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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

## More pylons to supply extra power



*Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects driving bore pile for construction of No. 248 pylon of the power grid at mile post No. 60 of Bago-Thongwa-Yangon Road. — MNA*

YANGON, 18 Nov — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected driving bore pile for construction of

No. 248 pylon of the power grid with the use of piling machine at mile post No. 60 of Bago-Thongwa-Yangon Road near Thahtaykwin Sanpya Village in Thongwa Township yesterday.

He inspected pylons Nos 247 and 249 and gave instructions on worksite safety.

The minister went to

Thanlyin main sub-power station and inspected construction of switch yard. Project Manager Superintending Engineer U Saw Win Maung reported on construction of 272 pylons of Kamanat-Thanlyin power grid and 36 pylons of Thanlyin-Thakayta bundle double circuit transmission line and 230 KV and 33 KV Switch

Bay at Kamanat (Bago) and Phayagon (Thanlyin) main sub-power stations.

He stressed the importance of meeting the standards in constructing grids and switch bays, and inspected Thanlyin sub-Power Station, extension of switch yard, linking power lines and output feeders and distribution of power.—MNA

## Myanmar book place for final

YANGON, 18 Nov—Myanmar outclassed Malaysia 4-1 in the first semifinal match of the Third Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 held at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) here at 3 pm today.

Indonesia play against Ulsan Hyundai Club of the Republic of Korea at 3 p.m. tomorrow.—MNA

*Myanmar striker Kyaw Thiha vies for the ball with Malaysia's defender at Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008.*

NLM

## Robinho claims Man City can be as big as Real Madrid

MANCHESTER, 18 Nov—Robinho claimed that Manchester City have what it takes to be one of the best clubs in the world and is hoping that City become as big as Real Madrid.

The Brazilian international star insisted that he is looking forward to lifting a trophy in his debut season at the club.

The 24-year old who joined the Blues for a £32.5million British transfer record deal from Real Madrid on transfer deadline day, has adapted well to the Premier

League and has already scored seven goals for Mark Hughes side.

The Blues have put up a rather poor show so far this season in the Premier League and have won just four of the 13 games



played. They are currently placed 12th in the Premier League table.

However Robinho claimed that this won't mar the confidence he has in the team saying "I have great ambitions for the team and myself. I want to be the best player in the world and for City to be one of the best teams.

"The rest of the players and myself admire the ambitions of the owners of this club.

"We all want to strive to make it one of the best in the world. I like the way the game is played here. You still get great goals and great movement.—Internet





# PERSPECTIVES

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## Implement more hydropower projects for national development

The government is implementing hydropower projects extensively to boost generation of electric power, necessary for development of the economic, production, service and social sectors.

As a result, the nation's generation of hydropower has increased sharply from over 200 to about 900 megawatts.

More and more hydropower projects are being launched according to the geographical features and waterways. Of them, Zawgyi (2), Zaungtu, Thaphanseik, Monechaung, Paunglaung, Khabaung and Yenwe hydropower stations have been completed.

The Ministry of Electric Power (1) has planned to implement 15 more hydropower projects for boosting production of hydropower, and the plan covers Kachin and Rakhine states, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago divisions, and Shan State (North).

Some of the hydropower projects being implemented across the nation are multi-purpose ones designed not only to irrigate farmlands but also to generate hydropower.

Today, the nation is in the process of replacing agro-based industries with heavy industries. The nation will be able to enjoy greater industrial development with better socio-economic life of the people if there is more supply of electric power thanks to emergence of more hydropower stations.

*Winners of Air Bagan Open Golf Championships pose for photo with Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) and U Teza, MGF*



## 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

## Ministry of Forestry holds work coordination meeting



*Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung speaks at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Forestry in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Forestry was held at the assembly hall of Ye Sin Forest Research Department here this morning.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung gave a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, state/division directors of Forest Department reported on the progress of the work and works to be done and Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Research Department gave a

supplementary report.

Next, state/division directors-general of Dry Zones Greening Department and, the deputy general manager, Sagaing division incharge of Myanma Timber Enterprise reported on completion of work and work to be done.

Afterwards, the minister left necessary instructions and the meeting concluded in the evening.

MNA

## Winners of Air Bagan Open Golf Championships awarded



YANGON, 18 Nov — Organized by Myanmar

Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, the fourth round event of Air Bagan Open Golf Championships (Bagan Event) of Myanmar Golf Tour 2008-09 was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Bagan Resort Golf Club on 16 November, attended by Patron of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), President U Teza, Vice-Presidents U Min Thein and U Zaw Min and executives and guests.

Chairman of Nyaung U District Peace and Development Council U

Aung Kyaw Soe presented the Daily Best Prize winners in men's amateur event and MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay, Daily Best Prize winners in Professional Golfer event.

Next, Manager U Aung Myint of Bagan Resort Golf Club presented prizes to Aung Win (Forest) who stood first with total 282 strikes, followed by Nay Bala Win Myint with total 283 strikes and Bo Bo Lay with total 289 strikes in men's amateur event.

MPGA and MGF Patron Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented prizes to Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) who won first prize with total 286 strikes, followed by Thein Zaw Myint (KM) with total 289 strikes and Zaw Zin Win (Srixon) with total 292 strikes in Professional Golfer event.

Next, MGF President

U Teza presented prizes to Aung Win (Forest) who stood first in men's amateur event and Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) who stood first in Professional Golfer event. Vice-President U Min Thein presented gift to Manager U Aung Myint of Bagan Resort Golf Club.

Afterwards, the MGF President spoke on the occasion.

Air Bagan Ltd was the main sponsor of the tournament and co-sponsors were Hotel Yangon, Ruby Dragon (Jade and Gems) Co Ltd, Alpine Purified Drinking Water, Dagon Brewery Co Ltd, My Associates Co Ltd, Srixon, KM Golf Cnter, ACCEL Interdationbal Co Ltd (Canon) and Lifeline (DHEA-Plus). Han Event Management organized the tournament.

MNA



## Former top judge condemns advice for Iraq war

LONDON, 18 Nov—A former top judge said Monday that legal advice given to then Prime Minister Tony Blair before the invasion of Iraq in 2003 was fundamentally “flawed”.

In a speech in London, Lord Thomas Bingham said the statement by the government’s then chief lawyer, Lord Peter Goldsmith, just before the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003, “was flawed in two fundamental re-

spects”. He said it failed to acknowledge the lack of hard evidence implicating Iraq’s non-compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions, which prompted Britain and the United States to take military action.

“It was not plain that Iraq had failed to comply in a manner justifying resort to force and there were no strong factual grounds or hard evidence to show that it had,” he said.

“Hans Blix and his team

of (UN) weapons inspectors had found no weapons of mass destruction, were making progress and expected to complete their task in a matter of months.”

In his speech at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Bingham also suggested that Goldsmith’s advice neglected to make clear that only the UN Security Council could authorise further action.

Internet



*A damaged German military vehicle is seen at the site after a suicide blast in Baghlan on 16 Nov, 2008. A suicide bomber rammed a car into a convoy of German troops from a NATO-led force in the northern province of Baghlan on Sunday, killing one civilian and wounding 12 civilians and two German soldiers, police said.—INTERNET*

## Suicide blast kills three in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 18 Nov—A suicide attacker in police uniform killed two policemen and a civilian when he blew himself up at the entrance of a government compound in Afghanistan Monday, an official said.

The attacker detonated explosives strapped to his body after he was stopped by police while trying to enter the Dand district headquarters in the southern province of Kandahar, provincial spokesman Zalmai Ayobi told *AFP*.

“Two policemen and a civilian were killed and two other policemen in the premises were wounded,” Ayobi said. Although the explosion did not cause any casualties to the district authorities inside the compound, it did damage the main entrance of the building, he added.

Dand district is adjacent to the provincial capital, Kandahar. Ayobi blamed the attack on Taliban insurgents but the extremist group, which claims responsibility for almost all attacks against authorities, did not immediately claim responsibility.

Kandahar province was the birthplace of the fundamentalist Taliban in the early 1990s. By 1996 the hardliners were in power in Kabul, but were ejected in a US-led invasion in late 2001.

Monday’s suicide attack follows two on Sunday. One in the northern province of Baghlan killed two Afghan civilians and wounded two German troops serving in a NATO-led military force supporting the Afghan government.—Internet



## Suicide bomber kills three troops in northwestern Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 18 Nov—A suicide bomber killed at least three troops when he rammed an explosives-packed vehicle into an army checkpoint in Pakistan’s restive northwest on Monday, the army said.

The attack took place in the Khwaza Khela area of the Swat valley. “The bomber came in a car and rammed it into the checkpoint. Resultantly, three troops were killed and three others wounded,” a spokesman for the army told *AFP*.

The mountainous Swat valley was until last year a popular tourist destination, featuring Pakistan’s only ski resort.—Internet

*An Afghan police officer inspects the wreckage of a car used by a bomber after a suicide attack on a US convoy in Herat, Afghanistan, on 16 Nov, 2008. A suicide car bomber struck a US convoy on Sunday, wounding two troops and damaging two of their vehicles, said Col Greg Julian, the spokesman for the US military in Afghanistan.*

INTERNET

## Four German soldiers wounded in Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Nov—A bomb attack on a German patrol in northern Afghanistan has slightly wounded four soldiers and several Afghan civilians.

The German army said the explosive device went off Monday afternoon outside the town of Feyzabad.

It was the second such attack in as many days. On Sunday, a blast killed two Afghan civilians and wounded two German troops.

