computer or any other electronic device, the government said in the ordinance.

“Whoever commits the offence of cyber terrorism and causes death of any person shall be punishable with death or imprisonment for life,” according to a copy of the ordinance, published by the state-run APP news agency.

The law will apply to Pakistanis and foreigners, whether living in Pakistan or abroad.

The ordinance listed several definitions of a “terroristic act” including stealing or copying, or attempting to steal or copy, classified information necessary to manufacture any form of chemical, biological or nuclear weapon.

As celebrations end, Obama faces slew of troubles

“Even as we celebrate Tuesday, we know the challenges that tomorrow will bring are the greatest of our lifetime—two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century,” he said. With the economy foremost in the minds of many Americans, Obama will not only have to deal with the $700 billion bailout package passed by Congress and signed by President Bush, but a debate over just how to retool the US financial regulatory system, too.

His first days as President-elect were no indication that this stuff’s going to be easy: Yesterday brought a stock-market nosedive and more bad news about vanishing jobs.
CLAMS DAY NOTICE
MV OCEAN LOHAS VOY NO (13)
Consigenees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN
LOHAS VOY NO (13) are hereby notified that the vessel
will be arriving on 7.11.2008 and cargo will be
discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT
AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee’s risk
and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions
of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am
to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now
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New Caribbean tropical
depression threatens Cuba
MIAMI, 6 Nov —The 17th tropical depression of the
2008 Atlantic hurricane season formed on Wednesday
and was expected to strengthen into a storm or per-
haps even a hurricane on a path that could threaten the
Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Cuba, US forecasters
said. The depression, which would be called Tropical
Storm Elida when its top sustained winds reach 39
miles per hour (64 kph), was 115 miles (185 km) south-
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Kenya declares holiday
to salute Obama
NAIROBI, 6 Nov—The Kenyan government has
declared a public holiday on Thursday to celebrate
Barack Obama the US President-elect for winning the
historic American elections. A statement from President
Kibaki said Kenyans will take a day off to mark the
historic election of Obama to the most powerful office
on earth. Kibaki’s statement came as Kenyans had
already started to celebrate Obama’s victory with song
and dance breaking out in Kibera, Nairobi and Kogelo,
the US President-elect ancestral home as soon as US
media projected the Democrat’s victory. Song and
dance in several other towns and residents greet news
of US President-elect Obama as his rival Republic
John McCain conceded defeat.—MNA/Xinhua

Israeli Army arrests 13 Palestinians
in West Bank, Gaza
GAZA, 6 Nov—Israeli
forces arrested 13 Pale-
stinians in separate raids
in the occupied West Bank
and in the Hamas-con-
trolled Gaza Strip,Pale-
stinian sources said on
Wednesday.
Six of the detainees
were arrested in raids that
the Israeli Army regularly
launches in the West Bank,
the sources said. Five were
arrested in Hebron and one
in Jericho. Israeli sources
said the six were wanted
by the Israeli intelligence.
Meanwhile, seven Palestinians were arrested
when the Israeli forces rolled into central Gaza
Strip and killed six Hamas
fighters in significant
violation of a June
ceasefire. Witnesses
said that Israeli Army
bulldozers destroyed two
houses, near the border
fence between Israel and
Gaza in the east of Deir al-
Balah City, and arrested
seven members of al-
Hamaida family that owns
the houses.

Google T-Mobile Gl
mobile telephones are
seen on display at a
T-Mobile store in New
York City in this 22 Oct,
2008 file photo.

