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Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his departure for New Delhi

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10 a.m today.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein left here by special flight for India to attend the 2nd Summit on the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) to be held in New Delhi of India.

Also present together with the Senior General were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, Lt-

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport on his departure for New Delhi of India to attend 2nd Summit on the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

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Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Maj-Gen Maung Shein of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Information Brig-Gen

Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, senior military officers, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, Charge d'Affaires of the Indian Embassy Ms Sripriya Ranganathan and officials.

Minister for Foreign Affairs UNyan Win, who is a member of the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein, left here in advance for New Delhi of India.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads.—MNA

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- * 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

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Nurture younger generation for major industries

The government is now building physical infrastructures nationwide for national development. In the meantime, it is putting plans for development of such sector as education, health and social affairs into action. In doing so, education promotion programmes play an important role in national development.

As part of these programmes, special refresher courses for basic education teachers are being conducted. The special refresher course No. 67 was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township the other day.

The majority of the national races are engaged in agriculture for their livelihood as Myanmar is an agro-based country. With the development of the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors, the government is making endeavours for establishment of an industrialized nation based on mechanized farming.

It is necessary to create opportunities for development of modern techniques on agriculture and livestock breeding, to utilize natural fertilizer and modern equipment in cultivation, harvesting, winnowing and storing.

Moreover, technology that contributes towards the progress of livestock breeding sector, one of the rural businesses, is to be created through the education sector.

It is the duty of teachers to train their pupils to become educated farmers or rural youths who are capable of utilizing agricultural and livestock breeding techniques of international level.

It is heartening to learn that the education sector is working hard to produce sufficient skilled younger generation needed in major industries.

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

Forestry Minister performs regional development tasks in Ingapu Township

YANGON, 12 Nov—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the opening of Aung Myin Thu Library of Alesu Village in Ingapu Township on 9 November. The library which measures 20 feet by 15 feet was built at a cost of K 1.5 million.

Next, the minister also attended the opening of newly-built school building at Kyatgaung Village Basic Education Primary School in the township. The new school building, 90 feet long and 30, was built with K 15 million contributions by Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise and family.

In the evening, the minister inspected construction of Kanyin Creek Bridge at



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung views harvesting of 10-acre farmland of farmer U Hla Moe in Phayakwin Village, Ingapu Township.—FORESTRY

Mezaligon Village in the township. The 34 feet wide two-lane bridge is being built by Bridge Special Group (1) of the Ministry of Construction.

On 10 November, the minister attended the

harvesting of paddy at 10-acre farmland of farmer U Hla Moe in Phayakwin village of Ingapu Township.

Next, the minister also attended the opening of new school building at

Thaiktukwin Village BEPS. The new school building, 90 feet by 30 feet, was built with 14.4 million contribution of Myanmar Timber and Forest Products Merchants Association. — MNA

KMD wins awards of NCC

YANGON, 12 Nov—KMD Computer Center clarified on winning of awards presented by NCC Education (UK) in a ceremony held at Cafe Blues Hall on Maha Bandoola Street, here, yesterday.

U Myo Tun, senior training manager of KMD Computer Center,

explained facts about NCC Education Profile and answered queries raised by journalists.

KMD Computer Center won Academic Excellent Award for 2008 and 15 Years Partnership Award presented by NCC Education (UK).

NCC Education (UK) has 350 branch training

centres in over 40 countries. It holds its 6th international level seminar participated by its all training branches from 20 to 23 November in Malaysia. At the ceremony, it presented Academic Excellent Awards to two best performing training centres.

KMD Computer Center won Academic Excellent Award due to its systematic academic system and being able to turning out the trainees who could secure the top point across out the world as well as in Asia region. It also won 15 Years Partnership Award (2008) for its long partnership with NCC Education (UK) beginning 1993.

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Myanmar trounce Singapore 11-0

YANGON, 12 Nov—The qualifying round for the AFC U-16 Women's Championship continued at Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at 4 pm Malaysian Standard Time today.

In the match, Myanmar U-16 Women's Team crashed Singaporean U-16 Team 11-0.

For Myanmar team, Hla Yin Win scored five goals, Ngwe Swe Tar Yar four goals, Tracer and Htet Theingi Aye one goal each, totalling 11.

On 17 November, Myanmar will play against the Philippines in the fourth match.

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Senior Training Manager U Myo Tun of KMD Computer Center explains facts about NCC Education Profile. — MNA



Iraqi groups vow to resist security pact

BAGHDAD, 12 Nov—Ten Iraqi groups have agreed to escalate attacks against US and Iraqi forces to derail the proposed US-Iraqi security agreement, an Internet monitoring service said on Tuesday.

The declaration against “the agreement of disgrace” was announced on 4 Nov in an audio speech by Sheik Abu Wael, a top leader of the Sunni militant Ansar al-Sunnah, who invited other insurgent groups to join, the SITE Intelligence Group said.

The security agreement would keep US soldiers in Iraq until 2012.

“Such kinds of agreements are not negated by mere statements of condemnation and denunciation,” the sheik said. “Rather, there is necessity for work, jihad, fighting those forces the enemy and those who are loyal to them to recant this agreement”

In his speech, the sheik invited over 15 factions to join. Most of them posted statements accepting the invitation, SITE said.

Internet

Car bomb kills three, wounds 10 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 12 Nov—Iraqi police say a bomb in a parked car has blown up in central Baghdad, killing three people and wounding 10 others.

The bomb exploded during the Wednesday morning rush hour in al-Nasir Square in the heart of the Iraqi capital.

Internet



The scene of bomb attacks in Baghdad on 10 Nov, 2008. Two car bombs exploded in central Baghdad on Monday and a suicide bomber blew himself up among police and civilians who rushed to help the wounded, a triple strike that killed 28 people and wounded 68.—INTERNET



Iraqi civilians inspect a damaged bus after bombs exploded in Baghdad, Iraq on 10 Nov, 2008. A suicide bomber struck in a crowd that had gathered where an explosion went off moments earlier.—INTERNET

Gun sales up since election

Houston, 12 Nov — A week after the election of the nation's first black president, gun buyers across the country are flocking to gun stores to stock up on assault rifles, handguns and ammunition.

Some say they are worried that the incoming administration of President-elect Barack Obama will attempt to re-impose the ban on assault weapons that expired in 2004. Others fear the loss of their right to own handguns. A few say they are preparing to protect themselves in the event of a race war.

But whatever the reason, gun dealers in red and blue states alike say they've never seen anything like the run on weaponry they've been experiencing since election day, surpassing the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

“People are terrified of losing their right to protect themselves,” said DeWayne Irwin, owner of Cheaper Than Dirt, a large gun store in Fort Worth. “The volume is 10 times what we ever expected. It started with assault rifles, but at this point, people are buying ammunition, high capacity magazines, Glocks — it's all flying off the shelf.—Internet

American shot dead in Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 12 Nov—Gunmen shot dead a US aid official along with his driver in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Wednesday, a senior police official said. “He was working for US aid projects for tribal areas,” the official, who requested anonymity, told *Reuters*.

US embassy officials in Islamabad were not immediately available for comment.—Internet

Relatives wheel a man who was wounded in a bomb attack into a hospital in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, on 10 Nov, 2008. A teenaged girl wearing a suicide bomb vest blew herself up at a checkpoint of US-backed security patrolmen in Baquba on Monday, killing four people and wounding 18 others.—INTERNET



Missile test-fired near Iraq border

TEHERAN, 12 Nov—Iran test-fired a new missile in the western city of Marivan, near the border with Iraq during a military maneuver, the government television network Press TV reported on Tuesday.

The Samen missile was fired on Monday, along with artillery and rocket launchers. Iran warned American forces in Iraq last week that American helicopters were spotted flying close to Iran's airspace.

The semiofficial Fars news agency reported that the test followed a 3 Nov ballistic missile test by United States forces in the Third Fleet.—Internet



Blood stains are seen at the site where a female suicide bomber struck in Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, on 10 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,193

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov—As of Tuesday, 11 Nov, 2008, at least 4,193 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003. The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,388 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 30,774 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.—Internet

Large number of skilled immigrants unemployed or doing unskilled jobs in US

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov — More than 1.3 million college-educated legal immigrants are unemployed or working in unskilled jobs such as dishwashers or taxi drivers across the United States, according to a report published on Tuesday.

Nearly one-fourth of them, or 317,000, live in California, said the report by the Migration Policy Institute.

This is a massive “brain waste” of highly educated and skilled immigrant professionals who potentially could, with a little aid, help ease the nation’s looming labor shortages in healthcare, computer sciences and other skilled

jobs, the report said.