Germany has about 3,300 soldiers in the relatively safe north of Afghanistan supporting a 50,000 NATO led force fighting Taliban insurgents.—Internet

## Pakistan denies US accord on drone strikes against militants

ISLAMABAD, 18 Nov—Pakistan denied giving the US approval to target suspected militants on its territory, after the Washington Post said the nations had reached an agreement on allowing missile strikes by unmanned Predator drones. “There is no tacit understanding,” Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi told lawmakers yesterday when asked about the report, the state-

run Associated Press of Pakistan said.

Under the agreement reached in September, the Bush administration doesn’t publicly acknowledge the attacks as Pakistan’s government protests the politically sensitive strikes, the Post cited unidentified officials as saying. The attacks have occurred on Pakistani soil an average of once every four or five days in recent

months, the newspaper reported.

Pakistan has repeatedly protested the strikes, saying they weaken its ability to fight terrorism. Last month, the government in Islamabad summoned US Ambassador Anne W Patterson to demand a halt to missile strikes on its soil by American forces based in neighboring Afghanistan.

Internet



*US soldiers walk by a vehicle, foreground, damaged in a suicide attack in Batti Kot district of Nangarhar province, Afghanistan, on 13 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET*





A public bus stops next to a campaign poster depicting Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, left, and Aristobulo Isturiz, candidate for Mayor of Caracas for the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, PSUV, Chavez's party in Caracas, on 17 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

### Three soldiers, eight rebels killed in Philippine clashes

COTABATO, 18 Nov—Three soldiers and eight rebels have been killed in fresh fighting in the southern Philippines, local and military officials said Tuesday.

Soldiers clashed with rebels near the town of Mamasapano on Mind-anao island on Sunday evening after the guerrillas attacked an army base.

Internet



A shopper looks at tee shirts celebrating the victory of President-elect Barack Obama at a shop in Chicago, Illinois. Obama and his defeated Republican rival John McCain pledged a "new era of reform" to solve the US economic crisis, transform energy policy and safeguard national security.—INTERNET

### 32 workers rescued from flooded mine



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BEIJING, 18 Nov—Thirty-two workers were rescued from a flooded coal mine in China on Tuesday after being trapped for nearly a day but the boss was being probed for running an illegal operation, state media reported.

The workers were lifted out of the flooded shaft in Henan province shortly after 6:00 am (2200 GMT Monday), almost 24 hours after the accident occurred, Xinhua news agency reported. However, one of their colleagues was found dead while rescuers were still searching for another miner still listed as missing, according to the agency. Xinhua said an earlier report it had published stating 33 workers were rescued had been wrong.—Internet

### Israel to free 250 Palestinian inmates

JERUSALEM, 18 Nov—Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday promised to release 250 Palestinian prisoners, a goodwill gesture to the moderate Palestinian president at a summit overshadowed by ongoing violence in Gaza that threatens a cease-fire.

Even as Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met in Jerusalem, Gaza militants were firing rockets, underlining that Abbas has little influence in the seaside territory.

Islamic Hamas militants overran the Gaza Strip last year, expelling forces loyal to Abbas.

After a relatively effective five-month cease-fire, violence has returned,

## China says no plan to send troops to Afghanistan

BEIJING, 18 Nov—China is not planning on sending troops to Afghanistan to join the International Security Assistance Force there, state media said on Tuesday.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said last week in New York that it was possible China would send troops to Afghanistan.

"The Chinese government consistently supports efforts of Afghanistan's government and

people to maintain stability, promote economic development and realize peaceful reconstruction," state media quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang as saying.

"Except United Nations' peace-keeping op-

erations approved by the UN Security Council, China never sends troops abroad. The media reports about China sending troops to participate in the ISAF in Afghanistan are groundless," he added.

Internet

### No charges likely vs interrogators

President-elect Barack Obama pauses during his meeting with Senator John McCain, R-Ariz, not shown, on 17 Nov, 2008, at his transition office in downtown Chicago.—INTERNET



WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—Barack Obama's incoming administration is unlikely to bring criminal charges against government officials who authorized or engaged in harsh interrogations of suspected terrorists during the George W Bush presidency. Obama, who has criticized the use of torture, is being urged by some constitutional scholars and human rights groups to investigate possible war crimes by the Bush administration.

Two Obama advisers said there's little — if any — chance that the incoming president's Justice Department will go after anyone involved in authorizing or carrying out interrogations that provoked worldwide outrage.

The advisers spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans are still tentative. A spokesman for Obama's transition team did not respond to requests for comment Monday.

Additionally, the question of whether to prosecute may never become an issue if Bush issues pre-emptive pardons to protect those involved.

Obama has committed to reviewing interrogations on al-Qaeda and other terror suspects. After he takes office in January, Obama is expected to create a panel modeled after the 9/11 Commission to study interrogations, including those using waterboarding and other tactics that critics call torture. The panel's findings would be used to ensure that future interrogations are undisputedly legal.—Internet



Thieves have broken into the Norwegian criminal police's headquarters, Kripas, in Oslo (pictured here), making off with several computers, police have said.—INTERNET





Construction vehicles are seen at a construction site for an apartment complex in Seoul on 18 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

## Gulf War illness is real, report finds

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — A report released on Monday concluded that Gulf War syndrome is a legitimate illness suffered by more than 175,000 US war veterans who were exposed to chemical toxins in the 1991 Gulf War.

The congressionally mandated report could help veterans who have battled the government for treatment of a wide range of unexplained neuro-

logical illnesses, from brain cancer to multiple sclerosis.

The Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses concluded that Gulf War illness is a physical condition distinct from the mental "shell shock" suffered by veterans in other wars. Some earlier studies had concluded it was not a distinct illness.

"Scientific evidence leaves no question that

Gulf War illness is a real condition with real causes and serious consequences for affected veterans," said the committee, which has been looking into the problem since 2002.

The committee, composed of independent scientists and veterans, said Congress should boost funding for research on Gulf War veterans' health to at least \$60 million per year.

Internet

## Scientists find prehistoric "nuclear family"

LONDON, 18 Nov—A 4,600-year-old grave in Germany containing the remains of two adults and their children provides the earliest evidence that even prehistoric tribes attached importance to the family unit, researchers said on Monday.

The researchers used DNA analysis and other techniques to determine that the group buried facing each other — an unusual practice in Neolithic culture — consisted of a mother, father and their two sons aged 8-9 and 4-5 years. "By establishing the genetic links between the two adults and two children buried together



Human remains are seen in a grave, near Eulau in Germany in this undated handout photograph received in London on 17 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET

in one grave, we have established the presence of the classic nuclear family in a prehistoric context in Central Europe — to our knowledge the

oldest authentic molecular genetic evidence so far," Wolfgang Haak of the University of Adelaide said in a statement.

Internet

## Yahoo's Yang to step down

SAN FRANCISCO/ NEW YORK, 18 Nov—Yahoo Inc said Jerry Yang will step down as chief executive as soon as the board finds a replacement, sending shares up 4 percent on hopes the departure would clear the way for a deal with Microsoft. Yang—who will return to his former role as Chief

strategy and technology—tried to carve an independent strategy for Yahoo and was blamed when Microsoft Corp walked away from an offer to buy Yahoo earlier this year. Rival Google Inc abandoned a search advertising partnership amid regulatory concerns,

and Yang faced a growing chorus of criticism from investors and analysts as Yahoo's shares nosedived.

Yahoo's months-long discussions with Time Warner Inc about combining with its AOL unit — as yet another way to boost Yahoo's earnings—have also failed to produce a deal.—Internet



The cathedral in Lausanne, Switzerland, is illuminated in blue to mark World Diabetes Day. The cathedral is one of 18 monuments in Switzerland and 989 monuments worldwide taking part in the International Diabetes Federation's Monument Challenge.



Camels wait during a media event for camel polo at the Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club at Arabian Ranches in Dubai. Twelve polo-playing camels, selected for their size and ability, have received four hours training every day to attract people to camel polo which was introduced by a Middle East travel management company.

## Tiger cub dies after rare blood transfusion

A 7-month-old wild tiger died Tuesday in a central Indian zoo, two days after veterinarians tried to save the cub with a rare blood transfusion, officials said.

The cub, which doctors named Juhi after a fragrant white flower native to India, had shown signs of improvement, but suddenly went into convulsions Tuesday, said Bimal Majumdar, the chief wildlife officer in Nagpur city. "We have lost the battle. She got convulsions this morning and we tried our best to save her," said Majumdar. "But she stopped breathing and that's how the end came."

Juhi and her sister, Jai, had been rescued from angry villagers who had tried to kill the cats, fearing they would attack children and cattle. Doctors said the cubs, who appeared to have been abandoned by their mother, were weak, starving and wounded when they were brought to the zoo, some 530 miles (850 kilometers) southeast of New Delhi.

Jai responded well to treatment, but Juhi's condition continued to deteriorate.

India's wild tiger population has plummeted to some 1,500 — down from about 3,600 six years ago and an estimated 100,000 a century ago. Shrinking habitats have brought the wild cats into conflict with farmers and poachers who kill them for pelts and body parts, highly prized in traditional Chinese medicine.



Juhi, a tiger cub named after a fragrant white flower native to India, is attended to by veterinarians at the zoo in Nagpur, India. Veterinarians carried out a rare blood transfusion late Sunday on the wild tiger in a bid to save the abandoned 7-month-old cub that had been attacked and beaten by angry villagers in central India, officials said Monday.

## Boy, 16, seeks youth record for solo global sail

A 16-year-old British boy has set out on an attempt to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world.

