Harvesting of 10-acre monsoon paddy demonstrated in Dawei District

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov – Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo on 7 November viewed demonstration on harvesting of monsoon paddy with the use of farm equipment at the 10-acre field of Farmer U Tin Win in Thabyechaung village of Dawei District and inspected high yielding paddy strains displayed at the agriculture education booth of Myanmar Agriculture and Irrigation at Khabaunghla.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye looked into demonstration on direct seedling method at the farmland of Farmer Daw Kyar Nyunt of Thabyechaung village, demonstration on construction of Sluice Gate being carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at Khabaunghla creek and Technological University (Dawei).

Alonso wants to win trophies with Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, 11 Nov— Xabi Alonso is not planning about a move away from Liverpool and his good form also means manager Rafa Benitez is also happy with the midfielder, who was fiercely linked with a move out of Anfield in the summer.

The 26-year-old was lacklustre last season and saw himself fall behind Javier Mascherano and Lucas in the pecking order, but ever since the summer where he was part of Spain’s European championship winning squad, Alonso has given consistently good performances.

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Henry dismisses exit rumours

BARCELONA, 11 Nov—Thierry Henry has dismissed reports linking him with Chelsea and has pledged to stay at Barcelona in the 2007 summer, but has been linked with a return to England due to his struggle at Camp Nou to get regular football and at being played in wide position than his favoured centre-forward role.

“I am very clear about this and I am happy here. I do not see myself playing in England. I could maybe do some great things in England, but I have not won anything with Barça and I have to stay,” the 31-year-old told Catalan television’s Hora Q programme.

“It is not that I really want the Champions League, it is because I want to win the league and Copa del Rey”.

“I am happy, yes. I have said so many times. I like the city, the food and the climate.

Henry, who has a legendary status with his former club Arsenal where he is the all-time leading goal-scorer for the north London outfit, also claimed that he has accepted the difference in the role he has to play at Camp Nou where Cameroon ace Samuel Eto’o plays in the central striker position.

“I do not want to enter into this debate again. At Arsenal that coach asked me to do different things. I used to run in behind the defence and here they want me out wide,” he added.
**Hear Samaññaphala Sutta on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon**

The Myanmar month “Tazaungmon” falls in the transitional period between the rainy season and the cold season. In the period, it is neither very hot nor very cold, and creeks, rivers, seas and oceans keep serene because there are no strong winds. And in the paddy fields, paddy grains become mature in the period. It is more pleasant and brighter on the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon than full moon day of any other month. The sky is very clear and all stars appear in the sky at night in the month of Tazaungmon.

At sunset of a Tazaungmon Fullmoon Day, King Ajatasat of Rajagjo paid homage to the Lord Buddha and asked Him for an appropriate sermon. In response to the request, the Buddha expounded the sermon on Samaññaphala Sutta, which means the benefits of attaining monkhood.

Since he heard the sermon on the benefits of attaining monkhood, the king had taken refuge and had deepest belief in the Three Gems. Referring to the expounding of the sermon of Samaññaphala Sutta, Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon is designated as Samaññaphala Day.

Since the time of the Exalted One, Buddhists have been celebrating the Kathina robe offering ceremony in the month of Tazaungmon. A monk who is offered Kathina robes can enjoy five kinds of benefits from the donation of Kathina robes, and donors can enjoy the benefits of offering Kathina robes to members of the Sangha.

Buddhists are, therefore, exhorted to hear the sermon of Samaññaphala Sutta, offer Kathina robes, and practise meditation on the sermon of Samaññaphala Sutta. A monk who is offered Kathina robes can enjoy five kinds of benefits from the donation of Kathina robes, and donors can enjoy five kinds of benefits from the donation of Kathina robes.

To enjoy fruitful results of good deeds on the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon, in order to enjoy fruitful results of good deeds in this very life and in the future existences, no matter if it is the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon or any other month, the donors can enjoy the benefits of offering Kathina robes, and donors can enjoy five kinds of benefits from the donation of Kathina robes.

A delegation of MFPTMA being seen before departure for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.—UMFCCI

**People’s Desire**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**Myanmar and Bangladesh held to goalless draw in debut of 3rd Grand Royal Challenge Cup**

Before the match, the 3rd Grand Royal Challenge Cup for 2008 started with entertainment program. Footballers from both teams led by referees took positions on the pitch. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig. Gen Thura Aye Myint, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Major General AR Rokonuddawala, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and IBTC Managing Director U Aung Moe Kyaw greeted footballers from both teams.

Present at the opening ceremony were officials of the Ministry of Sports, the President of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation and members, MFF President U Zaw Zaw and executives, officials of IBTC, guests and football enthusiasts.

**Mandalay medical students to hold ceremony of paying respects and get-together**

YANGON, 11 Nov—Old students who had attended Mandalay Institute of Medicine from 1983 to 1993 will hold a ceremony of paying respects to their elderly teachers in conjunction with a get-together at Sedona Hotel of Mandalay on 28 December 2008.

Elderly teachers and old students have been invited to attend the ceremony.
US troops kill 14 Afghans in disputed encounter

KABUL, 11 Nov—American soldiers shot and killed 14 security guards after an encounter in eastern Afghanistan, and the Afghan president said Monday he feared the deaths would only dis-credit his own government in the eyes of its peo-
ple. The US coalition said its troops shot at three ve-
hicles carrying armed men in the eastern Khost prov-
ince Sunday only after its occupants opened fire on
their forces.

"There were secondary explosions in the vehicles, and 14 armed men were
killed. Numerous ammu-
nition belts and small-arms
weapons were recovered
from the vehicles," a state-
ment from the US military
said Monday.

The military said it has
launched a joint investiga-
tion with Afghan authori-
ties. President Hamid
Karzai, in a statement is-
sued Monday, said those killed were private secu-

ety guards working for a
road construction com-
pany.

"Carrying out such at-
tacks will only expand the
gap between the people
and the government of
Afghanistan, as well as
between Afghanistan and
its international allies," Karzai said.

