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## 15<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 47-member of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee concludes successfully

YANGON, 28 Nov — The 15<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 47-member of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (SSMNC) continued at the convocation building on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

During the meeting, Sayadaws took part in discussions on Vinaya affairs and works carried out for religious affairs and academic matters presented by the Sixth SSMNC (second branch).

Next, member Sayadaws of SSMNC reported Vinaya affairs and religious and

academic matters and made decisions.

Then Vinaya affairs which were left to be discussed in 14<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 47-

member of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee were discussed and decided.

Afterwards, Sayadaws made clarifications

on suggestions and discussions regarding the report on works carried out in the term of the Sixth SSMNC (second branch).

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*Second day 15<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 47-member of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (SSMNC) in progress.*

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## Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win visits Chittagong



wife and party flew to Bono Biha Monastery in Yangamati District where they paid worship to Abbot Ven Sadhanananda Mahathero and donated offertories.

Lt-Gen Soe Win and party visited Agga Meda Monastery in Cox's Bazar on 25 November and presented offertories to the Abbot and monks.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Soe Win and party flew back to Dhaka via Cox's Bazar in the evening.

Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe met staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office at Hotel Radisson.

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*Principal of Bangladesh Army Defence Services Academy presents the history of the academy, teaching and training programmes to Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Commander Major General MD Ashab Uddin, ndc, psc of No 24 Infantry Division, viewed around Chittagong on 24 November.

The deputy commander-in-chief and the division commander at the division headquarters discussed

cooperation between the two armed forces. A senior official of the division explained history of the division, ongoing hilly regions development undertakings in Chittagong and border security measures.

The deputy commander-in-chief then paid floral tribute at the martyrs' mausoleum of East Bengal Regiment Command of Chittagong Station. He

then visited Bangladesh Army Defence Services Academy where the principal explained the history of the academy, teaching and training programmes for turning out competent cadets.

The deputy commander-in-chief then viewed cadets taking notes and computer and internet rooms and library.

The deputy commander-in-chief,

## Moderate earthquake jolts

A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.1) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, about (240) miles north-northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory (about 20 miles southeast of Myitkyina, Kachin State) was recorded at (21) hrs (36)min (51) sec M.S.T on 28th November, 2011.

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 29 November, 2011

### Strive to know IT, English language

Scholars claimed that human resources development plays a key role in ensuring development of a certain country. Subjects of arts and sciences are resources for human development. The areas of study in the developing and changing age are very broad.

In today's Knowledge Age, youths across the globe are pursuing Information Technology vigorously. If you lack knowledge in IT, you will be left behind in rapidly changing world. Today's youths and IT are inseparable. It is required to know IT so as to keep pace with changes and development of this time.

This period is very important for the youths to learn English. English is spoken all over the world and, consequently, it has become a mode of communication in the arena of international relations.

As more people use English than any other languages in communicating with each other, it has become the most spoken and written language in the world. Fluency and proficiency in English is needed for every young man.

Most web pages on the Internet, also called World Superhighway, are in English. Internet, the main part of the information technology, carries websites offering up-to-date health, education, social, sports, science and research information around the world.

Knowledge in IT and proficiency in English are intertwined. It is found that youths who are interested in IT are unwilling to learn English.

So it is required for the youth of today to try hard to be proficient not only in English but also in IT.

### Specialists of Kyaukse General Hospital provide mobile treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Specialists led by Medical Superintendent of Kyaukse General Hospital in Mandalay Region went to Kume Station Hospital in Myitha Township of Kyaukse District today to provide medical treatment to locals.

The mobile medical team provided treatment to 821 patients in the responsible area of Kume Station Hospital with educative talks given by Specialist Thura Zaw on high blood pressure and stroke, OG specialist Daw Thida Win on importance of antenatal care, Pediatrician Dr May May Kyu on trachea infection in children.—MNA

### Library buildings opened in Paung Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—The new library building of ThanlwinOo Library in Hmawby Village of Paung Township, Mon State was opened on 19 November.

The building measuring 24ftx14xft12ft is of CI-sheet-roofed RC type structure costing K 2.3 million, contributed by the government and villagers.

The new library building of Pinnya Yadana Library in Kyauksayit Village of Paung Township was also opened on 20 November.—MNA

### Special Appellate Bench delivers judgment, hears cases

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Chief Justice of the Union of Supreme Court of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Tha Htay and U Myint Aung delivered judgments of 10 special civil appeal cases at Office No (1) of Supreme Court of the Union this morning. And then they heard six special civil appeal cases.—MNA

### Union Energy Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea Mr Jaedo Moon and party at the ministry here this morning.

The meeting focused on investment of the ROK in energy sector, sending Myanmar trainees to Korean technological universities and conducting OJT training courses.

The Union minister also met Resident Manager Mr Sugi Handoko and party of Goldpetrol Company which is operating joint venture petroleum exploration works with



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives Resident Manager Mr Sugi Handoko of Goldpetrol Company of Indonesia.—MNA

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise. The resident manager discussed matters related to oil and

gas exploration plans and boosting of investment. The Union minister welcomed

Goldpetrol's plans as Myanmar is chasing deeper reserves.

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### Mandalay Region Chief Minister receives Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar, Chinese consulate general



Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint receives Philippine Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar MA Hellen B. De La Vega.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint received Philippine Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar MA Hellen B. De La Vega and party at the Mandalay Region government office at 10.30 am on 25 November.

Similarly, the Chief Minister met Chinese Consul General Mr. Yu Bo Ren who arrived in Myanmar to serve in his post and party at the Chinese consulate general's office in Mandalay at 11 am that day.

Also present at the calls were Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing and Secretary of Mandalay Region government U Ohn Lwin.—MNA

### PaO knocks out Tachilek in semi-final of Shan State Chief Minister's Cup

YANGON, 28 Nov—In the yesterday's first semi-final of the Shan State Chief Minister's Cup Inter-District Men's Football Tournament-2011 (open) at Kanbawza playground,

PaO region beat Tachilek district 1-0. Loilem district plays against Lashio district on 28 November as second semi-final.

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## Putin accepts ruling party's nomination to run for president in 2012

MOSCOW, 28 Nov— Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Sunday accepted the nomination by the ruling United Russia party to run for president in next March's election. "I am grateful to (President) Dmitry Medvedev and the United Russia congress for nominating me as candidate and for the proposal to run for president of the Russian Federation. I accept this proposal with gratitude, of course," Putin told the ruling party's congress.

He warned that efforts from abroad trying to influence Russia's elections are "useless," saying the move is just like "throwing money to the wind."

A total of 614 representatives of the United Russia party unanimously nominated Putin as its presidential candidate for the 4 March election.

Medvedev, who attended the congress, lauded Putin as the most successful, experienced and popular politician in Russia.

Russia's presidential election campaign officially kicked off on Saturday.

Putin, who stepped down in 2008 after two presidential terms, announced in September that he would run for the presidency in 2012. Medvedev agreed to head the ruling United Russia's list for the 4 Dec parliamentary elections.

The United Russia, established in December 2001, is the dominant party force with more than 2 million members.—Xinhua

**Prime Minister Vladimir Putin speaks during a United Russia party congress in Moscow, Russia, on 27 Nov, 2011. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has been formally nominated by the ruling United Russia party to run for president in next March's election.—XINHUA**



## Iran builds three more submarines for navy

TEHRAN, 28 Nov— Iranian state TV says the country has added three more domestically-built submarines to its naval fleet.

The Sunday report said the vessels were delivered to the Iranian navy in southern port of Bandar Abbas. It said the submarines were from the Gadir class, of which Iran already has four.

This class of submarine can fire missiles and torpedoes and operate in the Gulf's shallow waters.

The move is seen as part of Iran's effort to upgrade its defence capabilities amid escalating tension over its nuclear programme. The West suspects Iran is aiming at developing nuclear weapons, a charge Iran denies.

Internet



**A truck transporting supplies for NATO forces in Afghanistan returns from northwest Pakistan's Torkham border crossing, on 27 Nov, 2011. Pakistani security forces have blocked the NATO supplies to Afghanistan following a Saturday morning's NATO airstrike on an army checkpoint in northwest Pakistan, which killed 28 Pakistani soldiers and injured 15 others, reported local Urdu TV channel Duniya.—XINHUA**

## Military bosses prepare for possible "dirty bomb" attack during 2012 Olympics

LONDON, 28 Nov— Military bosses fear that terrorists are planning to execute a fatal "deadly bomb" attack during the 2012 London Olympics.

Military sources told *The Mirror* they fear attacks might occur outside London because terrorists might view them as less secure locations.

Though the Games, which will be held from 27 July to 12 August, will be centred on the Olympic Park in Stratford, East London, 34 venues across Britain will be used.