Michael Perham left Portsmouth on his Open 50 Racing Yacht on Saturday and was expected to be alone at sea for more than four months. His only contact with his family is to be through satellite link-ups. Perham says he plans to sleep in short breaks while the boat is controlled by an electronic auto-pilot.

By late December he should be in the South Atlantic off the coast of South Africa. He is expected to be back in Portsmouth sometime near his 17th birthday on March 16th.

The world solo youth record was set by 18-year-old Australian Jesse Martin in Melbourne in 1999.

## A ton of illegal ivory seized in 5 African nations

The Kenya Wildlife Service says authorities in five African countries have seized about a ton of illegal ivory in a joint operation.

Kenya's conservation agency says 57 suspects have been arrested after a four-month investigation in the Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia.

Authorities have also recovered hippo teeth and skins from cheetahs, leopards

and pythons in the operation. Undercover agents followed suspects and illegal products to local ivory markets, airports, border crossings and smuggling points.

The agency announced the seizures in a statement Monday. There is a 19-year old global ban on trade in ivory.

**NEWSALBUM**



## Chinese President arrives in Havana for state visit

HAVANA, 18 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao said Monday upon his arrival in Havana that his state visit to Cuba aims to enhance friendship and enlarge cooperation between the two countries.

In a written speech issued at the airport, the Chinese President said that during his visit he will exchange views with Cuban leaders on bilateral ties and major world issues of mutual concern.

“It is the common desire of the Chinese and the Cuban peoples to consolidate and further develop lasting friendship between the two nations,” he said.

President Hu said that he believes his visit would be a complete success because of the well-prepared arrangements of the Cuban side.

This is President Hu’s second state visit to Cuba since his first one in

November 2004.

The two countries will sign documents of cooperation in economic and education sectors during the visit, according to Chinese diplomats.

China and Cuba set up diplomatic ties in 1960.

In recent years, the two countries have maintained frequent high-level visits, deepened mutual trust and expanded trade and economic cooperation.

Xinhua



A woman observes some banners in front of a Cuban-Chinese school in Havana. Chinese President Hu Jintao headed to Cuba for the second leg of a Latin America tour that began with the launch of free trade talks with Costa Rica.—INTERNET

## Czechs rally in Prague to protest US radar base

PRAGUE, 18 Nov— Nearly 1,000 people rallied in Prague Monday to protest US plans to build a missile defense radar base in the Czech Republic.

Holding banners and posts reading “No US base needed here” and “76 per cent citizens against radar base”, the demonstrators chanted slogans like “referendum, referendum” during the day-long protest.

A demonstrator told Xinhua that there should be no more foreign troops in the Eastern European country. The man also believed the US radar base will be aimed at Russia, not Iran or the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.—Xinhua



Students carry chairs and desks near a banner reading, Psychological counselling by “China Red Cross,” at a temporary school in Yinghua township, in China’s southwestern Province of Sichuan on 11 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

## At least two killed, 45 injured in Mexico bus accident

MEXICO CITY, 18 Nov— At least two people were killed and 45 others were injured Monday when a bus filled mostly with children overturned on a highway in southeastern Mexico, officials said.

The bus overturned on the Interoceanic highway in Puebla while it was returning from Acapulco.

There were 57 people, mostly children aged seven to 14, aboard the bus when the accident occurred.

Xinhua

## DM says Iran’s missile development not a threat

TEHERAN, 18 Nov— Iran’s Defence Minister Brigadier General Mostafa Mohammad Najjar on Monday dismissed concerns over Iran’s missile development and said it was not a threat, Iran’s satellite Press TV reported.

Najjar rejected the US claims over Iran’s advancing missile might, saying that “military developments (of Iran) are only intended to ensure regional security”. His remarks came following a White House’s warning statement against Iran after the launch of *Sejjil*, Iran’s newly-developed missile. On Wednesday, the United States denounced Iran’s test of a generation missile, saying the development of ballistic missiles could be used as a delivery vehicle for nuclear weapon.

Xinhua

## Venezuela, Madagascar establish diplomatic ties

CARACAS, 18 Nov— Venezuela and Madagascar established diplomatic ties on Monday, Venezuelan Foreign Ministry officials said.

The ceremony was presided over by Reinaldo Bolivar, Venezuela’s Vice Foreign Minister for Africa, and Zina Adrianarivelo-Razifi, Madagascar’s ambassador to Venezuela. The two officials signed a joint communique in the capital city of Caracas.

Bolivar said that until 1998, the Venezuelan Government did not make any effort to approach any African countries, which are rich in agriculture and possess mining potential.—Xinhua

## Cambodia inaugurates 1st ethanol factory to produce bio-fuel

PONGNEA LEU, 18 Nov— Cambodia opened its first ethanol factory to generate bio-fuel from cassava flour here on Monday.

“This is the first ethanol factory in Cambodia and it will become the market place of cassava product for local farmers,” Prime Minister Hun Sen said at the opening ceremony of the pioneer venture invested by the MH Bio-energy Group of South Korea.

It will directly provide

192 job opportunities for local workers and encourage farmers to plant more cassava, he said, adding that the factory itself has made investment to grow cassava on 8,000 hectares of land in Kampong Speu Province.

The project, with 40 million US dollars of investment, has already opened two branches in

Kampong Cham and Battambang provinces to purchase cassava from local farmers, he added. Industry, Mines and Energy Minister Suy Sem said at the ceremony that the factory now has a designed capacity of 36,000 tons of ethanol fuel for export per year, especially to the European market.—Xinhua



A cargo ship enters the Pacific entrance of the Panama Canal on 17 Nov, 2008. The Pacific and Atlantic entrances to the Canal will be dredged to a width of 225m and a depth of 15.5m to allow ships bigger than the current Panamax dimensions to travel through the third locks.—INTERNET

**All items from Xinhua News Agency**



## Report says Iran upgrades naval base in Gulf port

TEHERAN, 18 Nov—The Naval Force Commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) Rear Admiral Morteza Saffari said here on Monday that Iran upgraded the naval base in Asalouyeh, a Gulf port in southern Iranian Bushehr Province, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The naval base of Asalouyeh would undertake the upgraded "regional" missions in the naval region of "Sarallah" in "Persian Gulf" to encounter the current threats, Saffari was quoted as saying.

"The naval force of IRGC is ready

to face and repel any kind of threat in Persian Gulf," he added.

Iran recently started constructing new naval bases along the coast of the Gulf of Oman for an "impenetrable line of defense," Iran's daily Teheran Times reported in late October.

The new bases are supposed to extend from Bandar Abbas, a major Iranian seaport on the Strait of Hormuz, to Pasa Bandar near the Pakistan border, Iran's Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayari was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## EU, China, US step up cooperation on product safety

BRUSSELS, 18 Nov — China, the European Union and the United States convened their first trilateral summit on product safety here Monday, vowing close cooperation on the issue.

The meeting was attended by EU Consumer Affairs Commissioner Meglena Kuneva,

chairperson of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission Nancy Nord and the Vice Minister of China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), Wei Chuangzhong.

The three parties signed a joint statement and agreed on priority action

areas, which include product traceability, cooperation on toy safety standards, expertise exchange and joint enforcement actions.

Discussion among the three parties also focused on action to strengthen information exchange on alerts and recalls — in particular using new US product safety legislation, which will allow more open information exchange on product recalls and dangerous products.

The meeting is aimed at protecting the interests of consumers, Wei said at a joint Press conference following the talks.

The result is "a new beginning" for trilateral cooperation based on bilateral cooperation, and a "new era" in safeguarding consumer goods safety among China, the EU and the United States, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iranian-operated cargo ship hijacked off Somalia

DUBAI, 18 Nov —The US Navy says a cargo ship has been hijacked off the Somalia coast—the latest in a series of attacks by pirates operating out of the African country.

Navy Commander Jane Campbell of the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet says the 26,000-ton bulk cargo carrier was attacked Tuesday in the Gulf of Aden.

She says the ship was flying a Hong Kong flag but is operated by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines.

The status of the crew or its cargo were not known. Campbell says the ship is likely heading toward an anchorage site off the Somali coast.

The ship's name or other details were not immediately known.—Internet



*Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (R) shakes hands with India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh before their meeting in New Delhi, on 18 November, 2008. Mubarak is on a four-day state visit to India.—INTERNET*

## Bolivian president says he won't let DEA come back

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Nov — Bolivian President Evo Morales expressed hope Monday for improved



*Bolivia President Evo Morales speaks during a news conference following his address to the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters, Monday, 17 Nov, 2008. INTERNET*

relations with the United States under Barack Obama's presidency, but said he will never allow the U.S. anti-drug agency to resume operating in his country.

The socialist leader, a close ally of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, accused the Drug Enforcement Administration of "political aggression" in Bolivia, which is a major source of coca plants, the raw ingredient for cocaine.

Morales said his government would set up a

new intelligence operation involving the military and police to fight drug trafficking in place of the DEA, whose Bolivian operations he suspended on 1 Nov.

Morales, the former leader of a coca growers union, also said Bolivia will seek to remove coca leaf from the UN list of prohibited drugs. While coca can be turned into cocaine, Bolivians use the small green leaf in its less-potent natural form as a traditional tea or for chewing.—Internet

## Ford to sell 20% stake in Japan's Mazda

TOKYO, 18 Nov — Embattled US automaker Ford Motor Co. is selling a roughly 20-percent stake in Japan's Mazda Motor Corp. to raise cash, the Japanese automaker said Tuesday.