The US has been
blamed in a number of ci-
vilian deaths that the Af-
ghan government com-

pains undermine Karzai's standing and turn
ordinary Afghans against
American and NATO

troops.—INTERNET

Washington seeks new approach in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—President-elect Barack Obama plans to try a more regional ap-
proach to the war in Af-

ghanistan including possi-
ble talks with Iran, The
Washington Post reported on Tuesday, citing na-
tional security advisers to

Obama. The president-elect also intends to move ahead with a planned de-
ployment of thousands of
additional US troops to
Afghanistan and refocus on the hunt for al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, the newspaper reported. However, the Obama
team is far from working out how to bring bin Laden back to the fore-
front of the US counter-
terrorism agenda, The
Washington Post re-
ported.

Obama received his first high-level intelli-
gece briefing as presi-
dent-elect last week.

While emphasizing the
importance of continuing US operations against Pa-
kistan-based Taliban fighters who attack US forces in Afghanistan, the incoming administration intends to remind Ameri-
cans about the fight against Islamist extrem-
ists and the September 11 attacks, the newspaper said.—INTERNET

Bombs kill two, wound
15 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov—Iraqi police say two roadside bombs have exploded in quick succession during the morning rush hour in Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 15 others.

Security officials say one bomb blew up early Tues-
day near a truck delivering newspapers on Palestine Street in the Shiah eastern section of the Iraqi capital. The second blast struck a line of newspaper ven-
dors waiting nearby to collect the papers to supply
neighbourhood newsstands. It was not immediately clear how many people were killed in each blast but authorities say the total number of dead is two and that 15 were wounded.—INTERNET

Two anti-Qaida fighters killed, 18 injured in suicide attack
in NE Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov—Two Awakening Council group fighters were killed and 18 people injured in a suicide attack on Monday at a checkpoint in the city of Baquba, capital of the volatile province of Diyala, a provincial police source said.

The incident occurred shortly before midday when a woman blew up her explosive-vest at a checkpoint manned by Awakening Council fighters in central Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

One of the killed was identified later as Ahmed al-
Azawi, a head of the Awakening Council groups in the city, the source said, adding that the wounded were fighters and civilians.

The powerful blast also caused damages to several nearby shops and civilian cars, the source said.

Iraqi security forces immediately sealed off the main roads leading to the scene and began to evacuate the casualties, he added.

INTERNET

Pakistani militants stand in front of a military vehicle after hijacking it in Khayber region on 10 Nov, 2008. Militants in northwest Pakistan hijacked 13 trucks carrying supplies for Western forces in Afghanistan on Monday as they passed through the Khyber Pass, a government official said.—INTERNET

Iraqis inspect at the debris of several restau-
rants following a twin bombing when a car first
detonated in the Sunni
district of Adhamiyah in
Baghdad. At least 28
people were killed,
including women and
schoolgirls, and dozens
wounded in a triple
bombing in a Baghdad
market on Monday, the
deadliest attack to rock
the Iraqi capital in
months, security officials
said.—INTERNET

Nine-year-old Abdullah Mohammed is helped by a
medic in a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 Nov,
2008.—INTERNET

Afghan men look at a vehicle which was damaged in a gunfight in Khoni
Khowar in Khost province on 10 Nov, 2008. The governor of the eastern
province of Khost said an air strike killed 14 Afghan security guards working
for a road construction project.—INTERNET
The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) council meeting will be held at the end of November, it was announced on Monday. The council meeting will include Syrian nuclear activities in its agenda, and the IAEA high ranking official confirmed to Xinhua in Vienna on Monday that this will be the first time for IAEA to include Syrian nuclear activities in the topics for discussion, which suggests IAEA may query the purpose of Syrian nuclear activities.

Meanwhile reports here said that IAEA has found some doubtful points yet to clarify at the establishment which was blow down by Israel in 2007. Some reports even suggested that IAEA has already found evidence for Syria’s secret development of nuclear weapons.

The United States provided IAEA intelligence this May, confirming Israel's accusation. This establishment would be for developing nuclear explosive material Plutonium and put into operation shortly, according to the US intelligence.

The victims are a 65-year-old woman, a little girl aged 13 and her 38-year-old mother, Albania’s TV network News 12 reported on Monday. Rescue workers on Monday dug out three bodies from the rubble of the collapsed building in Gjirokastra, 225 kilometres south of the capital city of Tirana.

The victims were a 65-year-old woman, a little girl aged 13 and her 38-year-old mother, Albania’s TV network News 24 said.

The five-story building partially collapsed on Sunday morning. More than 20 people have also been injured in the collapse.

A maritime official says the ship was heading to Asia when it was seized Monday in the Gulf of Aden by pirates armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade launchers. The ship was seized Monday in the Gulf of Aden.

Amman, 11 Nov — Noël Choong of the International Maritime Bureau says the ship was seized Monday by pirates near Somalia.

The attack comes despite increased international cooperation to crack down on pirates in the Gulf of Aden.

Rising health costs drive Americans to seek medical treatment overseas

Los Angeles, 11 Nov — Rising health costs and dwindling insurance coverage are driving hundreds of thousands of Americans to travel far to seek crucial treatment overseas in order to avoid potentially devastating medical bills, a newspaper report said Monday.

Although there is little data on the safety of such medical travels, there is no question that the number of patients considering foreign treatment is increasing, according to the US intelligence.

“Rising health costs drive Americans to seek medical treatment overseas,” said the Sacramento Bee.

To fight terrorism, it is important to deliver the Message of Islam that is based on moderation and rejection of extremism, was quoted as saying.

He called on media leaders to help spread awareness against terrorism and promote the true values of the Muslim faith.

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An old man was injured in the collapse on Monday.

Palestinian militants to fire into Israel in Gaza city on 9 Nov, 2008. — Internet

Two Palestinian students walk past graffiti showing home-made rockets used by Palestinian militants to fire into Israel in Gaza city on 9 Nov, 2008. — Internet

A passenger looks at an Alitalia crew boarding a plane in Brindisi Airport. Protests by pilots and cabin crew at Italy’s ailing airline Alitalia against new labour contracts proposed by the Italian investor group set to take over the carrier caused flight delays on 10 Nov, 2008. — Internet

Jordan’s king calls for firm stance against terrorism

Amman, 11 Nov — Jordan’s King Abdullah II has called for a firm stance against terrorism, local daily The Jordan Times reported on Monday.

The king made the call at a meeting of chief editors from major dailies in the country on Sunday on the third anniversary of the hotel blasts in the capital Amman that claimed dozens of lives.