Professionals from Latin America and Africa fare worse than those from Asia and Europe, the study found. Two of the biggest barriers are lack of English fluency and non-recognition of foreign academic and professional criteria.

In some cases, for instance, US medical systems require course work typically not required abroad, such as maternity and psychiatric nursing, according to Julie Hughes-Lederer, interim director of the Los Angeles County Regional Health Occupations Resource Centre.

Xinhua



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, accompanied by Germany's Parliamentary State Secretary Thomas Rachel (2nd R), examines a model of a new high-tech tsunami warning system at the meteorology and geophysics bureau in Jakarta on 11 November, 2008. —INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Crude oil settles below 60 US dollars

NEW YORK, 12 Nov — Crude oil fell 5 percent to settle below 60 US dollars a barrel on Tuesday as the global economic slowdown weighed on the energy market.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery dropped 3.08 dollars to settle at 59.33 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It is the lowest settlement price since March 2007.

The tumbling US stocks weighed on the oil market as investors’ worries over economic conditions worsened. Concerns about slumping energy demand has dragged the oil price about 60 percent down from its record high of 147.27 dollars a barrel reached in July this year.

The dollar rallied against the euro and other major currencies on Tuesday, which also contributed to the slide of the crude oil price.

In London, Brent crude for December delivery fell 3.37 dollars to settle at 55.71 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange.

Xinhua



People visit the space suit for intravehicular activity during an exhibition featuring the Shenzhou VII manned space flight at the Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution in Beijing, China, on 11 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA

China to become DHL's biggest express service market

BEIJING, 12 Nov — China is set to become DHL's largest market in the world in terms of express service volume after the company moves out of the United States, Wu Dongming, managing director of DHL-Sinotrans, a joint venture of DHL and Sinotrans, said on Tuesday.

This announcement came after DHL announced on Monday it was scheduled to end its services in US domestic market.

The company occupies about 34 percent of Chinese's express service market, ahead of rivals FedEx and UPS.

“DHL will continue making investments in infrastructure, skills training and service upgrading, to consolidate its leading position in China,” said Wu.

Since the Belgium-based logistics giant set up the joint venture in China in 1986, it has invested 1.3 billion US dollars in the mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan, accounting for 59 percent of its total investment in Asia.

He said DHL had four service and logistics centers in China — Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen — and the company would design and distribute new products in the second quarter of next year.

The joint venture reported revenue of 5.38 billion yuan (788.7 million US dollars) and net profit of 720 million yuan in 2007.—Xinhua

S Korea to make continuous efforts to stabilize economy

SEOUL, 12 Nov — S Korea's Finance Minister Kang Man-soo said Wednesday that the government will make continuous efforts to boost the real part of the local economy struck by the ongoing global financial turmoil.

“The fallout from the unprecedented financial crisis is now spilling over to the real economy. To stem the transition, we need to make substantial efforts,” Kang said.

Kang said his ministry will cooperate with the central bank and Financial Services Commission to stabilize financial markets.—Xinhua

Air New Zealand to test biofuel on flight

WELLINGTON, 12 Nov — Air New Zealand will test what it claims is the world's first second generation biofuel-powered commercial flight on 3 Dec.

The jatropa-based fuel for the Boeing 747-400 flight out of Auckland has been cleared for use by engine maker Rolls Royce, the airline said on Wednesday. The airline said the oil for the fuel was sourced from jatropa seeds grown in South Eastern Africa (Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania) and India.—Xinhua

Tourists retreating from the beach at sunset in Goa. India's tourism industry can overcome the global financial downturn by tapping into its unspoilt countryside, Indian Tourism Minister Sujit Banerjee said here on Tuesday.

INTERNET



Iran builds “solid barrier” against air raids

TEHERAN, 12 Nov—A top Iranian commander said on Tuesday that the Islamic republic’s air force has built up a “solid barrier” to defend the country’s airspace, Iran’s English-language satellite channel Press TV reported.

“The air force has built up a solid barrier against any kind of strike, using up-to-date equipment as well as unique military tactics,” Iran’s Air Force chief Brigadier General Ahmad Miqani said.

The Iranian forces would remain vigilant to

defend the country’s airspace in case of any attack, he added.

Iran has test-fired its Shahab-3 missile that is capable of hitting targets within a range of 2,000 km, vowing that its missile capabilities are “a defensive tool against invasions.”

The United States and its allies have accused Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons under the cover of a civilian nuclear program. Iran has denied the US charges and insists that its nuclear program is for peaceful

purposes only.

The United States said it focused on diplomacy to try to resolve Iran’s nuclear issue, but has insisted it will take “no option off the table.”

Some observers believe that it is still possible that the United States and Israel would attack Iranian targets for Tehran’s suspicious nuclear programs.

Internet



Singapore Telecommunications phone booths in Singapore. The company said on Tuesday its mobile customer base in Asia surged 37 percent on the year to 216.7 million at the end of September.—INTERNET

Israeli army prepared for clashes with Hamas

JERUSALEM, 12 Nov—Israeli outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Tuesday that the confrontation with Hamas is unavoidable and Israeli army is prepared for it.

“The situation between us and Hamas is one of an inevitable clash. It’s only a question of ‘when’ not ‘if,’” Olmert said during a visit to the headquarters of Israel Defense Forces’ (IDF) Gaza Division.

His tour was accompanied by Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, IDF Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi and several top military commanders, according to a press release from the Prime Minister’s Office.

“We don’t intend to violate the calm, we would like to continue the truce, but we will act in any situation in which a terror attack against IDF soldiers or Israeli civilians needs to be thwarted,” Barak said.

“We are looking at this relative calm around and we know that many things are happening beneath the surface,” he warned.

Internet



Palestinian Fatah supporters dance during a ceremony to mark the fourth anniversary of leader Yasser Arafat’s death, at Abbas’ headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah, on 11 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

26 people wounded in bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Nov—Up to 26 people were wounded in Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul in Nineveh province on Tuesday, police said.

A car bomb parked outside the directorate of sport and youth of the province in central Mosul in the afternoon, wounding 15 people, local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Among the victims, 12 employees from the directorate, the source said.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb went off in the crowded Tahrir Square in Bab al-Sharji area in central part of the capital, wounding five people and damaging several nearby cars and shops, a police source in the city said.

Separately, a roadside bomb detonated near a police patrol in Baghdad southeastern neighbourhood of Zaafaraniyah, wounding three policemen and three civilians, the source said.

Deadly attacks continue in Iraq despite the US and Iraqi officials announced a relative lull in violence during the past months.—Internet

Armed men kidnap 27 farmworkers in Mexico

CULIACAN (Mexico), 12 Nov—Police hunted on Tuesday for 27 farmworkers who were kidnapped in northwestern Mexico by dozens of heavily armed men wearing military-style uniforms.

Assailants roused the farmworkers from bed before dawn on Monday at a vegetable farm just outside the Sinaloa state capital of Culiacan, then drove off with the group in a caravan of sport utility vehicles, according to a statement from state Attorney General Alfredo Higuera.

The victims, all men between 16 and 61 years old, made less than \$10 per day.

Higuera said the motive in the mass kidnapping was still being investigated.

Internet

Israel resumes Gaza fuel shipments

GAZA CITY, 12 Nov—Israel resumed fuel shipments to Gaza’s only power plant on Tuesday despite a tight border closure, allowing the facility to restart operations.

Israel sealed Gaza’s borders last week, cutting off fuel shipments which are paid for by Europe and delivered through an Israeli-run crossing. After a request by peace envoy Tony Blair, Israel decided late Monday to resume the shipments on Tuesday.

The power plant was to receive 211,000 gallons of fuel on Tuesday, said Alix de Mauny, a spokeswoman for the European Commission. She said she hoped there would be more deliveries in coming days. The plant shut down Monday evening, cutting power to much of Gaza City but was partially started up again on Tuesday.

The UN Relief and Works Agency, meanwhile, said it would halt food distribution in Gaza by on Friday if the borders remain sealed. The distribution reaches about 750,000 people— or more than half of Gaza’s impoverished population. The agency said its warehouses are running out of lunch meat, oil, powdered milk and grain.

Internet



An ethnic Qiang woman walks among a 1,000 year-old stone castle in Taoping village, home to the Chinese minority, on 10 Nov. In Taoping village, the deadly 12 May earthquake which ravaged much of the surrounding region spared their village because - locals say - their structures follow ancient building techniques and now, they are hoping to get the area UNESCO listed.—INTERNET

Three Bedouin tribesmen killed in clashes with Egyptian police in Sinai

CAIRO, 12 Nov—Three Bedouin tribesmen were shot dead on Tuesday in clashes with Egyptian police forces in the Sinai peninsula, security sources said.