Preparations are being made for a possible radioactive attack at a Games venue outside London, including Old Trafford in Manchester, Brands Hatch in Kent and Weymouth in Dorset.

UK Defence Ministry (MoD) has also set up a 1,000-strong rapid reaction force (RAF) to respond to a "mass casualty incident". "We have been fully involved in Olympic security planning and it is anticipated the Armed Forces will provide some specialist support. Ongoing planning to meet a range of contingencies is sensible," *the Mirror* quoted a MoD spokesperson, as saying.

"Transition to Threat State Critical is ongoing. It is identifying additional defence support that might be required in such circumstances, for example radiological detection at non-London venues," a briefing note sent to commanders involved in the MoD Operation Olympic said.—Internet

## Suicide car bombing in Iraq kills 19, injures 22

BAGHDAD, 28 Nov—A suicide car bombing rattled the Taj prison north of the Iraqi Capital Baghdad on Monday, killing 19 people and injuring 22 others, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

The attack took place at about 8:00 am local time (0500 GMT) when a suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into the entrance of the prison, some 20 km north of Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Most of the victims were guards at the outer checkpoint and prison personnel, who came to their work, along with some civilians, the source said. Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene as ambulances, police vehicles and civilian cars evacuated the victims to hospitals, the source added.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks are common in Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

Xinhua



**File photo of Iraqi special security forces in Baghdad. A suicide car bomber detonated an explosives-packed vehicle at a prison north of Baghdad on Monday, killing 19 people and wounding at least 22, security officials said.**

INTERNET



**Philippine policemen, seen here in Zamboanga City. Police sifting through the rubble of a southern Philippine hotel hit by an apparent bomb attack found one more body pinned under the debris on Monday, raising the death toll to three.**

INTERNET

## Four suspected AT&T hackers linked to terrorist group

BEIJING, 28 Nov— The US FBI and police in the Philippines have arrested four alleged hackers in Manila with connections to a terrorist group in Saudi Arabia, according to media reports Monday.

The four who were arrested last Wednesday hacked into AT&T Inc's phone systems as part of a plan to funnel money to a Saudi-based terror group, the reports said.

The hackers, according to the investigators, worked for a group that helped finance a deadly 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai, India.

Investigators also said the hacking cost AT&T around 2 million US dollars. And an AT&T representative told *Reuters* that it "ended up writing off some fraudulent charges that appeared on customer bills" but did not comment on the 2 million dollars figure.

"AT&T and its network were neither targeted nor breached by the hackers," AT&T spokeswoman Jan Rasmussen said. "AT&T only assisted law enforcement in the investigation that led to the arrest of a group of hackers."—Xinhua

## Health

## Free HIV tests offered for World AIDS Day in US

BEIJING, 28 Nov—Many parts of the United States are planning to offer free HIV tests for people on 1 Dec in honour of World AIDS Day, according to media report Monday.

Officials in Washington will provide free HIV tests at area-based food stamp offices, Medicaid offices, and government assistance offices. US WMCA Health Services is to offer free Rapid HIV testing to all from 8 am to 4 pm on 1 Dec, 2011 at their office at 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, Maine.

People getting an HIV test can get their results in 20 minutes from the confidential testing. Free chlamydia and gonorrhea testing will also be offered for all woman age 26 and under and all men. They can either call the clinic to make an appointment or walk to the office directly for free testing. They also have chances to get food, giveaways and gift cards if they get there early.

More than 40 vendors are expected to take part in the second annual World AIDS Day hosted by the Lake County Health Department on 1 Dec. The free event will begin from noon and be over at 4 pm at Donnelly Park, 530 N. Donnelly St in Mount Dora, Florida. World AIDS Day is a global campaign to end AIDS and help bring awareness of the disease worldwide.—Xinhua



People attend a rally aiming at eliminating discrimination of people with AIDS and stopping AIDS spread among young people in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 27 Nov, 2011, to mark the World AIDS Day 2011.

XINHUA

## 12,000 cancer patients, survivors to gather for special Spring Festival gala

SHANGHAI, 28 Nov—Around 12,000 cancer patients and survivors will gather together on 15 Jan, 2012 to perform at a special Spring Festival gala in Shanghai, an official with the city's cancer rehabilitation society said Sunday.

During the event, 12,000 cancer patients and survivors from the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong, Taipei, the United States and Japan will perform a song titled "I Am Happy" in sign language, said Yuan Zhengping, vice president of the Shanghai Cancer Rehabilitation Society.

The gala aims to raise awareness about cancer in China and inspire hope in individuals suffering from the disease, Yuan said.

According to the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), there were 12.7 million new cancer cases and 7.6 million deaths due to cancer globally in 2008. By 2030, there will be 26 million new cancer cases and 17 million cancer deaths per year.—Xinhua



People who is under medical care wait for taking methadone maintenance treatment (MMT) at a clinic in Ruili, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 18 Nov, 2011. Since the Chinese government legalized the medical usage of methadone in 2004, the HIV/AIDS infection rate among drug users undergoing MMT has seen a sharp decline. The methadone clinic in Ruili opened in June 2005, providing MMT for some 300 drug users per day. Methadone, a synthesized narcotic that is less addictive than morphine or heroin, is widely used internationally as a way to help addicts break their addiction. Such clinics are ubiquitous in the southwestern border provinces such as Yunnan and Guangxi, where transnational drug trafficking is common.—XINHUA

## Health Tip: Make healthy choices at fast-food restaurants

Rolling through the drive-through doesn't mean your healthy diet has to take a nose-dive.

The American Diabetes Association offers these suggestions for healthier fast-food choices:

\* Stick to a regular or junior-sized meal or sandwich. Avoid anything labeled as jumbo, super-sized, deluxe, giant or big-sized.

\* Stick to lean meats that have been broiled or grilled. Skip fattening condiments in favor of veggies or a dash of mustard.

\* Order a sandwich on an English muffin, instead of a biscuit or croissant.

\* Stick to fresh veggies at the salad bar, avoiding heavy dressings, croutons, cheeses and bacon bits.

\* Opt for lean chicken, rather than beef.

\* Stick to thin-crust veggie pizza without too many toppings or extra cheese.

Internet

## Business

## Nikkei rises sharply on Italy bailout report

TOKYO, 28 Nov—Nikkei rose sharply Monday morning in Tokyo, as investor sentiment was lifted by a report that the International Monetary Fund is planning a bailout for Italy. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 144.35 points, or 1.77 percent, from Friday to 8,304.36, after hitting new 32-month closing lows for four trading days in a row last week. The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose 10.64 points, or 1.51 percent, to 717.24.—Xinhua

## Seoul shares open higher

SEOUL, 28 Nov—South Korean stocks opened higher on Monday. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) climbed 33.66 points, or 1.89 percent, to 1,810.06 in the first 15 minutes of trading. The South Korean currency was quoted at 1,155.9 won to the US dollar as of 9:15 am, up 8.9 won from Friday's close.—Xinhua

## China fund keen on Western infrastructure

BEIJING, 28 Nov—China's \$400-billion sovereign wealth fund wants to invest in European and US infrastructure, its chairman said in comments published on Monday, as Beijing seeks better returns for its foreign exchange holdings.

"Now infrastructure in Europe and the US badly needs more investment," Lou Jiwei, head of China Investment Corporation (CIC), said, adding that the company was keen to team up with fund managers or participate in public-private-partnerships in Britain.

"Traditionally, Chinese involvement in overseas infrastructure projects has just been as contractors. Now Chinese investors also see a need to invest in, develop and operate projects," he wrote in an opinion article published in the *Financial Times*. CIC was set up in 2007 to invest some of China's massive foreign exchange reserves—the world's largest at \$3.2017 trillion at the end of September—partly to gain better returns.

It has been increasingly investing in real assets



This file illustration photo shows commuters waiting on a platform for a train in Paris. China's \$400-billion sovereign wealth fund wants to invest in European and US infrastructure, its chairman said in comments published on Monday, as Beijing seeks better returns for its foreign exchange holdings.—INTERNET

such as natural resources as it seeks to diversify away from financial holdings such as US Treasuries. European leaders have been calling on China, the world's second largest economy, to help bail out debt-laden eurozone countries, but a senior CIC official said this month any investment would be based on financial returns.—Internet



## Samsung Electronics launches Galaxy Note in S Korea

### Tech

SEOUL, 28 Nov—Samsung Electronics, the world's second-largest manufacturer of mobile phones, said Monday that it launched its latest smart mobile gadget Galaxy Note in South Korea in a bid to take the lead in a new phase of the mobile phone market.

The Galaxy Note, which was first introduced in September at IFA 2011, the consumer electronics fair held in Berlin, was Samsung's latest Galaxy lineup, combining the portability of a smartphone with the larger screen of a tablet computer, according to Samsung.

