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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister to attend Summits in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov —At the invitation of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be visiting the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the near future to attend “the 4th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) Summit” and “the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit.” — MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Factories in industrial zones in Dagon Myothit (South), (Seikkan) in full operation

YANGON, 1 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and departmental officials, arrived at Soe Electric & Machinery Co Ltd on No. 1 Industrial Zone Road in Industrial Zone No. 1 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

At the meeting hall of the factory, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on functions of the factories in the industrial zone



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects production of electronic equipment at SOGO Electrical Industry in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Industrial Zone.—MNA



Transformer Factory of Soe Electric & Machinery Co Ltd seen in Dagon Myothit (South) No. 1 Industrial Zone. —MNA

presented by Secretary U Kyin Tun of Management Committee of the Industrial Zone No.1.

Chairman U Soe Tint gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe fulfilled the needs.

Next, he inspected manufacturing process of transformers of Soe Electric & Machinery Co Ltd, paper recycling process of Myanmar Paper Mill on Muse Road and printing works on plastics of Myint Shwe Wah Industry Co Ltd on Haka Road.

At Kanaung Hall of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Industrial Zone Manage-

ment Committee, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party heard reports on matters related to the factories in the industrial zone submitted by Chairman U Aye Lwin of Management Committee. Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to their needs.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into production of rattan furniture of Classic Home Co Ltd on U Tun Nyo Road, manufacturing of electrical and electronic equipment of SOGO Electrical Industry on Yaw Atwinwun U Po Hlaing Road and production of plasticwares at Popular plastic factory.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Raise public awareness about benefits of consuming iodized salt

The government is taking measures in a well-organized way with national outlook to provide better health care to the people in its bid to uplift the health and fitness standard of the entire nation.

It is also engaged in the fight against malnutrition, obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease and makes healthy diets popular among the people.

Iodine deficiency is one of the root causes of public health problem. It is required to take necessary measures in order that the people are free from the diseases resulting from iodine deficiency. Adults with iodine deficiency may suffer goitre, and cannot produce quick movements.

Pregnant women with iodine deficiency are likely to suffer abortion, give subnormal births including mentally and physically-handicapped babies. Moreover, iodine deficiency can stunt the cognitive and physical growth of such children.

So, everyone should consume food rich in iodine such as sea food, sea fish, sea crabs, fruit, vegetables, crops and iodized salt every day.

The Ministry of Health has worked hard for 15 years to encourage the people to consume iodized salt on a wider scale. Now, 90 per cent of the people consume iodized salt.

Therefore, the Department of Health and local organizations have to work together to give educative talks on benefits of consuming iodized salt, and distribute standard iodized salt, and the people should consume iodized salt daily in order that every citizen is healthy and fit with high intellectual power.

Dr Daw Sanda Aung accepts membership applications from a trainee of Thingangyun Education College.

EDUCATION



People's Desire

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

F&R Minister receives Dy Division Chief of IMF



Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets Deputy Division Chief Mr Ranil Salgado and party of IMF.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received the delegation led by Deputy Division Chief Mr Ranil Salgado of the International Monetary Fund at the ministry, here,

yesterday.

They discussed financial and monetary matters.

MNA

CPT Dy Minister attends GOS concluding course



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun speaks at the conclusion of Government Online System course.—COMMUNICATIONS

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—The Government Online System (GOS) course concluded at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, here, yesterday.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun made a speech. The two-week

course was attended by 74 trainees from 37 central offices and ministries and 41 trainees from States and Divisions, totalling 115.

MNA

NLM staff donates blood for 48th time



Blood donor U Thein Ngwe

YANGON, 1 Nov—Award winner of Excellent Performance in Social Field (Third Class) U Thein Ngwe of the Computer Section of the New Light of Myanmar Daily donated blood for the 48th time at the National Blood Centre of Yangon General Hospital on 24 October morning.—NLM

Educative talks given

YANGON, 1 Nov—At the hall of Thingangyun Education College yesterday morning, Leader of Social and Culture Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung made a speech before giving the educative talks, jointly organized by the Social and Culture Working Group and the Education and Culture Sub-working Groups under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Member of the Education Sub-working Group Daw Min Thet Mon and Deputy Leader of Social and Culture Working Group Dr Daw Htoo Htoo Aung gave lectures. The leader of the working group accepted 300 WAO membership applications from female trainees of the college.

Later, the leader and party visited the Education College.—MNA

Suicide bomber kills 9 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 1 Nov — A suicide bomber killed nine people Friday in an attack on police in the northwestern Pakistani town of Mardan.

Pakistan has seen a surge in militant violence, mainly in the northwest, since last year with security forces attacking militants in sanctuaries near the Afghan border and the militants responding with suicide bomb attacks.

The violence has unnerved investors and compounded an economic crisis that looks set to force Pakistan to agree to International Monetary Fund assistance.

Mohtasim Billah, a senior doctor at Mardan's main government hospital, said four policemen and five civilians had been killed and about 30 people were wounded, five of them seriously.

A severed head, apparently that of the bomber, had been found, Shah said. Suicide bombers usually strap explosives to their bodies and their heads are cut off in the blast.

Mardan, 110 km (70 miles) northwest of Islamabad, is the gateway to the Bajaur region on the Afghan border where security forces have been fighting militants since August.



Security officials walk at the site of a suicide bomb blast in Mardan, northwest of Islamabad, 31 October, 2008.—INTERNET

Internet

Coalition soldier killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Nov — One serviceman was killed by small-arms fire on Friday in eastern Afghanistan, a Coalition statement said.

However, it did not provide any further information about the incident just saying “the incident is under investigation and the name and nationality of the service member are being withheld in light of Coalition policy.”

In another incident, Afghan and Coalition forces detained three suspected militants during operations to disrupt the Taliban and Haqqani networks in eastern Afghanistan's Khost province and the south Zabul province on Thursday.

The combined forces, according to the Coalition statement, searched compounds in Khost district, capital of Khost province, targeting a Haqqani associate believed to facilitate the movement of foreign fighters into Afghanistan.

“One suspected militant was arrested in the operation,” it said.

Internet



Local people gather outside a damaged shop as the owner sweeps debris inside after a parked car bomb exploded in Tobchi neighborhood in northern Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, 30 Oct, 2008, killing one civilian and wounded 5 others, police said. INTERNET

25 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Nov — US-led coalition forces killed 25 militants, including a woman fighter, in separate raids aimed at a suspected al Qaeda commander and Taliban insurgents in eastern Afghanistan, the US military said on Saturday.

One operation targeted a “known al Qaeda leader,” believed to have facilitated the movement of foreign troops into eastern Kunar province, it said without naming the suspect.

“The al Qaeda leader is also believed to be in contact with other militants in the region”

Seven militants were killed in that operation including an armed woman, it said. The military did not say if the al Qaeda leader was among the dead.

Other raids targeted the network of Jalaluddin Haqqani, a top military commander for the Taliban-led insurgents in southeastern Khost, it said.

At least 18 militants were killed in those attacks in a compound, the US military said. — Internet

A man carries a girl wounded in a roadside bomb attack into a hospital, where she later passed away, in Baquba on 30 October, 2008. A roadside bomb killed a 4-year old girl and wounded eight other civilians including women and children at a market in central Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.—INTERNET

‘US strikes’ on Pakistan villages

ISLAMABAD, 1 Nov—More than 20 people have been killed in two suspected US missile attacks in northwest Pakistan near the border with Afghanistan, security officials said Friday. About 15, including an al-Qaeda leader, were killed in an attack near the village of Mirali, North Waziristan.

In a second attack, seven people were killed in South Waziristan. The US military has not commented. It has launched many missile strikes from Afghanistan against suspected militant targets recently.

Officials named the al-Qaeda leader in Mir Ali as Abu Kasha, believed to be Iraqi.

Local officials told the BBC that at 2030 (1430 GMT), a drone fired two missiles and destroyed the target - a house in the Esori area about 30km from the town of Mirali.—Internet



Attacks in North Waziristan left a lot of damage behind. —INTERNET

Two killed in police raid of kidnappers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Nov — Afghan police clashed with a band of kidnappers who abducted four engineers of a road construction company in eastern Afghanistan's Paktiya province Saturday, leaving 2 people dead, a press release of Interior Ministry issued here said.