The Bedouin, among a group of tribesmen in protest against the killing of a Bedouin by police on Monday, were shot dead in a southern Sinai town near the Egyptian border with Israel, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

A number of police-men and Bedouin were also

injured in the con-flicts, added the sources.

On Monday, Egyptian police shot dead a suspected Bedouin drug dealer and injured another one, which caused wide-spread protests in the Bedouin community in north Sinai.

According to the Egyptian MENA news agency, an Egyptian police patrol was attacked in north Sinai by two armed Bedouin riding a four-wheel-drive car.

An exchange of fire left one of the two attackers dead and the other injured,

said the report.

Hundreds of Bedouin were reportedly gathering overnight in north Sinai in protest against the killing.

Witnesses said the Bedouin tribesmen opened fire into the air and burned tyres.

Earlier on Tuesday, a group of armed Bedouin in three pick-ups kidnapped 25 Egyptian police-men in the Sinai Peninsula in protest against Monday's killing of the Bedouin man, but released the captives several hours later.

Internet

Kenya launches manhunt for nun kidnappers in Somalia

NAIROBI, 12 Nov—The Kenyan authorities have launched a major security operation in search of two Italian nuns who were kidnapped by Somali militiamen in common frontier on Monday.

The government is also blaming the Supreme Council of Islamic Courts (SCIC) for the incident. The SCIC has been fighting the transitional government of Somalia for nearly two years.

Internal Security Assistant Minister Orwa Ojode said the government

mounted a security operation when the clashes took an international dimension. A senior police said on Tuesday that security forces who were tracking down the militiamen were holding one of the bandits who was arrested on Monday night when the security forces crossed over the border into Somalia.

"The suspect is coo-

perating well with our officers and we hope to get them (nuns) and the vehicles which were stolen," the officer said.

Police sources said the gunman had provided investigators with crucial information on the whereabouts of the hostages and their captives who were said to be hiding some seven kilometers from the border.—Internet

Organized crime is Italy's biggest business

ROME, 12 Nov—The biggest business in Italy today is organized crime with an annual turnover of some 130 billion euros (about 165.71 billion US dollars) and a net profit of close to 70 billion euros, after investments and expenses, according to the Italian national retail services association Confesercenti on Tuesday.

Confesercenti said in a report "everyday organized crime takes some 250 million euros from the hands of retailers and businessmen. This is equal to about 10 million euros an hour or 160,000 euros a minute."

Loan sharking is the greatest source of income for organized crime from the business sector and it continues to expand, the report said.

"The number of businessmen who have fallen victim to this crime has risen to some of 180,000 and offering loans at high interest rates has created a turnover in the neighborhood of 15 billion euros for organized crime," the retailers' association added.—Internet

A custom car in support of the recent ban on smoking in public places in India. Anti-smoking enforcers in India are facing peculiar difficulties enforcing a ban.
INTERNET



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This undated photo made available by the Israeli Antiquities Authority shows what archaeologists say is a 2,000-year-old gold earring discovered beneath a parking lot next to the walls of Jerusalem's old city. The Israel Antiquities Authority says the earring is inlaid with pearls and emeralds and was made around the time of Christ, between the first century BC and the beginning of the fourth century AD.

2,000-year-old gold earring found in Jerusalem

A luxurious gold, pearl and emerald earring provides a new visual clue about the life of the elite in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. And its discovery was a true eureka moment for excavators.

The piece was found beneath a parking lot next to the walls of Jerusalem's Old City. It dates to the Roman period just after the time of Jesus, said Doron Ben-Ami, who directed the dig.

The earring was uncovered in a destroyed Byzantine structure built centuries after the piece was made, showing it was likely passed down through genera-

tions, he said.

Archaeologists came upon the earring in a corner while excavating the ruins of the building under a parking lot. "Suddenly one of the excavators came up shouting 'Eureka!'" said Ben-Ami.

The find is eye-

catching: A large pearl inlaid in gold with two drop pieces, each with an emerald and pearl set in gold. "It must have belonged to some-one of the elite in Jerusalem," Ben-Ami said. "Such a precious item, it couldn't be one of just ordinary people."

4,300-year-old pyramid discovered in Egypt

Egypt's chief archaeologist has announced the discovery of a 4,300-year-old pyramid in Saqqara, the sprawling necropolis and burial site of the rulers of ancient Memphis.

The pyramid is said to belong to Queen Sesheshet, the mother of King Teti who was the founder of the 6th Dynasty of Egypt's Old Kingdom.

Egypt's antiquities chief Zahi Hawass made the announcement on Tuesday at the site in Saqqara, about 12 miles south of Cairo.

Hawass' team has been excavating the site for two years. He says the discovery was only made two months ago when it became clear that the 16-foot-tall structure uncovered from the sand was a pyramid.

Hawass says the new pyramid is the 118th discovered so far in Egypt.



Chinese university students stretch their arms during a group exercise at the opening ceremony of Huazhong Normal University's annual school sports competition in Wuhan, in central China's Hubei Province.



Cigarette-shaped candies, like the milk chocolate ones pictured here, became the latest target of German health standards. Experts have called for the sweets to be banned, saying the candies promote smoking among young people. Chocolate Kinder Surprise Eggs came under fire when the toys inside were deemed a choking hazard to small children.

Yeywa Hydropower Project, the largest of its kind in Myanmar

Article : Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)



The construction site of Yeywa Hydropower Project.

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that its dam was the third largest and the fifth highest of its kinds in the world.

Unlike other hydropower projects with earthen or stone-filled dams, Yeywa Hydropower Project has a roller compacted concrete dam. It is the first-ever hydropower project of RCC Dam type. In addition, the project is facilitated by a separation wall that measures 568 x 50 x 121 feet with the aim of preventing the project site for construction of the power station from being flooded when the river rages in the rainy season, installing of large structures to hold beltconveyors used for carrying roller compacted concrete from concrete mixers to the construction site, and preventing the water from the spillway near the hydropower station from flowing to the station when the project is completed. The separation wall of Yeywa hydropower station is also the first-ever facility of its kind in the nation.



The construction site of Yeywa Hydropower Project.



Work progress of Yeywa Hydropower Project.

The catchment area of the Dokhtawady River (a) Myitnge River is about 10,890 square miles. The region gets an average annual rainfall of 33 inches, and about 12.1 million acre feet of water flows into the river in a year. In order not to let the water flow away in waste, a 2268 feet long and 433 feet high RCC dam will be built. On completion, the facility will be able to store 2.114 million acre feet water at the highest water level and 1.304 million acre feet water at the stagnant water level, and will have a maximum water surface area of 14,580 acres (23 square miles). Required amount of water that flows into the Myitnge River can be stored in the rainy season. The surplus water will be let flow through the 448-foot-wide spillway consisting of eight 56-foot-wide and 39-foot-high outlets.

So far, the construction of the main dam of Yeywa Hydropower Project has been completed cent per cent, and the whole project, by more than 65 per cent. When the project is over, the water will be pumped to four Francis type turbines through four 22-foot-diameter and 492-foot-long high-pressed steel pipelines of the power intake. Each turbine can generate 197.5 megawatts. So, the project will be able to produce 790 megawatts or about 3550 kilowatt hours a year. The generated electricity will be supplied through 230 KV

sub-power stations in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, Meiktila and Thazi, then through the national grid.

Now, the government is exerting all-out efforts to complete the long-term project, making a huge investment and using a large number of staff, with the concept that electricity plays an important role in building a modern developed nation and is essential for the people.

I also learnt that the minister and the deputy minister of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and officials frequently inspected Yeywa Hydropower Project and fulfilled the requirements; and that close supervisions provided by responsible persons are expediting the construction tasks.

We were surprised to witness the large main dam, hydropower station and the approach tunnel to the main dam under construction at the project site. Throughout the way back, the facilities of the giant project were on my mind.