INTERNET

Sharks are displayed at Lampulo fish market at
Indonesia’s Aceh Province recently.
INTERNET

Thailand to host ASEAN summit
in Chiang Mai
BANGKOK, 6 Nov —
Thailand’s Prime Minister
Somchai Wongsawat said
Wednesday that Thailand
is ready to host the
Association of South-East
Asian Nations (ASEAN)
summit in December at
a venue in the country’s
northern province of
Chiang Mai instead of
Bangkok, in order to avoid
possible security problems
from the political strife
centred in Bangkok.
Due to differences of
ideas in politics, Somchai
said, “we decided to move
the meeting venue from
the capital city of Bangkok
to the northern province
of Chiang Mai which is
ready in terms of tra-
velling, accommodation,
and providing security”. During the ASEAN
summit, the government
will declare public
holidays for schools to
relieve traffic congestion.
Somchai asked all
Thais to be good hosts
and to refrain from any action
that will lead to conflict
during the meeting, which
will be watched by the
world. The success of the
meeting will also create
confidence in Thailand
among the world
community, he added.
The ASEAN summit
is scheduled to take place
15-18 December. The ten
ASEAN member states
are Brunei, Cambodia,
Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia,
Myanmar, the
Philippines, Singapore,
Thailand and Vietnam.

INTERNET

Nepal to ban smoking
in public places
KATHMANDU, 6 Nov—The Nepali Government is
preparing to introduce a law to ban smoking in public
places, the nepalnews.com reported on Thursday.
“Places for smoking will be designated. If anyone
smokes outside such designated places, he/she will
be fined,” said Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister
Bamdev Gautam.
“We are soon bringing a law to this effect,” he was
quoted by the website as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

INTERNET

John McCain conceded defeat.—
Mike Keating/Reuters

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Half of extensively drug-resistant TB patients die

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov — The hardest-to-treat form of tuberculosis kills half the people who get it, according to a South Korean study that is one of the few to track survival rates from the condition called extensively drug-resistant TB. Tuberculosis is an infectious bacterial disease typically attacking the lungs. Increasing numbers of cases of TB that defy standard medical treatment are appearing worldwide.

The study tracked 1,407 patients with two categories of TB: multidrug resistant TB, or MDR-TB, which resists at least one of the two main TB drugs, and extensively drug-resistant TB, or XDR-TB, which defies nearly all drugs used to treat TB. Forty-nine percent of those with XDR-TB died compared to 19 percent of patients with ordinary MDR-TB, researchers led by Dr. Tae Sun Shim of Asan Medical Centre in Seoul wrote on Thursday in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

The patients were diagnosed between 2000 and 2002 and were followed for up to seven years, the researchers said. About 5 percent of the patients had XDR-TB.

D’Arcy Richardson of the Seattle-based nonprofit group PATH, which supports public health efforts in about 70 nations, called the findings important. But she noted XDR-TB patients today likely would get more aggressive drug treatment than was given to the patients tracked in this study. “We have so little information on XDR-TB to begin with,” Richardson, who wrote a commentary accompanying the study, said in a telephone interview.

Migraines cut breast cancer risk 30 percent

CHICAGO, 6 Nov — In a puzzling twist, women who have a history of migraine headaches are far less likely to develop breast cancer than other women, U.S. researchers said on Thursday.

The study is the first to look at the relationship between breast cancer and migraines and its findings may point to new ways of reducing a woman’s breast cancer risk, they said. “We found that, overall, women who had a history of migraines had a 30 percent lower risk of breast cancer compared to women who did not have a history of such headaches,” said Dr. Christopher Li of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, whose findings appear in the journal Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention.

Heart failure raises death risk after heart attack

NEW YORK, 6 Nov — While the rate of sudden death after a heart attack has markedly declined since the 1980s, the risk during the first 30 days after an attack is still four times higher than in the general population, new research shows.

The findings suggest that this is mostly related to the presence of heart failure.

Current strategies for predicting sudden death after a heart attack use risk factors that are present at the time of the attack and don’t take into account events that may occur later, such as heart failure, Dr. Veronique L. Roger and colleagues explain in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Roger of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and colleagues studied the risk of sudden death among 2,997 residents of Olmsted county who had a heart attack and survived to hospital discharge between 1979 and 2005. During follow-up through the end of February 2008, there were 282 sudden deaths.

The risk of sudden death following a heart attack declined significantly between 1997 and 2005 compared with the period between 1979 and 1987.

