

Senior General Than Shwe attends coordination meeting (1/2008) of Special Projects Implementation Committee

SPIC implementing special projects, infrastructures, which are conducive to State's development

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov — The coordination meeting (1/2008) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee was held at the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) this afternoon. Chairman of the Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe attended the meeting and gave guidance.

Also present at the

meeting were Vice-Chairman of the Committee Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of the committee member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister General Thein Sein, secretary of the committee Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, mem-

bers of the committee SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

In giving guidance, the Senior General said that the meeting was aimed at assessing and giving permission to implement the special projects for the development of the State.



Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance at coordination meeting (1/2008) of Special Projects Implementation Committee.

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The number of dams and reservoirs has reached 216 and the number of river water pumping projects 322 across the country.

Normally, the ministry concerned is to implement the projects with the approval of the government. However, in the time of our government it would not be appropriate to do things in an ordinary way

in building the nation which had lagged behind in development. It needs speedy implementation of the special projects beneficial to the State. As a lot of funds are being involved due the nature of such projects, the

Special Projects Implementation Committee comprising members of the SPDC and ministers has been formed in order to implement the special projects with its permission.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

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Build biogas digesters for rural development

In an effort to bring about rural development, the government is striving for better transport, development of health and education sectors and acquisition of potable water, thereby contributing to enhancing the living standard of rural people.

Nowadays, some villages are generating electricity with the use of biogas digesters. Biogas is being produced through processing of organic matters.

Biogas is used in cooking, storm-lantern and power generation.

It is learnt that biogas can be produced by using animal dump such as cow dung, pig and poultry droppings as well as leaves, straws, maize stalks and sesame stalks as raw materials after putting them into digesters.

At present, biogas digesters are being built by the Technological University (Kyaukse). As a result, altogether 130 villages of Mandalay Division, Sagaing Division, Magway Division and Shan State are generating electricity with the use of biogas digesters.

Firewood, charcoal, fuel and electricity can be saved by using biogas. Moreover, bio-overflow can be used extensively in the agriculture. Therefore, biogas digesters contribute a lot to improvement of the socio-economic life of rural people.



FOOTBALL: Players of Ulsan Hyundai Club of the Republic of Korea and Malaysian National Team tussling the ball in the match of Group (B) in Third Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), on 14 November evening. The football match ended in a 1-1 draw.

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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

Foreign Minister meets Iranian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov — At the invitation of U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, the Iranian Delegation led by Mr Manuchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, arrived here today by special aircraft to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The Iranian delegation was welcomed at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department and officials.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Manuchehr Mottaki of the Islamic Republic of Iran



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win meets Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Manuchehr Mottaki. — MNA

called on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, at 3.30 p.m. at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The two ministers held frank and cordial

discussions and exchanged views on mutual beneficial cooperation, ways to promote the existing friendship and cooperation between the two countries, political developments of the two countries and matters of mutual concern relating to regional and international issues.

In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win

hosted a dinner at Aureum Palace Hotel in honour of the visiting Iranian delegation. The Iranian delegation left here by special flight in the same evening. The Iranian delegation was seen off at the airport by U Kyaw Tin, Director-General of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

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SHINE to holds educational seminars, workshops in November

YANGON, 14 Nov—The SHINE Universal Services, an educational service organization, will hold seminars and workshops of some educational institutions of Singapore in November.

The SHINE and SAA training school of Singapore will jointly organize the seminar on CAT, ACCA and accounting subjects on 19 November. Moreover, another seminar on engineering, electrical, electronic, mechatronic and MBA subjects will be jointly conducted on 22 November by the SHINE and Tyndale Educational Group of Singapore.

The SHINE is making arrangements for the workshop entitled “Excel in Your Job Interview” to be held by Mr Ong of Singapore on 29 and 30 November. —MNA

Directorate of Trade to organize Export/Import Procedures Course No. 34

YANGON, 14 Nov – Directorate of Trade of the Ministry of Commerce will organize Export/Import Procedures Course No. 34 at Directorate of Trade (Yangon Office) on Strand Road in December.

Those wishing to take the course may enroll at the administration division of the Directorate of Trade (Yangon Office) and the opening date will be announced soon. – MNA

Special weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov— The cyclonic storm over the Southwest Bay of Bengal has further intensified and continued to move slowly Northwestwards. According to the observation at (4.30 p.m.) MST today, it is centered at about (240) miles Northeast of Chennai at East Coast of the Republic of India and forecast to move slowly Northwestwards and cross Peeha Coast of East of the Republic of India next 24 hours.

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Myanmar delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov – The two-member Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing arrived back here by air yesterday after attending the 5th China-ASEAN Prosecutors General Conference held in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines from 11 to 13 November.

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Civilian cargo aircraft crashes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov — A cargo plane chartered by FedEx crashed Thursday west of Baghdad after reporting a malfunction, the US military said. It ruled out hostile fire and said the crew was presumed dead.

The Russian-made *An-12* plane with up to seven crew members—none of them American— was flying from al-Asad air base to Baghdad International Airport when it lost radio contact and crashed around 11:35 am, the military said.

The crash happened south of Fallujah, where insurgents once held sway. The military said mechanical failure or pilot

error was the likely cause, but declined to elaborate. The military also secured the crash site.

“It looks like everybody was lost but I can’t confirm that. The investigation will determine that,” US military spokesman Capt Charles Calio said.

Iraqi police in Fallujah said no shooting was reported at the time of the crash.

In a statement, FedEx said it was aware that an aircraft operated by one of its contractors to carry FedEx Express cargo could not be located on radar and had been out of radio contact since 10:45 am—*Internet*



Residents walk past the remains of destroyed vehicles following an explosion Wednesday close to Saadun Street, a main thoroughfare through the heart of Baghdad. Six people were killed in attacks across Iraq on Thursday, including three when a suicide car bomber targeted police in the Anbar province west of Baghdad, security officials said.—INTERNET

Up to 12 die as US drone fires missiles into Pakistan

MIRANSHAH (Pakistan), 14 Nov — US drones fired at least three missiles into Pakistan’s Waziristan tribal region on Friday, killing up to 12 people including five foreigners, government and paramilitary officials said.

The attack targeted a remote village on the border between North and South Waziristan in an area known as a hotbed of al Qaeda and Taliban support.

"We have reports that 12 people were killed, including five foreigners," a paramilitary official told *Reuters* by telephone from the area.

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Sajad Hussein recuperates in a hospital after a bomb attached to a minibus exploded as the vehicle was traveling from Baghdad, Iraq to the southern city of Nasiriyah on 13 Nov, 2008.
INTERNET

Kurd-Arab tensions may threaten Iraq calm

MOSUL, 14 Nov — In battle-scarred Mosul, Kurds and Arabs trade accusations rooted in ethnic rivalry and a battle for oil and power that many fear threaten security in Iraq.

Kurds make up about a quarter of Mosul’s residents and represent a powerful minority in this northern Iraqi city still shaken by car bombs and assassinations.

The army in Mosul is mainly Kurdish, which angers Sunni Arabs who make up about 60 percent of the 2.8 million population of the province of which Mosul is the capital.

Mosul, a strategic city where cultures, religions and ethnicities collide, saw an exodus of thousands of Christians last month following a campaign of threats and violence against them, although some have since returned.—*Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,196

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — As of Thursday, 13 Nov, 2008, at least 4,196 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 3,390 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

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

British reaches 300 after two Marines die in blast

LONDON, 14 Nov — Two Royal Marines whose deaths brought the number of British servicemen and women killed in Afghanistan and Iraq to 300 were victims of an explosion that hit their new Jackal armoured vehicle, defence sources said yesterday.

The marines died in a roadside bomb blast on Wednesday evening when they were patrolling with Afghan soldiers in the Garmsir district of Helmand Province. The area is often described as the gateway to the Pakistan border.

In further violence yesterday a suicide bomber attacked a US military convoy in a crowded market in Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan, killing at least seven civilians and an American soldier.—*Internet*



Afghan police officers investigate near a damaged vehicle after a suicide attack in Batti Kot district of Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, on 13 Nov, 2008. A suicide car bomber struck a US military convoy passing through a crowded market in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday.

