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The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council

The Law Amending the Territorial Sea and Maritime Zones Law
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 8/2008)
The 8th Waxing of Nadaw, 1370 M.E.
(5 December, 2008)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Yang Jiechi and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10 a.m. today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials.

The Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec.—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Yang Jiechi and party of the People’s Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10 a.m. today.
Perpetual existence of rural libraries national concern

A ceremony to hand over the donations of building, cash, media items and publications for self-reliant libraries of villages in Yangon Division was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School, Sagyony Township, Yangon Division on 1 December.

The birth of self-reliant libraries of villages helps broaden the horizons of rural people. As today is the Knowledge Age, the entire people need to be knowledgeable to keep pace with changes and developments. With this end in view, rural libraries have been opened throughout the nation to inculcate rural people with the reading habit.

In the meantime, those responsible are to strive together with the rural people with a sense of duty for perpetual existence of the already-opened rural libraries.

In building a new, modern and developed nation priority is being given to the human resources development and the higher education status of the people. In that regard, rural people need to be well-informed in order to narrow the economic and social gap between rural and urban regions.

Altogether 55,755 rural libraries have so far been opened the length and breadth of the nation.

Concerted efforts are to be made for all-round development of rural libraries by raising funds, increasing the number of publications, ensuring the acquisition of furniture and the maintenance of the reading materials.

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 6 December, 2008

Try to become mediapersons doing best for national interest

* 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

Thailand donates hospital equipment to Myanmar

YANGON, 5 Dec—Marking the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties between Thailand and Myanmar, ESMU of Thailand donated hospital equipment to the Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital of Tanway Township, Yangon East District, at the hospital this morning.

Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag explained the purpose of the donation, and handed over the equipment for Toungoo and Maubin Township People’s Hospitals to Deputy Director General (Disease Control) of the Department of Health Dr U Kyaw Nyunt Sein.

Naing presents gift to Director U Aung Ba Kyu of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and course completion certificates to the trainees.

University of Culture alumni to hold respect-paying ceremony on 4 Jan

YANGON, 5 Dec—Old students of the University of Culture will hold the 8th Respect-Paying Ceremony at Universities Dhammayon in Kamayut Township here on 4 January, 2009 (Independence Day).

Students who graduated from 1997 to 2008 may contact department concerned and Ko Khin Maung Htay (Drama) (Ph: 095191138), Ko Thant Zaw Min Lat Kyu (Sculpture) (Ph: 01559989), Ko Maung Maung Zaw Htet (Music) (Ph: 095166283), Ko Aung Soe Tint (Music) (Ph: 099925657), Ko Ye Aung Thant (Painting) (Ph: 095019884), Ko Zeya Htet and Ko Han Min Aung (Music) (Ph: 01527112 ext: 125), Ko Nyen Chan Oo (Music) (Ph: 095067090), Ko San Naing Phyo Wai (Music) (Ph: 01505711), Ko Shu Maung (Painting) (Ph: 095156262) Ma Nilar Lwin (Drama) (Ph: 095187809) and Ma Hnin Hnin Htay Yi (Music) (Ph: 01724859) to make cash and kind donations.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec — The work efficiency course (2/2008) of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information was concluded at the ministry here this afternoon, with a concluding address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Present on the occasion were departmental heads, deputy directors-general, general managers, directors, officials and course instructors.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the course was conducted with three objectives – (1) to turn out qualified mediamen who serve the best interest of the nation, (2) to maintain the durability of self-reliant village libraries and (3) to promote spiritual development and work efficiency of the staff. He said the third objective is the most important for every staff member of the ministry. So, they are to try to become mediamen who serve the best interest of the nation.

As for the second objective, it is necessary to continue to maintain the durability of the self-reliant village libraries of the nation. He added the third objective is that the staff members are to try to promote their spiritual development as well as their work efficiency.

The minister also called on the staff to organize the people to participate in efforts for development and prosperity of the Myanmar society as long as the world exists.

Next, the minister presented first, second and third prizes to U Phyo Maung Maung of Thabeikkyin Township, Daw Saw Kalaya of Htigyaik Township and Daw Tin Thuzar Hlaing of Moenyo Township. He also presented K 159,000 for the training course.

Afterwards, Director-General of IPRD U Chi
Suicide bombers kill 17 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec — A security pact with a timetable for pulling US forces from Iraq won final government approval Thursday, even as suicide bombers killed 17 people and wounded more than 100. Two Americans were among the dead. The brazen attacks — the deadliest in the heavily guarded city of Fallujah — raised questions about Iraq’s ability to ensure its security as the US scales down its combat role under the newly ratified US-Iraq pact, which calls for an American pullout within three years. Iraq’s three-member presidential council signed off on the pact, removing the last legal barrier so that the agreement can take effect Jan. 1. It also requires American soldiers to leave the cities by the end of June.

Approval by the presidential council came one week after parliament approved the agreement, which was hammered out during months of tough negotiations that at times seemed on the point of collapse. President Bush called Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and President Jalal Talabani to thank them for their work on the pact, the White House said. — Internet

One British soldier dead in S Iraq

LONDON, 5 Dec — British Ministry of Defence said on Thursday that one British soldier died from a gunshot wound in southern Iraq. The soldier was from 9 Regiment Army Air Corps, and “no enemy forces were involved and there is no evidence to suggest that anyone else was involved in the incident,” the ministry said in a statement.

“At approximately 9 am local time a report was received of a soldier who had suffered a gunshot wound. Immediate medical assistance was provided, but sadly the soldier was declared dead at the scene,” said the ministry, adding that next of kin had been informed.

The death has brought the number of British soldiers killed in Iraq since March 2003 to 177. And currently, Britain has deployed about 4,000 troops in southern Iraq.

Suicide attack kills policeman in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Dec — A suicide attacker detonated an explosives-laden vehicle in the entrance of the Afghan intelligence agency’s headquarters on Thursday killing a policeman, officials said.

The explosion took place at the National Directorate of Security (NDS) headquarters in Khosht city, the capital of Khost province, deputy provincial governor Tahir Khan Sabari told AFP. “One policeman was killed in the suicide blast today,” he said. Soon after the attack several armed militants in Afghan army uniform stormed the building. The compound was surrounded by the Afghan police and army.

“Three to four militants in army uniform also entered the building. We don’t know if there was a clash or casualties inside the building or what is happening there now,” Sabari said. No one has immediately claimed responsibility for the suicide blast and the Al-Qaeda-type armed raid of the compound but the Taliban militia forces have claimed responsibility for all such attacks in the past. — Internet

Two policemen killed in NW Pakistan rocket attack

MIRANSARH, 5 Dec — Two policemen and two Taliban militants were killed in a rocket attack and subsequent clashes early Friday in a northwestern Pakistani town, police said.