The meeting was attended by leaders from the Muslim League and other organizations. A series of blasts occurred in three hotels frequented by Westerners in Amman on 9 Nov, 2005, claiming dozens of lives and over a hundred injured.

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Iran: Talks show US-backed peace process’ failure

Teheran, 11 Nov — Iran’s foreign ministry says the Mideast Quartet meeting last weekend in Egypt proves that the US initiative for peace in the region has failed.

After Sunday’s gathering in Sharm el-Sheikh, both Israel and the Palestinians pledged to continue the peace process that President Bush launched last November in Annapolis, Md. But the year-end target for a deal appears unlikely to be met.

Iranian ministry spokesman Hasan Qashqavi says the meeting spelled the “failure of Annapolis” and was just another in 19 Mideast trips by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

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Pirates seize Philippines ship near Somalia

Kuala Lumpur, 11 Nov — A maritime official says pirates have hijacked a Philippines chemical tanker with 23 crew members near Somalia.

Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau says the ship was seized Monday in the Gulf of Aden by pirates armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

This brought the number of attacks this year in the African waters to 83, with 33 ships hijacked. Choong says 12 remain in the hands of pirates along with more than 200 crew members.

The attack comes despite increased international cooperation to crack down on pirates in the Gulf of Aden.
Industrial employment in Brazil grows 0.1% in September

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Nov—The industrial employment rate in Brazil grew 0.1 percent in September compared with August, and was up 2.2 percent year-on-year, according to a monthly employment study released by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) Monday.

The year-on-year employment rate in the industrial sector rose 2.7 percent from January to September 2008. From October 2007 to September 2008, the rate registered a 2.9-percent growth compared with the previous 12 months.

The sectors which enjoyed the highest growth in employment rate were machinery and equipment, up 10.2 percent, electronics and communication devices, which also rose 10.2 percent, and transportation, with an 8.2 percent increase.

The highest increases were registered in the states of Sao Paulo, with 2.6 percent, Minas Gerais, with 5.2 percent, and Rio Grande do Sul, 3.3 percent. However, employment in the wood and clothing industries suffered the sharpest reduction, falling by 11.3 percent and 7.1 percent respectively.

Salary indicators of Brazilian workers grew 2.7 percent in September compared with August and were up 7.9 percent from the same period last year. —Xinhua

EU FMs agree to resume negotiations with Russia

BRUSSELS, 11 Nov—Foreign ministers from the European Union’s 27 nations decided here on Monday to relaunch suspended negotiations with Russia despite opposition by Lithuania.

“We have found a good way to proceed,” said EU External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner after emerging from a meeting of EU foreign ministers.

“We think it is time to resume the talks,” said the commissioner, adding that no date was set.

A mandate that the EU’s executive Commission has to restart the negotiations on a new Cooperation and Partnership Agreement with Russia doesn’t need a consensus among all the 27 EU members.

“Twenty-six out of 27 is not so bad as a majority and secondly it was not necessary to vote,” said French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, whose country is holding the EU presidency, because of the commission’s mandate.

Six die in Brazil car accident

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Nov—Six people, four of them teenagers, were killed Sunday in a violent accident in Sao Carlos, southeastern Brazil, when the car they traveled in fell from a viaduct and slammed into a concrete wall.

The accident took place on the Washington Luis Highway, about 200 km away from Sao Paulo. The federal highway police said the driver tried to overtake, but lost control of the Chevrolet Monza car. According to the officers, the car crossed the lanes and fell from a viaduct, “flew” for about 30 meters, crashed violently into a concrete wall, and fell upside down on the road below.

The vehicle was completely destroyed. All six people in the car died on the spot. —Xinhua

Major gas exporters to meet in Doha this week

TEHERAN, 11 Nov—Iran, Qatar and Russia, three major gas exporters, will hold a new round of talks on gas cooperation later this week in the Qatari capital of Doha.

The three countries are going to discuss (in Doha) the creation of a Supreme Technical Committee,” the report quoted Reza Kasaezadeh, managing director of National Iranian Gas Export Company, as saying.

The Iranian delegation is scheduled to participate in the talks on Wednesday. Kasaezadeh added.

In October, the senior energy officials of Iran, Russia and Qatar held their first tripartite meeting for gas cooperation in Tehran.

According to IRNA news agency, the three counties discussed in their first meeting the ways to expand the gas fields, to carry out strategic cooperation among three countries in regional and international gas markets and “assist each other in the target markets in light of geopolitical and geophysical considerations.” —Xinhua

China, German ministers call for concerted actions tackling financial turmoil

BERLIN, 11 Nov—Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming and German Economy Minister Michael Glos called on Monday for concerted actions resolving global financial turmoil.

Both ministers believed that US financial crisis had exerted vital impact on global financial market as well as on world economy, according to Chinese diplomats who attended Monday’s meeting, or 14th meeting of the China-Germany joint commission for economic cooperation. Both sides called for concerted actions from all across the world to resolve the crisis, vowing to further cooperation in this regard to safeguard the stability of financial market and real economy at large.—Xinhua

S Korea’s foreign currency savings up in October

SEOUL, 11 Nov—The foreign currency savings of residents in South Korea reached 24.31 billion US dollars in October, up 1.04 billion US dollars from the previous month, the Bank of Korea (BOK) said Tuesday.

“Although individuals put less money into foreign currency deposits, foreign currency savings by residents increased on the back of higher export earnings and local lenders’ efforts to attract foreign currency-denominated deposits,” the BOK said in a statement.

According to the central bank, savings in US dollars rose by 940 million US dollars last month to 20.61 billion US dollars.—Xinhua
Tough year ahead for global travel industry

LONDON, 11 Nov — The global travel and tourism industry is an incredible force to be reckoned with regardless of what the financial tsunami decides to throw at it, Fiona Jeffery, chairman of World Travel Market (WTM) said on Monday.

Speaking at the WTM opening ceremony in east London, she told government ministers, ambassadors, trade association and tourism chiefs that the global industry is robust, diversified, innovative, entrepreneurial, and in most cases financially sound.