However, the death rate during the first 30 days remained high at 1.2 percent, roughly four times the rate seen in the general population. After 30 days, the risk was not increased.
Wenger ready for do or die United showdown

LONDON, 6 Nov—Arsene Wenger admits Arsenal face a do or die showdown against Manchester United on Saturday as his spluttering side try to keep their Premier League title hopes alive.

After failing to win their last two league matches against Tottenham and Stoke, Wenger’s men trail leaders Chelsea by six points and desperately need a victory at the Emirates Stadium this weekend.

Defeats to Stoke, Hull and Fulham have left the Gunners playing catch-up in the league and the Arsenal boss knows a loss to bitter rivals United would leave their title challenge in tatters.

“I will not tell you that the game is not important. It is a massive game with a massive importance for us,” Wenger said. “We play every three days at the moment and every game is massive.”

Manchester United versus Arsenal is always a special one but we know for us it is vital to do well in the big games now. I’m confident we will.”

Arsenal will go into the must-win clash on the back of a miserable run of three games without a victory after Wednesday’s frustrating goalless draw against Fenerbahce in the Champions League.—Internet

Bayern close in on second round with Fiorentina draw

FLORENCE, 6 Nov—Bayern Munich have one foot in the Champions League knock-out stages after a come-from-behind 1-1 draw at Fiorentina here on Wednesday night.

Adrian Mutu gave the hosts a deserved first half lead but Tim Borowski was left unattended in the home box after the break to slot home the equaliser.

Bayern join Lyon, 2-0 winners against Steaua Bucharest, on eight points at the top of the table with Fiorentina, on three, needing a minor miracle to qualify for the second round with just two games remaining in Group F.—Internet

Celtic’s forward Scott McDonald (right) celebrates scoring against Manchester United during their UEFA Champions League Group E football match at Celtic Park in Glasgow.—Internet

Ferguson promises United boost to Celtic cause

GLASGOW, 6 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson believes Manchester United could pave the way for Celtic to join his side in the knockout stages of the Champions League after Scott McDonald kept the Scottish champions’ hopes alive in Group E.

The United boss had to endure a tense evening at Celtic Park on Wednesday before Ryan Giggs’s late equaliser cancelled out Australia striker McDonald’s sublime first-half strike to leave the two sides tied at 1-1.

That ensures United will advance to the last 16 barring the inconceivable combination of a defeat in Villarreal in two weeks time being followed by a four-goal defeat at home to Aalborg in their final match.—Internet

Barcelona’s Iniesta faces up to eight weeks out

MADRID, 6 Nov—Barcelona’s Spanish international midfielder Andres Iniesta could be out for as long as eight weeks after he tore a muscle in his right leg, the club’s doctor said Wednesday.

Iniesta got hurt during his team’s 1-1 Champions League draw with FC Basel on Tuesday.

Club doctor Ricard Pruna said on Barcelona’s website: “To treat this injury calmly no one can do it in less than six weeks. I would put the recovery period at between six and eight weeks for him to be able to play again without ever being bothered again by this injury.”

Club officials had initially indicated that Iniesta would be out of action for six weeks. Doctors are now calling for a longer recovery period after the 24-year-old underwent further tests on Wednesday.

“The injury to Andres is the bad news from the game,” Barcelona president Joan Laporta said after the match.—Internet

Bayern’s German’s forward Miroslav Klose (L) fights for the ball with Fiorentina’s Brazilian midfielder Felipe Melo (C) and defender Dario Dainelli during their Group F Champion’s League football match at Florence’s Artemio Franchi Stadium.—INTERNET

Juventus’ forward Alessandro Del Piero (R) celebrates his second goal against Real Madrid during their Champions League football match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. June won 2-0.—INTERNET

Juventus boss Fabio Capello and Real Madrid’s Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho receive the Community Shield trophy at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday night. Mourinho’s men beat Mark Hughes’s side 1-0 after extra time.—INTERNET

Bayern Munich’s Miroslav Klose celebrates scoring against Fiorentina during their UEFA Champions League Group F football match at the Allianz Arena in Munich.—INTERNET

Juve in control as Del Piero proves Real nemesis again

MADRID, 6 Nov—Alessandro Del Piero proved Real Madrid’s tormentor in chief once again scoring both goals as Juventus defeated the Spanish champions 2-0 on Wednesday to book their place in the Champions League last 16.