“One engineer and a kidnapper were killed in fire exchanging,” the statement added.

“Acting upon information, police forces raided Syed Karam district where harboured the kidnappers and exchanged fire with them,” it said.

“Three other engineers were released sound and safe,” it said. “And three remaining abductors were successfully detained after clash.”—Xinhua





Planes of Suryakiran, or sun rays in Hindi, an aerobatics demonstration team of the Indian Air Force, arrive in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province, on 31 Oct, 2008. Twelve planes of Surya Kiran aerobatics demonstration team arrived in Zhuhai on Friday to attend the 7th China Int'l Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition slated for 4 to 9 Nov. —XINHUA

Obama home city beefs up security for election night

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's home city of Chicago is beefing up security before election night on 4 Nov.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley told reporters Friday that a million people might show up for an election night rally for Obama in the downtown Grant Park, and said Secret Service will conduct security screenings.

"Everyone should be concerned, when you get a million people —that's a lot of people," he said.

The city has ordered all off-duty firefighters to bring helmets, breathing

tanks and other gear home in case of any emergency on 4 Nov. The Chicago Police Department has also canceled all days off for officers on election day next Tuesday.

Everyone will be working 12-hour shifts, police spokeswoman Monique Bond said.

The city also named a security veteran of the 2005 Chicago White Sox World Series games as the security coordinator for the Obama rally.

Last week, the Chicago government announced it was ready for 70,000 or more supporters to crowd Grant Park and the surrounding area, and said

the event could cost at least 2 million dollars, which the Obama campaign quickly said it would underwrite.

Internet



Passersby watch a crane lift the wreckage of the bomb explosion in Gauhati, India, on 31 Oct, 2008. The level of sophistication in the bombings that killed at least 77 people in northeastern India indicate that local militants had help from other terrorist groups to carry out the attacks, officials said Friday.—INTERNET

Internet

US newspapers, magazines to slash thousands of jobs

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Gannett Company, Inc, the largest US newspaper chain, announced Tuesday that it will lay off about 10 percent of its workforce by early December. The move, together with projected job cuts at Time Weekly, New York Times and other big-name media organizations, has made the US economic scenario look even gloomier for many.

Over the past few weeks, a number of US newspapers and magazines have announced their plans to shed jobs so as to lower their operation costs as the pain of the financial crisis spreads well

beyond Wall Street.

According to a New York Times report, Gannett's layoffs will not apply to the company's flagship paper, USA To-

day, but to the company's 84 other daily newspapers in the United States, and more than 800 small, non-daily local papers.

Internet

Road accident kills six Belgian tourists in upper Egypt

CAIRO, 1 Nov — A tourist bus overturned in Upper Egypt on Friday morning, killing six Belgian tourists and injuring 29 others, the Egyptian MENA news agency reported.

The accident occurred when the bus carrying the Belgian tourists was traveling on the road between the southern tourism cities of Aswan and Abu Simble, said the report. An investigation is underway.

Traffic accidents are common in Egypt with an estimated annual death toll of some 6,000 people.

The Egyptian traffic authorities implemented a new traffic code with tougher punishments for lawbreakers as of 1 Aug, in a bid to reduce road accidents.

Internet

Clean energy to meet most of Asia's electricity needs

MANILA, 1 Nov — Renewable energy sources will account for 67 percent of the electricity produced in the developing Asia by 2050, according to a report released on Friday.

Renewable energy will supplant the need for nuclear energy and reducing requirements for fossil fuel-fired power plants, said the report jointly released by Green peace and the European Renewable Energy Council.

The "Energy (R)evolution: A Sustainable World Energy Outlook" says that aggressive investment in renewable power generation and energy efficiency could create an annual 360 billion-US dollar industry worldwide, provide half of the world's electricity, and slash more than 18 trillion dollars in future fuel costs while protecting the climate. "This report shows that there is a way forward toward economic

prosperity in Asia while at the same time protect our future generations from the threats of climate change," said Beau Bacongus, Philippines Campaign Manager for Green peace Southeast Asia, in a statement.

"We now need bold new energy policies from our leaders to revolutionize the way we produce and consume energy," she added.

Internet

Nestle sets up second R&D centre

BEIJING, 1 Nov — Despite the global economic slow-down and the impact of the recent tainted milk crisis, China will remain one of the fastest-growing markets with the biggest growth potential

for Swiss food and beverage giant Nestle, senior company officials said on Friday.

"Nestle China's sales growth was still strong so far this year, partly due to the high standard

products provided for China's market, which were attested with no melamine," Patrice Bula, Chairman and CEO of Nestle China said on Friday, adding that Nestle China is expected to see double-digit growth in its sales revenue this year.

The European food giant established a research and development (R&D) centre in Zhongguancun Environmental Protection Park, a hi-tech industrial park in Beijing.

With approximately 70 million yuan of investment, the Beijing R&D Centre will be a new branch of the company's global R&D network, which includes 24 centres. The Beijing center was the second one in China, after its Shanghai R&D centre which was built in 2001.

Internet



Congolese Internally Displaced People (IDP) rest before leaving the provincial capital of Goma to the improvised IDP camp in Kibati, 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) north of Goma. Italy and the World Health Organisation will send 10 tonnes of medical aid to those affected by the violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the UN agency said Friday.—INTERNET

Crude prices rise as OPEC to cut production

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Crude prices rose Friday as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) moved to cut production.

Kuwait said on Friday it was cutting crude supplies by 5 percent in November while Venezuela suggested that the cartel should cut oil output by another 1 million barrels per day.

OPEC decided last week to cut output by 1.5 million barrels per day as crude prices plunged more than 50 percent from its peak of 147.27 US dollars a barrel set in July.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery was 1.85 US dollars to settle at 67.81 dollars on the New York Mercantile Exchange. London Brent crude settled up 1.61 dollars at 65.32 dollars.

Xinhua



President Hu Jintao chats with local farmers about the corn harvest in Xiaojihan Village of Dajihan Township in Yuyang District during his visit in Yulin City of northwest China's Shaanxi Province on 28 and 29 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

President Hu Jintao calls for more domestic needs to keep economic growth

BEIJING, 1 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao has called for creating more domestic needs to keep stability of the country's financial market and economic growth.

Hu, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remark during his visit to Yulin city in northwest China's Shaanxi Province from 28 to 29 Oct.

He told the accompanying provincial Party chief Zhao Leji and governor Yuan Chunqing that the basic situation of China's economic development was still fine amid the international financial tsunami and the world economy's slowdown.

Government at all levels and the public should have firm confidence and be revived to strive, the President told local officials. And government should make more efforts to create domestic needs, especially the consuming needs.—Xinhua

China's rich, silver lining on turbulent global wealth market

BEIJING, 1 Nov — As recession is hitting, global wealth measured as household financial assets is expected to shrink 14 percent from last year's 109 trillion US dollars to 97 trillion US dollars this year, reversing a six-year-long upward trend.

Emerging markets and China in particular are likely to represent the strongest potential for continued growth in wealth, according to the latest Global Wealth Report 2008 of the Boston Consulting

Group (BCG). North America — epicenter of the financial crisis — and Europe would remain the wealthiest regions but the size of their aggregate wealth, about two-thirds of the world's total in 2007, was expected to continue dipping in the next five years.

However, the sustained expansion of the Asia-Pacific region (excluding Japan), was projected to grow eight percent a year on average, the fastest among all emerging

markets - which also include Middle East, Africa and Latin America - would largely offset the declines in the wealthiest regions and help the global wealth market to secure an average rise of one percent every year to 2012.