“We simply cannot ignore the crumbling collapses that have scared international financial markets in recent weeks”, she said. “We have to face the fact that in some parts of the world in 2009 — certainly here in Western Europe — less package holidays will be sold and those that are, will undoubtedly increase in price.” Recognizing just how tough it is for much of the industry right now, the chairman hoped that during the next four days World Travel Market can contribute positively to helping business plan and reach out to new markets and profit revenues.

“It’s vital that these economic headaches do not mean the industry loses sight of other major industry challenges such as sustainable development, global warming and poverty reduction.”

But the chairman noted that as most governments have signed up to work together for a global approach to address the meltdown in the financial sector, this is also high time for the international travel industry to seek a global approach, and demonstrate co-operative leadership. — Internet

GUATEMALA bus fire “a mass murder”

MEXICO CITY, 11 Nov — Guatemalan general prosecutor said Monday that the incident of 16 people found burnt dead inside a bus in eastern Guatemala was “a mass murder,” and not a traffic accident as previously believed.

Amilcar Velazquez told reporters that “this is not an accident... It is a mass murder” committed by a criminal gang on Saturday night, according to reports reaching here from Guatemala City.

The victims — 15 Nicaraguans and one Dutch citizen — were found burnt dead inside a bus on a rural road in the town of La Reforma in the eastern province of Zacapa on Sunday. — Internet

90-year-old living with 3 siblings’ bodies

Police in a Chico- go suburb say a 90- year-old woman apparently has been living in a house with the bodies of three siblings — one of whom may have been dead since the 1980s.

Evaston police Cmdr Tom Guenther says the bodies were found Friday after authorities were called by a senior advocate. Autopsies were planned but Guenther said police do not suspect foul play.

The 90-year-old woman’s was taken to a hospital for an observation. Her identity was not released. The Cook County Medical Examiner’s office identified the dead as Anita Bernstorff, who was last seen alive in May 2008. Frank Bernstorff, not seen alive since 2003, and Elaine Bernstorff, who was last seen alive in the early 1980s. Anita Bernstorff was the eldest, born in 1910.

Man allegedly helps renovate with ‘hot’ property

A man may have won points with his girlfriend by offering to help renovate her home. Police weren’t impressed, however. Authorities say the man stole some of the things he was using in the renovation — including $10,000 worth of cabinets. The 29-year-old man was booked with possession of stolen property.

The St Bernard Parish Sheriff’s Office said he was helping renovate his girlfriend’s home with items that had been reported stolen in at least three burglaries. The items included the cabinets removed from the walls of a home in Violet and carpet cut from the floors.

The sheriff’s office said Thursday that the man could face additional counts of possession of stolen property.

Philippine plane lands safely after pilot suffers stroke

A Philippine captain suffered a mild stroke when piloting a passenger plane and his co- pilot managed to land the carrier safely, with 79 passengers on board, officials said.

Captain Alex Carvajal, who was piloting a Philippine Airlines jet from Manila to Bacolod, suffered pain in his nape and asked co- pilot Donato Cabigo to take over the control when they were 60 kilometres from the destination, the Philippine Daily Inquirer said in an online report. Bacolod is the capital city of the province of Negros Occidental, located in the central Philippines.

The incident did not constitute an emergency as no one was harmed and Cabigo landed the Airbus 320 safely, said Antonio Alfonso, manager of the Bacolod airport.

Passengers said they did not notice anything wrong except for slight turbulence caused by the cloudy weather.

Canada to boost infrastructure to spur economy

OTTAWA, 11 Nov — Canada will speed up infrastructure investment to spur the country’s economy in the face of the global slowdown, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Monday.

“We all agreed, I think, that we should see infrastructure spending accelerated,” Harper told reporters after meeting with premiers and leaders of the country’s 10 provinces and three territories in Ottawa.

“This will help support general economic activity. I am very confident that that is going to occur over the next year,” he said.

Harper also discussed with the regional leaders about pension regulations and the battered manufacture sector in the country, especially the auto sector.

He promised to examine all possibilities to help the auto factories in Ontario and Quebec out.

While other countries have provided funds to bail out financial institutions and industries left crippled by the crisis, the Canadian government has faced criticism for failing to take enough action.

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Myanmar named winner of two awards at China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning

Article, photos: Soe Nyunt (Kyemon)

General Manager U Tint Lwin said that the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry co-staged the booths at the expo; that ICT show was included for the first time, so they took measures for staging a standard booth in that regard; that they inserted steps for development of the communication sector in border areas in order to meet the

Theme of the show; that they presented facts about Yadanabon Myothit Project along with the programmes for Yadanabon Teleport with the aim of attracting foreign investments; that rural telephones to be manufactured by Yadanabon Teleport were on display, and they brought a scale model of a rural house and necessary goods; that in the process, the house was equipped with rural telephones with the use of ICT technology, and programmes for development of communication in the far-flung areas with the use of ICT; that in addition, the booth covered scenic beauties and the essence of Yadanabon Teleport with the use of audiovisual aids; that the booth could draw the attention of the visitors; that their ICT booth was not much grand, but it worked well and won the interest because it was staged in a natural and different style; and that he was proud to have brought honour to the motherland by winning the award.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint said that the federation had represented Myanmar in Nanning expo for five times in a row; that it won two awards along with a sash and an award for having partici-
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Myanmar Perennial and Farms Enterprise and 8-Mile Rubber Research and Reproduction Farm, production process of Palm Oil Factory and cultivation of oil palm and rubber plants of Kaung Htet Co in Oakthayan village-tract in the township and construction of drains and road work being carried out by Public Works near Kyaukshut village.

In Yehya Township, Maj-Gen Tha Aye visited Kaleinaung Station Hospital, Basic Education High School, Development Affairs Department, Immigration and Public Relations Department and Immigration and National Registration Department and inspected maintenance of road section being carried out by Public Works between Mayanchaung village and 60-Mile village.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party left for Ye in Mon State. — MNA

Earthquake report

YANGON, 11 Nov—The opening of Natural Disaster Preparedness and Management Course No.7/2008 jointly-organized by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Relief and Resettlement Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at Yangon University in Kamayut Township here yesterday.

Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and Director-General U Than Do of Relief and Resettlement Department made addresses on the occasion.

A total of 150 trainees are taking the course which will last up to 14 November.