The device ensured portability and grip with 9.65-millimeter thin, 182 grams in weight and a rounded back design, while featuring a 5.3-inch super active-matrix organic light-emitting diode (AMOLED) display.

The function of "S Pen," or a digital pen, was added to the device in a bid to enable users to draw, paint and crop

images by writing on the screen, Samsung said.

Featuring Android's 2.3 Gingerbread platform, the gadget was powered by a 1.5-gigahertz dual core processor supplemented with fourth generation (4G) long term evolution (LTE) network service.

"Galaxy Note is a revolutionary product opening a new category in the market. It will deliver a whole new mobile experience beyond feature phones, smartphones and tablet devices," said Shin Jong-kyun, president and head of Samsung's mobile communications business. In addition, Samsung launched Galaxy Nexus, the world's first smartphone running Android's 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich. The latest Android operating system (OS) combined the benefits of smartphones and tablet computers, according to Samsung.

Xinhua



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## HTC says to tough out downturn, new models coming

### Tech

TAIPEI, (China), 28 Nov—HTC Corp promised competitive new models early next year and said it would stick to its strategy in the face of its biggest challenge since rising to prominence in the smartphone market.

HTC has become the worst performer among global smartphone shares this year, falling over 30 percent in the last eight sessions alone, as investors worried it may have lost the innovative touch that propelled it from contract maker to must-have brand in only a few years.

Those concerns heightened last week when HTC surprisingly cut its revenue forecast for the fourth quarter to no growth, shocking a market used to double-digit growth rates from the maker of the Desire,

Sensation and Wildfire models.

But the company says it is not another Nokia, the Finnish mobile maker which has experienced a rapid fall from market dominance.

"I don't think it's so serious," Chief Financial Officer Winston Yung told Reuters on Monday. "We have six quarters of improvement, the most conservative guidance is 45 million units of shipments this year, a lot higher than 25 million last year," he said.

"We will focus on the product next year, better and more competitive. Other than new LTE phones for the US market, we also have phones for the global market. We will launch some worldwide flagship products. We're confident in them."—Reuters

## Spiders' cobweb chemical repels invading ants

### Science

SYDNEY, 28 Nov—Golden orb web spiders know how to protect their web silk from invading ants — they just add a chemical to repel the latter. The properties of the chemical could pave the way to new pesticides.

Spider silk is known to be very strong, elastic and adhesive.

The study was led by researchers from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the

University of Melbourne, the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* reports.

Daiqin Li, associate professor in biological sciences from the National University of Singapore, intrigued why ants avoided orb web spiders, set out to discover the reason with associates from the University of Melbourne.

"We found that large Golden orb web spiders add a defensive alkaloid

chemical onto the silk, which stops the ants from walking onto the web when they come into contact with it," said Li, according to a Melbourne statement.—Internet

from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, and scientists hope that the six-wheeled vehicle will send back information that could pave the way for a human mission to Mars. The probe is expected to touch down in August next year after completing its 354million-mile journey across space. The probe, which will also try to determine if there was ever life on the planet, has been described by scientists as "the most complicated mission attempted on the surface of Mars".—Internet

## Bookies betting minimal chances of NASA proving life on Mars

### Science

LONDON, 28 Nov—Bookies have slashed the odds on NASA proving that there is life on Mars within the next five years to 4 out of 6.

William Hill is betting in relation to the new landmark mission to

Mars by NASA, which has been recently launched to see if the Red Planet could support human life one day, the *Daily Star* reported.

The 1.6 billion pounds nuclear-powered Curiosity probe lifted off

from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, and scientists hope that the six-wheeled vehicle will send back information that could pave the way for a human mission to Mars. The probe is expected to touch down in August next year after completing its 354million-mile journey across space. The probe, which will also try to determine if there was ever life on the planet, has been described by scientists as "the most complicated mission attempted on the surface of Mars".—Internet



**Leonid meteors are seen streaking across the sky over snow-capped Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, early on 19 Nov, 2001, in this 7-minute exposure photo. Star gazers braved cold temperatures at the foot of Mount Fuji to observe the shower of Leonid meteors.—INTERNET**



**A shop attendant arranges HTC phones in a mobile phone store in Taipei on 24 Nov, 2011.**

REUTERS

## Device that helps soldiers scale walls like Batman

### Tech

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov—Inspired by Batman's comic book capers, a new device will enable sailors and soldiers to ascend walls with the panache of the super hero.

Funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) TechSolutions programme, the Powered Rope Ascender (PRA) is designed for use in urban combat and cave exploration.

The hand-held climbing tool allows infantrymen and sailors to ascend and descend

vertical surfaces at the rate of six feet per second, according to an ONR statement.

The technology — compact and run on a rechargeable battery — can help naval teams in boarding ships and help chopper rescue crews evacuate casualties, among other applications.

The device will be highlighted during a "Modern Marvels" episode called "Weird Machines" to be telecast by the History channel Monday.—Internet

## Dreams get rid of painful memories

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov —Dreaming seems to strip painful memories of their lingering bite. During the REM (rapid eye movement) dream phase of sleep, stress chemicals shut down, permitting the brain to process emotional experiences and defanging hurtful memories.

The findings offer a compelling explanation for why people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), such as war veterans, have a hard time recovering from painful experiences and suffer recurring nightmares.

"The dream stage of sleep, based on its unique neurochemical composition, provides us with a form of overnight therapy, a soothing balm that removes the sharp edges from the prior day's emotional experiences," said Matthew Walker.

Walker is an associate professor of psychology and neuroscience at University of California, Berkeley,

and study co-author, the journal *Current Biology* reports.

For people with PTSD, Walker said, this overnight therapy may not be working effectively, so when a "flashback is triggered by, say, a car backfiring, they relive the whole visceral experience once again because the emotion has not been properly stripped away from the memory during sleep".

The results offer some of the first insights into the emotional REM sleep, which typically takes up 20 percent of a healthy human's sleeping hours, according to a Berkeley statement.

"During REM sleep, memories are being reactivated, put in perspective and connected and integrated, but in a state where stress neurochemicals are beneficially suppressed," said Els van der Helm, doctoral student in psychology at Berkeley. He led the study.—*Internet*



*People clad in traditional clothes dance during an event held to greet Christmas in Aix-en-Provence, south France, on 27 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA*

## Britain to set up special maths schools

LONDON, 28 Nov—A number of schools specialising in maths would be set up in Britain as the government sees the subject as a "fundamental strategic priority" in education. This is part of the government's 600-million-pound drive to improve education, *Sky News* reported.

Chancellor George Osborne will announce the plan soon, where many new institutions for students between 16 and 18 and aimed at providing the "highest quality maths teaching in the world" will be set up.

The fund will be provided over the next three years, and pupils hoping to study at the new establishments will have to go through a special process devised by the department of education. With the growth in digital technology, maths is regarded to be of increasing importance to the economy and to offer students better job prospects.—*Internet*

## 'Jet man' flies in formation alongside two planes over Swiss Alps

LONDON, 28 Nov —A self-styled "jet man" has performed a death-defying stunt by flying alongside two L-39C Albatros planes above the Swiss Alps.

According to *Sky News*, Yves Rossy flew in a custom-built jet suit over the mountain range in formation with the aircraft.

The 51-year-old launched himself from the side of a helicopter before taking his place alongside the two jets high above the Alps.

Rossy had become the first man in history to fly with a jet-propelled wing in November 2006.—*Internet*



*Students of Mongolian ethnic group practise horsehead fiddle, a traditional bowed stringed instrument used by Mongolians, at a primary school in Naiman Banner, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 23 Nov, 2011. The region has promoted education on ethnic culture for all primary school students of ethnic groups, by offering children classes on folk music and dance.—XINHUA*

## Thailand holds annual monkey festival

BANGKOK, 28 Nov—In the town of Lopburi, Thailand, a lavish five-star buffet was prepared on Sunday, not for visiting dignitaries, but for local monkeys.

The animals are treated to a feast in a ritual to thank them for bringing good fortune and prosperity to the town.

Fruits, vegetables, desserts, giant ice blocks and even dishes from country's numerous five-star hotels were sent to an ancient Khmer-Hindu Temple.

Foreign tourists might have found it quite surprising and even alarming when some of the animals jumped upon them.

The monkeys are believed to be the descendants of the Hindu monkey-god "Hanuman."

The feast is funded by donations from local residents, at a cost of around 16-thousand US dollars. A recent massive floods haven't dented people's eagerness to please the gods.

*Internet*



*Photo taken on 27 Nov, 2011 shows the construction site of an indemnificatory housing project in Baoshan District of Shanghai, east China. The launching goal of Shanghai's indemnificatory housing construction is expected to be achieved at the end of November. About 170,000 indemnificatory housing units are scheduled to be provided to low-income families in 2011.*

XINHUA

## 11 killed, 33 missing after bridge collapses in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 Nov—Rescuers have found 6 dead bodies on Monday, bringing the total bodies evacuated to 11, and still searches for about 33 others after a long bridge collapsed in Tenggarong town of East Kalimantan on Saturday, a rescuer said on Monday.