The move will reduce Ford's stake in Japan's fifth largest automaker from 33.4 percent to just over 13 percent, it said in a statement.—Internet

## Hong Kong cargo ship hijacked in Gulf of Aden

BEIJING, 18 Nov — A Hong Kong cargo ship, named "DELIGHT", was hijacked by pirates in the Gulf of Aden near the Yemen coast at 2 pm, said the maritime search and rescue center of China here on Tuesday. There were 25 crew members onboard. None of them are from Hong Kong or China's mainland, the center said.

The ship was carrying 36,000 tons of wheat. It was heading for the Bandar Abbas port of Iran.—Internet



*The new headquarters of Germany's largest business bank, Deutsche Bank AG is seen under construction in Frankfurt, on 18 November, 2008.*

*Deutsche Bank's Chief Executive, Josef Ackermann, said on Tuesday he expected banks around the world to drop the model of investment banking as a standalone business as a result of the financial crisis.—INTERNET*



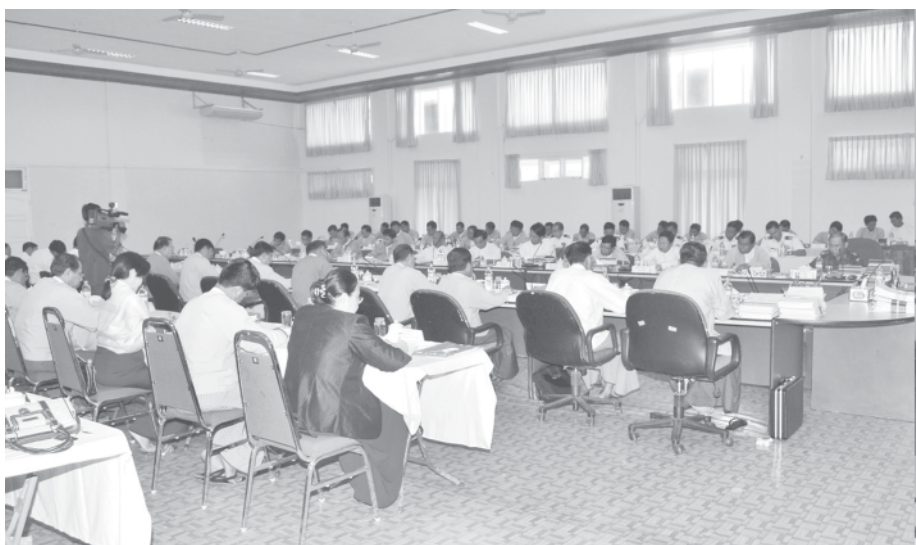
# The 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Day

## 10<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tazaungmon 1370

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## Objectives of the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Day

- \* To strengthen nationalistic spirit and uplift national prestige and integrity
- \* To promote national education
- \* Perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
- \* To achieve success in implementing the seven-step Road Map



*Minister  
Maj-Gen Hla Tun  
delivers address at  
work coordination  
meeting of  
Ministry of  
Finance and  
Revenue.  
F&R*

### F & R Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Ministry for Finance and Revenue held its work coordination meeting at the ministry here today.

At the meeting, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun stressed the need for finding out weak and strong points of the tasks which have been undertaken and for carrying out the works in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Managing directors and directors-general of the departments and banks under the ministry, managers of State/division Myanmar Economic Banks and heads of the state/division internal revenue departments reported on tasks which have been carried out and future plans to the minister. The first day session of the meeting ended with concluding remarks of the minister.

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*U Ohn Kyaw, Chairman of the committee for holding 3rd ceremony to pay respects to retired faculty members of Yangon Institute of Technology, accepts K 200,000 presented by donors on 8 November. Civil engineers who graduated from YIT donated cash to the committee at Myanmar Engineers Society in Hline Township to pay respects to retired faculty members. — MNA*

### MMCWA presents bicycles and aids to outstanding students and storm survivors

YANGON, 18 Nov — A ceremony to present bicycles to outstanding students in the villages of Kyauktan, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Twantay Townships and aids to storm survivors in Kungyangon Township by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association

was held at the office of Kungyangon Township Peace and Development Council on 14 November.

Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint spoke on the occasion and presented bicycles to outstanding students and aids to storm survivors. Chairperson of

Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Win Myint spoke words of thanks.

Next, MMCWA Vice-President and party went to Southern Ward in Kungyangon Township, and greeted storm survivors and presented

aids to them.

At the meeting hall of the township, they met with responsible persons of township/ward/village Maternal and Child Welfare Associations.

MMCWA presented 95 bicycles and 3556 clothes worth over K 13 million, it is learnt. — MNA

### MPMEEA to hold 7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting

YANGON, 18 Nov — Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting at UM FCCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township at 2 p.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Invitation letters have been sent to members to attend the plenary meeting without fail. — MNA

### Cricketers leave for Thailand

YANGON, 18 Nov — Myanmar Youth Cricket Team comprising 15 members left here for Thailand by air yesterday to take part in ACC, U-17 Challenge Cup 2008 cricket competition to be held in

Chiang Mai of Thailand from 17 to 23 November.

They were seen off by president U Nyunt Win of Myanmar Cricket Federation and officials at Yangon International Airport. — MNA



*Myanmar Cricket Team poses for photo at Yangon International Airport before departure for Thailand. — MCF*

### Corrigendum

Please read Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Aloke Sen instead of Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra in the news item "Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of Republic of India" on page 7 of 15 November issue of NLM. — MNA



## MR for better transportation

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov— A coordination meeting of Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the ministry, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

In his speech, the minister gave instructions on proper maintenance of locomotives, coaches and railways, timely completion of Bhamo-Katha railway section and Kyangin-Pakkoku

railway section. He also urged staff to make their utmost efforts in construction of future project railways, Pyawbwe-Yanaung-Natmauk-Magway railway section, Namsang-Kengtung railway section and Dawei-Myeik railway section. As railways are being constructed throughout the nation, transportation becomes more smooth which results in unity of national brethren and development

of trade and economy across the country, he added.

Next, deputy ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than discussed works being carried out and directors-general, managing-directors and principal elaborated on their respective tasks.

The meeting came to end with a concluding remark by the minister.

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### Defence Services Commander-in- Chief's Shield Track and Field competitions open

YANGON, 18 Nov—The opening ceremony of the 39<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Track and Field competitions was held in Aung San Stadium yesterday morning.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun attended the opening ceremony and made a speech on the occasion.

Among the spectators were Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Col Thein Naing, senior military officers and other ranks, their wives, guests and sports enthusiasts.

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**Deputy Commander  
Brig-Gen Kyaw  
Kyaw Tun delivers  
address at opening of  
39th Commander-in-  
Chief's Shield Track  
and Field  
Competition.** — MNA

### Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Course 9/2008 commences

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement conducted Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Course No. 9/2008 at Dedaye Township Peace and Development Council Office yesterday morning.

Director-General of the Relief and Resettlement Department U Than Oo delivered an introductory speech. The chairman of the Township PDC explained facts about the course.

Thirty trainees are attending the five-day course that continues till 21 November.

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### Mayor inspects water supply task, upgrading of roads

YANGON, 17 Nov — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected drilling of Radial Collector Well in the staff quarter of the police force of YCDC in Kamayut Township today.

The 12-foot

diameter tube well will be 115 feet in depth. Upon completion, the tube well is expected to supply 1 million gallons of water per day to Kamayut, Sangyoung and Kyimyindine townships.

Afterwards, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected resurfacing on

East Race Course Road in Tamway Township, the extending of the water supply unit No 2 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, laying of 8-inch water pipe in and upgrading of Nawaday Road to the gravel one in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects laying of water pipe in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. — YCDC

### IOL for eye patients donated

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Optical lens for eye patients receiving treatment at Mandalay Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist Hospital under the Ministry of Health were donated at the hospital on 15 November.

The Fred Hollows (New Zealand) donated a total of 40 IOL worth

K 480,000 through Dr Htin Aung. Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

Present on the occasion were medical superintendent Dr Thein Wai, associate professor Dr Ye Lwin and specialists.—MNA

### CICS (Phaunggyi) opens clerical course

YANGON, 18 Nov—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) opened basic clerical course No. 129 at Ohntaw Hall of the institute this morning, with an address by Rector of CICS U Win Maung.