MNA

Minister visits Mann natural gas-fired power plant in Minbu

YANGON, 9 Nov—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein this morning instructed officials to manufacture nutritious products of meat, milk and dairy produce at Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy products Enterprise and Pyinmabin Breeding Farm in Mandalay Township.

Officials reported on their respective sectors.

MNA

Testing of market sample of milk powder and milk products continues

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—The group of safety checks on milk powder and milk products held its 2/2008 meeting at the Ministry of Health here this afternoon.

Leader of the group Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe spoke on the occasion.

Director of Food and Drug Administration Dr Kyaw Lin and Managing Director of Myanmar Medicine and Pharmaceutical Industries U Than Shwe reported on testing of milk powder and milk product by batch for public consumption.

Those present took part in the discussions. The deputy minister spoke of the need to test sample milk powder and milk product sent and those on the market.

He said testing of the milk products contaminated with melamine will be carried out. He pointed out that there may be some differences between the sample on the market and the sample sent.

The meeting ended in the evening.—MNA
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Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, on behalf of Secretary-1 Technology U Thaung, Minister for Science and Management skills.

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In his address, Minister U Thaung said that the special refresher courses for basic education teachers are being opened with the aim of further strengthening goodwill of teachers towards the State and the people, widening the teachers’ scope of knowledge realizing the prevailing situations of global nations and the country of their own, and equipping all the teachers with modern teaching methods and management skills.

The teachers, on their part, are to strive to be in line with the objectives of the courses for nurturing and training the student youths to become the ones on whom the State can rely.

In doing so, they are to equip themselves first with education, knowledge, experience and capability and are to be morally upright, he added.

The government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of an education system that is interactive with changes and developments of Myanmar society or an education system in which modern teaching and learning techniques are being applied to keep abreast of changes and developments of the advanced science and technology, he disclosed.

A branch of studies should be capable of serving the interest of the State and the people. So, also, only a branch of studies which is able to serve an advancing society in a pragmatic way will flourish more and more. The government has created such a golden opportunity in which the branch of studies and the society are interdependent, he stressed.

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In conclusion, the minister stressed the need for all teachers to strive for promotion of national education, development of science and technology and strengthening nationalistic fervour through the education sector, and to strive for successful realization of national education promotion programmes, realizing that only when the new generation youths will be nurtured and trained, will efforts for national development be effective and fruitful.

After the ceremony, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and party cordially greeted trainee teachers.

The five-week course is being attended by 1,305 trainees.

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Minister visits education colleges

YANGON, 11 Nov—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visited Yankin and Thangangyun education colleges here yesterday.

During the tour of Yankin and Thangangyun Education College, the minister inspected the teaching aids of trainees of the diploma courses No. 5/08 and No. 11/06 displayed at the college and encouraged the trainees and students.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein views demonstration of trainees of diploma course on teachship at Yankin Education College. —EDUCATION

MDA educative talks on 16 Nov

YANGON, 11 Nov—Myanmar Dental Association (Central) and 3 Q Dental International Company Limited will organize an educative talk on rubber dam at Panda Hotel in Lannmadaw Township on 16 November.

At the educative talks, Dr U Kyaw Myint will give talks on “How to use Rubber Dam”. Those interested may attend the talks and for more information dial 379552 and 709120.—MNA

YGN University of Medicine (2) to hold respect-paying ceremony

YANGON, 11 Nov—Old students who joined Yangon University of Medicine (2) in 1982, 1983 and 1984 will hold a ceremony to pay respects to their old teachers in conjunction with a get-together at the Dolphin Restaurant here from 9 a.m to 12 noon on 25 January 2009 (Sunday).

The alumni are urged to send their photos and profiles for compiling a documentary booklet not later than 30 November 2008. Those wishing to make donations may contact Dr Soe Min Naing (Ph: 0951 38703), Dr Ye Hlut Oo (095016159), Dr Aye Aye San (0951 14536), Dr Aye Thidar Than (0951 36810), Dr Khin Khin Law (0951 20773), Dr Tin Hlaing (0951 99596), Dr Win Naing Tun (0951 24720), Dr Naing Aye Aye (01 722145), Dr Nyo Me May Thin (0951 99596), Dr Zabei Phyu (0950 14173), Dr Kyaw Min (0951 29042), Dr Aung Myo Tun (0951 95492), Dr Naing Aye (01 722145), Dr Nyo Me May Thin (0951 86437), Dr Zabei Phyu (0950 14173), Dr Kyaw Min (0951 29042), Dr Aung Myo Tun (0951 95492), Dr Naing Aye (01 722145), Dr Nyo Me May Thin (0951 86437), Dr Zabei Phyu (0950 14173), Dr Kyaw Min (0951 29042), Dr Aung Myo Tun (0951 95492), Dr Thant Zin (Toungoo) (0920 57629) or Dr Kyu Kyu Ohn Shein (0951 20190).—MNA

Technological University (Dawei). —MNA
Kyauksauk Dam in Myaing Township transforms croplands to farmlands

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photo: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

On 29 August 2008, Kyauksauk Dam, built by Magway Division Irrigation Department (Maintenance), was inaugurated near Kyauksauk Village of Myaing Township, Pakokku District. Built on Kyauksauk Creek, the earthen embankment measuring 25 feet high and 2,900 feet long can store 509 acre-feet of water at the highest level. Construction of the dam started on 3 August 2007 and it was completed by cent per cent on 23 March 2008. Myaing Township, located in the arid region of central Myanmar, is scarce in water resources. As Kyauksauk Dam has been completed recently, the local people have the opportunity to adequately use the water. Therefore, local farmers who relied on cultivation of crops in the past can transform their fields from the croplands to the farmlands.

Local people have been hoping for getting a dam in their region for many years while the government has been constructing many dams in all regions of the country. At present, they are delighted that their dream has come true. Roads were built for the vehicles and the people in parallel with construction of the embankment of the dam. At present, the local people including students and businessmen enjoy the fruits of better transportation.

Book on international social etiquette in circulation

YANGON, 11 Nov—A book on international social etiquette compiled by Dr Chit has been in circulation. The book carries descriptive writings on living status, traditional introduction, modes of dress, saying good bye, proposing a toast, profound services of hotels and restaurants including informal dinner, invitation, information protocol and others put under 26 chapters.