The accident also injured 40 people, some of them were still treated in a nearby hospital as they got serious injuries, Head of Search and Rescue Office in East Kalimantan named only Harmoniadi said. "Since this morning we have found 6 more bodies

that put the total fatality to 11 so far," he told *Xinhua* over phone from the scene. "Most of the people hit by the collapsing bridge got broken bones and serious

wounded," Reni Wahyuni, spokesperson of the hospital in Tenggarong town of AM Parikesit told *Xinhua* by phone.

*Xinhua*

*Rescuers inspect the ruin of Kutai Kartanegara bridge in Tenggarong, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. INTERNET*



# Sarsodaw Day-A Retrospect

Maung Khine Zaw

Before the Second World War, the Myanmar literary world divided itself into two groups—one group being the educated young men at the Yangon University College Campus and another group being the professional writers outside the college campus.

The two groups had lived apart for a long time until the well known British Writer H.G Wells came to Myanmar in 1939. These two groups of writers met together to receive Mr. H.G Wells at the University Boat Club near the Inya (Victoria) Lake. The Myanmar writers headed by Dr. Htin Aung, lecturer in English, Yangon University College, entertained the distinguished guest with a tea party. The guest and the writers posed for a group photograph.

The Myanmar writers presented an account of the British Government's ruthless suppression of the political uprisings in December 1938. Mr. H.G Wells promised that he would write about (publish) it to let the world know when he arrived back in London. At this gathering, the two groups of writers agreed in principle to form a writers association.

As the Myanmar writers deemed it necessary to form a well organized writers association, they held a meeting at the upper floor of the Scott Market (now Bogoyoke Aung San Market) in April 1942 during the Japanese Occupation Period. With the exception of Deedok U Ba Cho who was taking refuge at a delta town, Ayeyawady Division, U Kaung Maha Swe, Shwe U Daung, Dagon Shwe Hmyar, Dagon Nat Shin, Zawana, Journalgyaw U Chit Maung, Kyipwaryay U Hla, Thin Khar and Journalist U Thein Maung attended the meeting.

At this meeting they decided to establish the Myanmar Writers Association and discussed the holding of Sarsodaw Day (Writers' Day) to honour men of letters because the ancient Myanmar Kings used to honour men of letters and men of might by conferring titles and giving rewards in the month of Nadaw (December). They chose the First Day of Waxing moon of Nadaw as the Sarsodaw Day. Thus the Sarsodaw Day came into being during the war in Yangon.

In the year 1944 (1306 ME), a group of Myanmar Literati discussed the holding of U Ponnya Day; U Ponnya was a noted playwright of the late Konbaung Period. U Ponnya day was celebrated to commemorate his talented literary works on the 13<sup>th</sup> waxing moon of Kason that year.

The newly formed Writers Association failed to celebrate the Sarsodaw Days in 1942, and 1943 successively due to unavoidable circumstances. Only in late 1944 the first Sarsodaw Day was really held on the first waxing moon of Nadaw (1306 ME) at the Myaing Cinema Hall at Kandawgyi (Royal Lake), Bahan. Since then, this literary festival has been held every year on the first waxing moon of Nadaw.

Thus the first day of the Myanmar month of Nadaw is marked as the 'Sarsodaw Day' (Writers' Day) in honour of all writers of Myanmar, ancient and modern.

The Myanmar Writers Association staged a Sarsodaw Day Pyazat (Play) entitled 'Wizaya Pyazat' which was based on the story of U Ponnya at the Myaing Cinema Hall. It is significant to note that those who participated in 'Wizaya Pyazat' were writers themselves.

At the Resistance Day against the Facism drew nearer, the participants in the pyazat warned that individual endeavours alone could not achieve the objective but the collective efforts would win the aim of resistance movement. In other words, they sent a message in an indirect way to the political leaders and the high-ranking officers of Burma National Army (BNA) who came and viewed the pyazat (play).

However, the Writers Association could not stage the Sarsodaw Day Pyazats in the years 1945, 1946 and 1947 in view of the country's independence movement and political turmoil.

After regaining the independence, the Myanmar Writers Association staged 'Waitharli Pyazat' in 1948, 'Wimzin Min Yarzar Pyazat' in 1949, 'Nat Shin Naung Pyazat' in 1950, 'Myawady Mingyi U Sa Pyazat' and 'Taung Thaman Lesa Maung Pe Nge Pyazat' in 1952 at the Cathey Cinema Hall in Yangon respectively.

Nowadays, the Ministry of Information honours the winners of National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards by holding prize distributing ceremony in the month of Nadaw every year in the new capital Nay Pyi Taw. A ceremony of paying obeisance and presenting gifts to veteran writers, poets and journalists (80 years and above) is also held under the aegis of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at the City Hall in Yangon in the month of Nadaw.

Today, the literary activities are widespread throughout the country where writers and poets hold seminars and talks on literary topics and discussions with the audience on their literary works.

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Sub-region Tourism Working Group Meeting held



**Deputy Minister for  
Hotels and Tourism  
U Htay Aung,  
Executive Director of  
MTCO and  
Executive Officer of  
PATA formally open  
Greater Mekong  
Sub-region Tourism  
Working Group  
Meeting.**

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—The opening ceremonies of 28<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Sub-region Tourism Working Group Meeting and related meetings, Greater Mekong Sub-region Travel Exhibition and photo exhibition under the title of Myanmar's Colourful Beauty were held at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan yesterday morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Tourism Board U Maung Maung Swe, Executive Director Mr Mason Florence of Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO) and Chief Executive Officer Mr Martin Jeremy Craigs of Pacific Asia Travel

Association (PATA) spoke on the occasion.

The deputy minister and the PATA CEO announced PATA Myanmar Chapter official launch. The deputy minister and the executive director of MTCO and PATA CEO formally opened the ceremonies and viewed round travel exhibition and prize-winning photos of photo contest.

The deputy minister and Social Sector Specialist Mr Steven Schipani of Asia Development Bank (ADB) addressed the seminar on systematic and sustainable development of tourism at Bagan Palace Tower.

Next, CEO Mr Luzi Matzig of Asian trails discussed under the topic of challenges in sustainable

development of tourism, Mr Arild Molsta, Daw Kyi Kyi Aye, Mr Robert Mather (IUCN), Mr Alex Rayner, U Win Naing Thaw and Mr Anthony Wong under environmental conservation for sustainability of tourism, Ms Nicole Haeusler, Daw Yin Myo Su, Mr Achim Munz, Mr Pradech Phayakvichien and Mr Eggarat Wongcharit under effects of socio-tourism on sustainable development of tourism, Mr Jens Thraenhart, Mr Martin Jeremy Craigs, U Min Din, Prof Dr Chira Hong Ladarom, Dr Aung Myat Kyaw, Mr Luzi Matzig and Daw Su Su Tin under matters relating to future tourism development.—MNA

## Mandalay University to hold respect-paying ceremony on 23 Dec

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Mandalay University held the coordination meeting (9/2011) on holding of 10<sup>th</sup> respect-paying ceremony at the university. Director-General Dr Thein Myint (Retd) of Higher Education Department (upper Myanmar) made a speech.

Mandalay University In-charge Rector Dr Khin Swe Myint set out minutes of the (8/2011) meeting to hold respect-paying ceremony at the convocation hall of Mandalay University on 23 December.

The meeting covered measures of respective work sub-committees. Mandalay University Family donated K 700,000 for the ceremony.—MNA

## 15<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 47-member...

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After seeking the approval of those present on the report, general matters were discussed and decided.

In the afternoon, the 15<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 47-member of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (SSMNC) concluded successfully.

Wellwishers who offered alm to members of Sangha at the second-day meeting were lay persons led by Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun Shwekyin Monastery in Thimgangyun Township.

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## Course on International Laws opened

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—The opening ceremony of the course on International Laws for officials, jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Geneva-based United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), was held at Zabuthiri Hotel here this morning, with an address by Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint, Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint, instructor professors from the UNITAR, personnel from governmental institutions and trainees.

The course on International Laws will be conducted from today to 2 December here and the course on Diplomacy and Negotiation for mid-level officers from 5 to 9 December in Yangon. The duration of the courses will be two weeks.

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## Special Refresher Course No (44) for basic education teachers opens

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov — The opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (44) for basic education teachers was held at Central Institute of Civil Services (Upper Myanmar) this morning with an address by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

Also present at the ceremony were member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint, Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing and officials and 1500 trainees.