Militants fired rockets at Purdakhel police station in the garrison town of Bannu, a base for Pakistani military hunting Al-Qaeda-linked Taliban militants in the restive tribal belt bordering Afghanistan.

“Two policemen embraced martyrdom and one was injured after Taliban fired rockets at our police station,” local police station chief Taj Mohammad Khan told AFP.

“Two militants were also killed when police retaliated,” he added.

On Thursday militants struck another police station in Bannu, killing one policeman and injuring three others. Bannu has seen several bombings and rocket attacks blamed on Taliban militants. — Internet

An injured man is brought to the hospital following an explosion at a cafe in the northeastern town of Baquba, some 60 kms from Baghdad. In Baquba, the provincial capital of Diyala, an explosives-laden bicycle blew up outside a cafe in the city centre, killing three people and wounding nine others, according to security officials. — Internet

An Iraqi man cycles past a destroyed building in the city of Fallujah, 50 kms west of the capital Baghdad in October 2008. Car bombers killed at least 17 people in a former rebel bastion on Thursday as Iraq's security pact with Washington won final approval before its launch at the end of the month.

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Two NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Dec — Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed by roadside bombing Thursday in southern Afghanistan, said a statement released here by the alliance.

“Two ISAF soldiers were killed in an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) strike during the afternoon of 4 Dec in southern Afghanistan,” the ministry said in a statement.

However, it did not specify any further information, adding “it is ISAF policy not to release the nationality of any casualty prior to the relevant national authority doing so.”

Foreign troops, mostly from Britain and Canada, have been deployed in the volatile southern region of Afghanistan for fighting against militants activities and helping with reconstruction there.

INTERNET

A wounded Iraqi policeman is brought to a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 Dec, 2008. The man was among two policemen wounded when their patrol car was struck by a roadside bomb. — Internet
Afghan women leaders face growing Taliban threats

KABUL, 5 Dec—The women gave a news conference but requested that no one take pictures of their faces. The office of one of them asked reporters not to publish her name. It was a lot of secrecy for a media event, but it is a dangerous time to be a powerful woman in Afghanistan.

Police Maj Colonel Sedaqat Rashek and a number of high-profile women spoke Thursday at the event to highlight the continuing threat of violence against females in Afghanistan eight years after the hardline Taliban regime was ousted. Taliban assassins gunned down a senior policewoman in southern Afghanistan in September, and female government officials regularly report receiving threats from the hard-line Islamists. So a photo in a newspaper can make a woman a target.

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Gun club, police chief indicted in boy’s Uzi death

SPRINGFIELD, 5 Dec—Three men, including a small-town police chief, were indicted Thursday on involuntary manslaughter counts in the gun-fair death of an 8-year-old who accidentally shot himself in the head with an Uzi that a prosecutor said he never should have been allowed to handle.

The club where the fair was held also was charged. The fair had promised shooters would have certified instructors but District Attorney William Bennett said the child, Christopher Bizilj, was supervised by an uncertified 15-year-old boy.

Africa’s biggest water project to enter second phase

CAPE TOWN, 5 Dec—South Africa has approved the second phase of a multi-billion dollar water project in land-locked Lesotho to ensure a secure future water supply in its industrial hub, the water minister said on Thursday.

The Lesotho Highlands Water Project, one of the world’s largest infrastructure projects under construction, is an intricate network of tunnels and dams diverting water from Lesotho’s mountains to South Africa.

“This project...will at a projected cost of 7.3 billion rand (710 million US dollars/560 million euros) include construction of the Polihali Dam in Lesotho,” Water Minister Lindiwe Hendricks told journalists in Cape Town.

Hendricks said the project was a strategic intervention to ensure the water security of the country’s richest province Gauteng, which is expected to increase its water requirements by more than 30 percent in the next 20 years. The project would augment the Vaal River System, which supplies water to 60 percent of the country’s economy.

Delhi Int’l airport security tightens after firing scare

NEW DELHI, 5 Dec — The security at the Indira Gandhi International airport here was thrown into a state of high alert in the wee hours today following the reported hearing of gunshots.

The scare followed a passenger claiming to have heard sound of two gunshots firing at around 1.15 am near gate no 4, but there was no eyewitness, Udayan Banerjee, Commissioner of Security for Airports (COSA) told PTI.

The Quick Reaction Team (QRT) of the CISF swung into action alongwith Delhi Police immediately after the reported incident.

“We received a call that some passengers heard a sound similar to two gunshots, but there were no eyewitnesses. No evidence has so far come up to suggest that it was a firing and we cannot confirm it as a gunshot,” Banerjee said.

After the sound, the CISF and Delhi Police swung into action and intensified the checking at the airport,” he said.

The area outside de-parture terminal was completely cordoned off with AK 47 and INSAS rifle toting CISF and Delhi Police commandos taking control of the entire premises.

Banerjee said, while the checking was going on, a white colour Qualis car jumped the queue and sped away adding to the confusion.

Police gypsy chased the car, but lost it after some time, he added.

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MOSCOW, 5 Dec — Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Thursday held a question-and-answer session with the public, his first as the premier and leader of the ruling United Russia party.

During the over-three-hour live programme, Putin answered a barrage of questions ranging from the ongoing global financial crisis to the country’s foreign policies.

Opening the meeting broadcast live on state television, Putin said Russia’s economic performance in 2008 is “good” despite the global financial meltdown.

“In general, the results for the year are good, despite the negative impact of the global financial crisis on the Russian economy,” he said.

The government previously had expected the GDP to grow 7.5 percent in 2008, but an overall growth rate of 6.8-6.9 percent is still good, Putin said.

The premier also forecast that Russia’s inflation would be 13 percent this year.

“The high inflation rate is partly because of the global financial crisis and the fact that the Central Bank and the Finance Ministry were forced to inject a large amount of liquidity into the economy, he said. Putin believes that the country, with the third largest gold and foreign currency reserves in the world, has every chance of living through the hard times with minimum losses for the economy and citizens.

However, he said the nation should brace itself for a difficult period. “We must be prepared morally, organizationally, financially and even politically.” —Xinhua

China, Pakistan conclude talks on service trade and market access pact

BEIJING, 5 Dec — China and Pakistan have concluded the fifth round of negotiations on the bilateral agreement on service trade and market access to the service sector, according to Chinese commerce authorities.

The two sides have agreed that they will choose a time to sign the pact after finishing domestic approval process, the authorities said.