The aim of the writer is to enable those without knowledge of protocol to have access to people of different strata and to equip them with social etiquette of different nations and races. Copies of the book are available at Thitsa Sarpay and Publishing House at K 3000 per copy.—MNA

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport meets

YANGON, 8 Nov—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Command yesterday.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint made an opening speech which touched upon matters related to enforcement of traffic rules and ensuring secure and smooth transport.

Next, officials of universities and colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of private bus line control committees dealt with matters on ferry, traffic rules, arrangements for safety of passengers and others.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander. MNA

Bacteria in mouth help make certain foods tasty

BERN, 11 Nov—Scientists in Switzerland are reporting that bacteria in the human mouth play a role in creating the distinctive flavors of certain foods. They found that these bacteria actually produce food odors from odorless components of food, allowing people to fully savor fruits and vegetables.

Their study is scheduled for the November 12th edition of the ACS b-weekly Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

In the study, Christian Starkenmann and colleagues point out that some fruits and vegetables release characteristic odors only after being swallowed. While scientists have previously reported that volatile compounds produced from precursors found in these foods are responsible for this ‘retroaromatic’ effect, the details of this transformation were not understood.—Internet
**Medvedev says Russia to boost economic, political ties with Cuba**

**Moscow, 11 Nov —** Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Tuesday that Moscow will advance economic cooperation and political ties with Cuba. “We’ve overcome the pause that appeared in our relations in the past decade and today our contacts are intensive and friendly,” Itar-Tass news agency quoted Medvedev as saying during a meeting with visiting Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque.

Medvedev hailed cooperation between Russia and Cuba in the world arena, saying Cuba has been and remains one of Russia’s “key partners in Latin America.” Medvedev accepted an invitation from the Cuban leadership for an official visit to the Caribbean country and Cuban leader Raul Castro is expected to visit Russia next year, Itar-Tass said.

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**Academicians advise Air Force on strategic, scientific development**

**Beijing, 11 Nov —** China’s Air Force recently invited a group of 24 Chinese academicians to give their advice on its strategic transformation and scientific development.

These academicians, from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE), are all members of the Third Group of Academic Advisors employed by the Air Force in 2006, according to the political department of the Air Force.

In meeting with Air Force officers, the academicians presented their views on a number of key issues like the research and development of the new-generation weapons, the fostering of talented people, the strategic forewarning and monitoring, the protection of major targets, and a full-scale analysis on flight safety.

The Air Force has taken the lead in the People’s Liberation Army to form strategic relations with the country’s top scientists and engineers, according to the sources. In 2006, the Air Force began engaging CAS and CAE academicians specialized mainly in the fields of aviation, missile and radar as advisors.

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**Int'l theater festival begins in Nepal**

**Kathmandu, 11 Nov —** The “Kathmandu International Theater Festival-2008” began in Nepali capital Kathmandu Tuesday. Aarohan Gurukul, a Nepali theater group in Kathmandu, is the main organizer of this play festival which will last on 27 Nov. According to the organizer, beside Nepal, the festival will showcase theater groups from seven different countries such as Denmark, Norway, Britain, the United States, Thailand, Bangladesh and India.

The theater groups will perform plays from their respective countries mostly for the Nepali audience.

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**Pakistan PM concerned about US missile strikes**

**Islamabad, 11 Nov —** Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani told the parliament on Tuesday that Pakistan is concerned about the increasing missile attacks in its tribal areas by the US and NATO drones, and the country’s sovereignty will be safeguarded at all costs.

Pakistan’s tribal areas along the Afghan border have seen increasing missile attacks by US drones targeting Taliban and Al-Qaeda militants, which prompted anger and protest in the country. While speaking to the National Assembly, or lower house of the parliament, Gilani said he had met with the US ambassador and intelligence officials and expressed Pakistan’s concern about these attacks.

“Pakistan’s soil will not be allowed to be used for ground or aerial attacks on any other country,” the official associated press of Pakistan (APP) quoted Gilani as saying.

“Pakistan’s sovereignty and integrity will be safeguarded at all costs,” Gilani said. Reports said that the US drones have carried out 18 strikes in the tribal regions since August.

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**At least three killed in blast in NW Pakistan’s city**

**Islamabad, 11 Nov —** At least three people were killed on Tuesday when a blast occurred near a stadium in northwestern Pakistan’s city of Peshawar, local television reported.

The explosion took place outside Qayyum stadium of Peshawar, local television reported.

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**Nepali audience**

People visit the domestically-made Feitian space suit specially designed for extravehicular activity (EVA) during an exhibition featuring the Shenzhou VII manned space flight at the Military Museum of the Chinese People’s Revolution in Beijing, China, on 11 Nov, 2008.

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Three bodies have been recovered, said private Geo TV channel. Some cars and motorcycles were also destroyed and glass were scattered near the blast site, witnesses said.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast.

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Internally Displaced People (IDPs)’ cover themselves from the rain as they ride the top of a truck which along with dozens of other trucks were escorted in a convoy by UN peacekeepers on their way south on a road traversing the North Kivu town of Kiwanja. The leader of a rebel movement in the Democratic Republic of Congo insisted Monday his forces were respecting a ceasefire.
American tourist slain on sailboat in Venezuela

CARACAS (Venezuela), 11 Nov – An American tourist was shot and killed, and a friend wounded, in an apparent robbery attempt aboard a sailboat near Venezuela’s Caribbean coast, police said Monday.

Kenneth Dale Peters, 55, was shot by armed men who boarded his sailboat to rob him and his passengers Saturday night, authorities said.

Peters apparently tried to defend himself with a baseball bat, police said.

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tors said one suspect was detained Monday in the violence.

Police said he was recovering at a hospital. Prosecutors Saturday night, authorities said.

Deutsche Post blamed its decision on heavy losses in the face of fierce competition in the US from companies such as FedEx and United Parcel Service.

The German logistics giant will also close all of its DHL Express service centers in America and eliminate US-only domestic shipping by land and air, the company said.

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workers cut 9,500 jobs

BERLIN, 11 Nov – Deutsche Post, Europe’s biggest mail carrier, announced Monday it will cut 9,500 jobs from its DHL express mail service in the United States.

The American cuts are expected to reduce operating costs at the US Express unit from 4.2 billion euros (about 1.5 billion US dollars) annually, the company said.