In his address, Chairman of National Education Committee Union Minister Dr Mya Aye said that development of human resources for all citizens is of vital importance to building up three strengths namely political strength, economic strength and national defence strength. Education is the primary pillar of human resources development.

Special attention has to be given on human resources development while striving for promotion of internationally-recognized education standard. Apart from realization of free compulsory primary education system which is being implemented, efforts are to be made for enhancement of the quality of already-opened universities, colleges and basic education schools, more use of teaching aids, capacity building and better improvement in socio-economic status of educational staff and increase in school enrollment rate so as to keep in breast with internationally-recognized education standard. Scholarship awards for further studies abroad

**British priest Lord George Carey calls on Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw and SSMNC members Sayadaws.**  
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## British priest calls on SSMNC Sayadaw

YANGON, 28 Nov—British priest Lord George Carey called on Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rahta Guru Agga

Maha Saddhama Jotikadaja Dr Bhaddanta Kumaravamsa and SSMNC members Sayadaws at Maha Nayaka Monastery on Kaba Aye Hill here this evening.—MNA



UNITAR Joint-Director Madame Isabel Hubert explaining about the course.—MNA

## Applications of formation of political parties submitted to UEC

**Scrutiny underway to ensure whether it is in conformity with Section 4 and 6 of Political Parties Registration Law**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov — In line with the right to submit applications for formation of political parties to the Union Election Commission, 16 persons including U Saw Than Kyaw Oo submitted an application to form Kayin Democratic Party to the UEC today.

Regarding the application, the UEC requested ministries concerned to scrutinize those wishing to form the party whether it is in conformity with Sections 4 and 6 of Political Parties Registration Law or not.—MNA

while upholding four objectives of the 91<sup>st</sup> National Day.

As cognitive domain, psychomotor domain and affective domain are intertwined in learning domain, it is required for teachers of 21<sup>st</sup> century to try hard to be learners of 21<sup>st</sup> century. Being a member of the United Nations, teachers are to take part in their respective roles in implementation of educational tasks leading to sustainability and Education for All programme which are being employed in Myanmar.

Next, the Union minister cordially greeted trainees.—MNA

**Deputy Governor of Yunnan Province of PRC Mr Gu Zhao Xi called on Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint on 23 November.**  
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(News reported)



## Cash donated for paying respect to doyen...

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Pyay Ti Oo Foundation, U Khin Maung Thet-Daw Tin Tin Mya and family K 0.5 million each, Maj Thet Tun (Rtd)-Daw Thi Thi Nwe (Bogyoke market) and Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Nan Mon Hein K 0.3 million each, writer Thiri San, Street View Journal, U Zaw Min (Mingala Co Ltd) and Brig-Gen Sithu Tin Pe and wife Daw Thein Saing (Ma Myat Lay) K 0.2 million each, U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and wife Daw Nyunt Nyunt Than, U Khin Swe (Shwesonnyo) and family K 105,000 each, U Kyaw Win (Manutha Kyaw Win), U Chit Naing (Chit Naing-Psychology), Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Rtd) (Myinmu-Maung Naing Moe) and Daw Khin Aye Mu and family, U Kyaw Win (Ponnawady Phone Swe)-Daw Baby Myint (Shwebo Thiri Marlar) and family, Daw Nan Su Su San, Daw

Thein Yu and family, families of late Sayawon Tin Shwe and U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and family K 0.1 million each, Min Shwe Min (Insein), Naing Myo Thitsar (Namtu), U Zaw Myo Han (Zaw Myo Han-Ngathaingchaung) and U Myo Khaing (Myo Khaing-Muse) and People's Age Journal K 50,000 each.

Next, U Hla Toe (Toe Tat) 150 copies of joke books worth K 150,000, U Phayay (Daewa Yetkha Pharmacy) three boxes of traditional medicines worth K 326,000, Saedana Hlaing (Yesagyo) 135 copies of books entitled "Images of national entrepreneurs" worth K 427,500, Myanmar Astrological Research Association 200 copies of 2012 calendar worth K 0.2 million, Daw Kyi Kyi Sein 200 copies of 2012 calendar worth K 140,000 and Sayadaw Venerable Monk Javana (Mittashin-Shwepyitha) publications worth K 0.2 million.

On behalf of the MWJA, chairman of fund-raising work committee for respect-paying ceremony to doyens of

Union

Minister

U Kyaw

Hsan accepts

donation of

well-wishers.

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literati U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Haymar) spoke words of thanks. The ceremony came to an end. Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan greeted those present.

A total of 61 donors contributed K 35,362,950 and six donors medicines, calendars and publications worth K 1,443,500.

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## Hindu Dhamma Sala opened in Pyay

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—A Hindu Dhamma Sala was opened by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and donors of the religious building today in Pyay.

The building was constructed with the contribution of U Chandrade Parakesh (a) U Maung Maung and wife Daw Sham Kali Davi (a) Daw San Myint and the donors handed over the

building to Sanantana Dhammapalaka (Hindu) at the ceremony.

Afterwards, the wellwishers donated K 1 million to Shwesandaw Pagoda, K 500,000 to Sayalay Orphanage in Pyay, K 500,000 to Khittara Home for the Aged and K200,000 to Shwe Mottaw Monastery in Pyay.—MNA

**Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung, well-wishers U Chandrade Parakesh (a) U Maung Maung and wife Daw Sham Kali Davi (a) Daw San Myint open Hindu Dhamma Sala.—MNA**

## Pyithu Hluttaw delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 28 Nov— At the invitation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, a Myanmar Hluttaw delegation led by Chairman of the International Relations Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw Pyinmana Township Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Hla Myint Oo left here for the People's Republic of China today.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw U Thurein Zaw, Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung, Secretary of the Public Accounts Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw U Maung Toe, Counselor of the

Embassy of China in Yangon Mr. Wang Zongying and responsible personnel.

The Myanmar delegation led by U Hla Myint Oo comprises Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ko Ko Tun of Aunglan Township Constituency in Magway Region, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Township Constituency in Sagaing Region, members of the International Relations Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Si of Kyaukme Constituency in Shan State, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Soe of Natmauk Township Constituency in Magway Region, Defence Services Personnel Representative of Pyithu Hluttaw

**Pyithu Hluttaw delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo being seen off by officials at Yangon International Airport before departure for China.**

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Col Tint Hsan, Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Aung Kyaw of Punnakayun Constituency and Deputy Director U Zaw Zaw Htaik of Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker's Office.

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**Take Fire Preventive Measures**

## News Photo



**A child undergoing treatment for cholera sleeps at a cholera treatment centre run by Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) in Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince on 27 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA**

## Eight injured in Southern Calif yacht blast

LOS ANGELES, 28 Nov—Eight people sustained injuries after a power boat they were aboard exploded in the Huntington Beach in Southern California on Saturday, authorities said. The blast, which occurred on a 2003-made, 7.3-metre-long Monterey sports yacht, took place just before noon at the Sunset Beach Harbour, said Sgt Jeff Foster from the Orange County Sheriff's Harbour Patrol.

The boat owner had smelled gas when he

launched the ill-fated boat from a public dock, Foster said. There were nine people on the boat when the incident happened.

The huge explosion threw four of those aboard into the sea. As the pleasure boat was caught in fire, several more jumped out.

A passerby radioed for help, and rescue workers rushed to the scene to fish the injured out and took them to local hospitals.

The injuries range from burns, contusions, scratches to possible

broken bones, authorities said. Some of the victims were released, according to Foster.

The explosion and ensuing fire was so catastrophic that the craft has sunk. The charred wreckage remained in the water as officials work to retrieve it. The authorities have begun to investigate the incident.

The explosion was likely caused by a fuel leak in the boat's engine compartment, according to Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Xinhua

**French firemen try to extinguish a fire at a warehouse stocking rolls of paper for a local paper maker in Forest-sur-Marque, northern France.**

INTERNET

## Cutting edge battery to store solar, wind energy

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov—Scientists are developing a cutting edge, durable and extremely powerful rechargeable battery to store excess power generated by wind or solar energy. The breakthrough by Stanford University researchers comes from a new electrode that employs crystalline nanoparticles of a copper compound. In lab tests, the electrode survived 40,000 cycles of charging and discharging, after which it could still be charged to more than 80 percent of its original capacity. Conversely, the much hyped lithium battery can handle only about 400 charge/discharge cycles before it becomes useless, the journal *Nature Communications* reports.

"At the rate of several cycles per day, this electrode would have a good 30 years of useful life on the electrical grid," said graduate student in materials science and engineering at Stanford Colin Wessells, who led the study. "That is a breakthrough performance—a battery that will keep running for tens of thousands of cycles and never fail," said Yi Cui, study co-author, associate professor and Wessell's adviser, according to a Stanford statement.—Internet

## Michael Jackson's doctor to be sentenced

LOS ANGELES, 28 Nov—Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray is due back in court on Tuesday for sentencing, facing up to four years in prison after being convicted over the King of Pop's 2009 death.