INTERNET

Relatives grieve during a funeral for a resident killed in a bomb attack in northern Baghdad’s Shaab district on 13 Nov, 2008. A car bomb and roadside bomb exploding in quick succession killed 12 people and wounded 60 on Wednesday in the Iraqi capital’s eastern New Baghdad district, police said.
INTERNET



Chavez inspects speed test of Chinese-made train

CARACAS, 14 Nov—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Thursday inspected the speed test of a Chinese-made train in the country’s mid-western region.

Accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Zhang Tuo, Chavez traveled aboard the “Demus,” which can carry 300 people and reaches a top speed of 120 km per hour. During the test run, the train traveled 10 km on the line connecting the city of Barquisimientto, capital of the state of Lara, with Yaritagua, state of Yaracuy, more than 300 km west of the national capital Caracas.

It was an “integral” test, said Chavez, while hailing the modernization of his country’s railway system with Chinese help and technology, and the efforts of the workers and the government.

The railway system has two parts, linking Puerto Cabello to Barquisimieto and Yaritagua to Acarigua, with a total length of some 240 km.

Low speed and lack of care had forced the aged railway system to stop operation. After the modernization process, the system will be put into use again and can ferry 70,000 people daily.

The Venezuelan government said the rejuvenated railway will contribute to the economic and social development of the region and improve the people's quality of life.—Xinhua



A woman shops for vegetables in Beijing. The fundamentals of China’s economy remain good despite the global financial crisis, with the government confident of maintaining fast growth, a senior official said.—INTERNET

OPEC to hold meeting in Cairo on end of November

ALGIERS, 14 Nov—The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will hold a meeting in Cairo on 29 Nov to discuss the situation in the international oil market, Algerian news agency APS reported.

Chakib Khelil, OPEC’s current rotating president, who is also the Algerian Minister of Energy and Mines, told reporters here that the meeting could take place on the sidelines of the meeting of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), also scheduled to take place in the Egyptian capital on 29 Nov. Some OPEC member countries, such as Algeria, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, are also members of OAPEC.

OPEC is scheduled to hold a special ministerial-level meeting in the western Algerian town of Oran on 17 Dec to discuss the prospects of international oil markets in the first half of 2009. The meeting in Cairo is seen as preparation for it.

In an attempt to stabilize the falling oil prices, OPEC decided on 24 Oct to slash daily oil output by 1.5 million barrels from 1 Nov. But the measure has yet to effectively stop the slide in prices.

The organization said on Thursday it will announce further cuts in oil output at the end of this month if global oil prices continued to fall, APS reported.—Xinhua

Four Al-Qaeda militants killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Nov—The US-led Coalition forces on Thursday killed four Al-Qaeda associated militants in an operation to thwart the foreign fighter network in eastern Afghan province of Paktia, said a Coalition statement released here on Friday.

Coalition forces targeted an Al-Qaeda associated militants known to assist local Taliban leaders who have carried out

many suicide and improvised explosive device (IED) attacks in the region in Zurmat district, the statement said. “As the force approached the targeted militants, they refused to follow instructions and attempted to engage the force with AK-47s,” it said. “Coalition forces engaged those militants with small-arms fire and killed them.”

Multiple AK-47s,

rocket propelled grenades, hand grenades and pistols were discovered and destroyed on the spot, it added.

Meanwhile, in another operation against IED maker on Wednesday in Khost Province of eastern Afghanistan, Afghan National Security forces (ANSF), assisted by Coalition forces, captured an IED expert Badshah Khel in Sabari district.—Xinhua

A nurse measures a baby inside a maternity ward at a hospital in Manila on 14 Nov, 2008. INTERNET



All items from Xinhua News Agency



Hundreds of job seekers crowd in front of booths at a job fair inside a shopping mall in Hong Kong on 12 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Chinese fishing ship seized by unidentified persons off Kenyan coast

BEIJING, 14 Nov—A Chinese fishing boat, named Tianyu No 8, was seized by force by a group of unidentified persons at around 2 am Beijing time Friday (GMT1800 Thursday) when it was fishing off the Kenya coast, a source with the Ministry of Transport said here.

The source told Xinhua that the abductors demanded the Chinese fishing boat sail towards the coastal area off southern Somalia.

Onboard the abducted ship of Tianjin Ocean Fishing Company were 24 fishers. They were 16 Chinese, including one from China’s Taiwan province, one Japanese, three Filipinos and four Vietnamese.

Xinhua

Ice halts 1,000 vehicles in N-W China highway

URUMQI, 14 Nov—About 1,000 vehicles are stranded on a section of a major highway in northwest China after rain and snow left an impassable layer of ice on Thursday, say traffic authorities.

It is the second big traffic jam in two days on the highway linking Hami Prefecture of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and neighbouring Gansu Province, a Hami highway traffic administration spokesman said. “Most of the vehicles have no snow chains, so the drivers have to stop where they are,” he said.

Emergency crews from traffic and police authorities were checking on motorists and distributing free drinking water and food, he said. “We asked some bus drivers to return to Hami to ensure passenger safety,” he said.—Xinhua

A model displays a creation during the 2009 Versace Spring & Summer Fashion Show in Beijing, China, on 13 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA



What are you planning to do?

Mi Pyi Chit

The presidential elections of the United States of America have been over in which its citizens have expressed their wishes. All the citizens are looking forward to positive developments.

The multicultural country is constituted with 50 states and is home to diverse national races from various countries around the world. A person of any other country can enjoy the rights and is responsible for shouldering the duties and paying taxes prescribed by the US if he is naturalized. Although they are naturalized in the US, they do not disregard own people, customs, traditions, culture, motherland and their parents and relatives. That is to say any Myanmar citizen who has been naturalized in the US does not discard Myanmar spirit and concept because they are descendants of Myanmar citizens.

So, Myanmar citizens as well as Indians and Chinese who left the country hold Thingyan Festival (Water Festival) in commemoration in the Thingyan period. Similarly, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese and Thai in foreign countries celebrate their traditional festivals, and they would not discard their mother countries, relatives, traditions and customs.

Here, it is supported by some sayings that go "Blood is thicker than water" and "The preference is given where blood is thick".

Surely, people have been predominated by spirit of cherishing the motherland and the people concerned, wherever they are. It is believed that there might be difference between the views and concepts of Myanmar people at home and that of Myanmar people in foreign countries, but they are all equipped with patriotic spirit. I hope Myanmar will become more pleasant with a prosperous future if the people do their bit in nation-building tasks, being inspired by patriotic fervour.

Now, certain Myanmar expatriates living in foreign countries should have stopped harshly criticizing their mother country and the people. They should not forget where they came from, whatever country they are in currently. If they feel heartrending

to note poverty-stricken people in their native country, they should extend a helping hand with patriotic spirit, instead of putting blame on others. And they should provide assistance to enable needy children pursue basic education and survive. I wish they would contribute towards tasks for national development, instead of giving excuse: a frivolous thing will not produce a great result. I would say it is time to sharpen the abilities of the nation's younger generations so that they will become reliable and responsible citizens.

Instead of building castle in the air without taking the nation's prevailing conditions into consideration, they should play a role in nation-building tasks to create a promising future of the nation. Moreover, they should have made contributions instead of talking big words that do not reflect the prevailing situations of the nation.

Myanmar people by nature are kind-hearted. They preserve a lovely tradition of helping the needy. Therefore, they should make self-criticism to realize what they are doing now, and what they have done in the national interests, instead of simply echoing others' demand for democracy. All Myanmar people at home and abroad should notice this point.

A youth in the nation, for instance, should study hard to pass matriculation exam because the matriculation exam serves as a turning point for him to shoulder his family duties. Every youth should have realized that point. In addition, parents should not think they are not in a position to help their children pass their matriculation examinations due to their illiteracy, and the children should not give up their goal in life due to their parents' lack of knowledge. Both the parents and the children should begin what should be done first in that regard. It is not very difficult for a student to pass the matriculation examination. If they study hard they can get at least 40 marks in each subject, and their teachers can give help to them. It is not so difficult for the majority of the students to pass the matriculation examination. They should realize to pass the matriculation examination is a must for them,

and should try their best to achieve the goal. Nothing is impossible. They should be determined to do so, and I believe they will be able to meet the goal, if they work hard, as the newly-elected US President Obama said, "We can, we can". If they have strong desire, they will be able to surmount all forms of difficulties.