"Given further declines in the financial markets and the economy, the full impact on global wealth may not have yet been fully observed," Tjun Tang, partner and managing director of the Boston Consulting Group, told Xinhua.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Workers hoist the orbital module of the manned spacecraft Shenzhou VII onto its showcase berth, in preparation for the forthcoming 7th Airshow China, in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province, 30 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

Persistent drought worsens water shortage in California

LOS ANGELES, 1 Nov — Severe water shortage worsened by a two-year persistent drought would prompt California, the most populous state in United States, to impose water rationing, officials said on Friday.

If the drought continued, water deliveries would be slashed next year, a move that could lead to widespread rationing, according to the state Department of Water Resources (DWR).

The state could cut as much as 85 percent of the water it delivers to local suppliers, the second-lowest allocation estimate in modern California history, DWR officials said.

The decision could have an impact on agencies all over California that receive some of their supply from the state. Those agencies serve 25 million Californians and 750,000 acres (about 303,750 hectares) of farmland. Less rain, delta pumping cutbacks and an eight-year drought on the Colorado River led to scattered urban rationing this year and irrigation cutbacks in parts of the state.

The state's crop losses totaled nearly 260 million dollars this year as farmers either let their fields sit idle or abandoned their crops, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture's latest figures.

Xinhua

China adopts flexible monetary policy to boost economy, cope with crisis

BEIJING, 1 Nov — China's decision to cut interest rates on Thursday is part of its flexible monetary policy to cope with the world financial crisis and boost domestic economy, a central bank spokesman said on Friday.

Li Chao, spokesman of the People's Bank of China (PBOC) explained the government's cut in interest rates for the second time in one month.

On Wednesday, the PBOC announced to cut interest rates by 0.27 percentage points as of 30 Oct to spur economic growth. The benchmark one-year deposit rate dropped to 3.60 percent from 3.87 percent, while the benchmark one-year lending rate fall from 6.93 percent to 6.66 percent.

The previous cut was on 8 Oct, when the PBOC announced a lowering of deposit and lending rates by 0.27 percentage points and decided to cut the reserve-requirement ratio by 0.5 percentage points from 15 Oct.

Li said the move was in response to a spreading and worsening world financial crisis. "The severe crisis was beyond most people's expectations."

Xinhua



A herdman transfers herds of snowstorm-stranded sheep and other livestock at Lhunze County, Shannan prefecture, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region 30 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

Settlers clash with police, Palestinians in Hebron

HEBRON (West Bank),1 Nov — Jewish settlers clashed with Israeli police and Palestinians Friday in the West Bank city of Hebron over the demolition of an unauthorized settler outpost.

Settlers resisted the demolition of the outpost's single home, fighting police and throwing stones at a nearby Palestinian home.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said four policemen were lightly injured and three settlers were arrested. A photographer for French news agency Agence France Presse was injured when he was hit in the head by a stone thrown by a settler.

Hebron is home to several hundred of the most extreme Jewish settlers.

They often clash with the town's Palestinian residents, as well as with Israeli forces they see as overly sympathetic to the Palestinians.

In recent weeks, extremist settlers have attacked Palestinian farmers and their supporters elsewhere in the West Bank at the start of the important annual olive harvest.—Internet



Jewish settler youth throw rocks at members of the media at an unauthorized outpost called Federman's Farm outside the West Bank city of Hebron, on 31 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

SC boy shot, killed trick-or-treating; two injured

UMTER (SC),1 Nov — A 12-year-old boy trick-or-treating with his family in central South Carolina was shot from inside a home Friday and killed, and his father and brother were wounded by the gunfire, authorities said.

The shooting suspect, Quentin Patrick, was in custody, a jail official said. Patrick, 22, has been charged with murder and three counts of assault and battery with intent to kill. The jail official said she didn't know whether

Patrick had an attorney and his telephone number was unpublished.

The family was headed home from a city-sponsored event downtown when they decided to stop at a few homes, Sumter Police Chief Patty Patterson said. The father and his four children approached a home with a porch light on about 8:30 p EDT while their mother waited nearby in a vehicle.

As the family was at the door, they thought

they heard fireworks. The 12-year-old boy, his father and brother were all hit by the gunfire. The boy died at a hospital, Coroner Verna Moore said. The other two children were not hurt.

The boy's father and brother were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Authorities have not released the identity of the family.

Patterson also would not release any more details about the shooting.

Internet

Chinese wins category award in wildlife photography contest

LONDON, 1 Nov — Chinese photographer Zhu Yongkang is among the winners in the 44th annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition held here.

Zhu's "Snow Swans" won the "Animals in their Environment" category in the world renowned competition held by the Natural History Museum and BBC Wildlife Magazine.

Zhu, who is from Wuxi City in east China's Jiangsu Province, took his winning image at Rongcheng Swan Lake Nature Reserve in eastern China. In the fairy-tale image, the whooper swans are

forced to find food in snowy fields. He captured a moment when one swan took off into the squall, followed moments later by the others.

"Everything comes together to create the perfect moment — a swan soaring, the rest of the flock looking on, the gawky youngsters and the joyful yellow of the birds' bills against the monochrome snowscape," commented Sophie Stafford, editor of the BBC Wildlife Magazine and judge for the competition.

Internet



A chocolate model of the Eiffel Tower is displayed at the 14th Salon du Chocolat (Paris Chocolate Show) in Paris.

Ancient officials and their scrolls

Bamboo strips were used widely for writing during the Warring States Period (475-221 BC), although some experts say the first scrolls of bamboo appeared in the Western Zhou Dynasty (11th century-771 BC). Paper finally replaced bamboo as the primary writing material around the 2nd century. It was a finding in Xi'an, Shaanxi province that shed light on how bamboo strips had been used 2,200 years ago. In 2001, archaeologists made an important discovery near the mausoleum of Emperor Qinshihuang - the First Emperor of the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC) - in Lintong county, Xi'an, in Northwest China.

Among the 12 life-sized figures that were unearthed, experts were astonished to see eight civil officials. Standing 1.89 m tall, they all wore tall headdresses tied to the chin. Their long robe was bound with a leather belt, and they were all dressed in long trousers and square-shaped shoes. The other four figures, 1.9 m tall, were chariot drivers.



A handout image obtained shows a wooden boat called 'Spirit of Mystery' pictured at Plymouth Sound and Rame Head in Cornwall in July 2008. A British adventurer and his three-man crew have set sail for Australia late Monday in the 37-foot (11-metre) boat that he built himself, in a bid to re-create a 150-year-old voyage.

Thin line between love and hate? - science knows why

It often seems a thin line between love and hate, and now scientists think they know why.

Brain scans of people shown images of individuals they hated revealed a pattern of brain activity that partly occurs in areas also activated by romantic love, Semir Zeki and John Paul Romaya of University College London reported on Wednesday.

Malaysia 'to hike cigarette prices' to discourage smoking

Malaysia will fix a minimum price of 6.00 ringgit (1.70 dollars) for a pack of 20 cigarettes to discourage smoking, a senior health ministry official said Wednesday.

"The price has already been set and we are just waiting for it to be gazetted by the end of this year," the health minister's press secretary Lim Chau Leng told AFP.

"This minimum price will help discourage youngsters from buying cigarettes," he said.



This undated image released by the Hasbro toy company shows a Scrabble board made with more than 30,000 Swarovski crystals and valued at 20,000 USD in New York. The board is being auctioned online to mark 60 years of the popular word-building game.

Sabay Dam of Pakokku Township to irrigate farmlands

**Article: Kyaw Sein;
Photos: Aung Than
(Mingala Taungnyunt)**

In line with the guidance of the Head of State to ensure rice sufficiency and exploit water resources in Pakokku District, the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation built small dams in Pakokku District. Of them, Sabay Dam, constructed by Construction (2) of the department, was successfully inaugurated in the district on 23 October.

Sabay Dam Project commenced in 2006-2007 financial year. Yayngan Creek was dammed near Sabay Village, and its embankment is 6,900 feet long and 32 feet high.

On 19 October, a news crew of the Myanmar Alin Daily made a trip to the dam and had an interview with Staff Officer U

Win Htay of Construction (2) of the department.

In the interview, Staff Officer U Win Htay said that a total of 71 small dams and lakes were built for greening Pakokku District and ensuring water supply. Of them, 24 small dams and lakes were constructed by the local authorities and 47 facilities were built by the Irrigation Department.