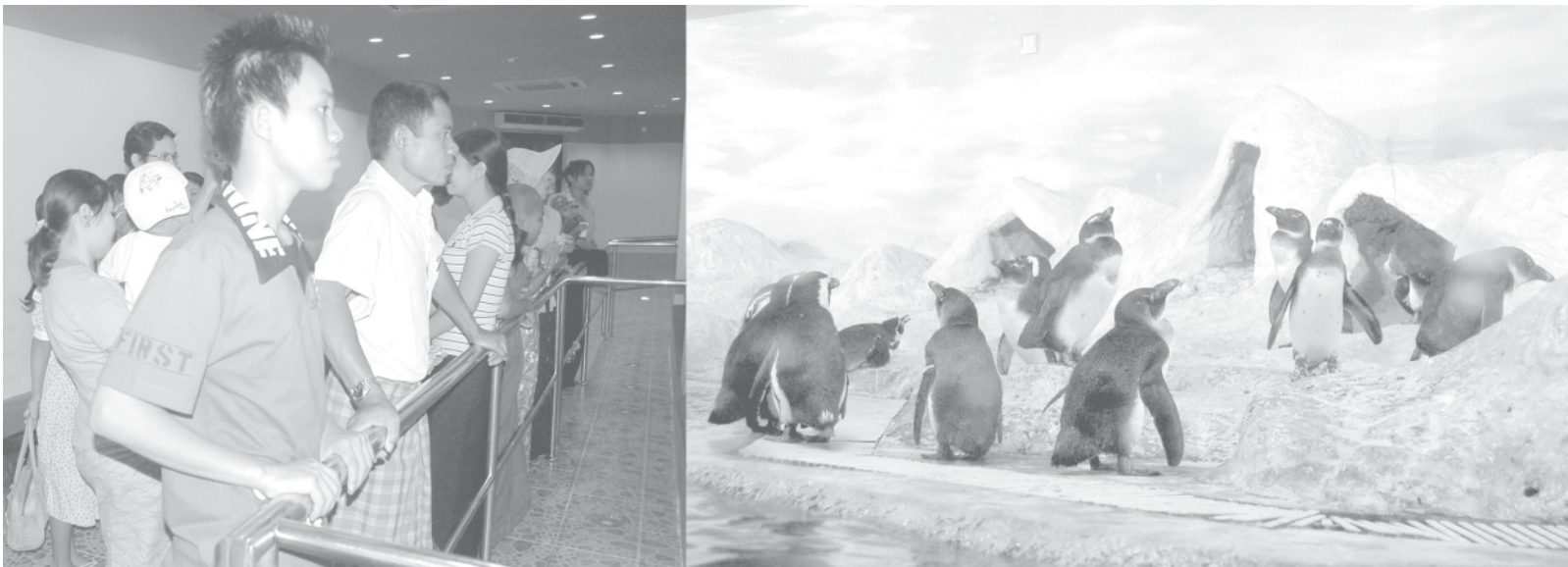
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(Myanma Alin: 12-11-08)

Nay Pyi Taw lively with activities on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov —Local people and service personnel performed meritorious deeds and relaxed at the gardens and recreation centres here, today, the fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon, a public holiday.

Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden near Nay Pyi Taw Thabyaegon Ward was crowded with holiday-makers. Families came to the garden and took a rest there.



Visitors enjoy penguin show at Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA



Water Fountain Garden being packed with visitors on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.—MNA

A joyful and happy holiday in Nay Pyi Taw

The holiday-makers in the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Union Highway went round the zoo. They watched the performances of elephants, dogs, snakes, penguins, white tigers and kangaroos and their ways of life. Souvenirs were sold to the holiday-makers

at the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw). Besides, Ngalaik Kantha Resort built along the bank of Ngalaik Dam near Kyweshin Village, seven miles from Nay Pyi Taw, was thronged with local people.

Shankan in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana was also crowded with holiday-makers.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden being crowded with visitors on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.—MNA

Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) being crowded with visitors on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.—MNA



Meritorious deeds, ceremonies to mark Samaññaphala Day at pagodas, religious buildings across the nation

YANGON, 12 Nov—Today is Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon (Samaññaphala Day). In Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, Mathoe Thingan and Shwekyar Thingan (robes) were offered at the pagodas

dedicated to the Lord Buddha. Moreover, the Buddhist people performed meritorious deeds as Kathina robes and alms were offered to members of the Sangha in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana, Nay Pyi

Taw Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe.

At Nay Pyi Taw Bawgatheikdi Ward, fruits, meals, oil lights, flowers, water and joss sticks were offered to Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in

early morning. Devotees recited religious verses and practised meditation at the pagoda. In the evening, the pagoda was illuminated as holding of Tazaungdaing lights festival.

Similarly, oil lights offering ceremonies, meals offering ceremonies and

Thingan weaving contest and offering ceremony were organized by the pagoda board of trustees on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday evening. The prize presentation ceremony was held this afternoon. Chairman of the

devotees also donated fruit, meals, flowers, water and joss sticks to the Buddha images at the pagodas. In the evening, they offered oil lights to the pagodas.

Similar ceremonies were held at Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Maha



Shwedagon Pagoda packed with devotees on fullmoon day of Tazaungmon.—MNA



Koehsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana.—MNA



A large number of people pay respects to Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda at night in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

other meritorious deeds were organized by pagoda boards of trustees at the pagodas and stupas in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana Township.

In the evening, Khayay housing family joyfully held the Neikbanzay festivity in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana Theikdi Ward.

Ceremonies to mark the Samaññaphala Day took place at pagodas, stupas and Dhammayons in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe townships.

The 24th Mathoe

Shwedagon Pagoda Perpetual All-round Renovation Work Committee Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and members of the pagoda board of trustees presented prizes to the respective winning teams.

Mathoe Thingan weaving contests and offering ceremonies, ceremonies to mark the Samaññaphala Day and recitations of religious verses were held at Sule, Botahtaung, Kyaikwaing, Koedatkyi and Shwephonepwint pagodas. The

Wizaya, Ngadatkyi, Chaukhtatkyi, Bronze Buddha image, Kyaikasan, Moegaung, Okkalapa MyoU pagodas.

In residential wards in various townships of Yangon, communal Kathina offering ceremonies were held joyfully. Likewise, Mathoe Thingan offering ceremonies and ceremonies to mark the Samaññaphala Day were held at pagodas and stupas in the entire nation and communal Kathina offering ceremonies at monasteries.

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Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery holds Kathina robe-offering ceremony in India

YANGON, 12 Nov—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung together with the Myanmar ambassador to India and embassy staff offered a dawn meal to 27 abbots of Myanmar monasteries in Bihar State, the Republic of India, at Bodh Gaya Myanmar monastery on 4 November.

Abbot of Bodh Gaya Myanmar monastery Bhaddanta Naninda delivered a sermon. The minister supplicated on religious affairs; and the ambassador, on matters of Sasana Nuggaha Association and financial statement.

The minister and the ambassador handed over US \$ 1000 donated by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, US \$ 1000 by the ambassador and family, and 225,000 rupees by a donor of Bangladesh to Abbot U Canda Muni of Bodhi Yeiktha Meditation Centre in Gaya.

On 5 November, the minister attended the Kathina robe-offering ceremony of Majjhima-Bodh Gaya. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Para Desi Sangha Nayaka Committee of Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja and 27 monks from 21 Myanmar monasteries in various regions

in India, the Myanmar ambassador, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Kolkatta Consul-General U Soe Paing, embassy staff, over 30 Myanmar pilgrims, and wellwishers. The minister offered the Kathina robes to the abbot of the Budh Gaya Myanmar Monastery; and the ambassador and wellwishers, alms to the monks. Next, 884 robes, 122 sets of requisites, and 255,400 rupees were donated to the Myanmar monasteries. Wellwishers donated K 26 million and US \$ 3100 to Dipa Aye Yadanabon Monastery, and U Han Shein-Daw Mya Mya Lay and family, US\$ 1000 to Bodh Gaya Sasana Nuggaha Association. The donations at the Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery totaled more than K 22 million.

In the afternoon, Abbot Ashin Nandavam and executive monks of the monastery of Myanmar Monk Students donated 79,279 rupees equivalent to US\$ 2000 to storm-hit areas through the minister. Next, the minister visited Maha Aungmye Monastery and Kanbawza Shan Monastery. He also visited Rajagjo Myanmar Monastery on 6 November.—MNA



Malaysia beat Vietnam 3-0 in Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 on 12 November at Thuwunna Youth Sport Training Centre. Bangladesh meets Indonesia on 13 November.—NLM

Buddha Pujaniya held at Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon)

YANGON, 12 Nov—The 13th ceremony of Buddha Pujaniya, the consecration, offering of Shwekyar Thingan (robes) and donation of rice was held at Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), here, this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay. The consecration ceremony was held at Gandakuti building. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offered Shwekyar Thingan to Dhammacakka Mudra Buddha image. Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, the vice-mayor and party offered the robes to Buddha images. On the platform of the pagoda, rice and alms worth over K 7.2 million were donated to 45 members of the Sangha.—MNA

Industry-2 Minister visits Thagaya Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected progress on construction of Technical Training School, Multipurpose use Diesel Engine Factory and Hydropower Turbine and Generator Factory projects and installation of machines being implemented by the Ministry of Industry-2 at Thagaya Industrial Region in Yedashe Township, Bago Division this afternoon and gave instructions on timely completion of the projects. Next, the minister visited staff quarters in the project area and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA



Leader of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of MWAFF Daw Tin Tin Nwe presents gifts and medicine to a grandma.—MNA

Grandmas receive home care in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—Under the programme for providing home care to elder persons, Leader of the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Tin Tin Nwe, together with Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Win Myint Cho and party, donated medicine, snacks, and K 2000 each to six old women in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township on 7 November. Members of Nay Pyi

Storm news

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—According to the observations conducted at 6.30 a.m today, a depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal is moving northwest. It is forecast to get intensified, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and ministers visit Win Thuza department store of Ministry of Industry-1. — MNA

Win Thuza department store opened in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov —A ceremony to open Win Thuza department store under the Ministry of Industry-1 was held at the room No. 148 of Shopping Complex in Nay Pyi Taw Thiriadana Market this morning. It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Industry-1 and members of social organizations. At the ceremony, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Aung Khin and Managing Director U Aye Mauk of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries cut the ribbon to open it. Afterwards, the commander pressed the button to unveil the signboard. The ministers and guests viewed the Win Thuza department store. Altogether 486 products from the Ministry of Industry-1 are being sold at the store at any days except Monday. MNA

7th Annual Conference of Asia Maritime & Fisheries Universities Forum 2008 held

YANGON, 12 Nov — The 7th Annual Conference of Asia Maritime & Fisheries Universities Forum 2008 was held at the hall of Myanmar Maritime University here this morning. On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Rector U Charlie Than of the Myanmar Maritime University delivered a greeting speech. Afterwards, Chairman Dr Keo Do Oh of Korean Maritime University gave an opening speech. A total of 28-navigator from Myanmar, the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, China (Taipei) and Thailand are taking part in the forum. The forum will be held till 14 November.—MNA



Rector U Charlie Than of Myanmar Maritime University gives the opening speech.—MNA

Iran says security cameras not to violate privacy rights

TEHERAN, 12 Nov — Iranian Parliament's National Security Commission said on Tuesday that security cameras for public surveillance should not violate the privacy rights of citizens, Iran's Press TV reported.

According to the report, Iranian parliamentarian Kazem Jalali warned that the program might violate privacy rights, saying that any use of the technology had to be within existing privacy guidelines.

"It is only acceptable if

the systems are installed in public areas," Jalali was quoted as saying.

Iran's Law Enforcement Agency (NAJA) had reportedly already proposed to install cameras in the "crime-ridden areas" of major cities to help track the moments of crisis.

Head of NAJA, Brigadier General Ismail Ahmadi-Moqaddam, pledged on Sunday to use surveillance cameras only to monitor crime and not to spy on citizens.

According to the

website of Police News Centre and following the controversy sparked over the use of public surveillance cameras, Ahmadi-Moqaddam stressed on Tuesday that "The police do not have any camera to control and surveil (people) and they do not intend to violate or limit the private and social freedom".

MNA/Xinhua



An Egyptian worker walks past the Saqqara Step pyramid near a newly discovered pyramid at an ancient burial ground in Saqqara south of Cairo. A 4,300-year-old pyramid has been discovered at the Saqqara necropolis outside Cairo, Egypt's culture minister has said.

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An Afghan labourer splits firewood in Kabul, where many face a daily struggle to ward off freezing temperatures as winter arrives.—INTERNET

Survey shows World business leaders back more regulation

LONDON, 12 Nov — Business leaders around the world back greater regulation in response to the global financial crisis, a survey showed on Wednesday, with support strongest for curbs on credit rating firms, hedge funds and structured finance.

Responses from more than 700 chief executives, chairmen, partners and directors across Asia, Europe and the United States were received between November 4th and 6th.

The survey, conducted by international law firm Allen & Overy, was timed ahead of this weekend's Washington DC summit on the deepening crisis between the leaders of the Group of 20 leading world economies. More than three-quarters of those polled agreed that more regulation of credit rating agencies was necessary, while two thirds supported greater regulation of hedge funds. Some 67 per cent said more complex instruments used in global finance -- such as securitizations and other forms of structured credit -- required better regulation, more restrictions and more disclosure. Even more, 77 per cent, said derivative products that provided exposure to shares should be made more transparent. — MNA/Reuters

Rwanda asks German ambassador to leave

NAIROBI, 12 Nov — Rwanda on Tuesday asked German Ambassador to leave the African country, said agencies' reports reaching here.

Rwanda asked the Ambassador to leave within 48 hours and at the same time called its Ambassador to German from Berlin for consultations, the reports said. The decision was made following the arrest of top Rwandan official Rose Kabuye in Frankfurt,

Germany. The arrest was made by the police on a French warrant on the suspicion of his involvement in the killing of Rwandan former president Juvenal Habyarimana.

The Rwanda genocide was the 1994 mass killing of hundreds of thousands of Rwandan Tutsis and the moderates of its Hutu majority. Over the course of approximately 100 days, from April 6 through to mid

July, about 800,000 people were killed.

Rwanda severed diplomatic ties with France in November 2006 after French investigating magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere accused Rwandan President Paul Kagame and his entourage of involvement in the death of Habyarimana, a Hutu, whose plane was shot down above Kigali Airport on April 6, 1994, sparking the genocide.—MNA/Xinhua

Ecuadorean police seize 300 kilos of cocaine

QUITO, 12 Nov — Ecuadorean anti-drugs police seized 300 kilos of cocaine and captured five people in Guayaquil in southwest of the country.

The drug was discovered during an inspection to three containers that were to be sent to the Dominican Republic, director of Anti-Drug Unit Freddy Martinez told Press.

Martinez did not specify the date of the cocaine seizure and the detention of the five people. The cocaine was in 214 packs of with a total weight of 300 kilos, which has a street value of 4.6 million dollars, Martinez said.

The drug packs were inside eight suitcases inside the containers, which transported tobacco and wood, Martinez said.—MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus, Qatar to strengthen cooperation

NICOSIA, 12 Nov — Cyprus and Qatar agreed here on Tuesday to enhance economic and political cooperation between the two countries.

Seven agreements were signed during an official visit by Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani, which was described by his host as "cornerstone" for bilateral relations. "During our talks, we have agreed to develop rapidly, the economic, tourist and political relations between the Republic of Cyprus and the Qatar Emirate," Cypriot President Demetris Christofias told reporters after their meeting.

Al-Thani expressed his hope that Cyprus problem could be resolved through negotiations and diplomatic dialogue. On the issue of oil price, Al-Thani said that 70-90 US dollars per barrel was a "fair price" for both consumers and producers.

He added that lower prices would harm the oil sector, which in turn could result in price soar like what happened earlier this year. — MNA/Xinhua



Researchers monitor their screens to get the tsunami early warning at the meteorology and geophysics bureau in Jakarta as they develop the system.

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A customer shops at a department store in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 12 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

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Kenya seeks to increase spending on agriculture

NAIROBI, 12 Nov—The Kenyan government said on Tuesday it will boost spending on agriculture next year by allocating eight percent of the national budget to the industry to increase food production.

Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki said the East African nation's increase of its budgetary allocation to the agriculture sector is aimed at transforming the sector into a commercially viable business.

Kenya will become the grain basket for the East African region, said Kibaki, noting that the allocation will be raised from 4.5 percent.

"We have the potential to become the grain basket for this region and beyond. Our farmers are capable of doubling produc-

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Intel dives into medical market with home health monitors

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Nov— The world's biggest computer chip maker on Monday dove into the medical market with technology that lets doctors make house calls on patients without being there.

Intel Health Guide uses gadgetry and Internet connections to enable medical personnel to monitor the health of chronically ill people from afar.

Doctors and nurses can keep tabs on heart functions, blood sugar levels and other health factors of at-home patients and then manage their care remotely, according to California-based Intel.

"The Health Guide is a

step forward in offering more personalized and effective management of chronic health conditions in the home," said Intel Digital Health Group vice president Louis Burns.

"Intel has spent years researching the needs of both caregivers and patients, and we are now moving to launch a series of products that will help extend care from the hospital to the home."

Intel is working with care providers to test Health Guide and plans a series of studies in the

United States focused on people with illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, and hypertension.

Health care services provider Advanced Warning Systems Inc. will use the Intel system to monitor retired athletes and military veterans considered high-risk for cardiovascular problems, according to Intel.

Health Guide provides tools to collect vital signs, maintain patient records, instruct patients and have video conferences.

Internet

Bird flu outbreak occurs in central Vietnam

HANOI, 12 Nov—A bird flu outbreak has been confirmed in Nghe An, a central province of Vietnam, the local newspaper *Liberty Saigon* reported on Wednesday, citing a statement from the provincial People's Committee.