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And for 2009, it expected, the mobile phone market will continue to be negatively impacted by the effects of a slowdown in consumer spending and handset market volumes would fall by five percent or more from 2008 levels. It would be the first real decline in a market that has experienced exceptional growth for more than a decade. —Xinhua

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Global crisis ends Honda F1 dream

TOKYO, 5 Dec — Honda is pulling out of Formula One, blaming the world economic crisis for plans to sell its team. Sources told the team were “optimistic” they would continue, but an investor had not yet been found.

A deadline of January has been set to find a buyer but workers at Honda’s Brackley base have been told to expect redundancy letters before Christmas.

Honda, which spent more than 700m a year on F1, said it would no longer supply the sport with engines.

“Honda Motor Co has come to the conclusion that we will withdraw from all Formula One activities, making 2008 the last season for participation,” said Honda president Takeo Fukui at an emotional press conference.

“This difficult decision has been made in light of the quickly deteriorating operating environment facing the global auto industry... and the sudden contraction of the world economies,” he added.

“Honda must protect its core business activities and secure the long term as widespread uncertainties in the economics around the globe continue to mount.”

According to the Reuters news agency, team bosses Ross Brawn and Nick Fry told a meeting of the Formula One Teams’ Association: “They have a month to find a buyer, otherwise they are closing the team.”

Fidel Castro says Cuba can talk with Obama

HAVANA, 5 Dec — Fidel Castro said on Thursday that President-elect Barack Obama is a man Cuba can talk with and indicated that communist officials would be willing to meet with him wherever he wants.

But the former Cuban leader expressed disappointment with some of Obama’s Cabinet choices, including Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state and Robert Gates as defense secretary.

In his latest essay distributed to official media, the ailing 82-year-old former president wrote that with Obama “a conversation can be held wherever he wants,” and that Cuban officials don’t expect the new US administration to be marked by violence and war.

But he added that Obama must remember that a carrot-and-stick approach won’t work with Cuba.

Castro, and Cuban officials in general, have said very little about Obama since he won the US presidential election. But he did describe him as intelligent in an earlier essay.

Fidel’s younger brother, President Raúl Castro, suggested in an recent interview with actor-director Sean Penn for The Nation magazine that he and Obama hold talks at the US military base in Guantanamo.

Study sheds light on breast cancer drug failure

LONDON, 5 Dec — The most commonly used breast cancer drug may cause tumours to spread in a small number of women with low levels of a protein which makes cells stick together, researchers said on Thursday.

“Again and again, the results were identical,” said Dr. Faustine Sauleda, senior author of a report published in the journal Cell Reports.

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Man nabbed after hitting girlfriend with sandwich

A Wisconsin radio station had to make two contestants an offer they couldn’t refuse in order to get them to quit a game to win a new car.

Tommy Kempfer, 26, of Sun Prairie, and Lisa Thompson, 40, of Westfield, had been late in a truck, hoping to outlast the other to win a new $30,000 vehicle from WMAD-FM in Madison.

After 55 days, the station became concerned that the contest would never end.

“We sensed these two were not going to back down,” said John Flint, a co-host on the station’s morning show. “There was no way we expected this to go 55 days. If it was not for the deal, it’s possible they could have gone on until New Year’s.”

On Tuesday, the station offered the two a compromise: End the contest and receive $7,500 in cash.

Police haven’t said what type of sandwich was involved.

After 55 days, contest ends for 2 living in truck

A visitor views a sculpture during an exhibition kicked off here Wednesday, of east China’s Zhejiang Province. The exhibition of Zhejiang’s famous sculptures, including Stephen Hiscox, a cancer researcher at Cardiff University, who led the study.

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A fossil of a toothless flying reptile bigger than some family cars, represents the largest of these extinct reptiles ever to be found and has forced the creation of a new genus, scientists announced on Thursday.

Pterosaurs ruled the skies 115 million years ago during the dinosaur age. They are often mistaken for dinosaurs.

Mark Witton of the University of Portsmouth identified the creature from a partial skull fossil. Witton estimates the beast would have had a 5.5-yard (5-meter) wingspan. It stood more than a yard (about 1 meter) tall at the shoulder.

US motorcycle designer Gergory Dunham from Stockton, California, stands atop the biggest drivable motorbike during a media preview for the upcoming Motor Show fair in Essen, western Germany.

枉tailled lemurs warm themselves in front of an electric heater at the Japan Monkey Centre in Inuyama, Aichi Prefecture (state), central Japan.
Communication facilities in Taninthayi Division contribute to regional development

**Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Aung Than** (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Nowadays, the information technology is developing in the world. Thanks to IT, human beings residing in the northern part of the world can easily access to the news of the southern part. The communication technology contributes much towards the wellbeing of the global people.

We, a news team of the Myanma Alin Daily recently went to Myeik of the coastal region to present the byline articles on development of Taninthayi Division.

The news team was assigned to cover the news on progress of the Taninthayi Division. On 12 November, we had the opportunity to observe thriving oil palm and rubber plantations being undertaken by Asia World Company on Myeik-Taninthayi-Kawthoung Road, under the arrangements of Perennial Crops Enterprise.

We returned to Myeik in the evening. On arrival back at Myeik, the news team found it difficult to send back the news to the head office in time. With the help of in-charge U Ohn Maung of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise of Myeik, we arrived at the office of Taninthayi Division Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. Thanks to Engineer-in-charge U Myint Naing and U Soe Moe Naing of the Division MPT Office, we managed to send the news and photos to the press through Fax and G-mail.

The Myanma Alin daily described the news and photos in the newspaper without delay. Indeed, it was the development of IT.

With regard to progress in communication task of Taninthayi Division, we had an interview with Engineer-in-charge U Myint Naing.

He said, “Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, on its part, is giving three kinds of service on post office, telegraph and telephone to enable the local people to have easy access to other regions. In Taninthayi Division, there were 29 post offices in 1988 and now, the number of post offices reached 48. Likewise, the number of tele-graphics offices has so far increased to 21 from nine. Moreover, original six telephone stations have been added with 26 more stations to 32.”

He continued, “Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of Taninthayi Division extended its tasks to expedite the postal delivery service for money in six towns and for letters in three towns. Moreover, the department is giving telegraph service in four towns through the computer system and Facsimile service in six towns.”

In connection with the telephone service, auto-exchanges were built in townships of the division. So far, Myeik has been installed with 2,000 telephone lines, Dawei with 1,500 lines, Kawthoung with 1,000 lines, Kyunsu with 120 lines, Pulaw with 480 lines and Kyaukkka with 100 lines.

Furthermore, CDMA-450 mobile telephones were installed in Taninthayi Division in accord with the offshore and onshore communication system construction project. Up to the end of October, Myeik was installed with 2,422CDMA-450 mobile telephones. Dawei with 2,462 and Pulaw with 66, according to the data.