**U Myint Oo (farmer)
of Sabay
(East) Village**



**U Win Htay (Staff
Officer)
Construction (2)**

Construction (2) constructed Sabay Dam, he said.

He added that the 6,900 feet long earthen embankment has 5,000 feet long main canal and it irrigates 400 acres of cultiva-

tion. Township has an average annual rainfall of 26 inches. Due to the low rainfall, plan was set to store rainwater by building dams for greening the region. Thanks to construction of the dam, potable water can be supplied to the local people and fed draught cattle. After storing rainwater up to November, it is expected



**Daw Kyin Swe Oo
(Teacher), BEPS No.
22, Aingshe Village**

to supply water to the farmlands through canals, he explained.

A separate interview was held with Primary Assistant Teacher Daw Than Than Oo of Sabay Village Basic Education Primary School No. 63. She said that water was scarce in the region. Thanks to construction of the dam, the region will gain water sufficiency. The roads to the dam become better transport facilities for students to go to school. They thanked the government for construction of the dam to uplift their livelihoods as they had to fetch water from hands cooped waterholes in the past.

Teacher Daw Kyin Swe Oo of Aingshe Village

BEPS No. 22 expressed her happiness that the dream of the local people came true because the dam had been built there. She was pleased with construction of the dam that will contribute to development of the village, she said.

In an interview, farmer U Maung Moe of Sabay (East) Village said that he grew pea, maize, sesame and cotton. Due to water scarcity, he was able to cultivate crops on 10 acres of land but could not grow paddy. If water will be supplied to the farmlands sufficiently, he has decided to convert the croplands into the farm-



**U Maung Moe
(farmer) of Sabay
Village**

lands. He learnt that all the villagers have vowed to maintain the dam for its durability. He thanked the government for its initiative to build the dam.

The news crew had another interview with Ma Thet Khaing Htwe from Sabay (East) Village, second year student majoring in Chemistry. She said that she is attending the University of Distance Education in Mandalay. The

roads repaired for construction of the dam facilitate the local people for the improved transportation, education and economic sectors.

In an interview, farmer U Myint Oo of Sabay East Village said that before construction of the dam, he planted pea, maize, sesame and cotton there. After opening of the dam, he grew three acres of monsoon paddy. Arrangements are being made to put summer paddy on his farmlands with the help of irrigation facility. In the irrigated area, about 200 farmers grow about 400 acres of paddy. If the dam supplies water, they all will cultivate summer paddy with might and main. He expressed thanks



**Daw Than Than Oo,
Teacher of No. 63
BEPS, Sabay East
Village**

to the Head of State and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for undertaking the development task.

Sabay Dam Project was implemented to convert 300 acres of croplands into farmlands in Pakokku Township with the use of irrigation facilities. The remaining 100 acres of land is put under other crops to increase individual income of the farmer. Actually, Sabay Dam was built as an irrigation facility for serving the interest of the State.

**Translation: TTA
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Sabay Dam, 6,900 feet long and 32 feet high, built near new Sabay Village in Pakokku Township.



Filling station No. 0353 (Nay Pyi Taw) commences operation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — A new filling station No.0353 (Nay Pyi Taw) was put into operation yesterday.

Director (Sale) U Hla Myint Maung of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy explained facts about the station.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than

Htay and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe cut the ribbon to open the station and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi unveiled its signboard.

The minister, the deputy ministers and guests observed the station, which has been selling four kinds of fuels

including octane and 92 Ron.

At one time 16 vehicles can be filled simultaneously.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads of the and guests.

MNA

Myanmar trounce Singapore 11-0

YANGON, 1 Nov— Myanmar drubbed Singapore 11-0 in Group-A qualifying match for the AFC U-19 Women Championship in Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia today.

Moe Sandar Aung scored four goals, Zin Mar Win three goals, Nann Hkam Mo two goals, Khin Mar Lin and Su Mon Aung one goal

each.

Myanmar have gained six points with two wins and one loss after three matches, and will meet Jordan on 4 November.—MNA

Weather Report

YANGON, 1 Nov—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that the amount of rainfall 232 mm (9.13 inches) observed at 9:30 hours MST on 1st November, 2008 in

Kyaikkhami is the 24 hours new rainfall record at the station for the month of November during last 27 years. The maximum former record was 109 mm (4.29 inches) on 14th November, 1982.

MNA

UMFCCI President meets Pakistani Ambassador

YANGON, 1 Nov—President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and General Secretary U

Sein Win Hlaing met Mr Khalilullah, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Union of Myanmar, at the UMFCCI building, here, yesterday.

They cordially discussed trade promotion between the two countries and more cooperation among business organizations.

MNA

Popular Plastic Factory in industrial zone in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township (News on Page 1).— MNA



A&I Minister receives FAO official

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Mr Sumiter S

Broca of Thailand-based United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization for Asia and the Pacific at the ministry, here, on 31

October.

They discussed findings of the crops and food survey team.

MNA



Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Mr. Sumiter S Broca of Thailand-based United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization for Asia and the Pacific. —MNA



UMFCCI President U Win Myint receives Mr. Khalilullah, Ambassador of Pakistan. — MNA

Air Bagan Open Golf Championships 13-16 Nov

YANGON, 1 Nov— The Air Bagan Open Golf Championships, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF) and Myanmar PGA with the sponsorship of Air Bagan Ltd, will be held at Bagan Resort Golf Club in Bagan, Mandalay Division, from 13 to 16 November.

Professional golfers and amateur golfers between handicap 0-12 may take part in the championships.

The championships will be held under Saint Andrew rules and

local rules. Prizes will be awarded to Hole-In-One winners.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament may enroll at Bagan Resort Golf Club and Myanmar Golf Club at 9th-Mile (Tel: 01-651374 and 09-2037671) not taken than 11 November.—MNA

AIDS is a national concern.

Myanmar archery team secures two gold, five silver

YANGON, 1 Nov— Ma Aung Hngein secured one gold and one silver in the compound (woman single) event of the third world level designating Asia round robin archery contest and the third Southeast Asia Championship archery contest held in Manila, the Philippines from 25 to 30 October 2008.

In the team-wise recurve event held on 29 October, Myanmar secured silver.

Ma Aung Hngein secured one gold in the compound (woman single) event and one silver in the individual event held on 30 October and Ye Min Swe secured one silver in the compound (man single), and Zaw Win Htaik secured one silver in the scurve (man single) event totalling two gold and five silver.

Myanmar archery team secured two golds and five silvers in total up to 30 October.—MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint visits the hospital (16-bed) in Cocogyun Township.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from 7th Summit of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM-7)

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here yesterday after attending the 7th Summit of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM-7) held from 23 to 25 October 2008 in Beijing and after completion of his

disaster preparedness and management, international and regional developments, global economic and financial crisis, sustainable development and deepening dialogue among civilizations.

On 24 October,

The minister delivered a statement on disaster preparedness and management and apprised the meeting of Myanmar's experience on disaster management with emphasis on the efforts of Myanmar government for the relief, recovery and reconstruction in the areas affected by cyclone Nargis in cooperation with the Tripartite Core Group.

The minister attended the Working Lunch hosted by Premier of the PRC Mr Wen Jiabao at the Great Hall of the People on 25 October. He explained the recent developments in Myanmar and progress of implementation of the government's seven step Road Map towards democracy. The Summit adopted the Chairman's Statement, Beijing Declaration on Sustainable Development and Statement on the international financial situation.

During his stay in Beijing, the minister met Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Somphong Amomvivat and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Keneichiro Sasae.

After the Summit, the minister paid a goodwill visit to the DPRK from 27 to 30 October at the invitation of Mr Pak Ui Chun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of DPRK.

Commander on inspection tour of Cocogyun Township

YANGON, 1 Nov— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife visited Cocogyun Township Police Force, 16-bed Township Hospital, Pre-Primary School and Basic Education High School in Cocogyun Township this morning.

The commander presented cash assistance and gifts to staff.