A total of 201 trainees—62 male trainees and 139 female ones—are attending the course.—MNA



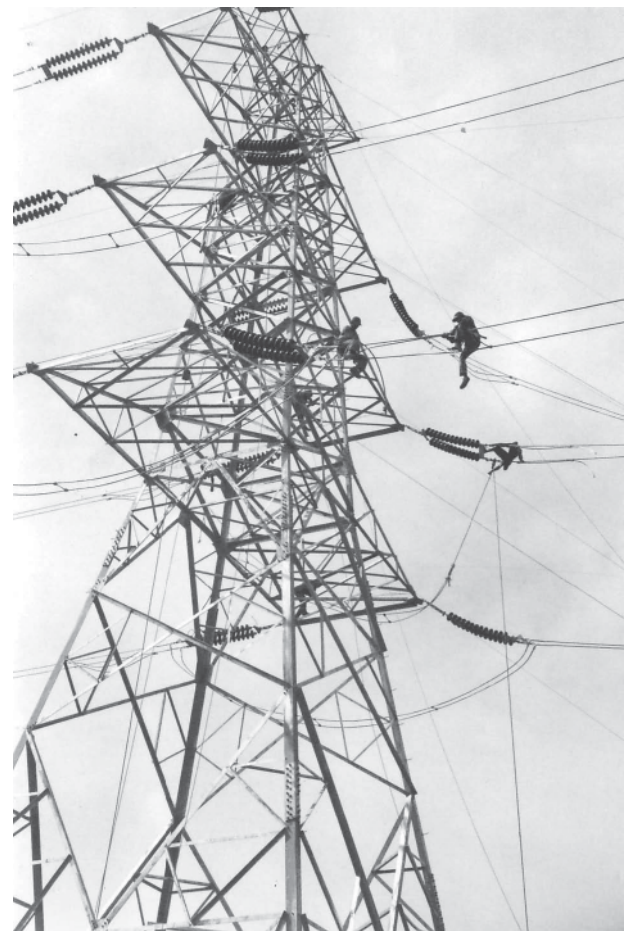


# Kamanat-Myaungdagar grid put into commission

Article & photos : *Kayan Soe Myint*

(from page 16)

The completed grid and power station projects are the grid linking 132 KV Dagundaing-PyinOoLwin grid and Yadanabon Myothit main power station, the grid linking 132 KV grid and Shwesaryan power station, 132 Monechauk grid project, the grid linking KV 230 Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Toungoo grid and Thebyubin power station, Hlinethaya-Athok KV 230 grid, the project to shift Kazindaw Tower whose power lines pass through the Ayeyawady River, the grid linking KV 230 Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Taungdwingyi grid to



*Workers of the Power Distribution Project (South) at the work site of Kamanat-Myaungdagar 230 KV Grid Project.*

**So far, 41 industrialists have bought 140 of the 327 400' x 200' plots of Myaungdagar Industrial Zone and are planning to establish 41 factories there. The industries in Yangon were allocated land allotments in Wahtayar. Forty industrialists have purchased the allotments and started to construct factories. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 has planned to establish a power station in Wahtayar to supply electric power to the industrial zone.**

Nay Pyi Taw main power station, and 132/33/11 KV, 18 MVA Yadanabon Myothit main power station.

Among the 22 ongoing grid projects are Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan, Yeywa-Bellin-Yeywa-Meiktila, Belking-Ohndaw, Monywa-Meiktila-Taungdwingyi, Thazi-Meiktila-Myingyan, Toungoo-Thayagon-Bago-Thanyin, Thakayta-Thanyin, Bago-Myaungdagar, Shwekaing-Thayagon, Kyun (Toungoo Bago), Shwedaung-Okshinpin, Upper Paunglaung-Nancho-Paunglaung, Kengtawngsan-Patbin-Kalaw-Kyeeohn Kyeewa-Mann Athok-Thabaung-Mansan-Lashio, and Mansan-Hsipaw, stretching 1151 miles.

Of the projects, the 40-mile-long Kamanat-Myaungdagar 230 KV grid has been completed, which is designed to supply power to towns and villages in Yangon Division, Steel Factories in Myaungdagar, Hmawby Township, and Ayeyawady Division. The opening of the grid took place at Myaungdagar Power Station on 12 November.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint in his speech said in the past in Yangon foundry plants had to share electric power with local people, and in consequence, the industries and local people often faced insufficient electric power supply; that for instance, whenever the iron foundry in PyinOoLwin consumed electricity in maximum, power supply to Yangon became insufficient and the power supply pattern was in disorder; that in such time, Lawpita Hydropower Station was overloaded with supplying hydropower; that in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the iron foundries in Yangon were shifted to Myaungdagar, and electric power was supplied to the industrial zones and the public separately; and that the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 sought to generate more electric

power to translate the guidance into reality.

The Power Distribution Project (South) under the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise undertook the 40-mile 230 KV Kamanat-Myaungdagar Grid Project, reinforced by the Power Distribution Project (North), Parami Co, Se Paing Co, and DEL Co Ltd. In the project, 186 towers, 230 KV Twin Bundle Single Circuit Transmission Line, and ACSR 650 MCM were installed. The project was launched on 27 January 2008, and completed on 12 November 2008 due to uninterrupted hard work throughout the project term.

Myaungdagar Power Station was designed to provide electric power to the industrial zone in the region. Since 28 August 2005, it has been supplied electric power through Shwedaung gas-fired power station. And through the 60 MVA grid, it distributes the power to Steel Factory (1), No. (2) Pharmaceutical Factory in Hmawby, Thayawady, Ayeyawady Division via Athok Power Station in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, and Yangon via Hlawga and Bayintnaung power stations.

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**Translation: MS**

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*Myaungdagar Power Station is supplied power through Kamanat and Shwedaung 230 KV grids, and it distributes power to Hlawga-Hlinethaya and Myaungdagar Industrial Zone.*



## Iran keen to expand energy cooperation with Turkey

TEHERAN, 18 Nov—Iran's Energy Minister Parviz Fattah said here Monday that the country is keen to expand its cooperation with Turkey in the fields of energy, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Fattah made the remarks while meeting with visiting Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Hilmi Guler who arrived here Saturday after completing his talks in Azerbaijan.

"The opportunity

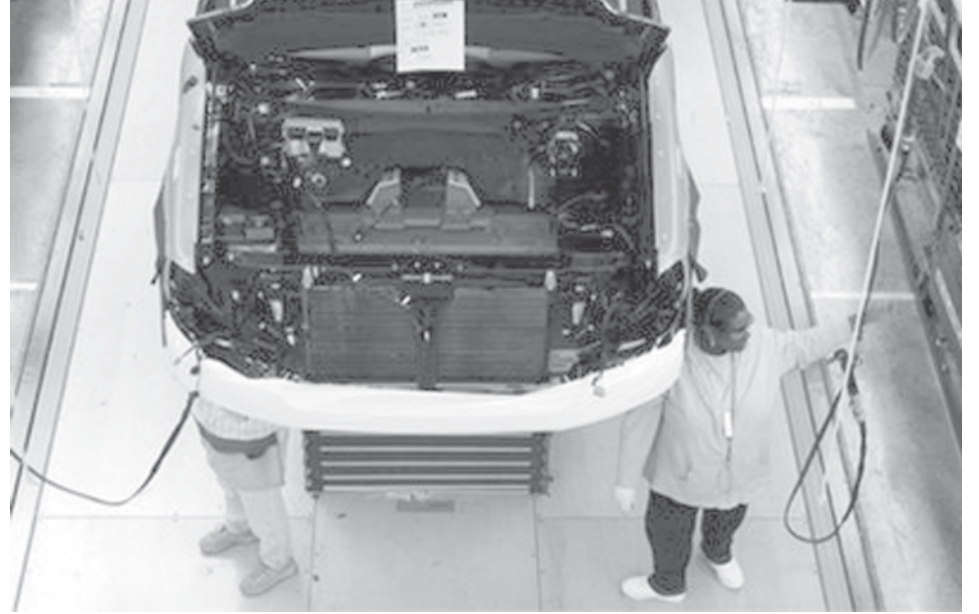
should be seized for developing cooperation" Fattah was quoted as saying, adding "Teheran and Ankara should not delay implementation of the deals (on cooperation)."

Earlier on Saturday, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamhossein Nozari also met with Guler and noted that the two sides have conferred on development of southern Iranian gas fields by Turkey's firms.

They are also

negotiating the construction of a 1800-kilometre gas pipe from Asalouyeh, the gas field in southern Iranian province of Booshehr, to the border of Turkey, Iran's Energy and Oil Information Network (SHANA) quoted Nozari as saying. Daily newspaper *Teheran Times* has reported that Turkey is planning to make a 3.5-billion-US-dollar investment in Iran for exploration and production of natural gas.

MNA/Xinhua



File photo shows assembly line workers at the Ford Motor Company's Dearborn plant in Michigan. Japan now faces the prospect of a full-year of no growth, officials warned, in a global economic meltdown that has forced US auto chiefs to plead for government help to save their once-proud empire.—INTERNET

## Indonesia sends 1,136 troops for UNIFIL in Lebanon

JAKARTA, 18 Nov—The Indonesian Government sent another 1,136 personnel of the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI) to Lebanon to join the United Nations Interim Force (UNIFIL) there to help maintain security in the region, the national Antara news agency quoted a military officer on Tuesday.

"The role of TNI in the UN mission to keep peace always gets a positive appraisal, including the assignment of TNI in Lebanon in the past years. The positive evaluation comes not only from the UN but also from the people and the government of Lebanon," said Djoko Santoso, the TNI Commander. The soldiers will be led by Lieutenant-Colonel R. Haryono, Djoko said.

The 1,136 TNI personnel consists of 11 HQB East Staff Officers, 850 members of Garuda XXIII-C contingent, 50 members of Garuda XXVI-A contingent and 75 members of Garuda XXV-A contingent and others.

The assignment of TNI in the UN peace mission is an indication of the international world's trust in Indonesia, General Santoso said.

For that reason, he added, the UN asks Indonesia to once again send its troops to Lebanon to help maintain peace there.

MNA/Xinhua



A man watches a water tank, a part of displays of the Clean water Solution Ltd. during VIETWATER 2008 Expo, water & wastewater industry expo, at the National Convention Center in Hanoi, Vietnam, Tuesday, on 18 Nov, 2008. VIETWATER 2008 is held to provide an opportunity for municipality water supply and sanitation companies to view the latest technology and solutions to improve water quality, efficiency and reduce non revenue water.—INTERNET

## Foreigner hiring 10 locals to get permanent Philippines visa

MANILA, 18 Nov—Foreign businessmen who hire more than 10 Filipinos are now allowed to stay in the Philippines indefinitely, according to a new government order aimed to boost domestic employment in global economic slowdown.