Likewise, Phayaponkaung region and Kyaukmunaw region were facilitated with EDMA-450 services. Arrangements are being made for installation of CDMA-450 system in Mali Island, Sakhanthit, Pale Island, Bokpyin, Kalataung and Kawthoung.

In addition, Taninthayi Division MPT is implementing the new link of Myeik-Kawthoung Digital Microwave.

According to the Greater Mekong Sub-Region Information and Communication Superhighway link construction plan, more GSM mobile telephones will be provided in Myeik and Kawthoung. Furthermore, Myeik and Dawei have been provided with Internet facility with ADSL broadband communication system.

With regard to the public call telephone service, a total of 191 auto-telephones, three MPT Satellite Terminals and 200 CDMA-450 mobile telephones are being used at the PCOs for ensuring development of telecommunications sector not only in the urban areas but also in the rural areas.

Thanks to the utmost efforts of MPT, the smooth communication services in Taninthayi Division will contribute much to development of education, health, social and living standard of the local people.

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Technicians on duty at Auto-telephone S-12 in Myeik.
The Law Amending the Territorial Sea and Maritime Zones Law…

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Senior General Chairman
The State Peace and Development Council

MWAF marks World AIDS Day 2008

YANGON, 5 Dec — A ceremony to mark World AIDS Day 2008, organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, was held at MWAF on Thanlwin road in Bahan township here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, President of MWAF Daw Khin Khin Win, vice presidents Daw Khin Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, heads, leaders of Working Group, secretary and members, CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Patron Daw Kyin Myaing of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization and members, departmental heads and officials of the Ministry of Health, organizations under UN agencies and guests.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo delivered an opening speech. Afterwards President Daw Khin Khin Win made a speech and presented awards to first, Thalyin Township, second, Mayangon Township and third, Hlinethaya Township.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presented consolation prizes to Thongwa Township, Bahan Township and Botahtaung Township. Later, WHO resident representative Prof Adik Wibowo and UNICEF resident representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha presented consolation prizes to Mingaladon Township and Dawbon Township.

This year motto is “Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise: Scaling up prevention, treatment and care”.

MWAF President Daw Khin Khin Win presents first prize to Thanlyin Township. — HEALTH

35th Anniversary Exhibition of Lawkanat Gallery from 5 Dec to 31 Jan

YANGON, 5 Dec — To mark the 35th founding anniversary of Lawkanat Gallery, member artists of the gallery have exhibited their works at the gallery here from 5 December, 2008 to 31 January, 2009.

The exhibition comprises over 50 artworks of acrylic and pastel paintings. Lawkanat Gallery was founded in 1971. Those member artists who have participated in the exhibition are U Lun Gywe, U Ba Win, Than Win Tun, Nyaunglebin Than Win, Kyi Winn (Yankin), Maung Maung Thein (Pathein), Maung Pe Than, Saw Hlaing, Win Pe Myint, Moat Thone, U Ba Win and Chan Aye. — NLM

Special appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges U San Tin Yee and U Kyaw Win sitting at court room No1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) heard (7) special civil appeal cases under Section 7 and (1) special civil appeal case under section 8 of the Judiciary Law, 2000 on 1st December and delivered judgment of (14) special criminal appeal cases and then heard (3) special criminal appeal cases under section 7 and (1) special criminal appeal case under section 8 of the same law, on 3 December 2008.

Upgrading of Mandalay Road at Ward (14) in Hlinethaya Township in progress. — YCDC

Yangon Mayor looks into upgrading of road

YANGON, 4 Dec — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected upgrading of Mandalay Road in Ward-14 in Hlinethaya Township here on 2 December.

Upon completion, the 874-foot long and 18-foot wide Mandalay Road can contribute to better transport for the public. — MNA
Prime Minister General Thein Sein awards …

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the ministers, the chairman of Civil Services Selection and Training Board, the deputy ministers, the deputy attorney general, senior military officers, the director-general of General Office and departmental officials, staff and volleyball fans. Prime Minister General Thein Sein watched the final match between Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Development Affairs and Development Affairs. PBNRDA Minister won over Industry-1 Ministry 3-1. Next, prize presentation ceremony followed. Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented medals to third prize winning players of the PBNRDA Ministry. Next, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Hlay Oo presented cash prizes and medals to best players. Next, Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presented cash awards to fourth prize winning Ministry of Industry-2 and third prize winning Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 teams. Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented cash award to second prize winning Ministry of Industry-1 team. Minister for Industry-1 Aung Thaung presented cash award to first prize winning Ministry of PBNRDA team.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein presented Championship Shield and duplicate shield to the Ministry of PBNRDA team which stood first in the 2nd Inter-ministry Volleyball Tournament. A total of 29 volleyball teams of the ministries took part in the tournament which started on 7 November.

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Progress of regional development tasks supervised in Hmawby, Taikkyi Townships

YANGON, 5 Dec—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint viewed quality sample rice and groundnut oil, folio fertilizer and natural fertilizers at Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Farming Special Zone near Nyaunghnapin Village in Hmawby Township yesterday morning.

The chairman of National Development Co Ltd reported on cultivation of paddy in the zone and conducted the commander round maize and tapioca plantations of the company.

The commander inspected vegetable plantations of the growers and Township PDC in the special zone-1 and zone-2.

At Pantapwint Hill region in Taikkyi Township, the commander viewed collection of rubber latex at thriving rubber plantations of IBTC Co Ltd and Shwe Inwa Agriculture Co.

The commander also visited Phugyi Reservoir of Yangon City Development Committee. While in Taikkyi, the commander looked into use of electricity at Luthanit Village through bio-gas.

At the office of Township PDC, the commander met with departmental officials, social organization members and townsenders. Next, he inspected corn plantation in Kyakkaikang Village. In Ywathla Village, the commander heard reports on repairing of village-to-village roads presented by officials.

The commander visited Aphyauk Hospital and presented cash assistance to the patients.

At Aingkalaung river water pumping project, the commander inspected supply of water through the main canal and other irrigation facilities.

Later, the commander looked into harvesting of monsoon paddy, direct seeding, ploughing and broadcasting of fertilizer at the monsoon paddy field of farmer U Tun Kyi in Uto Village-tract.

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Old students of Yangon Institute of Medicine-2 to pay respects to teachers

YANGON, 5 Dec—A ceremony to pay respects to teachers by old students who had studied at Yangon Institute of Medicine-2 from 1969 to 1976 will be held at the Traders Hotel on 18 January 2009 and the get-together of the students will take place at Excel Tower on January 2009.