At the BEHS, the commander viewed reading daily newspapers

through online system.

The commander inspected the jetty at Ward 2 and construction of the township signboard at the entrance to the town. After looking into the thriving 13-acre monsoon paddy plantation, he met departmental officials and social organization members at the town hall.

The commander handed over books donated by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing to Chairman of Township PDC U Myint Aung and gifts and sports gear to officials.

At Cocogyun Township Communication Station, the commander heard reports on communication facilities with PAC and GOS system and satellite telephone system and gave necessary instructions.

After inspecting the township PDC office, the commander inspected supply of power through one 150 KVA and one 75 KVA generators, palm leaves fired power generator and 180 acre-foot Cocogyun Dam that can store 49 million gallons of water.—MNA



Minister U Nyan Win shakes hands with Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

subsequent goodwill visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from 27 to 30 October.

During his stay in Beijing he attended 7th Summit of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM-7) on behalf of the Prime Minister.

It was attended by high level representatives including heads of State/ Government of 43 countries from Europe and Asia and heads of European Community and ASEAN Secretariat. They exchanged their views on five topics—global issues such as food security,

President of the People's Republic of China Mr Hu Jintao made an opening address at the opening ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People.

Minister U Nyan Win attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and ASEAN Leaders' Working Dinner at Grand Hyatt Hotel on 23 October and discussed strengthening financial cooperation to respond to the current global financial crisis. He also attended the ASEAN +3 Leaders' Breakfast Meeting on the current global financial crisis at the Great Hall of the People on 24 October.

While in Pyongyang, the minister paid a courtesy call on Mr Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on 29

October. The minister and his counterpart Mr Pak Ui Chun held a bilateral meeting. They discussed promotion of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries. Myanmar delegation

attended the banquet hosted by Minister Mr Pak Ui Chun on 27 October.

Director-General of Political Department U Kyaw Tin and officials also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA



Minister U Nyan Win meets Mr Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.—FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Phayagon Special Region and Htoe Kawkoe Region enjoying fruits of peace

Article : Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

Photos : Hla Moe (MNA)

(from page 16)
Yellowish paddy plantations greeted us as we entered the village of Phahti (Phado Aung San). I noticed villagers raised

ing us, he expressed his views and thoughts.
He told us, "As a matter of fact, our country is a peaceful land. I am very pleased that our country

were successful by 97 per cent. Now, I grow paddy and rubber on a commercial scale.
"We established this village in June 1998. We

"When we returned to the legal fold, the government provided us with 500 acres of farmlands, tractors, and vehicles and departments provided us with assistance for the agriculture, livestock farming, and regional development work. Our village has a school, a health care centre, and Aung San Thuriya Saw Myint library. We also have a plan to build Aung San Thuriya Saw Myint assembly hall.

"Now, we have led a peaceful life. Throughout the period of our armed insurgency, we stayed in a state of panic. As you see, the development we have achieved in our region is as



I am very pleased that our country will soon be transformed into a discipline-flourishing democratic one in accordance with the State Constitution. (Phado Aung San)

Then, we proceeded to Htoe Kawkoe Village that was on the path toward development thanks to stability and peace restored in the region. The village had fine houses, buildings, electricity, sufficient clean water, 6 miles and 6 furlongs long Nabu-Htoe Kawkoe road section, and a 116-foot-long bridge. The government also built Dawei-dan Bridge in the village.

The government provided the village with a library and a school, fulfilled requirements, reclaimed 300 acres of fallow lands, and provided assistance to grow Yaynet (5) strain paddy in 112

lands covered with wild plants and bushes. Soon, the region will be able to produce rubber and paddy in abundance. The government is now conducting feasibility study to construct two dams by damming the Nabu Creek and the Pata Creek. On completion, the two irrigation facilities will benefit about 10,000 acres of arable lands and generate 2 megawatts.

Throughout the way back to Hpa-an, the words Phado Aung San had said to me were on my mind "Entitle this article 'Fruits of peace', please".

The entire people are, therefore, duty-bound to



The rural health care centre of Phayagon Village, Hpa-an, Kayin State.



Lovely Htoe Kawkoe Village in Kayin State.

farm animals in a systematic way such as turkeys, layers, pigs, goats, mythuns, chicken of local species, freshen species milch cows, ducks and Beijing species ducks.

We went straight to the house of Phahti. The compound of his house was found serene. Host-

will soon be transformed into a discipline-flourishing democratic one in accordance with the State Constitution.

"In our village, there has been a boom in the agricultural and livestock farming. I was awarded FAO prize for livestock farming in 1999. At that time, the layers I raised

started to achieve success in the agricultural and livestock farming in 1999.

"We grow Ma-naw-thukha and Ma-naw-tun species of paddy. We plan to grow high-yield paddy strains in place of the old ones in 2009-2010. We run a 200-acre rubber farm. We will grow fruit and vegetables this cold season.



A turkey farm in Phayagon Village, Hpa-an, Kayin State.

a result of peace." After his long explanation, he conducted us round the village.

He was right because we noticed that the whole Kayin State was enjoying the fruit of peace.

acres, Hsin-thwelatt strain paddy in 10 acres, and Khaukdin (hilly) strain paddy in 12 acres, and to run livestock farms.

Those regions used to be wetlands and vacant

constantly restore peace and stability of the whole Union including Kayin State.

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Dawei-dan Bridge, which contributes towards smooth transport of Kayin State.

UK commander in Afghanistan resigns

LONDON, 1 Nov—The commander of British special forces in Afghanistan, who has in the past expressed concerns about military equipment failures, has resigned, the Ministry of Defense said Saturday.

A ministry spokesman said Major

Sebastian Morley, head of the Britain's SAS forces in Afghanistan, cited only personal reasons when he resigned Friday.

The British newspaper The Daily Telegraph, however, reported Saturday that Morley "resigned in disgust" because military

commanders and government officials repeatedly ignored his warnings about the safety of Snatch Land Rovers used by the British Army in Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense spokesman, who declined to be named in line with policy, said Morley had previously expressed concerns about military equipment but did not mention that in his resignation.

"Equipping our personnel is a clear priority and we are absolutely focused on providing them with a range of vehicles that will protect them from the ever-shifting threats posed by the enemy," the ministry said in a statement Saturday.

Internet



Bollywood star Jackie Shroff stands next to his vintage 1937 Jaguar SS100 car displayed at a competition and exhibition of vintage cars in Mumbai on 1 Nov, 2008. Sixty vintage cars have been entered in four different categories of a competition called "Travel with Style" Concours D'Elegance.—INTERNET

Two killed, 20 injured in SW China tunnel blast

CHONGQING, 1 Nov — Two people were killed and at least 20 injured in a tunnel blast on an under-construction highway, on Saturday, in southwest China's Chongqing municipality, according to local transport authority.

The accident occurred at 12 am when more than 20 workers were in the tunnel on Dianjiang-Linshui highway. One worker died on the spot, and another died on the way to hospital.

At least 20 others were injured, with one severely.

An investigation team was established to probe the accident. — Xinhua

Egypt detains some 1,000 infiltrators since January

CAIRO, 1 Nov — Egyptian security authorities have foiled attempts of 999 illegal immigrants who tried to sneak into Israel via the Egyptian border since the beginning of this year, the state MENA news agency reported on Saturday.

The infiltrators include nationals from African, Asian and some European countries, said the report, noting the number of detained illegal immigrants stood at 64 in October.

The Egyptian border with Israel in the Sinai peninsula is the scene of frequent attempts by illegal immigrants of different nationalities to cross into Israel for work or smuggling.

Since the beginning of this year, Egyptian border guards have shot dead at least 24 illegal immigrants in a bid to curb the border infiltration. —Xinhua



Photo shows a view of a Petrobras off-shore oil platform under construction in Angra dos Reis, near Rio de Janeiro. Brazil has inked a multi-million-dollar deal to explore for oil off the Cuban coast, joining India, Vietnam, Malaysia Spain, Norway and Venezuela in cash-strapped communist Cuba's quest for black gold.—INTERNET

Minister: Iran to cut oil sale to Total by 70,000 bpd

TEHRAN, 1 Nov — Iran's Oil Minister Gholam-Hossein Nozari said Saturday

that Iran will cut crude sale to France's Total company by 70,000 barrels per day, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The cut comes on the heel of Iran's decision to slash its production by 199,000 bpd based on a newly specified OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) quota," the report quoted Nozari as saying.