Myanmar had to rise from the ashes after the World War II. It made self-reliant efforts to regain the independence. In the post-independence period, multi-coloured insurgent groups launched armed revolts, however, in the end the nation was able to surmount the hardships. In the 1990s, it had fully recuperated from the nightmare of the 1988 anarchic unrest, and the whole nation started to make a good headway in the economic sector. Now, the people are working together in harmony to help the nation recover from the dire straits triggered by the cyclone "Nargis". Myanmar has risen from various crises with self-help basis many times, whether it receives external assistance or not.

It is required to choose the right path in a bid to achieve a goal. Iraq and some countries in Africa, for instance, are still going through very hard times, stemming from wrong views.

The people had better work hard together with a sense of duty, exerting their correct views, knowledge, reasoning power, cohesion and nationalistic fervour, instead of harbouring hatred for each other.

The entire people are not even in a momentary hesitation to provide help to the victims, in the face of a fire, floods and storms, and in times of emergency. It has been a fine tradition that the people, young or old, and members of the Sangha make contribution as much as they can with a sense of obligation in such situations.

So, the entire people should move forward with correct views and concepts, take into consideration the interests of future generations, and fulfil their basic needs such as food, shelter, agricultural farms, forests and factories. It is bounden duty of present generations of middle and old age around the world to take measures in advance for younger generations, the future of the nation concerned, to pursue education and vocational education as well as for development of human resources. Now, certain persons should have stopped sowing discord and hatred among the people of their own race and making the nation's goal divert from its route, and exacerbating the situations of the nation. They should stand on the bright side in the interests of the nation.

They should show positive attitude and correct views and do prudent work if they want to enjoy fruits. Let's work together to create a promising future of younger generations, sidelining self-interests, and recognizing the warm welcome.

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Translation: MS

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the opening ceremony of 2nd BIMSTEC Summit at Hotel Taj Palace in New Delhi, India. —MNA

Establishment of FTA can facilitate high regional efficiency...

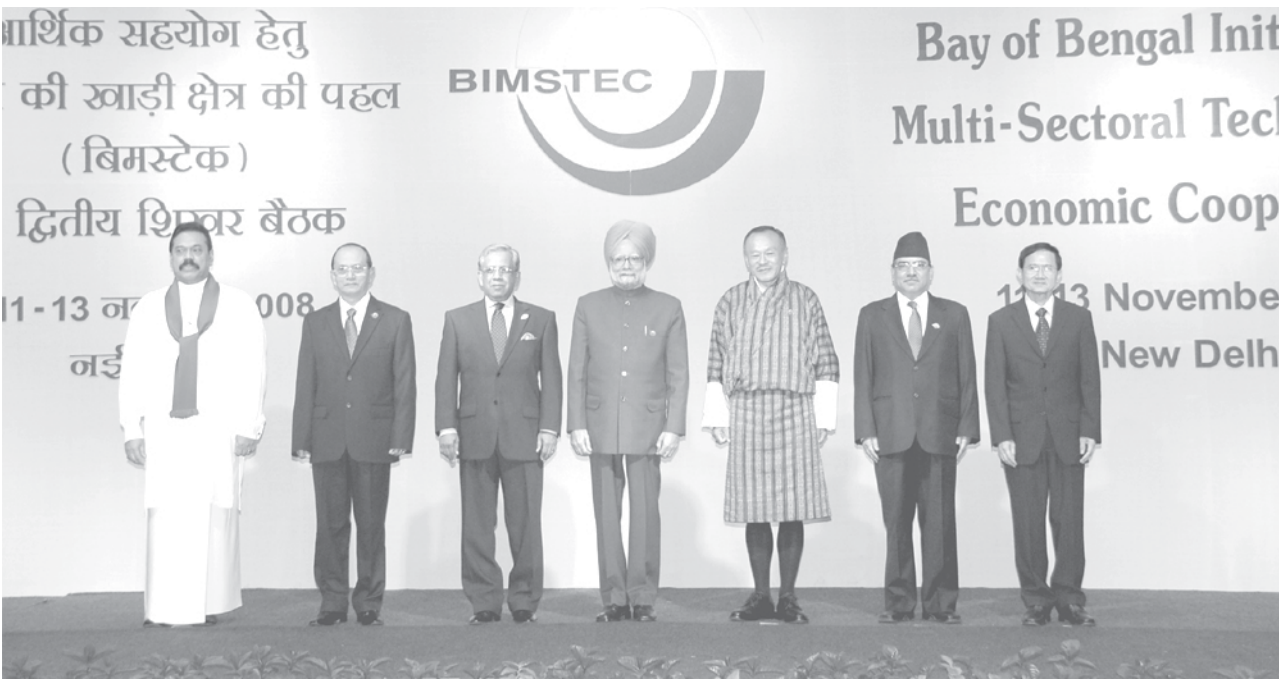
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He said changes in energy prices and high food prices are a direct threat to the economic growth of developing countries. As climate changes are directly associated with energy and food security, such problems cannot be addressed by an individual nation alone. And they can be solved only through the cooperation of the regional countries.

Myanmar is pleased to be a sector-wise leading nation in the energy sector. As a consequence of the global warming that can cause severe tropical storms, Myanmar also had to suffer the cyclone Nargis in early May this year experiencing great loss of lives and property. This was the result of climate change. However, the

situation has returned to normal thanks to the cooperation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. Preventive and preparedness measures can be taken against natural disasters by exchanging metrological facts and data between the BIMSTEC member countries, noted the Prime Minister.

Myanmar is also a sector-wise leading nation in the agricultural sector. So it will make more efforts to achieve progress. Myanmar supports the efforts for the emergence of BIMSTEC Free Trade Area for the development of trade and investment. Moreover, the establishment of FTA can facilitate the high regional efficiency and more economic cooperation between the BIMSTEC member countries.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Heads of Government from BIMSTEC countries pose for documentary photo at opening ceremony. —MNA

As terrorist attacks continue to occur in most of global nations threatening public security and the rule of law, the international community on its part should cooperate to address the issue.

The Prime Minister said during the meeting

with Heads of Government of the BIMSTEC member countries, Myanmar reaffirmed that it will accept the chairmanship of BIMSTEC next year. The summit held now will facilitate more cooperation in work frame of BIMSTEC. In conclusion, he said, more efforts are to

be made for economic and social progress of the peoples in the BIMSTEC region.

Next, Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, President of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa and Thai Prime Minister Mr Somchai Wongsawat

made speeches.

Then, the summit approved the ministerial level meeting report and the declaration of the Second BIMSTEC Summit.

Later, the Indian Prime Minister delivered a closing speech and the summit came to a close at 11.35 a.m. —MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Vice-Minister of Trade and Industry Mr Ashwani Kumar at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi. —MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives in New Delhi

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein left here by special aircraft at 10 a.m. on 12 November 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 the Republic of India and arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport at 2 p.m. Indian Standard Time in New Delhi of India.

Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and Head of Protocol Division of the External Affairs Ministry of India Mr Marjeev Singh Puri boarded the plane and welcomed Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The Myanmar delegation led by

the Prime Minister was welcomed by Indian Vice-Minister of Trade and Industry Mr Ashwani Kumar and officials.

A Myanmar young girl presented a bouquet to Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Daw Mar Mar Shein, wife of the Myanmar Ambassador, Military Attaché Col Nay Win and wife Daw Nwe Nwe Khin, Consul-General U Soe Paing of the Myanmar Consulate-General and staff families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office.

Next, the Prime Minister and party left the airport in a motorcade and arrived at Shangri-La Hotel.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of the Republic of India

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh in New Delhi.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. — MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov — Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar met with Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of the Republic of India at the latter's residence in New Delhi at 5 p.m. IST on 12 November.

Present together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and Director-General U Thant Kyaw of International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Together with Prime

Minister Dr Manmohan Singh were Minister of External Affairs Mr Pranab Mukharjee, Foreign Secretary Mr Shivshankar Menon and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra.

At the call, both prime ministers cordially exchanged views on friendly relation and intensification of cooperation between the two countries and more cooperation in economic sector, information and technology sectors, energy sector and cooperation sector under BIMSTEC.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Indian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted in honour of the Heads of Government of BIMSTEC member countries by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh at Hotel ITC Maurya in New Delhi of India at 8 p.m. IST on 12 November.