All the teachers are requested to be paid respects whether they have received invitations or not although they have already been sent to, and all the old students are to attend the ceremony without fail. For more information or contribution of cash, contact Dr Daw Hla Kyin (Tel 01 384496 or 0956012488), Dr Daw Cho Cho (Tel 01 687409 or 0951379699) and Dr Si Si Mar (Tel 01 400147 or 0980251222).—MNA

Thai specialists give treatment to patients

YANGON, 5 Dec—Ear specialists from Thailand gave free treatment to patients with ear disorders at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital here today to mark the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The medical group is led by Prof Dr Soontom Antarasena of Ear Surgery Mobile Unit (ESMU) of Thailand.

Those wishing to receive the treatment may enlist at the hospital. —MNA

Cash donation ceremony of civil engineer alumni of YIT and YTU for holding the 3rd ceremony to pay respects to teachers at home and abroad was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Engineering Society in Yangon University (Hline Campus) on 22 November. On behalf of old civil engineering students who graduated in 1987, U Ko Ko Htew presented K 300,000 to Secretary of organizing committee U Kyaw Lin.—NLM
Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Namhsan in Kyaukme District

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Than Htut and officials, looked into extraction process of bio-diesel from physic nut seeds at the bio-diesel factory of the command in Lashio on 3 December morning.

At Mansan Power Plant in Namtu Township, he inspected functions of power supply to townships in Shan State. Hydropower plants in Shan State (North) are supplying power to Lashio, Kyaukme, Namhkam, Hopang, Chinswehaw and Kaungkha and Diesel Power Plants in districts in the State to Lashio, Kyaukse, Muse, Kunlong and Laukkai.

At mile post No. 20 on Namtu-Namhsam road, they viewed the maintenance of the bridge. While in Namhsam, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on regional development tasks and repairing of roads presented by officials and gave instructions on transportation of the region and on development of Namhsan as tea city.

He comforted patients at the township hospital and visited Namhsan Basic Education High School.

After viewing development of the town, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected sample of tea and raw tea leaves and production process of tea.

Next, he looked into thriving 10 acres tea plantation and met with local tea growers.—MNA

Hlawga Wildlife Park to open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Bakri Id Day

YANGON, 5 Dec — Hlawga Wildlife Park of the Forest Department opens from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. On Bakri Id Day that falls on 9 December, the park will be kept open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for public convenience. — MNA

Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The visiting Chinese delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China Mr Yang Jiechi left Nay Pyi Taw for China by special flight this afternoon.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, officials from Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, officials form Foreign Ministry, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China Mr Guan Mu and staff of the embassy saw off them at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Educative talks given in Htantabin

YANGON, 4 Dec—The Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation organized the educative talks at the hall of Htantabin Township Peace and Development Council on 1 December afternoon, attended by responsible persons of Yangon North District and Htantabin Township WAOs, teachers and female students.

Leader of the working group Daw Tin Tin Aye of the Nurturing and Resettlement Sub-working Group for Anti-Human Smuggling on Trafficking in Persons, Daw Myat Myat Kyaw of Child/Girl Sub-working Group on the legal rights of women and Daw Tin Tin Aye of the Nurturing and Resettlement Sub-working Group on control of AIDS.

Chairperson of the Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Win and U Aung Lwin, General-Secretary U Sein Hlaing, Central executives and executives at the head office here on 2 December.

They cordially held discussions on promotion of bilateral trade, investment, mutual benefit between Indonesian industrialists and Myanmar entrepreneurs and holding exhibition of Indonesia’s products.

7th AFF Suzuki Cup Soccer Tourney commences

YANGON, 5 Dec—Group (A) matches of 7th AFF Suzuki Cup Soccer Tournament took place held at 3 pm local time in Indonesia. In the first match, host Singapore trounced Cambodia 5-0, and in the second match, Indonesia beat Myanmar 3-0.

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India, Russia sign agreement on nuclear, space cooperation

NEW DELHI, 5 Dec— India and Russia on Friday signed an agreement covering the construction of a new nuclear plant in southern India and a cooperation accord on manned space flight, reported news channel Times Now.

The new plant, including 4 nuclear energy reactors, is to be built at Kudankulam in south state Tamil Nadu, where Moscow is already building two 1,000-megawatt light water reactors.

Russia, after United States and France, becomes the third country to sign an atomic energy agreement with India after a decision in September by the Nuclear Suppliers Group to lift its ban on trade of nuclear technology with India.

The two sides also signed an accord that envisages Russia sending an Indian cosmonaut into space in 2013 and then launch a manned Indian spacecraft in 2015, officials said.

Visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed the agreement with India Prime Minister Mammonmohan Singh in New Delhi on Friday.

Credit Suisse to cut 5,300 jobs

GENEVA, 5 Dec.— Credit Suisse, Switzerland’s second largest bank, said Thursday it would cut 5,300 jobs, about 11 percent of its global workforce, in order to reduce costs and deal with the challenging market conditions.

Most of the job cuts will be in the investment banking sector, and all cuts should be completed by the end of June next year, the bank said.

“These actions will better position us to weather the continuing challenging market conditions, capture opportunities that arise amid the continuing disruption, and prosper when markets improve,” chief executive Brady Dougan said in a statement.

The bank predicted that it would end 2008 with another quarterly loss. Its loss for the first two months of the final quarter already amounted to 3 billion Swiss francs (about 2.48 billion US dollars).

US unemployment rate rises to 6.7% in November

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec — The unemployment rate in the United States rose to 6.7 percent in November when employers slashed 533,000 jobs, the most in 34 years, the Labor Department reported Friday.—INTERNET

Global slowdown sends Daimler, BMW in a spin

FRANKFURT, 5 Dec— The global economic slowdown hit BMW and Daimler hard in November, figures from the two German luxury automakers have showed, with the number of cars sold falling by more than a quarter.—INTERNET

Sales of BMW-brand alone cars fell 26 percent to just under 81,500, the firm said, while Mini sales were down 21 percent at 15,100. It still managed to sell 110 Rolls-Royces, however, down from 135 in November 2007.

“Global automotive market demand fell once again in November,” BMW board member Ian Robertson said in a statement.

London shares slump 2.37% after US jobs data

LONDON, 5 Dec— London’s FTSE 100 was down 2.37 percent at 4,064.97 points after news of massive job losses in the United States.

The index of leading shares had been falling by about 1.5 percent ahead of a US government announcement that the world’s biggest economy had shed 533,000 non-farm jobs in November.—INTERNET

Woolworths slashes 450 jobs

LONDON, 5 Dec— Troubled retailer Woolworths, which last week said it was close to bankruptcy, has cut 450 support staff, its administrators said on Friday.