The outbreak was spotted at the Dien Hong commune, causing the death of nearly 1,000 poultry. Specimens from the dead poultry have recently been tested positive to the bird flu virus strain H5N1, according to the statement.

The local authority has established a zone covering the outbreak to prevent the virus from spreading. Consumption and sale of birds and bird-related products within the zone are banned.

Bird flu outbreaks in Vietnam, starting in December 2003, have killed and led to the forced culling of dozens of millions of fowls in the country.

Internet

Storm force winds batter the Southsea seafront in Portsmouth, southern England on 10 Nov, 2008.

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Second Japanese woman to blast into space

TOKYO, 12 Nov — Japanese astronaut Naoko Yamazaki will board the US shuttle Atlantis when it launches in 2010, becoming the second Japanese woman to blast into space, the country's space agency announced on Tuesday.

The 37-year-old, who has a six-year-old daughter, would be the seventh Japanese astronaut to go into space.

She was selected more than nine years after being chosen as an astronaut candidate for the International Space Station (ISS), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said.

The Atlantis is scheduled to lift off on 11 February, 2010. During the two-week



Japanese female astronaut Naoko Yamazaki at a press event for the 2010 Space Shuttle Atlantis mission in Tokyo on 11 November. —INTERNET

flight, the shuttle will carry supplies to the space station. Yamazaki is expected to operate the shuttle's robot arm. "I am honored to be involved in the completion of the station. I would like my mission to be a success,"

she told a press conference.

The ISS is a multi-national research facility currently being assembled involving the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and 11 European countries.

"My next ambition is to stay for an extended period on the ISS and afterwards, if Japan aims for the moon, I would also like to," she said, referring to Japan's goal of sending an astronaut to the moon by 2020.

She said she was inspired to become an astronaut as a teenager after watching the Challenger shuttle explode live on television in 1986, killing all seven astronauts on board. —Internet

US space shuttle Endeavour enters launch countdown

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov — The US space shuttle Endeavour enters its official launch countdown at 10:00 pm EST on Tuesday (0300 GMT on Wednesday), aiming at a targeted launch on 14 Nov, NASA reported.

Liftoff is scheduled for Friday at 7:55 pm EST from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Preparations on Endeavour are on schedule for the liftoff with officials reporting no technical issues standing in the way of a launch, said NASA. However, NASA Shuttle Weather Officer Kathy Winters gave the shuttle a 60 percent chance of meeting launch weather criteria for Friday's attempt.

That falls to 40 percent chance of acceptable conditions on Saturday, but back up to a 70 percent chance of acceptable conditions on Sunday.

A weather front that could produce thick clouds is expected to enter the KSC region on Friday or Saturday, Winters said. Under certain conditions, the clouds can be thick enough to prompt



Mission Commander Chris Ferguson (C) waves as he stands with Pilot Eric Boe (L) and Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper after they arrived with other crew members of the space shuttle Endeavor to prepare for launch at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 11 Nov, 2008.

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lightning concerns.

Endeavour's seven crew members has arrived at KSC on Tuesday afternoon. During the next few days, they will brush up on training and procedures while technicians and launch controllers monitor the final phases of preparations before liftoff. —Internet



Smoke is emitted from a factory area in Kobe, western Japan in this 23 May, 2008 file photo. Japanese greenhouse gas emissions rose 2.3 percent in the year that ended in March, the government said on Wednesday, pushing Japan further away from its commitments under the Kyoto Protocol climate pact.

INTERNET

Hardest-to-treat form of TB rare in US

WASHINGTON, 12 Nov — The hardest-to-treat form of drug-resistant tuberculosis is a growing threat in many parts of the world, but remains quite rare in the United States, US government health researchers said on Tuesday. From 1993 through 2007, there were 83 cases of extensively drug-resistant TB, or XDR-TB, reported in the United States, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention researchers wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

XDR-TB defies nearly all drugs used to treat tuberculosis, the top cause of infectious disease death among adults worldwide. It is more difficult to treat than the more common multidrug resistant TB, or MDR-TB, which does not respond to the treatment by two or more of the primary drugs used for TB.

Last year, there were two cases of XDR-TB reported in the United States, the researchers said. There were 18 XDR-TB cases detected in 1993 but no more than nine in any year since. —Internet

Malaria vaccine set for clinical trials in Africa next year

JOHANNESBURG, 12 Nov — The final clinical trials for an anti-malaria vaccine are set to begin in January in seven African countries, officials from pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline said on Tuesday.

"This is the most advanced vaccine, and the only one today that has been shown effective against malaria in infants and children in Africa," said Joe Cohen, who created the vaccine after two decades of work for GlaxoSmithKline.

Studies in Mozambique on children under five found that the vaccine, called RTS,S, was 30-35 percent effective against

benign cases of malaria and 50 percent effective against severe cases, over a period of about three years. "With 30-35 percent effectiveness, that would prevent 100 million cases of illness a year ... and suggests that several million lives could be saved," Cohen told AFP, noting that malaria kills nearly one million children every year.

In Mozambique, the vaccine also reduced the number of hospitalisations from malaria, said Christian Loucq, director of the Malaria Vaccine Initiative (MVI), which is financed in part by the Bill et Melinda Gates Foundation. —Internet

Australian public hospitals unsafe, say doctors

SYDNEY, 12 Nov — Australia's public hospitals are unsafe, overcrowded and underfunded, resulting in 1,500 unnecessary deaths a year, a national doctors group said on Wednesday in a report titled "Public Hospitals Flatlining."

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) report said not one public hospital was operating at a safe international occupancy level and the hospital network risked "systematic breakdown."

The AMA called on the national government to inject A\$3 billion (US\$1.9 billion) into public hospital funding, warning that hospitals will not cope with

the nation's aging population.

Cuts in Australian health funding have resulted in hospital bed capacity slashed by 67 percent in the past 20 years and there was now a national shortfall of 3,750 beds, said the report. —Internet

An overturned bus sits in a pool of water after an accident in Air Hitam, 350 km (200 miles) south of Kuala Lumpur on 11 Nov, 2008. A Japanese tourist was killed and 13 others injured on Tuesday when a tourist bus skidded and overturned on Malaysia's north-south highway. —INTERNET



SPORTS

Del Piero aiming to keep soccer run of form going

ROME, 12 Nov — Juventus captain Alessandro Del Piero will be seeking to maintain his goalscoring patch when Genoa visit Turin's Stadio Olimpico on Thursday, a match moved forward to accommodate the Italy v Argentina rugby union test on Saturday.

The 34-year-old World Cup winner has scored in each of the last three matches, including a brace away to Real Madrid in the Champions League.

So far this season Del Piero has hit three league goals and four in the Champions League to continue a purple patch that made him last season's Serie A leading scorer with 21.

It means Juventus now sit three points behind league leaders Inter Milan and top of Champions League group H, much to the delight of coach Claudio Ranieri.

The ex-Chelsea coach told the club website (www.juventus.com): "I'm happy with the organisation of the team, compact and fit. The boys have demonstrated the desire to fight."

"In such a group great players shine. Alex (Del Piero) is magic at the moment."

Internet



It wasn't meant to be. Real Madrid were eliminated from the King's Cup by Real Union and Bernd Schuster wished to congratulate his opponent.

INTERNET

Raul hat-trick not enough to save Real Madrid from Spanish Cup woes

MADRID, 12 Nov — A hat-trick by Real Madrid's iconic striker Raul taking him to 300 goals for the club was not enough to save them from exiting the Spanish Cup on Tuesday despite a 4-3 last 32 second leg victory over Third Division Real Union.

Union progressed thanks to the away goal rule having beaten Real 3-2 in the first leg.

The Spanish giants will be asking questions of their defence which was largely a first choice one save the absence of goalkeeper Iker Casillas - who was replaced by Polish guardian Jerzy Dudek - with Italy World Cup winning captain Fabio Cannavaro leading the line.

Their recent habit of conceding a lot of goals at home - eight in their last three matches - left their German coach Bernd Schuster non-plussed.

"I have no idea," said Schuster, who guided them to the title last season, in answer to the leaking of goals.

"I am not worried (about the amount of goals) but I understand that other people might well be and have doubts about my work."

"That would be logical seeing what has happened."

Internet

Tevez edges United into the last eight

MANCHESTER, 12 Nov — Carlos Tevez ended his 12-match goal drought as Manchester United edged into the League Cup quarter-finals with a 1-0 win against QPR on Tuesday.

Sir Alex Ferguson's second string struggled to make their dominance pay against the Championship side and the Premier League champions had to wait until the 75th minute to make the breakthrough at Old Trafford.