He referred to Total as one of the clients of the National Iranian Oil Company and maintained that other clients would be gradually notified of their share of reduction.

Without referring to the size of Total's oil purchase from Iran, he ruled out the trimming with the company's purchase to be politically motivated.

"Iran expected all OPEC members to lower their oil production according to the declared quota based on the decision made by the oil cartel last week," Nozari said on Friday, adding that "Until we are able to meet stability in the oil market and OPEC makes a new decision on the issue, the trend will continue."

Xinhua

A woman employee of Wako Co Ltd poses in front of a polycarbonate-made bath tub in the Tokyo Designers Week 2008 in Tokyo, on 1 Nov, 2008. The Japanese manufacturer called it the world's first bath tub molded by using the type of plastic. INTERNET



Rare aftershocks persist in North Texas

DALLAS 1 Nov— Northern Texas has been getting more rare earth tremors, one day after several minor earthquakes made Halloween memorable for some people in the area.

Two almost simultaneous aftershocks were centered beneath Grand Prairie and Irving just before 7 am Saturday. The US Geological Survey says the Grand Prairie quake measured 2.5 magnitude and the Irving quake came in at 2.7. Saturday's tremors between Dallas and Fort Worth were in the same general areas as on Friday, when tremors of magnitude 2.5 set off car alarms. Switchboards for 911 systems lit up with calls from people near the quakes' epicenters but no damage was reported.—Internet

In this undated handout released by Geranger Ltd on Friday, 31 Oct, 2008, an artists impression of the U2 Tower is seen. Plans to build the tallest building in Ireland, with new recording studios for Irish band U2 on top, have been suspended because of Ireland's property slump and slide into recession.—INTERNET



Probiotic for babies doesn't ward off allergies

NEW YORK, 1 Nov— Giving children a type of “good bacteria” during their first 6 months of life doesn't reduce their risk of developing allergies in early childhood, researchers from Australia report.

But it's possible that other strains of probiotics could be more helpful in allergy prevention, Dr Susan L Prescott and colleagues from the

University of Western Australia in Perth note in the journal *Allergy*.

Based on the “hygiene hypothesis” — or the idea that children in the developed world are increasingly likely to develop asthma and other allergic conditions because they are living in overly clean environments — probiotics are being investigated both for treating these conditions

and possibly preventing them.

In a previous study, Prescott and colleagues gave 178 children either a preparation of the good bacteria *Lactobacillus acidophilus* every day for their first 6 months of life or a placebo. At 1 year of age, they found the children given the good bacteria were actually more likely to develop sensitivity to allergens.—*Internet*



Austrian pilot Hannes Arch celebrates his World Series victory on the temporary airfield at Langley Park, during the qualifying session for the Red Bull Air Race World Series in Perth, on 1 Nov, 2008. The race takes place on 2 November.—INTERNET

Scientists to measure quake effect on Acropolis



Journalists and workers are seen inside the Parthenon on the Acropolis of Athens on 30 Oct, 2008. INTERNET

ATHENS, 1 Nov —For thousands of years the Acropolis has withstood earthquakes, weathered storms and endured temperature extremes, from scorching summers to winter snow. Now scientists are drawing on the latest technology to install a system that will record just how much nature is affecting the 2,500-year-old site. They hope their findings will help identify areas that

could be vulnerable, allowing them to target restoration and maintenance.

Scientists are installing a network of fiber optic sensors and accelerographs ó instruments that measure how much movement is generated during a quake.

“The greatest danger for our monuments at the moment is earthquakes,” Dimitrios Egglezos, chief civil engineer in charge of the Acropolis’ defensive circuit wall, told The Associated Press. So understanding how the structures react to the earth’s movement is paramount.

Egglezos said six accelerographs are to be installed starting next week at various parts of the Acropolis: at the base of the hill, part of the way up where the geology changes, and on the Parthenon, the Acropolis’ most famous monument, built between 447 and 432 BC in honor of the goddess Athena.

Internet

Successive births, HRT hard on the joints

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Early puberty, giving birth to multiple children, and taking hormone replacement therapy (HRT) all increase a woman’s risk of needing joint replacement surgery due to arthritis, according to data from a large, study of middle-aged women in the UK.

The findings come from the Million Women Study, in which 1.3 million British women recruited in 1996-2001 at an average age of 56. During an average follow-up of 6 years, approximately 12,000 women had hip replaced and 10,000 had a knee

replaced.

Results showed that early menstruation (i.e., younger than 11 years old) increased the likelihood of both needing both types of joint surgery by between 9 percent and 15 percent, while every successive birth increased the risk of needing a new hip by 2 percent and a new knee by 8 percent.

Although use of oral contraceptives did not impact the risk of joint replacement surgery, “current use” of HRT raised the odds of hip replacement by 38 percent and of knee replacement by 58 percent, compared with never having used

HRT.

Dr Bette Liu and colleagues at the University of Oxford report their findings in the *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*, posted online on 28 October.

Having a high body mass index (BMI) is known to increase the risk of osteoarthritis and joint replacement, the investigators note in their report, “but it is unlikely that a woman’s current BMI would explain the associations found here as ... our findings were consistently observed within subgroups of current BMI.”

Internet

Minor quakes hit Dallas area; no damage, injuries

IRVING, 1 Nov — Several minor earthquakes gave some Texas residents an early Halloween scare, shaking their beds and knocking pictures off walls but causing no damage or injuries, authorities said.

A 2.5-magnitude quake at 11:25 pm Thursday near Grand Prairie was followed by a series of other small earthquakes in the Dallas suburb, then a 3.0-magnitude quake at 12:01 am Friday in nearby Irving, according to the US Geological Survey.

Most people in the Dallas area had no idea because the tremors were minor and centered in southwestern Irving.

But those who did seemed unnerved by the rare Texas quakes that shook apartment buildings and set off car alarms.

A 3.1-magnitude earthquake occurred Thursday about 11:30 am

near McLoud, Okla., a 5,000-resident town some 180 miles north of Dallas, with no reports of injuries or damage, according to the USGS.

Internet



A snow plow clears a highway in Westerlo, NY on 28 Oct, 2008. The National Weather Service said snowfall totals by Wednesday morning could range from a few inches in areas south of Buffalo and around Albany to 8 to 12 inches in the Adirondacks and the Tug Hill Plateau north of Syracuse.—INTERNET



Winds over 50 mph pound the pier and lighthouse as waves over 10 feet tall roll down the channel into the dock areas at Lake Michigan in South Haven, Mich, in this 26 Oct, 2008 photo. INTERNET

Simple blood test predicts obesity

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov— According to new research by US scientists, the degree of change in blood triglyceride levels following a fatty meal may indicate susceptibility to diet-induced obesity.

The findings, published in the *International Journal of Obesity* and available here on Friday, open doors to new methods of identifying people, including children, who are

at risk for becoming obese.

Triglycerides are a form of fat that is transported in the blood and stored in the body’s fat tissues.

They are found in foods and also are manufactured by the body.

“These findings suggest we may someday be able to use a simple blood test to identify those at risk for obesity,” said senior author Mark Friedman, the researcher at Monell

Centre. “The ability to identify more susceptible individuals would make it possible to target obesity-prevention resources on those who need them most.”

The global obesity epidemic is thought to be caused in part by consumption of a diet high in fat and carbohydrates, which promotes weight gain.

Internet

SPORTS

Federer and Nadal pull out injured in Paris

PARIS, 1 Nov — Hopes of a dream final between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer were dashed on Friday when the top two seeds pulled out injured from their quarter-final matches at the Paris Masters.

Federer withdrew with a back injury a few hours before his match against American James Blake, while Nadal quit his showdown with world number six Nikolay Davydenko after losing the first set 6-1. Wimbledon champion Nadal had the trainer massaging his right thigh and knee at the change of ends when trailing 4-1 and threw in the towel two games later.