The job losses were made at the company’s head office in London and a support operations branch at Rochdale in northern Manchester, but no jobs have been cut at the chain’s stores and distribution centres.

Woolworths employs about 25,000 people. The firm’s 813 stores are expected to stay open over Christmas, although doubts about its future were fuelled on Thursday when a key potential bidder said he was no longer interested.

“The stores and distribution centres will continue to trade as normal, but with a simplified core structure supporting them,” said Neville Kahn, joint administrator and partner at accountancy firm Deloitte.

“The administrators, supported by management, are still actively seeking a purchaser for the business as a going concern, with discussions being held with a number of interested parties.

“We are working hard to ensure that any sale of the business, in whole or in part, will preserve jobs.”

India’s exporters cut 65,000 jobs in three months

MUMBAI, 5 Dec— A survey of 121 export-oriented firms by India Commerce Ministry revealed that 65,000 jobs have been cut in the past three months, reported local leading business newspaper Business Standard Friday.

The survey showed that 65,000 jobs have been lost in the three-month period ended October this year. In addition, these firms have lost export orders worth 3.6 billion US dollars.

However, further details like sector-wise break up of these 121 firms and how big their operations are were not given.

During the period between August and October 2008, Indian economy started to feel the impact of the global economic crisis. In August, Index of Industrial Production (IIP) expanded at the slowest pace of 1.4 per cent in 10 years, exports dipped by 12.1 per cent for the first time in about seven years.—MNA/Xinhua
Gunmen attack vessels in Nigeria’s restive delta

LAGOS, Dec—Gunmen attacked two oil service vessels in separate incidents in Nigeria’s restive Niger Delta on Thursday, kidnapping a Russian, a Mexican and seven Nigerians, security sources working in the industry said.

The vessel Oceanic Orion was attacked some 13 nautical miles off the coast of Akwa Ibom state near a crude oil rig operated by Canada’s Addax Petroleum, the security sources told Reuters, asking not to be named.

The two expatriates and one Nigerian were taken.

“It’s the sixth time this year that OML 123 has been attacked,” one of the sources said, referring to the 370 sq-km license area, Addax’s largest by reserves and production. Addax officials were not immediately available to comment.

The second vessel, Ti-Ger Fish, which belongs to Hercules Offshore Ltd, was hijacked around the Sombrero River area and six of its crew were kidnapped. The captors were demanding a 3 million naira ($23,000) ransom, one source said.

Britons charged with sedition in Gambia

LONDON, Dec—A British couple working as missionaries in Gambia in West Africa have been arrested and charged with sedition, the Foreign Office and friends said on Thursday.

David and Fiona Fulton, aged 60 and 46, were arrested last Saturday and have been held in custody ever since, a friend of the couple in Britain said.

They appeared in court in the capital Banjul earlier Thursday to be charged with sedition—undermining the government’s authority.

They were offered bail on condition that four Gambian property owners vouch for them, but have yet to find the guarantors.

A spokesman for the British Foreign Office confirmed two Britons had been arrested in Gambia, but declined to give details, saying only that the couple were in contact with consular staff and had legal representation.—Internet
Swiss ultra-rich get a little bit poorer

ZURICH, 5 Dec — The annual list of Switzerland’s richest people shows the Alpine tax haven’s super-wealthy aren’t immune from the financial meltdown.

The 300 richest Swiss residents — half of whom are foreigners — together lost 70 billion francs ($58.5 billion) last year. Their combined wealth is now 368 billion francs ($270 billion).

For the seventh year in a row, business magazine Bilanz listed Ikea founder Ingvar Kamprad as the richest person in Switzerland, with an estimated wealth of 35.6 billion francs ($29.2-30.1 billion). The Hoffmann and Oeri families ranked second, based on a combined wealth of 16.17 billion francs ($13.4-14.2 billion) from their stake in drug maker Roche Holding. That’s 2 billion francs ($1.7 billion) less than in 2007.

The Brenninkmeijer family, founders of textile company C&A, came third with 12.13 billion francs ($10.10.9 billion). Among the worst-hit were Russian tycoon Viktor Vekselberg, who lost 3 billion francs ($2.5 billion), and the Geneva-based Latsis family, whose banking interests shrank by about 4 billion francs ($3.3 billion). — INTERNET

Flood washes away some qualms over barrier project

VENICE, 5 Dec — The luxury Bauer hotel was inundated by calls of concern and cancellations this week — but was spared the floodwaters that swamped most of the city.

Though just a few steps from the city’s lowest point — St Mark’s Square — the Bauer and other Venetian businesses kept the waters at bay using metal barriers to block doorways.

It’s a lesson that may help wash away remaining resistance to an elaborate project to build mobile barriers that will prevent flooding from reaching Venice and its artistic treasures.

Monday’s deluge — Venice’s biggest in 22 years — has caused yet-uncalculated damage and scared away tourists who are the lifeblood of the city’s economy. Francesca Bortolotto Possati, the Bauer’s owner, said people around the world responded to the flood “like it was a tsunami.” — INTERNET

One killed in attack on ExxonMobil in Nigeria

LAGOS, 5 Dec — Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN), a subsidiary of US oil group ExxonMobil — said on Thursday that one person was killed during an attack on one of its convoys in the southern Nigerian state of Akwa Ibom.

Unknown gunmen attacked the convoy on the road between the town of Eket and the Qua Iboe oil export terminal Wednesday, the company said in a statement.

“The victim is not an MPN employee and his identity cannot be ascertained at this time,” the company added.

State government and security agencies had launched investigations into the incident, it added.

Mobil Producing Nigeria is the biggest foreign operator in the country, producing around 780,000 barrels a day. The past three years have seen an upsurge in violent attacks on oil firms and kidnapping of local and foreign workers in Nigeria’s oil-rich Niger Delta.

The unrest has reduced Nigeria’s oil output by more than one quarter. — INTERNET

13 bodies found in drug-plagued Mexican state

CULICAN, 5 Dec — Thirteen bullet-riddled bodies were found along a dirt road on Thursday in Mexico’s Sinaloa state, home to the powerful cartel of the same name.

The victims, whose hands were bound, were found near the town of Coxon along with 80 bullet shells, federal police agent Juan de Dios Beltran said.

Mexico has been suffering from escalating drug violence amid a national crackdown on traffickers. Homicides have grown increasingly gruesome, with piles of bodies dumped in public, sometimes beheaded.

El Universal newspaper reported Wednesday that, according to its count, more than 5,000 people have died in drug-related violence this year. The government only sporadically releases nationwide homicide figures.

President Felipe Calderon has deployed more than 20,000 soldiers across the country to combat drug traffickers. At the same time, the government is struggling to rid its security forces of corrupt officers in the pay of cartels.