Tevez finally ended QPR's stubborn resistance with a penalty after substitute Danny Welbeck was tripped by Peter Ramage for his first goal in two months and only his second of the season.

But it was far from convincing stuff from United. Gary Neville, Anderson and South Korean star Park Ji-Sung were the only survivors from the United side that lost 2-1 at Arsenal at the weekend.

From Anderson's corner, Daniel Parejo only managed to flick a header across his own six-yard box and Rodrigo Possebon just failed to reach the ball at the far post.—*Internet*

More surgery for Rosicky as injury nightmare continues

LONDON, 12 Nov — Arsenal winger Tomas Rosicky has had more surgery on a knee injury which has sidelined him since January.

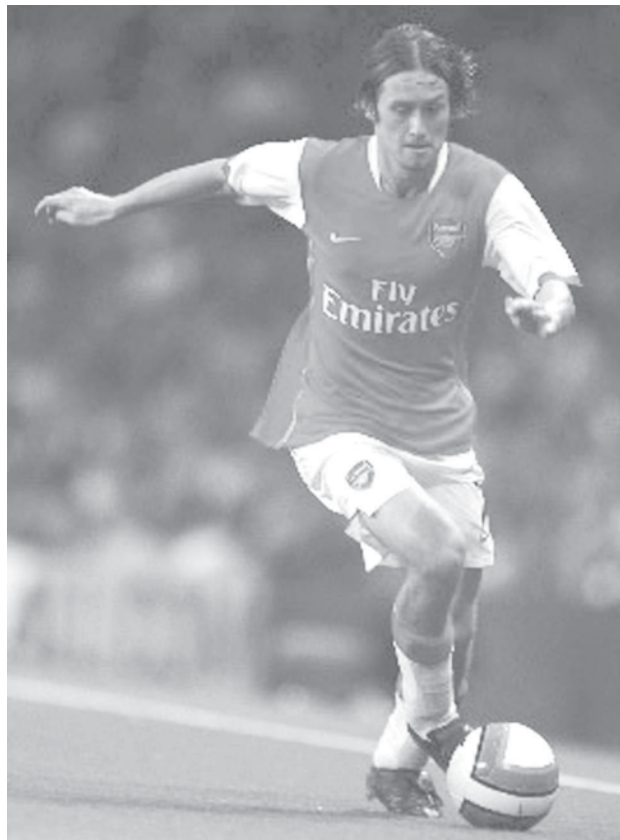
The 28-year-old originally had surgery on the tendon in May but has been unable to return to action and underwent another operation in Germany on Monday in a bid to finally cure the problem.

The Czech Republic star, who suffered the injury in an FA Cup tie against Newcastle, is expected to continue his rehabilitation in Germany and no date has been set for his return.

"Tomas Rosicky yesterday underwent routine revision surgery in Germany," an Arsenal statement confirmed.

"The operation went as planned and Tomas will now spend at least a few weeks convalescing in Germany."

"Thereafter he will follow a tailored rehabilitation programme devised by our medical team."—*Internet*



The 28-year-old Czech international suffered the injury in an FA Cup tie against Newcastle United on 26th January but he has made slower progress than expected after originally having surgery back in May.—INTERNET

Wenger ready to let Arsenal's teenage stars off the leash

LONDON, 12 Nov — Arsene Wenger admits he is tempted to blood some of Arsenal's League Cup tyros in the Premier League after watching them destroy Wigan 3-0.

The north Londoners swept into the quarter-finals with embarrassing ease on Tuesday courtesy of two goals from Jay Simpson and Carlos Vela's exquisite third, two of 10 teenagers fielded by Wenger against a side which had made just one change from their previous top flight outing against Stoke.

It was a ludicrously accomplished performance from a side so tender in years and the only man left unsurprised was Wenger himself.

The Frenchman has overseen the development of this remarkable team at close quarters and insists they would not look out of place in the Premier League.

"It could be tempting to play them there," he said. "The pressure is different in the Premier League but what they do is not a coincidence - it's quality. This was a big test for a young team and we had many under 18 but we stood up to the test."

"It was a remarkable combination of desire, energy and quality and we were up for it from the first minute. We were relentless and it was a fantastic win."—*Internet*

Granollers replaces Nadal in Davis Cup final squad

BARCELONA, 12 Nov — Marcel Granollers, ranked 56, will replace world number one Rafael Nadal in Spain's squad to face Argentina in the Davis Cup final this month, captain Emilio Sanchez-Vicario announced on Tuesday.

Nadal confirmed on Monday that a knee injury has forced him to withdraw from the squad for the November 21-23 final in the Argentine city of Mar del Plata.

Aside from 22-year-old Granollers, who will make his Davis Cup debut, the team is composed of 12th ranked David Ferrer, Fernando Verdasco, ranked 16, and Feliciano Lopez, ranked 31, with Santiago Ventura as first reserve.

They will face an Argentine squad led by eighth ranked Juan Martin del Potro and world number 11 David Nalbandian.

Internet

Stoke end 30-year wait to reach League Cup quarter-finals

STOKE, 12 Nov — Stoke reached the League Cup quarter-finals for the first time in 30 years after brushing aside Rotherham 2-0 on Tuesday.

Not content with confounding the critics who claimed Stoke would endure a miserable season in the Premier League, Tony Pulis's side are now within two wins of a Wembley finals thanks to goals from Glenn Whelan and Danny Pugh at the Britannia Stadium.

Pulis made nine changes to the team who drew against Wigan at the weekend, but Stoke were on top from the start. They created the first opening of the match with Whelan driving just over the crossbar from 20 yards.

Soon after Whelan curled a free kick into the box, but Ryan Shawcross somehow managed to miss from two yards out.

The wastefulness continued when Dave Kitson put Vincent Pericard clean through only for the Cameroon striker to volley wildly over.

But after 20 minutes Stoke were ahead. Alex Rhodes' high kick on Pugh resulted in a free kick that Whelan lifted over the wall and past Andy Warrington.

Internet



A close-up the Energy Ball is seen at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.—INTERNET

North Korea says to close land border with South

SEOUL, 12 Nov—North Korea said on Wednesday that it would close all land borders with the South from December 1, accusing its neighbour of taking confrontation “beyond the danger level”.

“We officially inform the south side that the actual crucial measure taken by the KPA (North Korean Army) to strictly restrict and cut off all the overland passages through the Military Demarcation Line will take effect from December 1,” North Korea’s KCNA news agency said.

The move follows increasingly angry rhetoric from the North against South Korea’s conservative government, which came to power earlier this year with a

promise to get tough if the North did not give up its nuclear weapons programme.

MNA/Reuters

China national games stadium catches fire again

BEIJING, 12 Nov—A second fire in four months engulfed the indoor stadium that is being built for next year’s 11th China National Games in the eastern city of Jinan, state media reported on Tuesday.

About seven fire trucks and dozens of fire fighters rushed to the lotus-shaped Olympic Sports Centre stadium in Shandong Province, which will stage the ball games next October, Xinhua news agency said.

Fire fighters were still battling the blaze, which started on the stadium’s

roof at about 11:30 a.m. local time (0330 GMT) on Tuesday, Xinhua said, citing witnesses. No casualties had been reported.

A fire at the stadium in July, blamed on welding work igniting insulation material, destroyed about a quarter of the roof until some 300 fire fighters put it out with the help of rainfall. China’s National Games, held every four years, are among the world’s biggest sporting events, with nearly 10,000 athletes taking part.

MNA/Reuters

China expresses deep regret over Indian FM’s remarks

BEIJING, 12 Nov—China says here on Tuesday that it deeply regretted Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee’s remarks calling the so-called “Arunachal Pradesh” part of India’s territory.

“We deeply regret the Indian side’s remarks, that take no regard of the historical facts. China and India have never officially settled demarcation of borders, and China’s stance on the eastern section of China-

India borders is consistent and clear-cut,” said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang at a regular Press conference on Tuesday afternoon.