Also present at the dinner were Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonchhen Jigmi Thinley, Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister for Foreign

Affairs of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein, departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers, ambassadors and high ranking officials of the BIMSTEC member countries.

First, the Indian Prime Minister cordially welcomed the Heads of Government of the BIMSTEC countries to the dinner.

Next, a dinner was served to the guests.

The Indian traditional music was presented at the dinner.

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Air Bagan Open Golf Championships continues

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Air Bagan Open Golf Championships, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, continued at Bagan Golf Resort in Bagan this morning.

After the second round, Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) led the professional golfers division by firing a two-under-par 142, followed by Thein Zaw Myint (KM) with one-under-par 143 and Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) with 145.

In the men's amateur golfers division,

Nay Bala Win Myint led by firing a three-under-par 141. Bo Bo Lay stood second by shooting two-under-par 142 and Yan Myo Aye followed him with 145.

The third round of the championships continues tomorrow morning. — MNA

Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) who leads professional golfers division in the second round by firing a two-under-par.

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L&F Minister inspects Breeding Zone (1) in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected milch cow farm of U Win Shwe at Breeding Zone (1) in Kangyi village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon on 12 November and gave instructions on boosting production of milk and dairy products.

Next, the minister looked into goat and sheep farms and stressed the need for preventive measures against anthrax and foot and mouth disease of cattle. The minister also visited CP goat farm at the zone.

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Khaboung Diversion Dam irrigates nearly 100,000 acres of crops in Ottwin Township, Bago Division.—MNA

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The committee has implemented the special projects, the basic infrastructures, which are conducive to the development of the State, the respective regions as well as the posterity. Nowadays, a large number of special projects have been completed and the people have witnessed and enjoyed the benefits of the projects.

At the time when the State Peace and Development Council took the responsibilities of the Sate, there were only a few projects which can benefit the people and a few projects of irrigation in upper Myanmar and lower Myanmar. In the time of the present government, implemented the irrigation projects have been implemented in upper and lower Myanmar and the number of dams and reservoirs has reached 216 and the number of river water pumping projects 322 across the country. Therefore, farmers are able to engage in double and triple cropping and their socio-economic status has improved.

In the industrial sector, 18 industrial zones have been established in an attempt to encourage the private industrial sector.

Thanks to the implementation of hydel power projects which underpin the development of the country, the amount of power output has increased from 200 megawatt to about 900 megawatt. The hydel power plants which are now under construction will be completed year after year.

Similarly, for smooth transportation and for strengthening the friendship among the national races, rail and road networks and bridges have been constructed.

Universities and colleges have also been established at strategic places to turn out intellectuals and intelligentsia for human resource development.

The committee for implementation of special projects implemented those projects and that could lead

to the improvement of the living standard of the people.

The required infrastructures have been built for future generation so that they can carry on contributing to the development of the country.

Only when there are continued efforts, will the living standard of the people be improved and the country will keep abreast of other developed nations.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo submitted reports on construction of Daungmyu Dam Project and Kantdaunt Dam project, extension of North Yama irrigated area, implementation of Kyaukchat Dam Project, Yebokgyi Dam Project and Thari Dam Project, repair of damaged dams due to storm Nargis, implementation of Naungkala Sluice Gate and Pagaingtar Sluice Gate, maintenance of small-scale dams and lakes in Yamethin, Pyawbwe and Meiktila townships of Mandalay Division and undertaking of underground water tapping for cultivation of monsoon paddy, long staple cotton and other crops all the year round in Meiktila and Thazi region.

The Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will implement earthen type Daungmyu Dam Project as the first project on Daungmyu Creek near LeU Village in Wuntho Township. On completion, the dam can irrigate about 6,300 acres of farmlands and contribute to greening of the region.

Earthen type Kandaunt Dam Project as the second project will be implemented on Kyaukbyok Creek near Kantdaunt Village in Pale Township to supply water to 200 acres of cultivable lands.



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein.



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

A supporting dam has been built to control the surplus water from North Yama Dam built on North Yama Creek of Pale Township. As the third project, the irrigated area of North Yama Dam will be undertaken for adding 10,000 acres more irrigated farmlands to 12,000 acres of the farmlands.

For the fourth project, earthen type Kyaukchat Dam will be built on Chaukchat Creek near Lema Village of Pwintbyu Township to benefit 1,000 acres farmlands.

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Thanks to the implementation of hydel power projects which underpin the development of the country, the amount of power output has increased from 200 megawatt to about 900 megawatt.



Photo shows the vest factory in Taungtha Township.—MNA



Minkyaung creek bridge in Yanbye Township of Rakhine State. —MNA

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The fifth project is under way to build the earthen type Yebokgyi Dam with a view to irrigating 4,000 acres of cultivable lands and supplying potable water to the villages of the project area. The dam will be constructed near Yebokgyi Village of Pwintbyu Township.

Another earthen type Thari Dam will be built as the sixth project on Thari Creek near Letpan Village of Kyauktaw Township. On completion, the dam can irrigate 3,000 acres of land in the township and generate hydropower to be supplied to the township.

Moreover, 41 damaged embankments, 674 miles long in total, hit by storm Nargis will be repaired in their original designs in Ngapudaw, Labutta, Bogale, Pyapon, Dedaye, Kyaiklat, Kungyangon, Kyauktan, Kayan and Thongwa townships. On completion, the embankments can benefit 460,000 cultivable lands by preventing the inflow of salt water in the rainy season.

In the late-monsoon season, fresh water can be stored at creeks and drains by sluice gates for adequate supply of water to monsoon plantations. In summer, summer paddy and other crops can be grown with the use of irrigation facilities for development of the State and the respective regions.

Naungkala Sluice Gate will be built on Naungkala Creek near Putinchanug Village in Thaton Township for prevention against floods on over 20,000 acres of farmlands in Thaton Township and for contribution to cultivation of double cropping with the use of fresh water.

It will be concrete sluice gate with 21 outlets that measure 6 feet by 12 feet each. Another one is Pagaingtar Sluice Gate Project. The project will be implemented on the tributary canal of Nagapauk Creek near Layeinyar Village of Waw Township with the aims of controlling the surplus water from Kawliya, Baingda and

Bawni dams at Nagapauk Sluice Gate for supplying it to Bago-Sittoung Canal through Pagaingtar Sluice Gate, draining out the water from Bago-Sittoung Canal in the rainy season, preventing the floods on 17,000 acres of farmlands and irrigating the double cropping in the summer. The sluice gate will have 50 RC outlets that measure 6 feet by 4 feet.

In Yamethin District, 10 of 62 small-scale dams and lakes will be repaired to benefit over 5,300 acres of land for supplying water to Yamethin, Pyawbwe and Meiktila regions, for contribution to boosting production of rice and paddy in Yamethin and Meiktila district and raising the number of irrigated areas.

As underground water tapping project, 800 tube-wells will be sunk in Meiktila and Thazi townships for agricultural purposes. A total of 400 tube-wells will be sunk for the first phase and 400 more tube-wells for the second phase to benefit about 11,000 acres of cultivable lands.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported on implementation

of Float Glass Factory Project (Kyaukse), Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory Project (Mingon) and Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory (Pantin).

Float Glass Factory (Kyaukse) that can melt 150 tons of glass fluid and produce 117 tons of the finished goods daily will be built by the Ministry of Industry-1 at the foot of Yinswe Hill, five miles east of Kyaukse.

Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory Project (Mingon) that can produce 150,000 bricks per day will be constructed near Mingon Village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township. Three branch factories under Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory

Project (Pantin) that can produce 50,000 bricks each daily will be built near Pantin Village beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

Next, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on implementation of Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly & Component Parts Factory project, Technical Training School (Thagaya) project, Technical Training School (Pakokku) project and Transmission System Factory project.

Heavy Turbo Truck Assembly & Component Parts Factory is being built by the Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 at Pahtosann village in Magway Township. Upon completion, the factory will produce 1000 heavy turbo trucks per year and 1000 component parts.

Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries will implement Technical Training School (Thagaya) project at Thagaya Industrial Region in Yedashe Township of Bago Division and Technical Training School (Pakokku) project



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

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at Myaing Township in Pakokku District of Magway Division. The schools will turn out electrical and mechanical technicians and computer staff for industries.

Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 will implement Transmission System Factory project at Industrial Region in Yedashe Township of Bago Division. The factory will produce 700 kinds of transmission system per year.

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun. — MNA

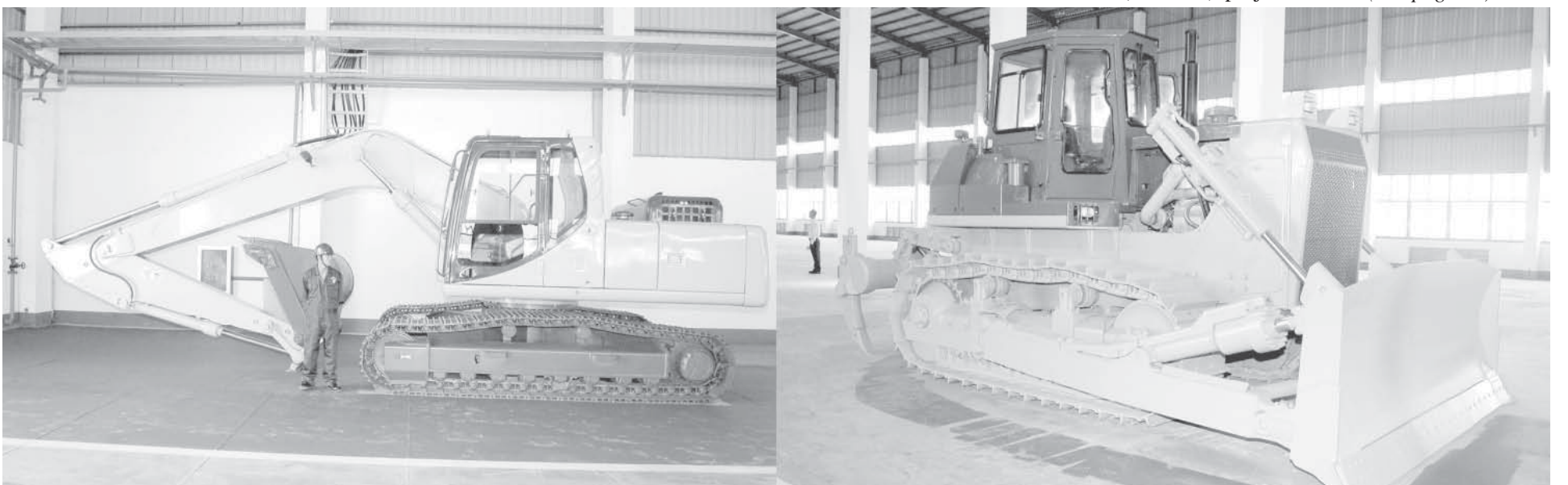


Photo shows heavy machinery manufactured by Bulldozer and Excavator Factory in Thagaya Industrial Region. —MNA

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Next, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on construction of Yangon-Mandalay Highway project, construction of Maubin-Yaylegalay-Shwe Taw Hmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road, Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Titpoke-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu Road, Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Road, Labutta-Thonegwa-Oktwin-Htakesunn Road and Bogale-Kyinechaung-Kadon Kani Road in coastal region of Ayeyawady Division and related regions and construction of Myinkagone Bridge and Yazudaing Bridge project.

The Ministry of Construction is implementing Yangon Mandalay Express Concrete Highway project in response to improvement of socio-economic life of the people, smooth flow of commodities, growing numbers of vehicles, development of regions along the road and increase in population.

Upon completion of 352 miles and six furlongs long eight-lane Yangon Mandalay Express

Concrete Highway, there will be only eight hours drive thereby contributing to the speedy flow of commodities.

A total of 72 180-foot above bridges, 214 under 180-foot bridges and 174 under 50-foot bridges and 114 pass totaling 574 bridges and 962 box culverts will be built on Yangon Mandalay Highway.

Moreover, the Ministry of Construction will undertake five road projects, part of the development project for a network of roads in Ayeyawady Delta region – 43-mile-5-furlong-long Maubin-Yaylegalay-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road project, 52-mile-long Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinebon-Thitpok-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu road project, 33-mile-5-furlong-long Labutta-Thonegwa-Oaktwin-Hteikson road project and 39-mile-long Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadon Kani road project.

On completion of the projects, coastal regions can be reached through those roads and one can take shelter at the embankments in the time of floods and

storms or in an event of natural disaster.

The bridge construction projects to be implemented by the Ministry of Construction are the bridge across Myinkakon River and the bridge across Razudaing River to link Maubin and Mawlamyinegyun. Myinkakon Bridge is 540 feet long and 16 feet wide and can withstand 60 tons of loads. Razudaing Bridge is 1824.3 feet long and 16 feet wide. It has 3-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on both sides and can withstand 60 tons of loads. On completion of the two bridges, rice and marine and local products of Ayeyawady Division can be transported to other states and divisions in a short time, thereby contributing to economic, social and education progress of the local national people.

Then, Ministry of Electric Power No 1, Ministry of Electric Power No 2, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Rail Transportation reported their tasks to the meeting which ended in the evening.

The reports of respective ministries will be presented. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs



Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Manuchehr Mottaki. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Manuchehr Mottaki and party of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the Government Office, here at 5 pm today.

Also present at the

call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of the Political

Department.

The Iranian Minister was accompanied by Iranian Ambassador-designate to Myanmar Mr Madjid Bizamark.

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Universities and colleges have also been established at strategic places to turn out intellectuals and intelligentsia for human resource development.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Iranian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Manuchehr Mottaki at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

FETP course for health staff

YANGON, 14 Nov—Training for Trainers on Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) was opened at Health Department of Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 November, with an address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Prof. Adik Wibowo, resident representative of WHO explained facts about the training programme and the ceremony came to an end.

Trainees from State and Division Health Departments, wharf health care centres are attending the course which will be conducted till 21 November.

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Blast flattens Colo restaurant; one dead, seven hurt

PUEBLO, 14 Nov—An explosion laid waste to a restaurant and a shop Thursday in downtown Pueblo, killing one person, injuring at least seven and forcing several blocks to evacuate. Crews pulled a survivor from the rubble more than four hours after the blast.

The cause of the blast was being investigated. At least one witness said she smelled gas, and buildings for several blocks in

all directions were evacuated.

The person who died was one of two women rescued from a shop next to the Branch Inn restaurant, said Fire Chief Chris Riley.

Firefighters dug a man out of the rubble of the restaurant around 6:30 pm Riley said he was conscious and talking.

A total of seven people, including the woman who died, were transported to the hospital. An

eighth person went unassisted later, Fire Department spokesman Woody Percival said. He didn't know the conditions of the patients.

Authorities did not know whether the restaurant was open when the explosion occurred or how many people were inside. Crews were searching the buildings for anyone else who might be trapped inside, Percival said.—Internet



Firefighters search through the rubble of a restaurant/bar that collapsed after an explosion in downtown Pueblo, Colo on 13 Nov, 2008. Crews from neighbouring cities were called in to help in the search of the structure.—INTERNET

Children separated from parents by Congo violence



A man reach out to help two displaced children cross sharp lava rock in a camp for displaced people, on 13 Nov, 2008, in Kibati just north of Goma in eastern Congo. —INTERNET

KIBATI (Congo), 14 Nov—Rebecca Nyiringindi scanned the sprawling refugee camp in eastern Congo, searching for just one person among the thousands of hungry and homeless.

"My mother's name is Alphonsine," the 10-year-old said softly, sucking

her thumb. "She's short. She's very dark."

Rebecca was among more than 150 children searching for their parents Thursday in a camp in Kibati, just miles from where soldiers and Tutsi rebels guarded a tense front line, raising fears that fighting would

resume in this mineral-rich region.

Some 70,000 refugees have fled to Kibati since fighting intensified in eastern Congo in August, displacing at least 250,000 people despite the presence of the largest UN peacekeeping force in the world.

Aid agencies took advantage of a lull in fighting this week to return to camps near the front line and resume registering children who were separated during the conflict in Congo's North Kivu Province.