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Monday signed into law Executive Order (EO) 758, which will provide legal ground and mechanism for the Special Visa on Employment Generation (SVEG). At least 100,000 jobs are expected to be generated in the wake of enactment of EO 758, immigration officials told local media.—MNA/Xinhua

## Official says Malaysian economy not facing recession

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Nov—Malaysia's economy has shown it is not facing a recession, but expanding more slowly, Deputy Finance Minister Kong Cho Ha said here on Monday.

"As such, the economy is expected to record a growth of less than 5 per cent for 2008," Kong said at the Parliament.

Malaysia's economy is predicted to expand by 3.5 per cent in 2009, Kong said.

However, the country would not be insulated from the uncertain global environment, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Californians return to homes destroyed by fire

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov—Stunned, bedraggled evacuees began returning home on Monday to three areas of southern California ravaged by wildfires, some finding their homes and cars reduced to piles of smoldering, melted rubble.

The fires blazed on, though diminished winds and cooler temperatures helped keep them in check, and thick smoke hung over much of the area, stinging the eyes and making breathing difficult. Weary

firefighters still fought to contain fires in the foothills north of Los Angeles, in Orange County to the southeast and at the celebrity-studded enclave of Montecito near Santa Barbara.

Three fires have over the past five days destroyed around 1,000 homes and blackened 55 square miles (142 square kilometres) across southern California. Authorities said it would take several days to put out all of the fires but

needed cooperation from unpredictable winds.

With most neighbourhoods seemingly out of danger and the fires driven into unpopulated areas, many of the estimated 50,000 evacuees were being allowed to return home. In Sylmar, residents of a mobile home park where some 500 homes were lost were given a tour of the devastation to see what, if anything, they had left. Search teams with cadaver dogs scoured the ruins looking for human remains.—MNA/Reuters



Kangaroos are seen on the Department of Defence property in Belconnen, Canberra, in this May 17, 2008 file photo. Australia's kangaroos are genetically similar to humans and may have first evolved in China, Australian researchers said on Tuesday.—INTERNET



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## International biofuels conference gets underway in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 18 Nov—  
An international confer-  
ence on biofuels involving  
officials from 40 countries  
got underway in Brazil on  
Monday with delegates to  
consider the issues of de-  
velopment, food security,  
trade and climate change.

Brazilian government  
chief-of-staff Dilma  
Rousseff opened the five-  
day event as a last-minute  
stand in for President Luiz  
Inacio Lula da Silva.

Brazil is keen to see  
ethanol—the carburant  
derived from processing  
organic materials—used  
more frequently in vehi-



**Brazil's Chief of Staff Dilma Rousseff (C, back-ground) delivers a speech next to a 100% ethanol powered aircraft made by Brazilian jet manufacturer Embraer, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.—INTERNET**

cles around the world.

The South American  
country is the biggest ex-  
porter of ethanol, which it

makes from sugarcane,  
and the second-biggest  
producer, after the United  
States.

The plummeting price of  
oil in recent weeks, how-  
ever, has cast a shadow  
over prospects of boosting  
ethanol exports. A lower  
price for gasoline under-  
mines the argument for  
biofuels. There is also a lin-  
gering debate over food  
prices spiking because of  
increased farming of  
biofuel crops at the expense  
of traditional food crops.

The conference, in Sao  
Paulo, was to start with  
three days of technical dis-  
cussions before ministers  
took over for the final two  
days.

*Internet*

## Taleban rejects Afghan President's offer for talks

KANDAHAR, 18 Nov—Taleban militants rejected an  
offer of peace talks with Afghan President Hamid  
Karzai, saying Monday there would be no negotia-  
tions until foreign troops leave Afghanistan.

Karzai offered Sunday to provide security for re-  
clusive Taleban leader Mullah Omar if he enters ne-  
gotiations and said the US and other Western nations  
could leave Afghanistan or oust him if they disagree.

But Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taleban spokesman, said  
there could be no talks while foreign troops are in the  
country.

"The Taleban's (leadership) decided they will not  
take part in any peace talks with Karzai or Karzai's  
administration until such a day when foreign forces  
leave Afghanistan," Mujahid told the Associated Press.

"The Taleban will pursue jihad against foreign  
forces and (Karzai's) government," he said, speaking  
from an undisclosed location. In Washington, State  
Department spokesman Sean McCormack questioned  
Karzai's security guarantee.—*Internet*

## Big particle collider repairs to cost \$21 million

GENEVA, 18 Nov—Fixing the world's largest atom  
smasher will cost at least 25 million francs (\$21 mil-  
lion) and may take until early summer, its operator  
said Monday.

An electrical failure shut down the Large Hadron  
Collider on 19 Sept, nine days after the \$10 billion  
machine started up with great fanfare.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research  
recently said that the repairs would be completed by  
May or early June. Spokesman James Gillies said the  
organization know as CERN is now estimating the re-  
start will be at the end of June or later.

"If we can do it sooner, all well and good. But I think  
we can do it realistically (in) early summer," he said.  
The organization has blamed the shutdown on the fail-  
ure of a single, badly soldered electrical connection.

The atom smasher operates at temperatures colder  
than outer space to get maximum efficiency and ex-  
perts needed to gradually warm the damaged section  
to better assess it, he said.—*Internet*

## Emissions from industrialised world still high

BONN, 18 Nov—Two weeks before the start of key  
talks on global warming, the UN's climate-change  
watchdog issued figures here Monday that reflected  
poor headway by industrialised countries towards curb-  
ing dangerous carbon pollution.

Greenhouse-gas emissions by 40 so-called Annex 1  
countries under the UN Framework Convention on  
Climate Change were almost unchanged in 2006, fall-  
ing by a mere 0.1 percent from 2005, the UNFCCC  
said. From 2000 to 2006, though, emissions increased  
by 2.3 percent as activity revived in the former Soviet  
bloc economies. The annual inventory was published  
ahead of negotiations running in Poznan, Poland, from  
1-12 December on commitments beyond 2012, when  
pledges under the treaty's Kyoto Protocol expire.

"The figures clearly underscore the urgency for the  
UN negotiating process to make good progress in  
Poznan and move forward quickly in designing a new  
agreement to respond to the challenge of climate  
change," UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer  
said in a press release.—*Internet*

## Taleban siege of Pakistan elders leaves seven dead

KHAR, 18 Nov—  
Taleban militants attacked  
Pakistani tribal leaders  
near the Afghan border,  
triggering a gunbattle and  
an explosion that killed  
seven people, an official  
said Tuesday.

The clash happened  
late Monday in Bajur, a  
lawless region in Paki-  
stan's northwest where  
troops and tribal militias  
have been battling Taliban  
guerrillas for more than  
three months.

Israr Khan, a govern-  
ment representative in the  
semi-autonomous region,  
said Taleban gunmen sur-  
rounded a group of elders

from the Mamund tribe in  
a fortress-like compound  
in the village of Inayat  
Kili.

An hourslong gunbattle  
between the two sides  
killed a commander of the  
Taleban fighters as well as  
two guards in the com-  
pound, Khan said. Four  
elders also died when an  
explosion hit the com-  
pound, he said. It was un-  
clear what caused the blast.

Taleban spokesman  
Maulvi Umar confirmed  
the death of a militant  
commander in Monday's  
clash. Pakistani and US  
officials have applauded  
efforts by some tribal

leaders to establish mili-  
tias to fight Taleban and  
al-Qaida militants blamed  
for attacks on foreign  
troops in Afghanistan as  
well as targets in Pakistan.

The militias' emer-  
gence in Bajur and other  
parts of Pakistan's north-  
west has drawn compari-  
sons with so-called Awak-  
ening Councils that  
helped turned the tide  
against al-Qaida in Iraq.

However, some observ-  
ers warn that arming more  
groups in the impover-  
ished border region will  
only sustain the anarchy in  
which violent extremism  
has flourished.—*Internet*

## Family history can trump breast cancer gene test

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—  
If breast cancer runs in the  
family, women can be at  
high risk even if they test  
free of the disease's most  
common gene mutations,  
sobering new research  
shows. The genes BRCA1  
and BRCA2 are linked  
with particularly aggres-  
sive hereditary breast can-  
cer, and an increased risk  
of ovarian cancer, too.

When a breast cancer  
patient is found to carry  
one of those gene muta-  
tions, her relatives tend to  
breathe a sigh of relief if  
they test gene-free. But  
those headline-grabbing  
genes account for only

about 15 percent of all  
breast cancer cases. Even  
in families riddled with  
breast cancer, a BRCA  
gene is the culprit only in

roughly one family of  
every five that gets tested,  
said University of Toronto  
cancer specialist Dr Steven  
Narod.—*Internet*



**Doctors examine an X-ray in a file photo. Women with a family history of breast cancer but who test negative for two genetic mutations commonly linked to it still have a very high risk of developing the disease, Canadian researchers said on Monday.—INTERNET**



## Sri Lanka troops in sea battle as Tiger towns fall

COLOMBO, 18 Nov— Sri Lanka's navy traded fire with a flotilla of Tamil rebel boats off the island's northeastern coast Tuesday, a day after ground troops captured three guerrilla-held towns, defence officials said.

The navy's special boat squadron engaged the four boats of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) off Mullaitivu district and destroyed at least two of them, a navy spokesman said. He said at least six guerrillas were believed to have died in the attack.



File photo shows Sri Lankan navy boats patrol the waters off the eastern port of Trincomalee.

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There were no immediate reports of casualties among security forces.