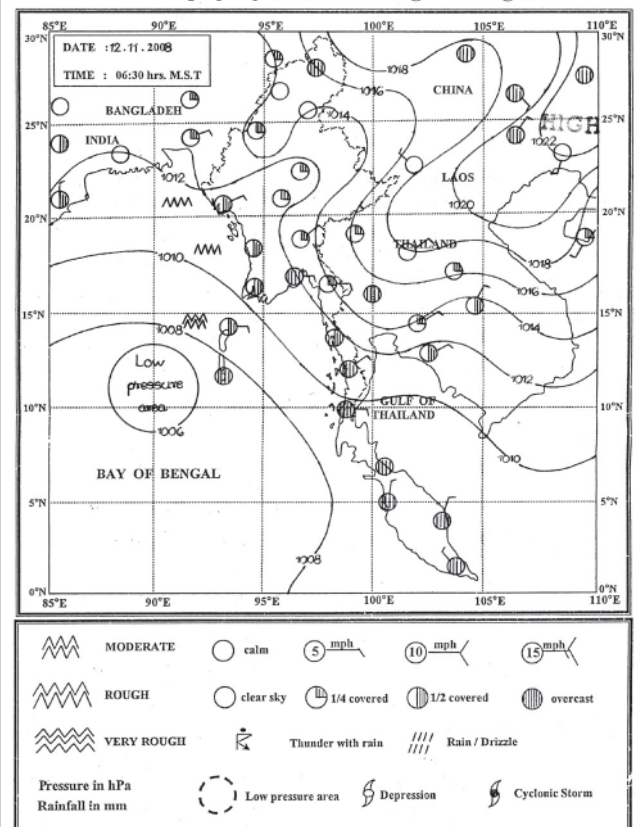
Qin said the current Chinese Government, as well as previous ones, has never recognized the illegal “McMahon Line”, and the Indian side is very clear about that.

Qin was commenting on remarks made by Mukherjee in the so-called “Arunachal Pradesh”, in which he said

that the area is an inalienable part of India’s territory and India will suggest to China that the border be opened for trade. As for the boundary issue between China and India, the spokesman added China is willing to find a solution, which is fair, reasonable and acceptable to the two sides, through peaceful and friendly negotiation in the spirit of mutual understanding and adjustment.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 12 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Shan and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (0°C), Namsam and Hakha (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-11-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 12-11-2008 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-11-2008 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 11-11-2008 was (6.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 12-11-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (110.31) inches at Mingaladon, (120.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (140.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 11-11-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06.30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Southeast Bay of Bengal. It is likely to intensify further and move Northwest wards slowly. Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13th November 2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Thaninthayi Division, isolated in Mon State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-11-2008: Partly cloudy

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-11-2008: Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 13 November
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တပ္ပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- Dance variety

8:10 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- “စက်မှုဇုန်မှာကျမစက်ရုံ လာတည်တော့မယ်” (မြိုးဌေးစိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ သဇင်၊ နှင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မိုး၊ ခိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ(သုတေသီ))

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ

3:20 pm

- တတိယအကြိမ်၊ Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ဘင်္ဂလားဒေ့ရှ်နှင့်အင်ဒိုနီးရှား)

5:25 pm

- တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ

5:50 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- ကောင်းကင်ယံမှာဝဲကာပျံ

- တောင်ကြီးမြို့မှမီးပုံးပျံ

6:50 pm

- ထူးဆန်းတွေလာများကိုသိပ္ပံဖြင့် ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:10 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

8:00 pm

- News
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်မျှော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၄၅)

Development of Asin model village in Ye Township inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov
—Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials inspected frozen at the cold storage of fish of Myat Thura Co Ltd at Asin model village in Ye Township on 8 November.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye looked into construction of new two-storey building and classrooms for Asin model village Basic Education High School and viewed development of the village and Zebyuthaung bridge in a motorcade. He also visited the village library.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected maintenance of road at mile post No. 65/0 on Ye-Mawlamyine Road and



Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspects ploughing of paddy with the use of farm equipment on the land of farmer U Aung Myin at Daybarain village in Thaton Township.—MNA

road work at mile post No 48/8 being carried out by Public Works. Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye visited Township Revenue Department in Thanbyu-zayat, Auto -Exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training De-

partment under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Mudon Township. He also inspected 12-acre rubber plantation and 5-acre mixed cropping sesame plantation of farmer U Ba Kaung at Kyauktalone village in the township.

At the briefing hall of

Shwenattaung water supply at Daung Zayat Ward in Mawlamyine, officials concerned presented reports and Maj-Gen Tha Aye urged them to make coordinated effort in supply of water.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) and viewed cultivation of 20-

acre summer paddy of Farmer U Aye Ngwe in Phyuba village in Paung Township and demonstration on winnowing of paddy with the use of farm equipment. Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party oversaw road work along Mawlamyine-Sittoung Road and viewed ploughing of summer paddy with

the use of farm equipment at 5-acre field of farmer U Aung Myin at Daybarain village in Thaton Township and demonstration on seedling and broadcasting and harvesting of paddy.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party left Thaton and arrived in Kyaikto in the evening.

MNA

Yeywa Hydropower Project, the largest of its kind in Myanmar

Article : Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

We media team members recently paid a visit to Yeywa Hydropower Project being undertaken by Construction (2) of the Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 on the Dokhtawady River (a) Myitnge River near Yeyaman Village, about 31 miles south-east of Mandalay.

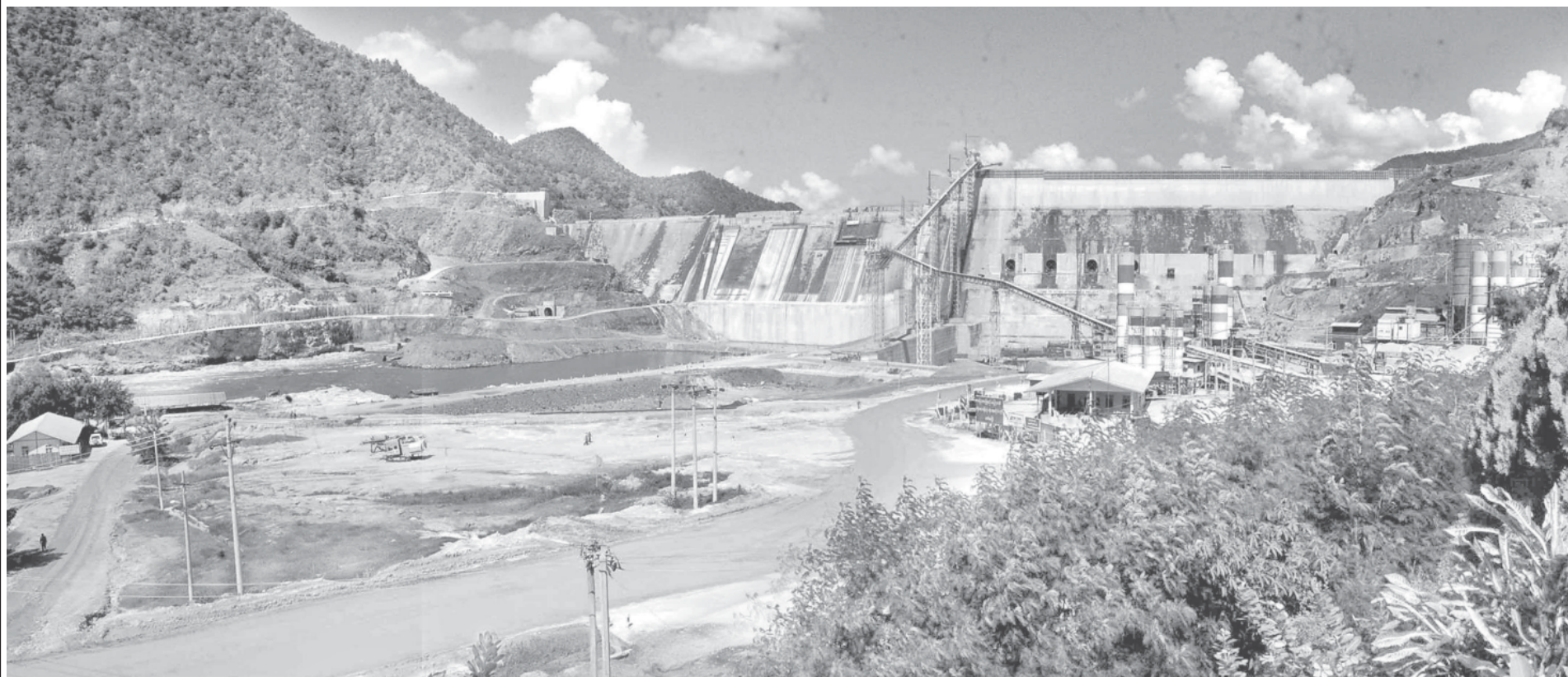
Just as I saw the project site from a distance, I felt proud of such a giant project. Being mediamen, we have been to many parts across the nation to observe projects for building a developed nation.

In Myanmar, I have never seen a hydropower project as large as Yeywa Hydropower Project, which is designed for expediting national develop-

ment tasks and improving the socio-economic life of the people.

The project engineer was proud to explain facts about the project to us that Yeywa Hydropower Project was the largest of its kind among the hydropower projects, completed and ongoing, in Myanmar; and

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Yeywa Hydropower Project, the first-ever roller compacted concrete dam in Myanmar.