The duo's exit left the tournament without any of its top four seeds after number three Novak Djokovic was beaten earlier in the week while fourth-ranked Andy Murray also perished on Friday, going down 7-6 6-3 to an inspired David Nalbandian.— Internet



Rafael Nadal of Spain leaves the court after retiring from his quarter-final match against Nikolay Davydenko of Russia in the Paris Masters Series tennis tournament, on 31 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET

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Maradona compares Argentina team to dirty Rolls Royce

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Nov — Diego Maradona, expected to be confirmed as Argentina's new coach on Tuesday, has likened his future team to a grimy Rolls Royce.

Maradona also said Sergio Batista and Jose Luis Brown, two of his team mates in the 1986 World Cup-winning side, had agreed to join former coach Carlos Bilardo on his backroom staff.

Argentina boast one of the best squads in world football, led by Lionel Messi and Juan Roman Riquelme. But they have failed to perform this year, winning only one of their last eight games.

The impending appointment of Maradona, one of the game's greatest players but also one of its most troubled, is an attempt to galvanise the team.

"The Argentine national side is like a Rolls Royce covered in dirt, it needs to be cleaned," the 48-year-old told reporters after a meeting at the Football Association's training camp outside Buenos Aires.

Internet

Alonso fastest in Brazil practice

SAO PAULO, 1 Nov — Renault's Fernando Alonso set the pace in Brazilian Grand Prix practice on Friday while home hero Felipe Massa lapped comfortably quicker than title favourite Lewis Hamilton.

Alonso, who took his two Formula One titles at Interlagos in 2005 and 2006 but is out of the reckoning this time, set a best time of one minute 12.296 seconds on a damp and blustery afternoon.

Ferrari's Massa was fastest in the morning in 1:12.305 and led the timesheets after lunch until Alonso put in a late quick lap.

The Brazilian, seven points behind McLaren's Hamilton, is embarking on the final stage of what some see as a Mission Impossible to prevent the 23-year-old becoming Formula One's youngest champion on Sunday.—Internet



Renault's Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain during his second practice session at the Interlagos race track in Sao Paulo on 31 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

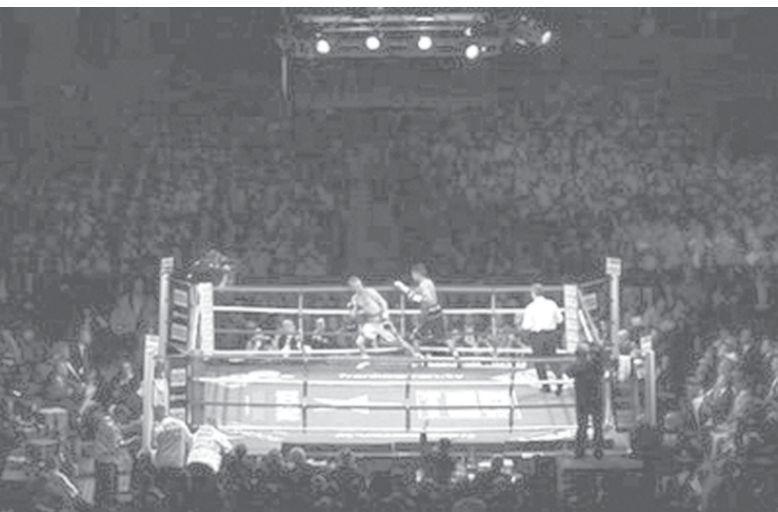
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Chelsea's Joe Cole (R) and John Terry (L) are challenged by Sunderland's Kieran Richardson during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 1 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (L) challenges Hull City's Paul McShane during their English Premier League soccer match in Manchester, northern England, on 1 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET



Boxers are seen during a fight at the Millenium Stadium in Cardiff. This Friday, British boxer Peter Buckley steps into the ring in Birmingham, central England, for the 300th bout of a professional career which has witnessed 256 defeats.—INTERNET

Tsonga victory maintains Masters Cup hopes

PARIS, 1 Nov — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France boosted his Masters Cup hopes with a 5-7 6-4 7-6 victory over Andy Roddick in the Paris Masters quarter-finals on Friday.

The 13th seed must now win his semi-final against American James Blake, who can also qualify for the season-ending tournament in Shanghai, to maintain his qualification hopes.

However, Tsonga's victory on Friday has ended fellow Frenchman Gilles Simon's hopes of making the Shanghai event.

"I have my destiny in my hands," Tsonga told reporters.—Internet

Chinese kongfu already an international sports

SHIYAN, 1 Nov—Even though the Chinese martial arts, or kungfu, failed to enter the Olympic programme, it has become an international sport.

Some 2000 athletes from 69 countries and regions, including Britain, the United States, Poland, Russia and Greece, are competing in the 3rd World Traditional Wushu Championships, which opened in Wudang Mountain here on Friday. The athletes, many of whom are students studying in China, all expressed their passion for this precious treasure of Chinese culture.—MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal's Nicklas Bendtner (L) outjumps Stoke City's Abdoulaye Faye during their English Premier League soccer match at the Britannia Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent, central England, on 1 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

Gunmen threaten to kill French hostages in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, 1 Nov—Gunmen in speedboats seized 10 mostly French crew members in an attack on an oil vessel off Cameroon on Friday and threatened to kill them “one by one” if the Cameroonian Government did not meet their demands.

A spokeswoman for oil services firm Bourbon said the 10 kidnapped workers were among 15 employees on board the vessel “Bourbon Sagitta”, contracted by French oil

major Total, when it was attacked early on Friday.

Two allied militia groups from Cameroon's Bakassi Peninsula claimed responsibility and threatened to start killing the hostages if the Cameroonian Government did not meet their demands within three days. Bakassi was handed over to Cameroon by Nigeria earlier this year after a decades-long border dispute.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistan's earthquake death toll exceeds 300

ISLAMABAD, 1 Nov—The death toll from the destructive earthquake in Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan Province has crossed 300, the state television reported Friday. Around 40,000 people were displaced and 200 villages were affected in the earthquake, reported state-run PTV.

The DAWN newspaper reported Friday that thousands of earthquake survivors spent another night in open places, threatened by biting coldness and hunger.

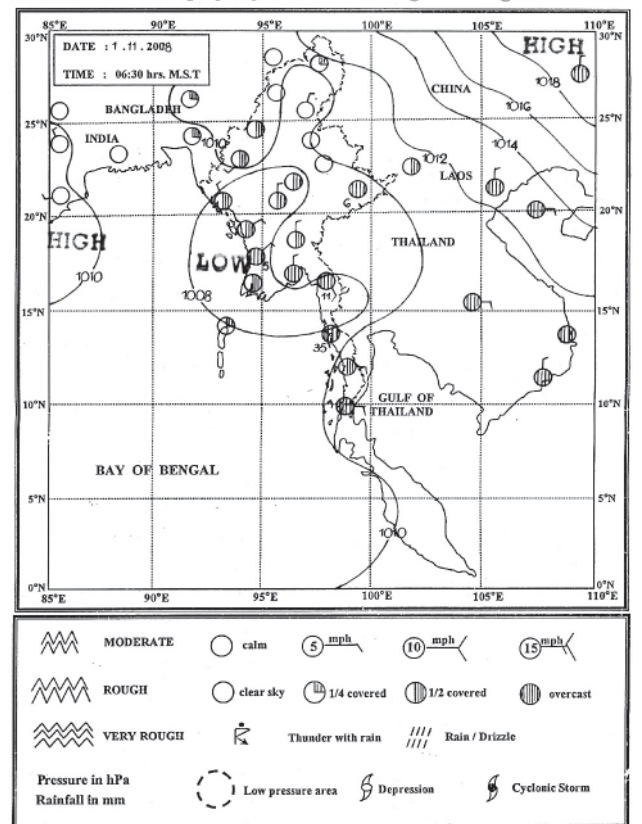
The Balochistan provincial government

has sent tents, blankets and other relief goods to the affected areas, but these could not reach a majority of the affected people.