The 33-year-old scored in Juventus’ 2-1 win over Real in Turin and an impressive brace at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium helped the Italians beat the record nine-time European champions for the second time in a fortnight.—INTERNET

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Gamba Osaka ready to debunk Japanese football myth

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It was “tight defence” which helped fellow J-League side Urawa Red Diamonds to last year’s title, midfielder Yasuhito Endo, who scored a goal and set up another in the AFC Champions League final first leg here on Wednesday.

“I want to see the next match go on like the first leg,” Brazilian striker Lucas drew first blood in the 37th minute before setting up the second goal for Endo six minutes later.—Internet

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Barcelona’s Spanish international midfielder Andres Iniesta could be out for as long as eight weeks after he tore a muscle in his right leg, the club’s doctor said Wednesday.

Iniesta got hurt during his team’s 1-1 Champions League draw with FC Basel on Tuesday.

Club doctor Ricard Pruna said on Barcelona’s website: “To treat this injury calmly no one can do it in less than six weeks. I would put the recovery period at between six and eight weeks for him to be able to play again without ever being bothered again by this injury.”

Club officials had initially indicated that Iniesta would be out of action for six weeks. Doctors are now calling for a longer recovery period after the 24-year-old underwent further tests on Wednesday.

“The injury to Andres is the bad news from the game,” Barcelona president Joan Laporta said after the match.—Internet
Attacked jogger takes fox for run

ARIZONA, 6 Nov—Arizona jogger had an unwelcome companion on a recent run—a fox, hanging on to her arm by its teeth. The rabid animal had attacked her foot and then as she grabbed its neck, it bit her arm and would not let go. She ran a mile to her car, where she managed to free herself, wrap the fox in a shirt and throw it in the boot. It later bit an animal control officer and both jogger and vet received anti-rabies injections, and the fox was confirmed as carrying the disease.

The woman, from Chino Valley south of the Grand Canyon, had been running for a mile when she came across the fox in a clearing. Although it did not initially appear aggressive, the animal attacked her feet as she backed away, before moving up towards her knee. When she grabbed the fox by the neck, it closed its jaws around her arm and would not let go. She ran to her car and managed to free herself and trap the fox in the boot, before driving to a local medical centre.—Internet

World War I veteran dies aged 108

SYDNEY, 6 Nov—One of the five remaining veterans of World War I has died at the age of 108, it has been announced. Sydney Maurice Lucas was born in Leicester on 21 September 1900. He was among the last batch of conscripts to be called up in 1918. The Armistice meant he escaped the horror of the trenches but went on to serve in World War II. He died on 4 November in his home town near Melbourne in Australia where he moved in 1928. He was just 17 when he was drafted into the Sherwood Foresters in August 1918. He was trained in Derby and then Catterick in Yorkshire but when the war ended he was sent home before he had to leave for France. In 1928 he, like many other Britons, emigrated to Australia in search of a better life. In June 1940 he volunteered for the Australian army and was posted to a machine gun company. He sailed to Palestine where Australian forces were being prepared to travel to Greece which had been invaded by German and Italian troops. But, he was again destined not to see active service after an attack of appendicitis prevented him travelling with his battalion which left without him in April 1941. He returned to Australia on board the liner Queen Mary, as part of an operation guarding Italian and German prisoners of war and was discharged from the army in November 1941, on the grounds of ill health. For many years he led the local Anzac Day parade in his home town on the Mornington Peninsula near Melbourne. He attributed his long life to moderate consumption of alcohol.—Internet

Mr Lucas led the annual Anzac Day parade in his adopted town.—Internet

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With respect to its territories, the Government of the Union of Myanmar is taking measures in conformity with the international laws. So Myanmar rejected the mistakenly-made demand of Bangladesh. Moreover, in order to protect interests of the country in line with the international laws, Myanmar will continue to do the work in Block No. AD-7 till its completion, it is learnt.

INTERNATIONAL

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