Some were clearly traumatized. Zawadi Bunzigiye, 6, stared down at her grubby blue dress and said, in a voice barely above a whisper, "I'm afraid of bullets."—Internet

Crime reporter killed in Mexican border city



Relatives of journalist Armando Rodriguez embrace each other outside his home after he was gunned down by unknown assailants in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in the border with the US on 13 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 14 Nov —A crime reporter in the violent Mexican border city of Juarez was killed Thursday, adding to dozens of journalist deaths in a country where newspapers are so fearful, many refuse to cover drug violence.

Armando Rodriguez had covered crime for 10 years in Ciudad Juarez,

working for El Diario newspaper. He was shot several times as he sat warming up his car outside his home.

A special federal prosecutor in charge of journalist killings will investigate. Officials did not immediately have any suspects or motive.

Rodriguez had re-

ceived death threats in recent months, including one on his cell phone in January, according to a statement from the Attorney General's Office.

For his safety, El Diario sent him to work across the border in El Paso, Texas, but he returned after two months, the office said. He had declined a state government offer for protection, the statement added.

Mexico has become one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists, in part because drug gangs target reporters whose stories detail their activities. Many reporters refuse to put their bylines on stories, and many newspapers have stopped covering the drug gangs altogether.

Internet

Calif dirty air kills more than car crashes

FRESNO, 14 Nov—Lowering air pollution in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley would save more lives annually than ending all motor vehicle fatalities in the two regions, according to a new study.

The study, which examined the costs of air pollution in two areas with the worst levels in the country, also said meeting federal ozone and fine particulate standards could save \$28 billion annually in health care costs, school absences, missed work and lost income potential from premature deaths. The price tag amounts to \$1,600 annually per person in the San Joaquin Valley and \$1,250 in the South Coast Air Basin.

Researchers at California State University-Fullerton sought to assess the potential economic benefits that could be achieved by reducing air pollution to levels within federal standards.

"For decades there has been a tug of war over what to do about air pollution," said Jane Hall, lead author of the study at Cal State Fullerton. "We are paying now for not having done enough."—Internet



This 15 July, 2003 file photo shows the Los Angeles skyline being obscured by a heavy layer of smog and fog. —INTERNET

15 feared dead in Indonesian landslide

JAKARTA, 14 Nov—Rescuers searched for survivors Friday after a landslide crashed into a village in central Indonesia, killing two people and burying at least 13 others, a disaster official said.

Mud came tumbling down from hills surrounding Nyalindung, a village in West Java province, following days of torrential rain that inundated more than 50 homes, said Rustam Pakaya of the Disaster Crisis Center.

So far, two bodies were recovered, he said, but 13 others were missing and feared dead. Many are children.

Residents have joined rescuers in searching for survivors, most digging with their bare hands or using farm tools, Pakaya said. The mud blocked many roads, making it hard for heavy machinery to reach the disaster zone.

Seasonal downpours cause dozens of landslides and flash floods each year in Indonesia, a vast chain of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile flood plains.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV HUANG SHAN VOY NO (94) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.11.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Iraq war vet convicted
of killing pregnant wife

GREELEY, 14 Nov—An Iraq war veteran has been convicted of first-degree murder in the shotgun death of his 21-year-old pregnant wife.

A jury took just 2 1/2 hours to convict Ricardo Cortez Thursday in the 16 Sept, 2007, slaying of Nikki Fix-Cortez.

The 25-year-old Cortez pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. The defense said he suffers from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

A psychologist testified that the PTSD stemmed partly from Cortez's work as a medic during two tours in Iraq and from being molested by his father.

Prosecutors say Cortez shot his wife twice in the back because she was leaving him.

Internet



Sudanese refugee children are seen at the Farchana refugee camp that has more than 20,000 Darfur and eastern Chadian refugees, in June. Camps that shelter tens of thousands of Darfuris made homeless by the brutal conflict in western Sudan are seething dens of frustration that aid workers fear will breed long-term insecurity.—INTERNET



Indian tourist couple hurls snow at each other during season's first snowfall in Srinagar on 14 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

HPV vaccine prevents genital
warts in males

ATLANTA, 14 Nov — For the first time, an expensive vaccine aimed at preventing cervical cancer in women has proven successful at preventing a disease in men, according to a study released on Thursday by the vaccine's maker.

The disease is genital warts ó sexually transmitted, embarrassing and uncomfortable ó but not life-threatening.

Still, the results are

expected to bolster a likely bid by the vaccine's manufacturer, Merck & Co. Inc., to begin marketing the vaccine to boys, experts said. Merck plans to ask the government for that approval later this year.

"This opens the door to a wonderful opportunity to prevent illness," said Anna Giuliano, a researcher at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla., who worked

on the Merck study. The research results were being presented Thursday at a medical conference in Europe.

The vaccine targets the two types of HPV, or human papillomavirus, believed to be responsible for about 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, and two other types that cause most genital warts. HPV is spread through sex.

Internet

China's ethnic Mongolians hang
on to identity by a thread

HOHHOT, 14 Nov—As the capital of a sprawling frontier region that was once in Mongol leader Genghis Khan's vast domain, Hohhot has many ethnic Mongol flourishes. Streets signs are in Mongolian, yurt-themed architecture graces the city and some park benches have a Mongol saddle motif. At least one television channel airs in the Mongolian language. There's only one thing in short supply: ethnic Mongolians. Fewer than 10 percent of the greater metropolitan area's 2.6 million inhabitants are ethnic Mongolian, and the ratio isn't much higher in the surrounding grasslands.—Internet

Vietnam to grow genetically
modified crops: reports

HANOI, 14 Nov — Vietnam plans to test genetically modified (GM) agricultural crops from now until 2010 and then grow them on a large scale, media reports in the communist country said on Thursday.

Agriculture Minister Cao Duc Phat announced the plan in a National Assembly session this week, said the state-run Vietnam News Agency.

Under the government plan, Vietnam would from 2011 plant GM species of maize, cotton and soybean, said the news site Vietnamnet quoting experts attending a recent biotechnology workshop.

Internet



Cooks line up ahead of lunch hour to receive instructions from the head chef outside a restaurant in Beijing on 14 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Pakistan Army chief to raise US missile strikes with NATO

ISLAMABAD, 14 Nov — Pakistan's Army chief will visit Brussels next week for talks with senior NATO officials about US missile strikes on Pakistani soil near the Afghanistan border, the military said.

The missile attacks by US drones in Pakistan's northwest tribal areas, which US and NATO officials describe as a safe haven for Taliban and Al-Qaeda, have sharply raised tensions between Washington and nuclear-armed Pakistan.

"Army chief Ashfaq Kayani will discuss the

complexities of security issues and the need for a comprehensive approach, while fully addressing Pakistan's interest," the military said in a statement.

Kayani will undertake the three-day visit from Tuesday after receiving a special invitation from chief of the NATO military committee admiral Giam-paolo Di Paola, it said.

The military committee is the highest forum of NATO, which meets regularly to discuss various strategic issues concerning the organization.

Internet



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Wildfire destroys homes near Santa Barbara, Calif

SANTA BARBARA (Calif.), 14 Nov—A brush fire destroyed an unknown number of homes on Thursday in the tony enclave of Montecito, forcing residents to evacuate what has long been a hideaway for the rich and famous.

It was not immediately clear if anyone was injured or exactly how many homes had burned in the community of 10,000. Television images showed one destroyed house that appeared to have a turret. Flames had engulfed several multimillion-dollar homes and widespread power outages were reported in the area.

The fire broke out shortly before 6 pm and strong winds quickly spread the flames through 300 acres — about half a square mile — in the foothills five miles south of Santa Barbara. Gusts as high as 70 mph were recorded, according to the National Weather Service. Several fire departments were battling the flames as thick plumes of smoke hovered overhead. Evacuations

were ordered for parts of the area, which one resident described as deserted. The fire knocked out power to more than 20,000 homes in Santa Barbara, said Southern California Edison

spokesman Paul Klein. An emergency shelter was set up at a high school and students at Westmont College were told to gather in the school's gym.—Internet



A technician takes an electrocardiogram (ECG) of a patient. A routine examination by a doctor works almost as well as an electrocardiogram — better known as an ECG or EKG — in predicting heart disease, according to a study published on Friday.—INTERNET

Missiles target militant target

GAZA CITY, 14 Nov — Israeli aircraft have fired missiles at a target in northern Gaza as a five-month truce between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers continues to unravel.