On Thursday, a judge ordered a high-ranking federal police officer to stand trial for allegedly leaking information about police checkpoints and other operations to the Zetas, a group of hit men for the Gulf Cartel. — INTERNET

Men with their hands tied behind their backs lie dead in a field near the town of San Ignacio in the pacific state of Sinaloa, Mexico, on 4 Dec, 2008. Police found 13 bullet-ridden men who had been executed near the resort city of Mazatlan. — INTERNET

Tourists and locals walk on raised wooden walkways used during flooding as strong southern winds pushed the Adriatic Sea into the Venice lagoon submerging parts of the city, on 2 Dec, 2008. — INTERNET

A rescue helicopter prepares to hoist aboard surviving Japanese climber Hideaki Nara near the summit of Aoraki Mount Cook on 5 Dec, 2008. A Japanese climber stranded for six days just below the summit of New Zealand’s highest peak Mt Cook has died just hours before rescuers reached him and his compatriot Nara, local media reported. The two Japanese climbers were forced to huddle in a tent 50 metres below the 3,754-metre (12,349 feet) peak, as poor weather and high winds foiled attempts to rescue the men by helicopter. — INTERNET

Palaeontologists show a model of a flying reptile named Nemicolopterus crypticus during a news conference at the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, in this 11 Feb, 2008 file photo. — INTERNET

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Tourists and locals walk on raised wooden walkways used during flooding as strong southern winds pushed the Adriatic Sea into the Venice lagoon submerging parts of the city, on 2 Dec, 2008. — INTERNET

A rescue helicopter prepares to hoist aboard surviving Japanese climber Hideaki Nara near the summit of Aoraki Mount Cook on 5 Dec, 2008. A Japanese climber stranded for six days just below the summit of New Zealand’s highest peak Mt Cook has died just hours before rescuers reached him and his compatriot Nara, local media reported. The two Japanese climbers were forced to huddle in a tent 50 metres below the 3,754-metre (12,349 feet) peak, as poor weather and high winds foiled attempts to rescue the men by helicopter. — INTERNET

Palaeontologists show a model of a flying reptile named Nemicolopterus crypticus during a news conference at the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, in this 11 Feb, 2008 file photo. — INTERNET
**SPORTS**

**Sheehan, Wilkinson tied for lead at Australian PGA**

**COOLOOM (Australia), 5 Dec —** Australian Paul Sheehan birdied the 18th hole early Friday to finish the first round with a 6-under-par 66 for a share of the lead at the storm-delayed Australian PGA championship.

Sheehan and New Zealand’s Tim Wilkinson, who completed his first round Thursday before a thunderstorm hit the Hyatt Regency resort course, have a one-stroke lead over four players including 2006 U.S. Open winner Geoff Ogilvy.

Ogilvy’s fellow Australian Matthew Goggin and New Zealanders Richard Lee and Michael Long also shot 67s.

**Zealanders Richard Lee and Michael Long also shot 67s.**

Sheehan was scheduled to tee off for his second round Friday about an hour after he completed his first. Friday tee times were delayed about 90 minutes, and officials were hopeful of getting back on schedule despite the forecast of more thunderstorms later in the day.—**INTERNET**

**Hoffenheim face toughest test at resurgent Bayern**

**BERLIN, 5 Dec —** The title-chasing German league leaders Hoffenheim will face their sternest examination yet when the village side travel to the home of reigning champions Bayern Munich.

Bankrolled by local businessman Dietmar Hopp, Hoffenheim have risen from the depths of Germany’s amateur leagues and currently top the table by three points from Bayern after 15 games.

Key to their impressive start to life in their first season in Germany’s top flight has been the form of Bosnian striker Vedad Ibisevic, who tops the Bundesliga scoring charts with 17 goals.

The 24-year-old’s prolific form in front of goal has led to speculation linking him with a move away from the club, he insists he has no intention of leaving.

“We can beat Bayern,” he asserts with confidence. “We’re not going to Munich just to visit their stadium.”—**INTERNET**

**Hoffenheim’s Bosnian striker Vedad Ibisevic.**—**INTERNET**

**Keane and Sunderland part company**

**SUNDERLAND, 5 Dec —** Roy Keane walked away from Sunderland on Thursday after a run of five defeats in six matches convinced him he was no longer the man to take the relegation-threatened club forward.

Sunderland chairman Niall Quinn, who brought Keane to the Stadium of Light in August 2006, said the parting of the ways had been amicable, and backed his former Ireland team-mate to return to management once he has had a break from the game.

Quinn said: “He will get a bit of time to himself now and I am sure he will re-charge and get going again, and I am sure we all know the Premier League hasn’t seen the last of him. He has got great things to come.”—**INTERNET**

**Essien advised me to join Mourinho, says Muntari**

**ROME, 5 Dec —** Inter Milan midfielder Sulley Muntari has revealed that close friend Michael Essien advised him to join the Italian giants in order to link up with Jose Mourinho.

Essien was signed by Mourinho from Lyon when the Portuguese was boss of Chelsea and when Muntari had the opportunity to join Inter from Portsmouth, Essien told his Ghana international team-mate to jump at the chance.

Muntari and Essien have become close friends since starring for the Ghana side that reached the under-20 World Cup final in Argentina where the Africans lost 3-0 to the hosts.—**INTERNET**

**Inter Milan’s Ghanaian midfielder Sulley Ali Muntari, has revealed that close friend Michael Essien advised him to join the Italian giants in order to link up with Jose Mourinho.**—**INTERNET**

“‘For me he is a brother. When the opportunity came up to join Inter I phoned him and said: ‘Go without fear, Mourinho is there and with him you’ll become a great player’.”

Muntari told La Gazzetta dello Sport.

“At Chelsea, Michael did great with the gaffer. ‘Mourinho is the most complete coach I’ve ever met. There are those who are there only on the pitch and then it’s goodbye. ‘But he is always available during the day and for anything.’”—**INTERNET**

**Hildebrand calls it quits at Valencia**

**MADRID, 5 Dec —** Valencia have agreed to part company with their German goalkeeper Timo Hildebrand, the former international’s agent revealed on Thursday.

Hildebrand played 28 league games last season, but this season he has not featured in the first team since the Spanish Super Cup on August 24.

A return to the Bundesliga could now be on the cards, with Hoffenheim and Cologne reportedly interested in acquiring his services.—**INTERNET**

**Valencia have agreed to part company with their German goalkeeper Timo Hildebrand, his agent revealed on Thursday.**—**INTERNET**

**James howler sends Portsmouth’s Euro dream crashing**

**PARIS, 5 Dec —** Portsmouth’s UEFA Cup campaign ended in heartbreak on Thursday with a 3-2 defeat at Wolfsburg which featured another embarrassing howler from England goalkeeper David James.