However, the company said the move did not mark a complete withdrawal from America.

DHL’s international express network in the US will continue operating with 3,000 to 4,000 employees.

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Germany dedicated to promoting laser technology

LOS ANGELES, 11 Nov – California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger pledged Monday to further develop laser technology, which he said “has the potential to revolutionize our energy future.”

In addition to its critical role in US national security, one of the most significant potential applications of laser technologies in the area of clean energy, Schwarzenegger said.

He made the remarks during a tour of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, which is building the National Ignition Facility (NIF), the world’s largest laser system.

The NIF is expected to be completed in March 2009.

“If successful, this new endeavor could generate thousands of megawatts of carbon-free nuclear power but without the drawbacks of conventional nuclear plants,” the governor said.

“This type of innovation is why we are a world leader in science, technology and clean energy, and I could not be prouder that this work is happening right here in California.”

The new technology, called Laser Inertial Confinement Fusion-Fission Energy (LIFE), will ignite a fusion reaction when its 192 beams of light all converge in a chamber onto a tiny BB-sized target containing frozen hydrogen gas. In a pulse of energy lasting only a billionth of a second, the atoms inside the target will fuse together, creating a miniature star and igniting a fusion reaction.

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Gov’t wants to change course of forest experiments

DURBAN, 11 Nov – For more than a decade, the federal government has spent millions of dollars pumping elevated levels of carbon dioxide into small groups of trees to test how forests will respond to global warming in the next 50 years. Some scientists believe they are on the cusp of receiving key results from the time-consuming experiments. The US Department of Energy, however, is funding the project, which it says is a significant potential application of laser technologies in the area of clean energy.

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NASA Phoenix Mars mission ends

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov.— NASA’s Phoenix Mars Lander has ceased communications after operating for more than five months, the US space agency reported on Monday.

As anticipated, seasonal decline in sunshine at the robot’s arctic landing site is not providing enough sunlight for the solar arrays to collect the power necessary to charge batteries that operate the lander’s instruments, NASA said in a statement. Mission engineers last received a signal from the lander on 2 Nov. Phoenix, in addition to shorter daylight, has encountered a duster sky, more clouds and colder temperatures as the northern Mars summer approaches autumn.

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Sino-German trade to hit $100 bln this year

BERLIN, 10 Nov.— The trade volume between China and Germany is to surpass 100 billion US dollar this year, it was revealed here on Monday. The figure, announced after the meeting between Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming and German Economy Minister Michael Glos on Monday, has doubled that in 2004. Germany is China’s biggest trading partner and technology exporter in Europe, and the amount of German investment in China ranks second among European countries.

In the meantime, China is Germany’s second-largest trading partner outside of the European Union. According to Chinese diplomats who attended Monday's meeting, the trade volume between the two world-exporting giants stood at 86.7 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, up 29 percent over the same period of last year. — Internet

Congo cholera outbreak spreads amid tense standoff

KIBATI, 11 Nov.— A cholera outbreak in a sprawling refugee camp has spread to eastern Congo’s provincial capital of Goma, increasing fears of an epidemic amid a tense standoff between troops and rebels, officials said. Cholera cases rose slightly Monday in the towns of Goma and Kibati, with at least 90 known cases and six new admissions overnight. Officials with Doctors Without Borders said the cases they were treating were well-contained. Only four new ones were reported at the group’s clinic in Kibati camp.

But dozens of people have died of cholera in recent weeks elsewhere in eastern Congo. Doctors also fear an epidemic behind rebel lines, where access has been limited by fighting and rebels have driven tens of thousands of people from camps where outbreaks had been contained.

Also, refugee conditions in many places continue to worsen. In an unofficial refugee camp set up in Goma for park rangers and their families, some 900 people crowded into plastic tents — some smaller than a sports-utility vehicle — and hungrily eyed six heavy sacks of beans donated by an international Catholic charity. Camp director Christian Shamavu was responsible for safeguarding gorillas and elephants as a ranger at Virunga National Park until a month ago.

"It’s easier to protect gorillas and elephants than people," Shamavu said Monday. “Because the animals don’t have sickness and have to go the hospital.” — Internet

Earthquake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Nov.— A moderate quake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale struck Sumatra Island on Tuesday, but with no report of damage and casualty, local meteorology agency said here. The quake jolted at 08:47 Jakarta time (0146 GMT) with the epicenter at 59 kilometers southwest Bengkulu city, the capital of Bengkulu province and at 27 kilometers in depth, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia sits at a vulnerable zone so called the “Pacific Ring of Fire” where two continental plates, stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia, meet that cause frequent volcanic movements. — Internet

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Leprosy still present in US

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov.— Long believed to be a disease of biblical times, leprosy, also known as Hansen’s Disease, continues to be seen in the United States, a newly-released report available here on Monday shows. Approximately 150 cases are diagnosed each year with 3,000 people in the US currently being treated for leprosy, according to US National Hansen’s Disease Program (NHDP).

“We believe there are more cases of leprosy not identified due to the lack of awareness about the disease among physicians in the US which is leading to misdiagnosis and wrong treatments for patients who are left to suffer with the debilitating damage caused by this disease,” said James Krahenbuhl, Director of the program. Although researchers do not clearly understand how leprosy is transmitted, they do know that it is a slow, chronic disease that attacks the peripheral nervous system and motor skills often leading to disability and disfigurement. According to the NHDP, the onset of infection and symptoms can take three to 10 years, making it difficult for researchers to find the origin of where or how people acquire the disease. Although leprosy can be fully treated with medicine when diagnosed in early stages, once the disease has advanced nerve damage cannot be reversed.

Because many of the population in the US affected by leprosy are immigrants in poor communities who primarily seek treatment in free clinics or emergency rooms, the NHDP says that many of those physicians are not familiar with the disease to make an accurate diagnosis. — Internet

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**SPORTS**

Celtic fit enough to last the footballing pace, says Hartley

**Glasgow, 11 Nov** — Celtic midfielder Paul Hartley says his team mates are fit enough to last the pace as the club enters a hectic period of the season.