The sea battle came after the government said its forces had captured three strategic towns from the rebels. The advances

capped three days of psychologically important gains for government troops, who have been battling the rebels for more than 35 years, army chief Sarath Fonseka said.—*Internet*

## Bahrain prince sues Michael Jackson in UK court

LONDON, 18 Nov— A son of the King of Bahrain took US pop star Michael Jackson to court on Monday for reneging on an agreement to record a new album and write an autobiography. Bankim Thanki, the lawyer representing Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al-Khalifa, told London's High Court that his client had made several payments to Jackson from 2005 onwards, including 35,000 US dollars to pay utility bills at Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

The court heard that the following month, in April 2005, Jackson asked for one million dollars through an assistant, the *Press Association* reported. "Sheikh Abdullah made many more payments on his behalf or to others," Thanki said. "Sheikh Abdullah began to support Mr. Jackson financially after 2005 when it became clear that Mr. Jackson was in very serious financial difficulties, much to Sheikh Abdullah's surprise," Thanki added.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Medicare wants limits for weight loss surgery

NEW YORK, 18 Nov— Medicare, the US Government's largest payer of health care, said on Monday it does not plan to cover weight-loss surgery in diabetic patients who are not dangerously overweight, saying there is not enough evidence to show it can improve their health.

Medicare and some private insurers already pay for the surgery, which ranges from 15,000 US dollars to 35,000 US dollars for more complicated gastric bypass, for severely obese people. But the agency said it will evaluate whether to expand the coverage after a small study earlier this year found the surgery can completely reverse type 2 diabetes, a metabolic condition spurred by weight gain and suffered by millions of Americans. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Smoking, drinking linked to throat, stomach cancer

LONDON, 18 Nov— Drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes appear to increase the risk of certain common throat and stomach cancers, Dutch researchers reported on Monday.

The findings, presented at an American Association for Cancer Research meeting in Washington, underline other health recommendations for people to follow a healthy lifestyle and drink and smoke only in moderation.

"It appeared that current smokers have the highest risks, and former smokers have an intermediate risk compared with never

smokers," Jessie Steevens, an epidemiologist at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, said in a statement.

The incidence of stomach cancer has fallen dramatically in the United States and western Europe over the past 60 years but the disease remains a serious problem in much of the rest of the world, where it is a leading cause of cancer death, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Esophageal, or throat,

cancer is a form of cancer that starts in the inner layer of the esophagus, the 10-inch-long tube that connects the throat to the stomach. The researchers followed more than 120,000 Dutch residents for more than two decades to investigate risk factors for Esophageal adenocarcinoma and gastric cardia adenocarcinoma—a type of stomach cancer—as well as Esophageal squamous cell carcinoma, which resembles head and neck cancer.—*Internet*

South Korean tourists watch Diamond Mountain in North Korea from the Unification Observation post in Goseong, east of Seoul, South Korea, recently—INTERNET

## Too little sleep tied to increased cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov— Regular exercise can reduce a woman's risk of cancer, but the benefits may slip away if she gets too little sleep, US researchers said on Monday.

The study involving 5,968 women in Maryland confirmed previous findings that people who do regular physical activity are less likely to develop cancer.

But when the researchers looked at the women ages 18 to 65 who were in the upper half in terms of the amount of physical exercise they got per week, they found that sleep appeared to play an impor-

tant role in cancer risk. Those who slept less than seven hours nightly had a 47 percent higher risk of cancer than those who got more sleep among the physically active women, the researchers reported at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

"We think it's quite interesting and intriguing. It's kind of a first look into this. It isn't something that has been widely studied," James McClain of the National Cancer Institute, part of the US government's National Institutes of Health, said in a telephone interview.

McClain, who led the study, said it is unclear exactly how getting too little sleep may make one more susceptible to cancer. "Getting adequate sleep has been long associated with health," McClain said.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls sleep loss an under-recognized public health problem, saying Americans are getting less and less slumber.

The CDC said the percentage of adults reporting sleeping six hours or fewer a night increased from 1985 to 2006.

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## Congo rebels advance despite cease-fire

KANYABAYONGA, 18 Nov— On one side of this mountaintop ghost town, a line of black-booted rebels approaches on foot with rockets and tin boxes of ammunition, seizing new territory with each footstep despite promises of a cease-fire. On the other side, government soldiers in flip-flops balancing portable generators and luggage on their heads have begun to flee.

In between, the vast Central African nation's deepening humanitarian crisis is laid bare: Thousands of desperate civilians who used to live in this eastern Congo town huddle against coils of concertina wire surrounding a base for UN peacekeepers, waiting nervously for the rebels.

"We are hungry and



A girl carries water she collected in a camp for displaced people, Monday, on 17 Nov, 2008 in Kibati just north of Goma in eastern Congo.—INTERNET

thirsty, but we don't want any aid. We want security," said 30-year-old Jeff Machozi, who built a makeshift tent three days ago with tree branches and bamboo he ripped out of the earth. "We want this war to stop."

Clashes between fighters loyal to rebel leader Laurent Nkunda and the army and its allied spear-

wielding militias exploded in August and has displaced at least 250,000 people. But those refugee figures do not include remote towns like Kanyabayonga, whose entire population has fled, or Kayna, another town just to the north, which was also virtually deserted Monday.

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# SPORTS

## Reluctant football hero Carrick set to take centre-stage

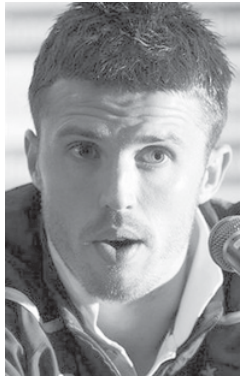
LONDON, 18 Nov — Michael Carrick will get a chance to take centre-stage for England in Wednesday's friendly against Germany, but the Manchester United midfielder has no intention of hogging the spotlight.

With Frank Lampard and Steven Gerrard ruled of England's trip to Berlin, Carrick is expected to feature in Fabio Capello's midfield engine room.

For once Carrick will be given the opportunity to stamp his mark on the England team without being overshadowed by the presence of superstars like Lampard and Gerrard.

The 27-year-old remains one of English football's most under-rated players despite his impressive achievements at Old Trafford.

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*England midfielder Michael Carrick, seen here addressing the press, said playing against Germany will be "the stuff of dreams", even though Wednesday's friendly in Berlin comes during a congested Premier League programme.*

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## Villarreal's Llorente out for a month



*Villarreal striker Joseba Llorente, seen here in October 2008, will be out for a month after suffering a leg injury in Sunday's draw against Malaga.*—INTERNET

MADRID, 18 Nov — Villarreal striker Joseba Llorente will be out for a month after suffering a leg injury in Sunday's draw against Malaga, the club said Monday.

"He will be out for a month," the title-chasers said on their website.

Llorente, a hat-trick hero in the recent Champions League win over Aalborg, suffered the injury shortly after scoring his side's second goal as second in the table Villarreal stretched their unbeaten league run to 17 games.—Internet

## Mourinho regrets Italian game seen as less popular

ROME, 18 Nov — Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho on Monday said he regretted that the Italian game was perceived elsewhere as being a cagey, less entertaining affair than other European leagues.

"It may not seem so but I feel I am one of yours and I am interested in Italian football as a product," Mourinho told a coaching forum in Florence.

"I must say that abroad it is a product which people do not like (as much) which comes in behind the English Premier League and La Liga in Spain.

"In Portugal, my family has to hang on till midnight to see an Inter game whereas matches such as

Getafe against Valladolid are broadcast first," he complained, adding that the Italians ought to strive harder to market themselves, particularly in Asia, where English games are shown widely.—Internet



*Inter Milan's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho, seen here in October 2008, said on Monday he regretted that the Italian game was perceived elsewhere as being a cagey, less entertaining affair than other European leagues.*—INTERNET

## Men's tennis game more interesting than women's, says McEnroe



*Tennis great John McEnroe, seen here, says the men's game has completely eclipsed the women's over the past five years on the personality front.*—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Nov — Tennis great John McEnroe says the men's game has completely eclipsed the women's over the past five years on the personality front.

The controversial American, in Kuala Lumpur to play an exhibition Tuesday with his old rival Bjorn Borg, Roger Federer and James Blake, pointed to Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic as crowd-pleasers.

But he had few examples to give on the women's side.

"Personally, I think over the last five years the men's game has totally eclipsed the women's game as far as personalities go," he said.

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## Drogba admits violent conduct charge

LONDON, 18 Nov — Chelsea striker Didier Drogba admitted on Monday a Football Association (FA) charge of violent conduct after throwing a coin back into the crowd at Stamford Bridge during last Wednesday's League Cup defeat against Burnley. An FA statement said a regulatory commission would hear Drogba's case on Tuesday based on video evidence and written submissions.

The incident, the subject of a police investigation, 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.—Internet



*Chelsea's Ivory Coast footballer Didier Drogba, seen here on 15 November, 2008, admitted on Monday a Football Association (FA) charge of violent conduct after throwing a coin back into the crowd at Stamford Bridge during last Wednesday's League Cup defeat against Burnley.*—INTERNET

## Real backs under-fire coach Schuster

MADRID, 18 Nov — Real Madrid Monday expressed its confidence in German coach Bernd Schuster despite a string of recent defeats for the Spanish champions.

"We have full confidence in this coach, who is doing a great job" despite some "bad luck" in recent matches, sporting director Pedja Mijatovic told a news conference.

Double champions Real have suffered several recent defeats in all competitions, and are currently fourth in the Primera Liga, five points behind leaders Barcelona.

On Saturday, it lost 1-0 at Valladolid, days after the club's humiliating ouster from the Spanish Cup by third division Real Union.