Pompey surrendered a 2-1 lead in the Group E clash and their fate was sealed when Sporting Braga defeated Herrenveen 2-1 to secure the third qualifying place in the pool behind AC Milan and their German conquerors.

“I’m disappointed, we made mistakes, but away from Wolfsburg are a very good outfit,” said Portsmouth boss Tony Adams.

Fellow English Premier League side Aston Villa made sure of their place in the last 32 despite suffering a shock 2-1 home defeat to Brugge—**INTERNET**

**Andreas Panteli, who recently resigned as president of Cypriot side Anorthosis, following fraud allegations.**—**INTERNET**

Anorthosis following an independent audit. He denies any wrongdoing.

Although the Anorthosis board withdrew its complaints against the 48-year-old, citing reasons of public interest, the police investigation continued.

Panteli was arrested last Friday, two days after Anorthosis drew 2-2 with Werder Bremen in the Champions League. Police are looking into financial mismanagement involving one million euros (1.26 million dollars).—**INTERNET**

**UEFA probe Anorthosis fraud allegations**

**NICOSIA, 5 Dec —** A UEFA official said on Thursday that football’s European governing body has requested information on embezzlement allegations involving Champions League surprise package Anorthosis.

“UEFA have asked for information from the Cyprus Football Association,” UEFA’s Cypriot vice chairman Marios Lefkaritis told state TV.

He said UEFA would not intervene but just wanted to be kept posted on developments.

The ex-president of Cypriot high fliers Anorthosis Famagusta was released from custody on Thursday after helping a police probe into the allegations.

Andreas Panteli — who has been forcibly charged — spent six days in custody after fellow board members filed fraud allegations against him.

Panteli resigned as club chairman from his Nicosia detention cell on Monday and pledged to return any amount of money found owing to...—**INTERNET**

**James howler sends Portsmouth’s Euro dream crashing**

Portsmouth’s goalkeeper David James gestures during the UEFA Cup group E football match VfL Wolfsburg vs. Portsmouth FC in the northern German city of Wolfsburg. Wolfsburg won 2-0.—**INTERNET**

Slovakia’s MSK Zilina. Portsmouth, who had squandered a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 with AC Milan at Fratton Park last week, needed to win in Germany.

In Group G, St Etienne, who have already qualified, were joined in the last 32 by Valencia after the Spanish side’s 1-1 home draw with Club Brugge. —**INTERNET**
Drought forces Australian state to purchase water

SYDNEY, 5 Dec—Australia’s driest state has been forced to purchase water for the first time to ensure adequate supplies in the midst of a drought, a government official said Friday.

Karlene Maywald, state water security minister, said South Australia has purchased 61 billion gallons (231 billion litres) of water so that Adelaide, the state capital, will have enough water for 2009 even if the drought continues.

“We’re just being prudent, getting into the market and buying it (water) to make sure we’ve got it,” Maywald told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Robbers loot 80 mln euros worth of jewelry in Paris store

PARIS, 5 Dec—American luxury jewelry shop Harry Winston in the centre of Paris was robbed Thursday, with four robbers managing to loot almost all 954165 (or 80 million euros) from the vault which was said to contain about 2000 items of jewelry.

The four robbers, two of whom disguised as women, managed to elude the high-security surveillance system and burst into the boutique at 5:30 am (06:30 GMT) on Thursday during the busy holiday shopping season. With only one man inside the shop at the time of the robbery, the robbers herded about a dozen of employees and customers into a corner, stuffed their bags with brooches, rings, necklaces and other finery, and quickly left, without firing a shot.

The value of the stolen jewelry is initially estimated at about 62 million euros (about 100 million US dollars), making it the biggest heist in France.

Pilot killed in jet fighter crash in Russia’s Siberia

MOSCOW, 5 Dec—A MiG-29 jet fighter crashed in Russia’s Siberia early Friday and left the pilot dead, local media reported.

“The plane crashed at 06:12 Moscow time (03:12 GMT) about 5 km from the Domna airfield in the Chita region during a scheduled training flight,” Air Force spokesman Vladimir Drik was quoted by Itar-Tass news agency as saying.

“No civilian injuries and no damage” had been reported in the crash, he added.

“Black boxes” of the MiG-29 fighter have been found, Interfax news agency cited a source with the Russian Defence Ministry as saying.

WEATHER

Friday, 5 December, 2008
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, upper Sagain and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3 C) to (4 C) above December average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagain and Taninthayi Divisions, (3 C) to (4 C) below December average temperatures in Magway and Yangon Divisions and about December average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (1 C) and Namhsan (4 C).

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 5-12-2008 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-12-2008 was 79%.

Total sunshine hours on 4-12-2008 was (9.4) hrs approx.
Rainfall on 5-12-2008 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 (140.94) inches at Central Yangon.

Maxim um wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (12:30) hours MST on 4-12-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the depression over the Southeast Bay has moved to Northwest wards slowly and centered at about (630) miles Southeast of Chennai (India). It is likely to further intensify and is forecast to move North-West wards slowly. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andamam Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evenning of 6th December 2008:
Possibility of isolated rains or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and upper Sagain Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).
State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely attimes Gulf of Mottama and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surf ace wind speed (strong wind may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-12-2008: Generally fair weather.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-12-2008: Generally fair weather.
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-12-2008: Generally fair weather.
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein awards winner in 2nd Inter-ministry Volleyball Tournament

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Dec—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the final match of the 2nd Inter-ministry Volleyball Tournament and the prize presentation ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw volleyball ground here this afternoon and presented Championship Shield and duplicate shield to the winning team. It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, (See page 9)

Storm News

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Dec—According to the observation at (5.30 a.m.) MST today, the small storm over the Southeast Bay of Bengal moved towards northwest and is centering at sea, 630 miles southeast of Chennai of the Republic of India. It is forecast to get intensified and move to northwest, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Communication facilities in Taninthayi Division contribute to regional development

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CDMA & Microwave tower seen on 900-foot-high Botaung Hill in Myeik.

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Towards domestication of largest fish in Amazon

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 Dec—The Amazon and its tributaries are home to almost one tenth of the world’s freshwater fish biodiversity, 2500 species being recorded. The giant fish Arapaima gigas is one of the most emblematic of these. Better known by the name of paiche in Peru or pirarucu in Brazil, it is one of the world’s largest freshwater fish. Certain specimens can reach 4 metres in length for a weight of 200 kg. However, this graceful predator is a victim of overfishing, and is now on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.—Internet

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents Championship Shield to Ministry of PBANRDA team.—MNA