Israel's military says the strike targeted rocket launchers. A Hamas radio station is reporting that two militants from the Islamic Jihad organization were wounded.

Dr. Moaiya Hassanain of the Gaza Health Ministry says Friday's strike was aimed at a Hamas police installation.

The cease-fire began disintegrating last week when Israeli forces entered Gaza to try to destroy what the military said was a tunnel dug by militants.

Eleven militants have been killed in more than a week of fighting, and more than 130 rockets and mortars have been fired from Gaza at Israel.—Internet

Ancient Phoenician pottery found in Lebanon

Archaeologists say they have unearthed pottery up to 3,000 years old in southern Lebanon that ancient Phoenicians used to bury the remains of the dead after cremation.

Archaeologist Ali Badawi tells The Associated Press that a team of Lebanese and Spanish experts discovered more than 100 earthen jars at an excavation site in the southern port city of Tyre.

The pottery dates to between 700 and 900 BC, when Phoenician traders flourished on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean. Badawi said Wednesday that such discoveries offer a rare window into Phoenician history and culture.

Originating from what is now Lebanon, the Phoenicians were early seafarers who spread their culture to other countries around the region.



Archaeologists unearth Phoenician pottery at an excavation site in the southern port city of Tyre, Lebanon. Archaeologists discovered around one hundred pieces potteries dating between 700 and 900 BC that Phoenicians used to bury their dead after cremation.

Controversy has followed Sacramento Mayor-elect Kevin Johnson, from his NBA career to his nonprofit organization St HOPE. Now he's the city's first black mayor.

NEWSALBUM

Ex-NBA Star now Sacramento's first Black Mayor

To most of the country, Kevin Johnson is best known as a former All-Star point guard for the NBA's Phoenix Suns. But in Sacramento, Calif, he is now known as mayor-elect.

The Sacramento native who founded a nonprofit organization working in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods is also the city's first black mayor.

He knocked off a two-term incumbent by 15 points and linked himself to another historic black candidate.

"Both Obama and myself, we ran on a promise and a theme of change. No more business as usual. Let's buck the status quo — a different kind of government," he says.



Sarwan Singh has his beard brushed before a measurement is taken during a ceremony in Surrey, British Columbia. Singh was attempting to break the Guinness World Record. Singh's beard measured at 1.895-metres.

Dutch man sentenced to 9 years for trying to pass HIV to others

A 49-year-old Dutch man was sentenced to nine years in jail Wednesday for trying to infect a number of men with the HIV virus at sex parties, Dutch media reported.

The Groningen district court in northern Netherlands found Peter Mulder guilty of causing grievous bodily harm to several men at sex parties held at his home by injecting them with HIV-infected blood taken from himself and others accused. Co-defendant Hans Jurgens, 39, was sentenced to five years in prison and a third one 18 months.

SPORTS

Juventus up to second in impressive style

ROME, 14 Nov — Juventus moved into second place in Italy's Serie A with a 4-1 win over Genoa at Turin's Stadio Olimpico.

Claudio Ranieri's team are now level on 24 points with Inter Milan, but have a worse goal difference and have played one match more.

Two first-half goals made the difference, the first from defender Zoltan Grygera and a second from Amauri, his sixth league goal of the season.

There was a disappointing showing from Genoa's Diego Milito. The Argentine striker is the leading scorer with nine, but was unable to escape from Juventus and Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini.—*Internet*



Juventus' forward Vincenzo Laquinta celebrates scoring against Genoa during their Italian Serie A football match at Olympic Stadium in Turin. Juventus won 4-1.—INTERNET

Power struggle as Maradona snubbed over Ruggeri



Argentina coach Diego Maradona(L) with federation chairman Julio Grondona in Buenos Aires.—INTERNET

BUENOS AIRES, 14 Nov — Argentina coach Diego Maradona was Thursday embroiled in a power struggle with federation chairman Julio Grondona, who has turned down his choice of Oscar Ruggeri as assistant coach.

"I don't want Ruggeri showing his face round here," Argentine media reported Grondona as saying outside the federation headquarters amid reports that Maradona could resign if he cannot have his former teammate alongside him.

General manager Carlos Bilardo, who had Maradona and Ruggeri as pillars of his 1986 world champions and 1990 runners-up, insisted that the affair could be smoothed over and said he thought Maradona would stay put despite the apparent snub to his authority.

Bilardo said: "I don't think he'll resign. (But) the person who has the say-so is the chairman of the federation. Maradona is in charge of the technical side of things, Maradona must choose the technical staff."

Maradona lifted the World Cup alongside close friend Ruggeri in 1986 but Grondona and the latter famously do not get on.

Internet

Drogba in trouble over coin incident



Chelsea striker Didier Drogba (right) throws a coin back at the Burnley fans during their Carling Cup 4th round match against Burnley at Stamford Bridge, London.—INTERNET

LONDON, 14 Nov — Chelsea striker Didier Drogba is under investigation for an incident during Wednesday night's League Cup loss to Burnley when he threw a coin back at the crowd, police confirmed on Thursday.

The incident at Stamford Bridge happened after the Ivory Coast striker had scored the opening goal in the fourth round tie. He also appeared to make an obscene gesture at the away fans.

Drogba was quick to apologise, but a police spokesman said: "I can confirm we are investigating the incident.—*Internet*

Federer still tops for Davydenko



Russia's Nikolay Davydenko, seen here, said that Roger Federer was still the player he feared the most, maintaining that the younger generation had yet to make their mark. INTERNET

SHANGHAI, 14 Nov — Russia's Nikolay Davydenko said that Roger Federer was still the player he feared the most, maintaining that the younger generation had yet to make their mark.

Davydenko, who routed 20-year-old Argentine Juan Martin del Potro to reach the Masters Cup semi-finals here, said the Swiss ex-number one remained the standard. "Federer was number one and he plays the best tennis I've seen. But the other guys I don't see really, not yet," he said. "Maybe in the future they're coming."—*Internet*

Beckham may not play for Milan



David Beckham.

LONDON, 14 Nov — AC Milan's Clarence Seedorf believes it's quite possible that new loan signing David Beckham won't play a single match for the Italian giants.

Beckham, 33, is due to arrive at the San Siro in January after agreeing a temporary move from LA

Galaxy during Major League Soccer's close season.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder hopes this will keep him in the thoughts of England manager Fabio Capello, who has made it clear he won't pick players for February's friendly against Spain unless they are actively involved with a club team.

However, Seedorf told Sky Sports here Thursday: "I don't even know if he'll be able to play for us.—*Internet*

Els takes 1-stroke lead in Singapore Open



Ernie Els of South Africa tees the ball off on the 14th hole with the Singapore port in the background during the second round of the Singapore Open Barclays golf tournament held on 14 Nov, 2008 in Singapore. INTERNET

SINGAPORE, 14 Nov — Ernie Els birdied two of his final four holes in the first round for a 5-under 66 and a one-stroke lead on Friday in the Asian Tour's Singapore Open.

"I putted nicely and hit the ball OK," said Els, the South African star who played 14 holes Thursday before rain forced the suspension of play. "I felt comfortable with the swing and I'm pretty pleased with the start."

Tournament officials hoped to complete the second round on Friday.—*Internet*

Ochoa shoots 73 in hometown tournament



Mexican golf player Lorena Ochoa gestures on the 6th hole during the first round of the LPGA Lorena Ochoa Invitational golf tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 13 Nov, 2008. INTERNET

GUADALAJARA, (Mexico), 14 Nov — Lorena Ochoa struggled Thursday in the first round in her own Lorena Ochoa Invitational, shooting a 1-over 73 on her home course to drop five strokes behind Annika Sorenstam and the other leaders.

"I can't say I'm happy because I'm not, but I'm feel like I can get closer. I hope to do it tomorrow," said Ochoa, who took up the game 21 years ago at Guadalajara Country Club. It's a good pressure to play here, to feel the good vibes, and the love of my fans.—*Internet*

Real's Van Nistelrooy out for season after knee surger



Real Madrid's Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy. INTERNET

MADRID, 14 Nov — Real Madrid's Dutch

striker Ruud van Nistelrooy underwent an operation on his right knee in the United States and will miss the rest of the season, the reigning Spanish champions said on Thursday.