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*Real Madrid Monday expressed its confidence in German coach Bernd Schuster, seen here on 15 Nov, 2008, despite a string of recent defeats for the Spanish champions.*—INTERNET

## Argentina must fight to win against Scotland: Maradona

GLASGOW, 18 Nov — Diego Maradona, who took his first training session on Monday night since being appointed Argentina head coach, says his players must fight to win against Scotland here on Wednesday. The 48-year-old ran the rule over his players, including Manchester United's Carlos Tevez and Liverpool's Javier Mascherano, at Celtic Park as he prepares for the international friendly.

Maradona took over from Alfio Basile as manager last month after a 1-0 loss to Chile compounded Argentina's poor start to their World Cup qualifying campaign.—Internet



*Diego Maradona (centre) at a training session at Celtic Park in Glasgow. Maradona says his players must fight to win against Scotland here on Wednesday.*—INTERNET

## Benni in and Pienaar out for South Africa

RUSTENBURG, 18 Nov — There was a boost and a blow for South Africa ahead of a friendly against Cameroon here Wednesday with Benni McCarthy available to play and injured Steven Pienaar ruled out.

Blackburn striker McCarthy attended the funeral of his father in Cape Town last Saturday and Bafana Bafana (The Boys) coach Brazilian Joel Santana said there was no pressure on the leading national team scorer to line up.

"We understand what a loss Benni has suffered and would have understood if he decided not to play. He has shown his commitment to Bafana and we are delighted," said team manager Sipho Nkumane.—Internet



*There was a boost and a blow for South Africa ahead of a friendly against Cameroon here Wednesday with Benni McCarthy, pictured in February 2008, available to play and injured Steven Pienaar ruled out.*—INTERNET



India sets new rules for media reporting on “HIV/AIDS”

NEW DELHI, 18 Nov— Press Council of India (PCI) has revised its 1993 guidelines for media coverage of HIV/AIDS and now says no to using the term “scourge”, hidden camera to show people living with HIV, and images of the sick and dying, reported Indo Asian News Service Monday.

The new guideline has also stipulated that journalists should not disclose the identity of the people infected with HIV. The council clarified that since “HIV is not synonymous with AIDS, ‘ HIV/AIDS’ as a term is no longer considered accurate”.

India’s 1993 guidelines were revised after a writ petition was filed by the National Network of Positive People, objecting to visuals shown by the media of two children suffering from the condition and the subsequent false reporting of the death of one of them.

The court then directed the PCI to issue fresh directions to the media. The council held meetings with the UNAIDS and activists working in the field and issued its revised guidelines Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

Ecuadorean navy seizes four tons of cocaine

QUITO, 18 Nov— Ecuadorean Navy found four tons of cocaine Monday during a patrol of San Lorenzo, which shares a border with Colombia.

The drugs were discovered in a manor in Palma Real parish, in San Lorenzo. Two Colombians and an Ecuadorean were detained during the operation, said Fernando Zurita, head of the Naval Command of North Operations.

Zurita said the drug traffickers intended to ship the drugs to the United States or Europe. The four tons were the largest amount of cocaine seized by the Ecuadorean Navy this year in Esmeraldas Province. The drugs were transferred to police in Esmeraldas Province, north of Ecuador.—MNA/Xinhua

Over 2,000 flee homes after landslide in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Nov— Nearly 2,000 villagers escaped dangerous areas

after landslide and floods in West Java of Indonesia at weekend that killed 15 people, local disaster management agency said on Tuesday.

The survivors had taken shelters in places far from hills, for fears of others landslides, as the soil in the higher areas was vulnerable from sliding down, said Barnas Hajidin, an official of the agency. The disaster already devastated 284 houses, three school buildings and one bridge, in Campaka and Cibeber districts of Cianjur regency of the province.

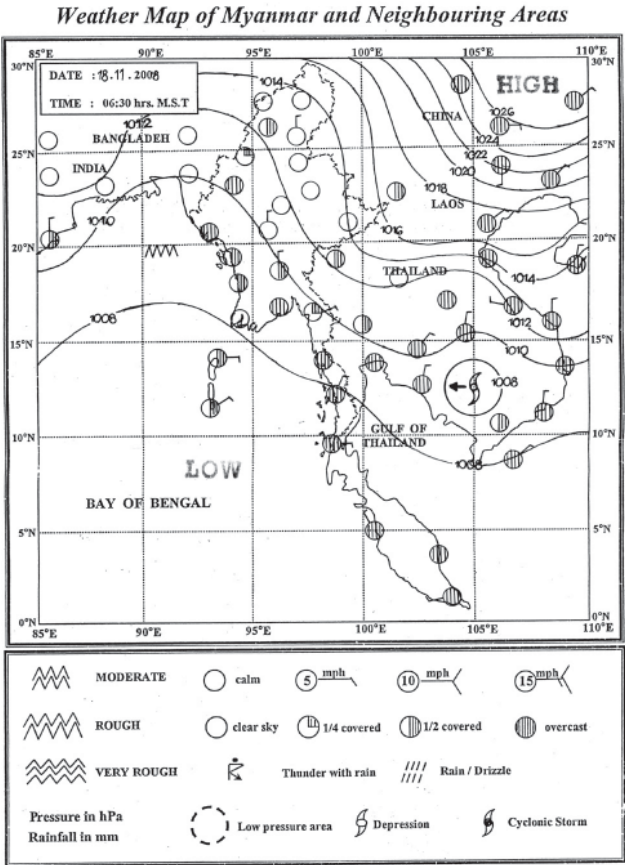
All relief aids had already arrived to the districts and was sufficient, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A sea-hut near Sipadan Island, in Sabah state. An oceanarium resort planned near the world-famous Sipadan diving spot off Malaysian Borneo could spell disaster for the region’s delicate coral reefs, environmentalists said.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 18 November, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Magway and Bago Divisions, (7°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (5°C) and Loilem (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 17-11-2008 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 18-11-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-11-2008 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 17-11-2008 was (10.1) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 18-11-2008 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 (4) mph from North at (18:30) hours MST on 17-11-2008.

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

**Special feature:** According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the land depression which crossing the Cambodia still persist and moving west wards.

**Forecast valid until evening of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).


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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-11-2008:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-11-2008:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-11-2008:** Generally fair weather.

<div></div> <div>Wednesday, 19 November</div> <div>View on today</div>	7:50 am	5. Nice and sweet song	(ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လုပ်ပွဲ)	7:00 pm	8. Evening news	
	8:00 am	6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက	(ကိုရီးယားဟန်နီနှင့် အင်ဒိုနီးရှား)	6:30 pm	9. Weather report	
	8:15 am	7. Classical song	4:45 pm	2. Dance of national races	6:35 pm	10. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
	8:20 am	8. Musical programme	4:55 pm	3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ	7:05 pm	11. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
	8:30 am	9. International news	5:05 pm	ဒုတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ အထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)	7:25 pm	12. “ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့.”
	8:45 am	10. “အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေရေးရှင်းစေ” (လူမင်းဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)	5:10 pm	4. Songs to uphold national spirit	8:00 pm	13. News
	2:50 pm	1. တတိယအကြိမ်၊ Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2008 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်	5:20 pm	5. ဂျွဗယ်နံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်	8:10 pm	14. International news
			5:40 pm	6. Musical programme	8:20 pm	15. Weather report
				7. ရာဇဝတ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်	8:30 pm	16. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း “ထိရဘူးနော်” (နိုင်ငံခြားရေးနှင့် ပြည်ပရေးရာ ဝန်ကြီးဌာန) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး-စန္ဒီစိုက်)



NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, who arrived at the workplace of Mandalay Orthopedic Hospital Construction Project on 15 November, inspected the out-patient ward, the patient registration department, the patient diagnosis ward, the X-ray room, the intensive care unit, the operation theatre measures for greening of environs of the hospital and construction of wards.

Upon arrival at the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) of Anisakhan of PyinOoLwin, the minister and party looked into use of the Internet at the Electronic Library, traditional medicine research plantation, stockpile and cultivation of rare traditional medicinal herbs in the garden and growing of traditional medicinal plants for treating particular diseases.

On arrival at Phoungtaw Traditional Medicine Garden of the Traditional Medicine Department, the minister and party oversaw rare herbal plants and trees that have been grown and cultivation of ginger and turmeric in order to get raw materials materials in producing traditional medicines.

At PyinOoLwin People's Hospital, the minister and party inspected the formation and building of X-ray rooms and laboratories, greening tasks for the hospital and its environs, patient wards, the intensive care unit and the medical resort and the following day the minister oversaw progress in building the new extended five-storey surgical ward of Mandalay General Hospital.

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## Mandalay Orthopedic Hospital and PyinOoLwin People's Hospital inspected



*Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visits e-library at Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar).*

HEALTH

## Kamanat-Myaungdagar grid put into commission

*Article & photos : Kayan Soe Myint*



*Kamanat-Myaungdagar 230 KV Grid undertaken by the Power Distribution Project (South) of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power (2).*

The State Peace and development Council is making sustained efforts to extend production of electric power in order to catch up with the industrial advancements.

It was not complaint about Lawpita Hydropower Station on the Balu Creek, and planned to implement many other hydropower projects. Of the hydropower projects approved by the Special Projects Implementation Committee, six have been completed, 22 are ongoing, and 15 need the green light of the committee.

In Myanmar, generation of hydropower has surged from over 200 to about 900 megawatts. The majority of the ongoing special hydropower projects are due to be completed in a few years.

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