Meanwhile, after shocks have made it more difficult for relief operations. More than 250 aftershocks have been recorded, local newspaper Daily Times quoted a Meteorological Department official as saying. He said that aftershocks were likely to continue into next week and fortunately would decrease in strength.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 1 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy fall in Mon State. Night temperatures were (3°C-4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, Yangon and lower Sagaing Divisions, (5°C-6°C) below November average temperatures in the upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (3°C-4°C) above November average temperatures in Mon and Kayah States, Bago Division, (5°C-6°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikkhame (9.13) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Hpa-an (2.60) inches, Pinlaung (2.52) inches and Dawei (1.42) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-10-2008 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 1-11-2008 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-11-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 31-10-2008 was (7.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 1-11-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (108.54) inches at Mingaladon, (120.28) inches at Kaba-Aye and (140.51) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (09:30) hours MST on 31-10-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd November 2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-11-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-11-2008: One or tow rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-11-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Sunday, 2 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသားသန့်မြို့ ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Musical Programme

7:50 am

5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:00 am

6. Musical Programme

8:15 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:30 am

4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

11:55 am

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာကုဋေကုဋာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

12:40 pm

6. Golf Magazine (TV)

1:00 pm

7. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း “မျက်ဝန်းစကား” (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မိုးအောင်)

2:30 pm

8. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)မြောက်လာ

2:45 pm

9. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ပျော်ဖြေခန်း

4:20 pm

3. Songs of national races

4:30 pm

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(ရသစာပေအရေးအသား အထူးပြု)(ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:00 pm

6. Song to uphold national spirit

5:10 pm

7. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:20 pm

8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:30 pm

9. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “Pocket dragon adventure”

6:55 pm

13. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ “မထုံဘူး” (မိုးမင်း၊ ဦးစံမေ၊ ကြည်သာပွဲကြိုက်ခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်သာပွဲကြိုက်ခင်)

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သယောဇော်နောင်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International news

8:00 pm

17. Weather report

8:00 pm

18. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်(၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ “ဘူရီဒတ်ဇာတ်တော်ကြီး” (ပထမဆု) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း) (ပထမပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်စစ်ရှာဖွေခြင်း” (အပိုင်း-၄)

Northern Command team crown in U-21 Tatmadaw Football Tournament

YANGON, 1 Nov—The final match of the 24th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament was held at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), here, this afternoon, attended by Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence.

In the match, Northern Command team clinched the title with a 2-1 win over Eastern Command team.

After the final match, Commander of Mingaladon Airbase Col Thein Naing presented individual prizes to the players of Camp Commandant's Office team of the Ministry of Defence that stood third and those from Eastern Command team that stood second.

Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win

Shein awarded individual prizes to the players of Northern Command team that stood first.

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint gave away best player awards for the places to respective players and the fair play award to Northern Command team.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence presented championship trophy and duplicated trophy to first prize winning Northern Command team.

Among the spectators were senior military officers, military attachés of foreign embassies, officials of the Ministry of Sports, servicemen and family members, members of social organizations and guests. —MNA



Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents the championship trophy to Northern Command team.—MNA

Phayagon Special Region and Htoe Kawkoe Region enjoying fruits of peace

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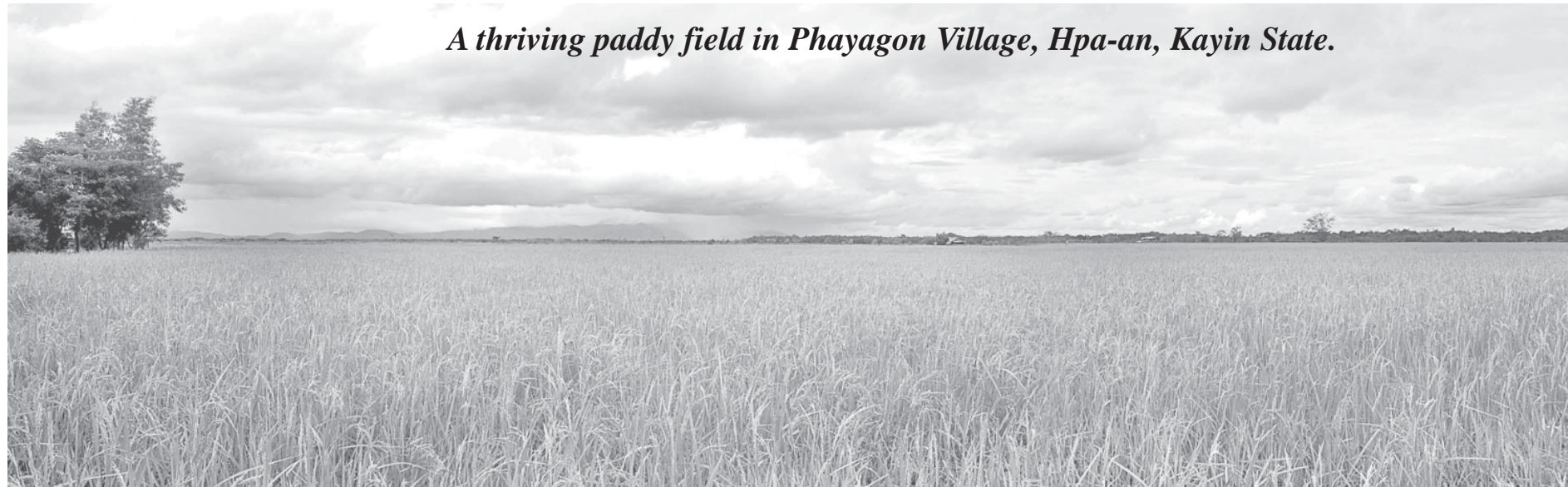
Recently, I made a trip to Kayin State for the second time.

During my first trip, I saw lush and green paddy fields, and this time, the paddy fields had turned yellowish along with plantations of green gram grown as mixed crop among rubber plantations, and groundnut plantations stretching out as far as

one could see. Cultivation capability in Kayin State was on the gradual increase due to peace and stability restored across the nation.

We had golden opportunity to visit Phayagon Peace Region of Phado Aung San. (See page 10)

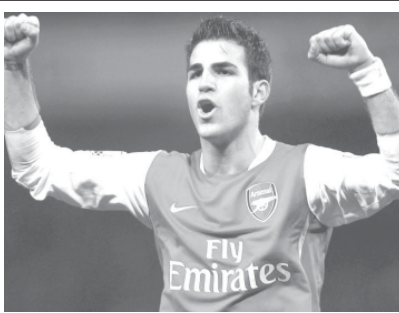
A thriving paddy field in Phayagon Village, Hpa-an, Kayin State.



Barca dismisses £100 million Xavi for Arsenal's Fabregas swap

BARCELONA, 1 Nov -- Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has moved quickly to dismiss speculation in Spain that Barca midfielder Xavi is to be part of a swap deal to bring Arsenal's Cesc Fabregas to the Nou Camp.

The La Liga giants have made no secret of their desire to lure Fabregas away from the Emirates Stadium, with recent reports suggesting that the midfielder could leave the Gunners as part of a swap deal that would see Xavi arrive in the Premier League. 28-year-old Xavi (left) has been at the Catalan club since the age of 11 and is Barca through and through, with the Spanish International keeping Fabregas out of the starting line-up for Spain in EURO 2008 and is under contract at the Spanish club until 2010, with a buyout clause of £100 million.—Internet



Myanmar Wushu team secure one gold, four silver

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Ma Shwe Yee Win of Myanmar Wushu team this morning secured one gold in the (drinking sword) event, Ma Eint Mi Mi secured one silver each in the (Nanquan) event and the (Nangun) event and Maung Hein Zaw secured one silver in the (monkey stick) event, Maung Wai Phyo Aung secured one silver in the (Swanthong) event of the third World Wushu Traditional Wushu Contest held in Shiyao, the People's Republic of China, numbering one gold and four silver.

Altogether 69 countries are taking part in the contest which is being held on 1 and 2 November.

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