Prosecutors want Murray to get the maximum jail term and be ordered to compensate the Jackson family for the star's loss of earnings, estimated at US\$100 million for the comeback shows he was preparing when he died.

But the 58-year-old medic's lawyer Ed Chernoff asked in

submissions to court last week for his client to be given parole and community service, underlining that he will likely never practice medicine again.

"To subject this former doctor, described by all who know him as a gentle man who devoted his professional life to providing care to the underserved population, to a lengthy jail term would be wholly inappropriate," he wrote.

Murray was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter on 7 November for having given Jackson an overdose of the anesthetic



**Conrad Murray**

propofol on 25 June, 2009 at his plush Holmby Hills mansion to help him fight chronic insomnia.

Jackson, aged 50 at the time of his death, had hired Murray at a salary of US\$150,000 a month to look after him as he rehearsed and embarked on a series of planned comeback shows in London.—Internet

## Developed countries urged to take bigger responsibility for climate change

DURBAN, 28 Nov—The ruling African National Congress (ANC) on Monday urged developed countries to take bigger responsibility for measures to curtail climate change.

The ANC made the appeal as representatives from nearly 200 countries kicked off the COP 17, formally the 17th Conference of Parties to the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The ANC felt South Africa's representatives at the UN climate summit in Durban had to argue a case for developing countries, ANC secretary general Gwede Mantashe said. Developed economies accounted for most of the global emission of greenhouse gases, Mantashe said. Developing countries still had to contend with development needs and the need to reduce climate change caused by its citizens, he said.—Xinhua



**Demonstrators in masks point fake guns to young woman dressed as brides, during a demonstration for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 25 Nov, 2011. Government authorities said that more than 1,500 women were murdered in Honduras, between 2008 and 2011, according to local media.—XINHUA**

## One missing after Japanese boat, S Korean cargo ship collide

OSAKA, 28 Nov—A Japanese fishing boat and a South Korean cargo ship collided in waters about 60 kilometres east of Tsushima, Nagasaki Prefecture in southwestern Japan early Sunday, leaving one Japanese crew member missing, according to a Kyodo News report.

The No 18 Kairyo

Maru, a 16-ton fishing boat from a seafood company in Fukuoka with two crew members, and the Maruka, a 1,416-ton cargo ship from South Korea with eight crew, collided shortly after 5 am local time in waters off the Nagasaki Hana lighthouse, capsizing the fishing boat and throwing its crew into the sea, the report quoted

a local maritime safety agency as saying.

The 46-year-old captain of the fishing boat was rescued by the cargo ship, but another man in the boat went missing. Meanwhile, all crew members of the cargo ship — five South Koreans and three Myanmarers, were unhurt at the accident.

Internet

**Firemen work at the Manish Market that was gutted by a fire in Mumbai, India, on 26 Nov, 2011. The fire started in the early morning and destroyed a shopping centre and the market, burning down about 1,000 stores.—XINHUA**





## Pacific islands facing higher risk of natural disaster

CANBERRA, 28 Nov—Pacific island states are facing high risk of natural disaster as the region is getting hotter, sea levels are rising, and rainfall patterns are changing, according to a report.

A new report by Australian scientists on the impact of climate change in the Pacific islands claims that natural disasters will become increasingly common and more intense.

The report forecasts more natural disasters from events such as landslides as a result of heavy downpours,

damage to coral reef ecosystems from changes to ocean chemistry as the water sucks up more carbon, and accelerating sea level rise.

Another area of concern was that warmer, less salty surface waters would inhibit patterns of ocean mixing, the churn that brings a supply of deep-water nutrients up to feed creatures closer to the surface, with important consequences for biological productivity and fishing.

Against these bleaker projections is the

prediction that there are likely to be fewer tropical cyclones in the Pacific, though many simulations indicate they may be more intense when they strike, *the Age* reports.

According to the report, all Pacific island stations have warmed over the past 50 years, most in the range of 0.4 to 1 degree.

Other local data found that sea-level rise was larger in the west than the east, and that surface waters showed temperature rises and a reduction in seawater pH, making it more acid.

Internet



People visit an exhibition of climate change solutions in Durban, South Africa, on 27 Nov 2011. From 28 Nov to 9 Dec, delegates from nearly 200 countries and regions will meet in Durban for the COP 17, formally the 17th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the parties (CMP7) to the Kyoto Protocol.—XINHUA

## Flood kills three, damages over 9,500 houses in central Vietnam

HANOI, 28 Nov—Floods in Vietnam's central and Central Highlands Regions over the past five days killed at least three people, damaged over 9,500 houses and inundated more than 210 hectares of rice fields and nearly 580 hectares of other crops, local Flood and Storm Control Centre reported Monday.

Flash floods seriously eroded many inter-province roads, causing heavy traffic jams in many parts of central Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh Provinces.

Pumps at water reservoirs worked at full capacity to regulate the water levels, while local authorities urgently dealt with the consequences, said the report.—Xinhua



Residents row a boat, passing by flooded Wat Srirunengboon Buddhist temple in Nonthaburi Province, outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand.

INTERNET

## Thousands isolated by floods in Australia

BEIJING, 28 Nov—Floodwaters in eastern Australia have stranded about two thousand residents, many of whom could remain that way for up to a week.

The floods have already claimed the life of a three-year-old boy who drowned after being swept into a drain on Saturday. In the town of Moree, around three hundred properties have been isolated by rising floodwaters. Rain has eased in the area, but meteorologist say more wet weather is on the way which could bring more flood warnings.—Xinhua



A boy looks through a damaged wall of his house after brief quakes affected the village of Tiguilotal in the municipality of El Carmen, some 163km (101 miles) east of the capital of San Salvador 26 November, 2011. More than 700 slight to moderate earthquakes hit an area in eastern El Salvador in a 24-hour period, damaging dozens of homes but hurting no one.—XINHUA

## Sri Lanka to probe failure to issue weather warning

COLOMBO, 28 Nov—Sri Lanka is to launch an investigation over the failure to issue a warning for bad weather last Friday which resulted in 18 dead and 43 others missing, the Disaster Management Centre said on Sunday.

The local meteorology department had not issued a storm warning for Friday and as a result the public, especially in the south of the country were caught unaware when strong winds and heavy rain lashed the area.

"The local meteorology department had seemingly ignored a bad weather warning issued by the Indian authorities," a spokesman at the Sri

Lankan Disaster Management Centre told Xinhua.

Meanwhile the navy and air force continued a search operation on Sunday for 40 fishermen who were reported missing since Friday after they went out to sea from the southern coastal towns of Galle and Matara.

The number of missing fishermen was at 30 on Saturday but by Sunday morning the figure had risen to 40 while 3 others were also missing in various other weather related incidents, Assistant Director of the Disaster Management Centre Pradeep Kodipilli said.

Xinhua

## Heavy fog continues disrupting air traffic in Urumqi, NW China

URUMQI, 28 Nov—Heavy fog has continued shrouding Urumqi, capital city of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Auto-nomous Region, for the second day on Sunday, stranding about 10,000 passengers at the city's airport as more flights were delayed or cancelled.

Sunday's fog had not dispersed until about 4 pm, delaying a total of 398 inbound and outbound flights scheduled for the day, airport authorities said.

It would take about 30 hours to resume all the delayed flights after the fog dispersed,

according to the airport authorities.

Saturday's fog that lasted about 13 hours from early morning had disrupted 258 inbound and outbound flights, causing delays and cancellations.

The airport had resumed normal operation for only about one and half an hour by late Saturday afternoon, giving chances for 22 flights to take off or land.

The heavy fog was a result of high humidity amid cold weather, according to the meteorological department of the airport.

Xinhua



Planes wait to resume flights at the airport in Urumqi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 27 Nov, 2011. The Urumqi airport started to resume normal operation on Sunday as the fog that hit the City and disrupted traffic began to disperse.—XINHUA

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0030)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0030) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING  
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER  
LINES**

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV BIENDONG FREIGHTER VOY NO (1158)**

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING  
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

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South Korean artists perform fan dance at an art concert held in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 25 Nov, 2011. The event, taking place in Zhengzhou on Friday evening, was part of a friendship week aimed at promoting mutual communication between China and South Korea.—XINHUA

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India. 29 November 2011

### Fresh wave of killings by hunters takes Indonesian orangutan to the brink of extinction

LONDON, 28 Nov — Conservationists have called on the Indonesian authorities to take urgent action to save the orangutan after a report warned that the endangered great apes were being hunted at a rate that could bring them to the brink of extinction. Erik Meijaard, who led a team carrying out the first attempt to assess the scale of the problem in Kalimantan, the Indonesian part of Borneo, said the results showed that between 750 and 1,800 orangutans were killed as a result of hunting and deforestation in the 12 months to April 2008.