The Parkhead side face their fourth game in 11 days on Wednesday when they take on Kilmarnock in their Scottish Premier League clash. Celtic’s injury list continues to mount with managers Gordon Strachan being moaning the fact he was a whole team of players now missing from his squad.

The Hoops made only one change from their Champions League clash against Manchester United for their weekend match against Motherwell, with Mark Brown replacing Artur Boruc in goal as the Polish keeper prepares to undergo knee surgery.

**Celtic’s Paul Hartley during their friendly match against FC Porto in Porto, northern Portugal in late July. Midfielder Hartley says his team mates are fit enough to last the pace as the club enters the hectic period of the season.**

Ajax’s Huntelaar out for six weeks

**THE HAGUE, 11 Nov** — Ajax’s Dutch international striker Klaas Jan Huntelaar, seen here in October 2008, will be out for at least six weeks after tearing ankle ligaments in Sunday’s win over Sparta Rotterdam, the club said Monday.

Huntelaar, 25, had a scan on the injury after the game and his loss will be a major blow to Ajax as he was last season’s league top scorer with 33 goals and had hit another six this term.

He is also a key figure in the Dutch attack with Ruud van Nistelrooy having retired from the international scene.

**Juan Pablo Angel will be out of action for two to three weeks with a thigh injury.**

Real Madrid in talks with Brazilian teenager

**Lisbon, 11 Nov** — Real Madrid are in talks to sign a 16-year-old Brazilian playing with Portugal first division side Rio Ave.

The youngster, Alpino Duarte Brandao, told Portuguese news agency Lusa on Monday; “I really want to play for Real Madrid.

“It’s a dream come true, but I have to keep my feet on the ground. I don’t know when I’m going to arrive in Madrid, I’m going to start playing for Real’s ‘B’ team.”

Alipio, who is a product of Rio Ave’s youth programme, is expected to sign a four year contract with the nine-time European champions.

Two years ago he was spotted by the same sports management company that numbers Jose Mourinho and Cristiano Ronaldo among their clients.

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**Murray eyeing tennis Masters semis**

**Shanghai, 11 Nov** — World number four Andy Murray is eyeing a spot in the Masters Cup semi-finals after winning a see-sawing debut clash against America’s Andy Roddick.

The 21-year-old Briton next plays Gilles Simon in the elite, 4.45-million-dollar season finale following the Frenchman’s shock win over four-time champion Roger Federer.

“The winner of my match with Simon is going to go through to the semis. I guess the chances of me qualifying have gone up pretty significantly after winning the match today,” he said after Monday’s match.

“In terms of winning the group, there’s a good chance I might still have to win two more matches to do that. But to qualify out of a way to win.”

She also proved to have the greater stamina because well before the end Zvonareva, who has clocked up 27 matches since the US Open and played eight tournaments in nine weeks, was spent.

Near the end she collapsed on the ground and burst into sobbing, apparently because of the exhaustion which was diminishing her brilliantly rhythmic ground strokes.

“It was a hard fought match right down to the end,” reckoned Williams, though that hardly looked the case.

“I am so excited. I wanted it so bad.”

**US tennis player Venus Williams returns the ball to Russia’s Vera Zvonareva during the final tennis match of the season-ending WTA Championships in Doha. Williams can look forward to next year with optimism after winning the season-ending WTA Championships to become the first American woman to win the event since sister Serena in 2001.**

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**Tennis ace Nadal out of Davis Cup final**

**Barcelona, 11 Nov** — Spain’s world number one Rafael Nadal on Monday confirmed he will not compete in the Davis Cup final against Argentina this month due to a knee injury. He made the announcement at a press conference in Barcelona after receiving the results of new tests on the tendinitis in his right knee.

‘After a long and very positive season, it pains me to miss the two main objectives of the year, the Shanghai (Masters) and Davis (Cup) final,” he said.

‘This is a difficult time, but I have done everything possible to try and make this final.

‘I am used to playing with pain, but this is a new and different kind of pain, which I can’t manage to control,” he told the press conference, next to the chief doctor of the Spanish Tennis Federation, Angel Ruiz Cotero.”
**Romania’s top carmaker to temporarily halt production**

BUCHAREST, 10 Nov—Romania’s top carmaker Dacia will halt production between 20 Nov-7 Dec, because of the “brutal slump of car markets,” said the company on Monday in a release.

Dacia is forced to halt production in the aforementioned period, following the decline of international and local auto markets, the company said, specifying that the Completely Knocked Down (CKD) production will continue.

**China pledges more dialogue, cooperation with AU**

ADDIS ABABA, 11 Nov—China’s top legislator Wu Bangguo pledged here Monday to further strengthen dialogue and cooperation with the African Union (AU).

China is willing to enhance bilateral communication and coordination on international and regional issues with AU in a bid to push for improvement of China-Africa relations and safeguard the interest of developing countries, said Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of China’s National People’s Congress (NPC), on Monday. Wu visited the headquarters of the pan-African body and held very good talks with Jean Ping, chairperson of the AU Commission.

During their talks, Wu spoke highly of AU’s role on international and regional arena, saying that China has always supported the work of AU and its commission. China and African have enjoyed long-standing friendship over the past several decades, he said, adding that the 2006 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation opened a new page for China-Africa relations. During the two years after the summit, China and African countries made concerted efforts to fully carry out various follow-up activities of the summit, said Wu.—MNA/Xinhua

**US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,193**

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—As of Monday, 10 Nov 2008, at least 4,193 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

**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 11 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (7°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Sagain, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-1°C), Hakka (1°C) and Namsan (3°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkhoungh (1.50) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2008 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-11-2008 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 10-11-2008 was (10.1) hrs approx. Rainfall on 11-11-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (110.31) inches at Mingaladon,(120.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (10.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 10-11-2008.

**Forecast valid until evening of 12th November, 2008:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Mon, Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottana, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong winds may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuing of atmospheric unsettled condition in the South Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay of Bengal.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-11-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR** Wednesday, 12 November, 2008
Jose Mourinho could be back to England with Man City in summer?

José Mourinho could be back to England with Manchester City in the summer, according to reports. The former Chelsea and Inter Milan manager is reportedly the club's first choice as a replacement for under-fire boss Mark Hughes.


The teachers, on their part, are to strive to be in line with the objectives of the courses for nurturing and training the student youths to become the ones on whom the State can rely.