"Following an exploratory arthroscopic operation on Wednesday, it was determined that Ruud van Nistelrooy had a partially torn meniscus in his right knee," the club said in a statement, adding he will "miss between six and nine months".

Internet

Sarkozy says US missile system wouldn't help security

NICE, FRANCE, 14 Nov—French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Friday that a planned US missile defence system in Europe would do nothing to help European security.

US leaders have repeatedly insisted that the system is designed to protect the region from an Iranian threat.

Sarkozy, currently the EU president, has expressed doubt about the plans for a US missile shield in Poland and the Czech Republic. He spoke

out strongly against it at a summit with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

“Deployment of a missile defence system would bring nothing to security in Europe, it would complicate things, and would make them move backward,” Sarkozy said.

Russia recently threatened to install short-range missiles close to EU borders in response to the US missile defence plans.

Medvedev argued against any “unilateral” moves such as the US plan.

“We all live in one house, let’s all get together and find a way to reach an agreement,” he said.

Sarkozy proposed a conference next year on pan-European security that would include Russia, possibly under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Internet

Explosion in US city kills one, injures five

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov—A massive explosion in downtown Pueblo, Colorado, demolished a restaurant and a shop, killing one person and injuring five others Thursday. Woody Percival, spokesman for the Pueblo Fire Department, said six people were hospitalized after the explosion and one of them has died. The explosion occurred in Pueblo's historic district, which is full of restaurants and boutiques.—MNA/Xinhua

Eurozone sinks into recession for first time

BRUSSELS, 14 Nov—The economy of the 15 nations sharing the euro has slumped into recession for the first time ever, EU data released Friday revealed, with GDP falling 0.2 percent in the second and third quarters.

The 27-nation EU as a whole avoided the same fate as its economy also suffered a 0.2 percent contraction in the third quarter but had recorded zero growth in the second, according to the official initial estimates.

Two consecutive quarters of falling gross domestic product (GDP) is the normal definition of recession.

The announcement in Brussels confirmed widely held fears that the eurozone had fallen into recession for the first time since its formation in 1999.

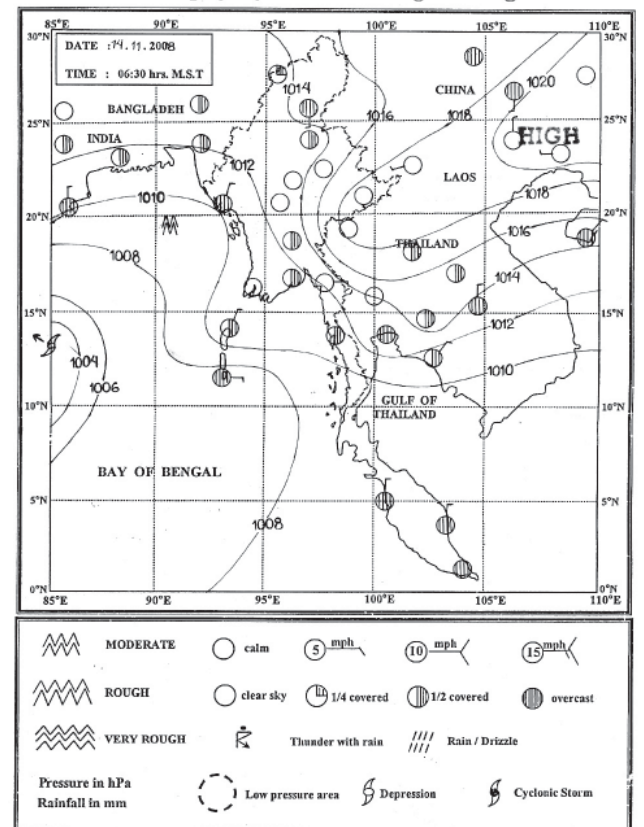
“Not only did the third quarter contraction in GDP confirm that the eurozone is now in recession, but latest data and survey evidence indicate that the fourth quarter is likely to see a sharper fall in GDP as the financial crisis bites harder,” said Howard Archer chief European economist at Global Insight.

Internet



This hand out image made available by Amsterdam's Free University or VU and the city of Maastricht, Netherlands, on 13 Nov 2008, shows gold and silver coins. A hobbyist with a metal detector has found a cache of ancient Celtic and Germanic coins in a cornfield in the southern city of Maastricht. The city says the trove of 39 gold and 70 silver coins are dated to the middle of the first century BC. The hobbyist, Paul Curfs, 47, found several coins this spring and called attention to the find, which eventually led to an archaeological investigation by Amsterdam's Free University.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 14 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy and Mon State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (7°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State and Magway Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (0°C) and Hakha (1°C).

Maximum temperature on 13-11-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-11-2008 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-11-2008 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 13-11-2008 was (9.8) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 14-11-2008 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 (6) mph from Northeast at (15:45) hours MST on 13-11-2008.

Bay inference: The tropical storm over Southwest Bay has further intensified into cyclonic storm and continue to moved Northwest wards. According to the observations at (12.30) hrs MST today, it is centered at about (270) miles East of Chennai at East Coast of India and forecast to move Northwest wards an cross Indrapradesh Coast (India) next 36 hours. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over South China Sea is centered at about (140) miles Southeast of Phan Thie.

Forecast valid until evening of 15th November 2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-11-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-11-2008: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for third weekend of November 2008: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division and generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 15 November
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:10 am**
2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song

- 7:50 am**
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
7. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:10 am**
8. သူ့လက်သံ
- 8:20 am**
9. “အေးမြသောလေညှင်းလေးများ” (မေတ္တာ၊ ဇေယျ၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ ဇူးဇူးမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး[ပဲရစ်စ်])
- 8:30 am**
10. International news
- 8:45 am**
11. Musical programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Yan can cook
- 11:30 am**
3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်းရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

- ပြည်တွင်းသတင်းစဉ်**
12:15 pm
4. Games for children
- 12:40 pm**
5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာကုသေကုသေ” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 1:30 pm**
6. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)
- 2:10 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 2:20 pm**
8. International news
- 3:20 pm**
1. တတိယအကြိမ်၊ Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ (မြန်မာနှင့်အင်ဒိုနီးရှား)
- 5:15 pm**
2. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

- 5:30 pm**
3. ရာသီဥတုသတိပေးအချက်အလက်
- 6:00 pm**
4. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
5. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
6. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကြွယ်
- 6:55 pm**
7. “ပညာလက်ကျောင်းတော်”
- 7:15 pm**
8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သံယောဇဉ်နောင်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:00 pm**
9. News
- 10. International news**
- 11. Weather report**
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်စစ်ရှာဖွေခြင်း” (အပိုင်း-၇)**

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister on his return from India

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 11 a.m. today.

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

Also present at the airport 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, SPDC members Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, Lt-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, heads of department, Charge d'Affaires of the Indian Embassy Ms Sripriya Ranganathan and officials.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads who accompanied the Prime Minister also arrived back here on the same flight.

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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. —MNA

Establishment of FTA can facilitate high regional efficiency and more economic cooperation between BIMSTEC member countries

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of Second BIMSTEC Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov —Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the opening of the Second BIMSTEC Summit held at Hotel Taj Palace in New Delhi, the Republic of India, at 10.15 a.m. yesterday.

It was also attended by Chief Adviser of the

Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonchhen Jigmi Y Thinley, Prime Minister of the Republic of India Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, President of Democratic Socialist Re-

public of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Somchai Wongsawat, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of BIMSTEC member countries and guests.

Before the opening of the summit, Prime Minister General Thein Sein posed for a documentary photo together with the Heads of Government of BIMSTEC member countries. Next, the summit was opened at Durbar Hall of Hotel Taj Palace with an address by the Indian Prime Minister. Then, Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed and Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonchhen Jigmi Y Thinley delivered speeches.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said during the period of 11 years since the foundation of BIMSTEC, six cooperation sectors have been extended to thirteen and this indicates earnest cooperation between the BIMSTEC member countries.

Tourism and transport are also the sectors that need to be improved as a priority. The development of these sectors will further cement the amity and relations as well as close contacts between BIMSTEC member countries.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses opening of 2nd BIMSTEC Summit. —MNA