The numbers, which were higher than expected, indicated that most orangutan populations in Kalimantan could be in serious danger "within the foreseeable future", said Meijaard, of the Jakarta-based People and Nature Consulting International.

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 28.11.2011 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.



Fast & speed: cool cars displayed at Guangzhou auto show.—XINHUA

### War-torn Colombian valley now produces butterflies

PALMIRA, 28 Nov — Not long ago, Olga Lucia Salazar was breaking chicken necks and plucking feathers under scalding water for a living. Now, at double her former wage,

the single mother of three raises gorgeous blue butterflies. "All I had to look forward to was miserable arthritis and permanently swollen hands," Salazar said as she arranged about 60 pistachio-sized chrysalises in a cotton-lined white cardboard box. "I can do this at home taking care of my kids. And I work for myself. There is no one screaming orders at me."

Over the last decade, butterfly exporter Alas de Colombia has given disadvantaged women here steady incomes and converted the iconography of this once war-torn valley from AK-47s and combat fatigues to fluttery symbols of peace and hope.

Internet



The raising of the blue morpho butterfly is providing a living for impoverished women in a once-violent Colombian valley. The mother-daughter company to which they sell the insects' chrysalises exports the bugs to the United States as well as selling them in Colombia.—INTERNET

### Vietnam to see FDI down 16% in first 11 months

HANOI, 28 Nov — Vietnam attracted 12.6 billion US dollars in foreign direct investment (FDI) during the first 11 months, a year-on-year decrease of 16 percent, said local *Vietnam Investment Review* Monday.

The figure means Vietnam will not reach its target of attracting 18 billion US dollars in registered capital this year, said the report. Fifty-eight new projects were committed and 60 existing projects registered for expansion this month, raising total committed projects from January to November to 1,243.

Xinhua

### Traditional Chinese medicine provides new remedy for aplastic anemia

HANGZHOU, 28 Nov — Chinese scientists have worked out a new herbal remedy for aplastic anemia, a potentially fatal disease that can significantly reduce patients' risk of infection and bleeding.

The herbal granules, jointly developed by specialists from 16 medical institutions in Beijing, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Guangzhou, effectively relieves anemia and enhances patients' immunity, said Dr Zhou Yuhong, a specialist on blood diseases with Zhejiang Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).—Internet

## Toast argument lands sister in jail

Authorities in Florida said they arrested a 21-year-old woman who allegedly attacked her sister during an argument about toast.

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office said Maria Victoria Acevedo, 21, of Wesley Chapel, walked into the kitchen of her home, and became enraged when she saw her 16-year-old sister using her bread to make toast, the *St Petersburg Times* reported.

Investigators said the sister apologized, but Acevedo was not satisfied and she struck the younger girl twice in the head with a 6-inch metal cooking pot, pulled her hair and slammed

her head into the ground.

The sister fled into her bedroom and sent a Facebook message to a cousin asking to call for help. The incident was witnessed by the third sister, deputies said.

Acevedo was charged with domestic battery and released from the Land O'Lakes jail without bond.

## Russia sets aside \$8m for youth Web site

The Russian government said it is setting aside \$8 million for a Web site geared toward young people, but it will only handle 300 users at a time.

The government said it is accepting submissions from prospective designers for a Web site that would promote Russian culture and traditions among young people, *RIA Novosti* reported Friday.

*Novosti* said good-quality Web sites generally cost \$100,000-\$300,000 in Russia, and the price tag of the new site may be reduced depending on its design. The Culture Ministry said the site will be required to have information on the 25 development stages of Russian history with "colourful illustrations and photographs."

## Paris Hilton splashed out on USD 277,500 Ferrari on Black Friday



Paris Hilton

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov—Paris Hilton

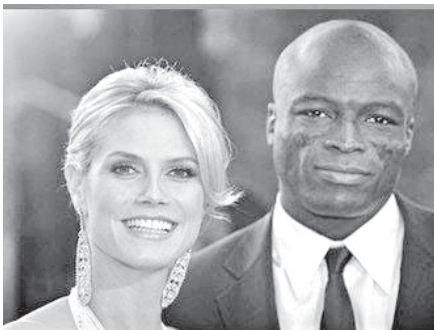
treated herself to a new Ferrari on Black Friday.

The red convertible cost the heiress an estimated 277,500 dollars, *TMZ* reported.

The luxury car was delivered to the reality star's home in the Mulholland Estates just before noon on Friday.

The best part about buying it the day after Thanksgiving is that it ensures same day delivery.—*Internet*

## Seal loves Klum's costumes



Singer Seal and his wife Heidi Klum

LONDON, 28 Nov—Singer Seal enjoys his wife Heidi Klum having fun with fancy dress costumes.

The 48-year-old

singer who raises children Leni, seven, Henri, six, Johan, five, and two-year-old Lou with his wife, insists he still finds his spouse

## Colin Firth doesn't like whining about fame



Oscar winning actor Colin Firth

LONDON, 28 Nov—Oscar winning actor Colin Firth doesn't like celebrities whining about intrusions by media as he feels that the kind of privileges that stars get is unimaginable.

The King's Speech star confessed to often being targeted by the paparazzi and he finds it

attractive when she dons fancy dress costumes, reports *contactmusic.com*.

"Heidi was the sexiest ape ever. I'm never keen on my outfits, but I really liked Heidi's last year when she went as an android and wore stilts. She looked fantastic, but I spent the whole evening trying to keep her upright," he said.

"Of course I fancy her just as much on the red carpet as I do as an android but, more than anything, it's just a lot of fun. Heidi's always been up for a party," he added.

*Internet*



**Forget swallowing pills - how about pouring medicinal oil directly on the affected area? Medicinal oil is used to treat conditions such as migraines and tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Almost four-fifths of India's nearly 1.2 billion population use alternative medicine, according to National Geographic.**

## Bridal fashions shown at former prison

Organizers of the Glamour in the Slammer Bridal Show at a closed Ohio prison said nearly 40 vendors turned out to display their wares.

The organizers said nearly 500 people attended Sunday's event at the Mansfield Reformatory to view the latest bridal fashions, the *Mansfield News Journal* reported. Susan Nirode, operations manager for the former prison, said the venue has hosted four previous Glamour in the Slammer shows and the reformatory is completely booked up for 2012 weddings.

"When people ask me, 'Why would anyone want to get married in a prison?' I tell them to come here and check it out. You've got to see it to believe it. From the outside, it looks like a castle. On the inside, the Central Guardroom is just beautiful," Nirode said. "It's just nice to see something that was once a dark spot in peoples' lives be turned into something bright. And we're not taking away from the history of the place."

## News Album



Actress Andrea Riseborough

## Madonna a passionate director

LONDON, 28 Nov—Actress Andrea Riseborough, who plays the lead role in Madonna's directorial venture "WE", describes the pop diva as a "passionate" filmmaker and says it is a joy to work with her.

Andrea plays Wallis Simpson in the movie, which is written and co-produced by the singer.

"(She is) a joy. Her passion was infectious, her strength was admirable and we were complicit from the outset about how and why we wanted to tell this woman's story," *femalefirst.co.uk* quoted the 30-year-old as saying.

*Internet*

## Brad Pitt wants more time with kids

LONDON, 28 Nov—Actor Brad Pitt thinks that he is not spending enough time with his children. He wants to allocate more time to see them growing.

The 47-year-old raises six children — Maddox, 10, Pax, 7, Zahara, 6, Shiloh, 5, and three-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne — with partner Angelina Jolie. "I want to spend my time with them. I'm not having enough time with them, so I push for that and then ultimately, we all have to go to work," *contactmusic.com* quoted Pitt as saying.

"With six kids it's all about time allocation



Actor Brad Pitt

now. As a parent, I find that where you could sit back and be a bit more lackadaisical about your time, it's now like, 'OK, I've got 45 minutes here, I'm carving this out, I'm shutting the door, and I'm just going to the thing. And then I need to make sure my kids get this attention,' he added.

*Internet*



**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL  
Programme Schedule  
(29-11-2011) (Tuesday)**
**Transmissions**

**Local** - (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST  
**Overseas Transmission** - (29-11-11 09:30 am ~ 30-11-11 09:30 am) MST

**Times****Local Transmission**

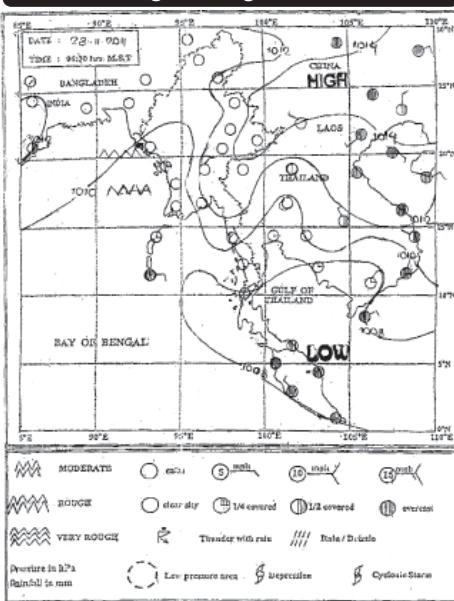
- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Travelling to Shan Plateau "Ya Za Gyi Village"
- \* News
- \* VCD Centre
- \* News
- \* A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- \* News

\* Jade Industry: Myanmar Rewarding Business

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- \* Jade Industry: Myanmar Rewarding Business
- \* News
- \* As a White Candle
- \* News
- \* The Home of Colourful Sweaters
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Adorable Three Seasons Fashion Show of May Myanmar
- \* News
- \* Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) (Part-1)
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "The Director"

**Weather Map of Myanmar and  
Neighbouring Areas**

**Myanmar**
**TV**
**Tuesday,  
29 November  
View on today**

- 7:00 am  
1. Paritta by  
Venerable Min Gun  
Sayadaw
- 7:25 am  
2. To Be Healthy  
Exercise
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning News

- 7:40 am  
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am  
6. Health Programme
- 8:15 am  
7. Songs of Yester  
Years
- 8:25 am  
8. Dance Of  
National Races
- 8:40 am  
9. International  
News
- 8:45 am  
10. Musical  
Programme
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm  
2. Musical  
Programme
- 4:20 pm  
3. Myanmar

- Traditional  
Cultural  
Performing Arts  
Competitions
- 4:30 pm  
4. University of  
Distance  
Education  
(TV Lectures)  
- Third Year  
(Myanmar)
- 4:40 pm  
5. Songs For  
Upholding  
National Spirit
- 4:45 pm  
6. The Mirror  
Images  
of The Musical  
Oldies
- 5:00 pm  
7. Teleplay  
(Health)
- 5:25 pm  
8. Song  
Programme

- 5:40 pm  
9. Documentary
- 6:00 pm  
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm  
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm  
12. Kyae Pwint  
Myaye Yin Khone  
Than
- 6:35 pm  
13. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm  
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm  
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Bakery World
19. TV Drama Series
20. India Drama Series

**Weather forecast for 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2011**

| Sr.<br>No. | Regions/States           | Temperature (°C/°F) |         | For Tomorrow                      |         |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
|            |                          | Maximum             | Minimum | Forecast                          | Percent |
| 1          | Kachin                   | 30/86               | 11/52   | Likelihood of isolated light rain | (60%)   |
| 2          | Kayah                    | 27/81               | 11/52   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 3          | Kayin                    | 35/95               | 18/64   | Partly cloudy                     |         |
| 4          | Chin                     | 19/66               | 01/34   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 5          | Upper Sagaing            | 30/86               | 15/59   | Likelihood of isolated light rain | (60%)   |
| 6          | Lower Sagaing            | 34/93               | 18/64   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 7          | Taninthayi               | 35/95               | 20/68   | Likelihood of isolated light rain | (60%)   |
| 8          | Bago                     | 34/93               | 15/59   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 9          | Magway                   | 35/95               | 17/63   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 10         | Mandalay                 | 33/91               | 16/61   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 11         | Mon                      | 35/95               | 21/70   | Partly cloudy                     |         |
| 12         | Yangon                   | 35/95               | 17/63   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 13         | Rakhine                  | 33/91               | 15/95   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 14         | Southern Shan            | 24/75               | 09/48   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 15         | Northern Shan            | 28/82               | 06/43   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 16         | Eastern Shan             | 27/81               | 12/54   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 17         | Ayeyawady                | 34/93               | 20/68   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 18         | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 35/95               | 15/59   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 19         | Neighbouring Yangon      | 35/95               | 17/63   | Generally fair weather            |         |
| 20         | Neighbouring Mandalay    | 33/91               | 16/61   | Generally fair weather            |         |

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| Summary of<br>observations at<br>09:30 hr MST on<br>today | During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) above November average temperatures in Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung and Hebo (6°C) each, Lashio and Mogoke (7°C). |
|                                                           | Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South and West Central Bay and in generally fair the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| State of the Sea                                          | Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Outlook for sub-<br>sequent two days                      | Generally fair weather in the whole country.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**General Weather Outlook for 2011-2012  
Winter Monsoon**

Three low pressure areas may form over Bay of Bengal during this Winter Monsoon Season. Out of these three low pressure areas, one may further intensify into a depression. Weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and general fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Above normal rain are likely in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, below normal in lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine and Kayah States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Night temperature will be below normal in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, about normal temperature in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Kachin, Chin and Kayin States and above normal in the remaining Regions and States.

During the Winter Season, decrease of Night Temperature, strong easterly wind and rough sea, untimely rain by the movement of easterly wave and westerly wave and dense fog in different areas are likely. Users are advised to take necessary actions with daily weather forecast, coastal weather bulletin and the notification by Myanmar Agricultural Services.

The water levels of Ayeyawady river are forecast to fall below the present water levels by (105) cm (about 3.5 feet) at Myitkyina, Bhamo and Katha, (195) cm (about 6.5 feet) at Mandalay, Sagaing and (315) cm (about 10.5 feet) at Pakkoku, NayungOo, Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aunglan, Pyay, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun.

The water levels of Chindwin river are forecast to fall below the present water levels by (120) cm (about 4 feet) at Hkamti and Homalin and (210) cm (about 7 feet) at Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa.

## Cash donated for paying respects to doyen literati in commemoration of Sasodaw Day

YANGON, 28 Nov—Cash contribution ceremony organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association for paying respects to doyen literati in commemoration of 1373 ME Sasodaw Day was held at Central Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township here this morning, attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Chairman of MWJA U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) extended greetings. Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan handed over K 4,560,000 presented by the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for 152 doyen literati and K 1 million donated by the Ministry of Information to the MWJA Chairman who presented the certificate of honour to the Union Minister.

The MWJA Chairman accepted K 0.3 million donated by the Yangon City Development Committee and presented certificate of honour. Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepted K 7.6 million contributed

by Union Solidarity and Development Party, K 8,458,350 by printers, K 3,112,000 by publishers, and K 0.5 million by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and presented them certificates of honour.

Myanmar Music Association donated K 0.3 million, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation K 0.3 million, Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association K 0.2 million, Myanmar Motion Picture Association K 0.1 million and Mingala Taungnyunt Township MWJA K 0.1 million through Managing-Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit), MWJA Vice-Chairmen U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw) and U Ko Ko Hlaing.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win contributed K 0.1 million, U Soe Tint (Nyimitta) and U Than Win (Swan Ah Tagun Overseas Employment Agency) K 1 million each with respect for Sayadaw Ashin Zawana (Mittashin-Shwepyitha), U Maung

**Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan accepts donation of Dr Tin Tun Oo and wife Dr Khin Moe Moe (Swesone Media Group) for paying respects to doyen literati.**

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Maung Aye (Maung Hayma) and Khin Moe Moe (Swesone Media Group) K 0.7 million, PMG Co Ltd, 760,000, Dr Tin Tun Oo and wife Dr (See page 9)

**White elephant Bhaddawady and baby white elephant.**

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## White Elephant Bhaddawady gives birth to a female white elephant

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—White Elephant Bhaddawady gave birth to a female white elephant at a shed in the compound of Uppatasanti Pagoda here at 9.45 pm yesterday.

The baby elephant possesses characteristics of a white elephant. At birth, the baby white elephant is 3 ft and 1 inch high and her trunk is 4 ft and 1 inch in

circumference. The newcomer is healthy.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has possessed eight White Elephants including the newcomer so far.

The first three of seven—Rajagaha Thiri Pissayagaja Raja, Theingi Malar and Rati Malar—are staying at the White Elephant Shed near Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labamuni

Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hillock in Insein Township while the fourth namely Bhaddawady, the fifth Nandawady, the sixth Ngwe Saddan, the seventh Haymawady and the eighth baby White Elephant are staying at the White Elephant Shed in the compound of Uppatasanti Pagoda here.—MNA

## Cash and kind donated to Pakokku flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Wellwishers donated cash and kind to flood victims in Pakokku District yesterday at Pakokku District General Administration

Department. Wellwishers including Director-General of Fisheries Department U Khin Ko Lay and wife, the heads of Yangon Region and

Thandwe District Fisheries Departments donated 800 viss of dried fishes worth K 2 million. UPG Co. donated K 200,000, T-shirts, caps and travel bags.—MNA

**Union Energy Minister receives guests**

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**Device that helps soldiers scale walls like Batman**

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**Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini believes Liverpool players are to blame for Mario Balotelli red card**



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