

#### Four political objectives

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

#### Four economic objectives

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

#### Four social objectives

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

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Member of Political Bureau of CPC

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a delegation led by Mr Zhang Gaoli, Member of Central Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee at the Government Office, here, today.

Also present were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Mayor of Nay Pyi Taw Col Thein Nyunt, Director-General of the Office of the SPDC Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and Director-General of Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw. Member of Political Bureau of CPC Mr Zhang Gaoli was accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Guan Mu.

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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Mr Zhang Gaoli, Member of Central Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee.—MNA*



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives goodwill delegation led by Mr Zhang Gaoli, Member of Central Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee.*

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### Real line up £25million Arsenal star to replace Ruud?

MADRID, 19 Nov—Real Madrid are preparing a sensational £25million January swoop for Arsenal striker Emmanuel Adebayor as Los Merengues coach Bernd Schuster looks to replace Dutch International Ruud van Nistelrooy, who has

been ruled out for the rest of the La Liga season with a knee injury, according to reports.

Togolese International Adebayor had been heavily linked during the summer with a transfer from the Emirates Stadium to Real's bitter rivals Barcelona, but opted to stay at the Gunners and signed an improved deal at the North London club.—Internet



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## Promote Myanmar traditional medicine through international cooperation

The government made arrangements for all the traditional medicine practitioners to take one-year compulsory course to be able to provide effective health care services to patients in conformity with the principles of Myanmar traditional medicine.

The Institute of Traditional Medicine conferred diplomas on traditional medicine on those who had completed two-year theoretical course and one-year practical course. Later, the University of Traditional Medicine was opened in 2001 and traditional medicine, anatomy and physiology, microbiology and medicine and Chinese acupuncture are taught at the university.

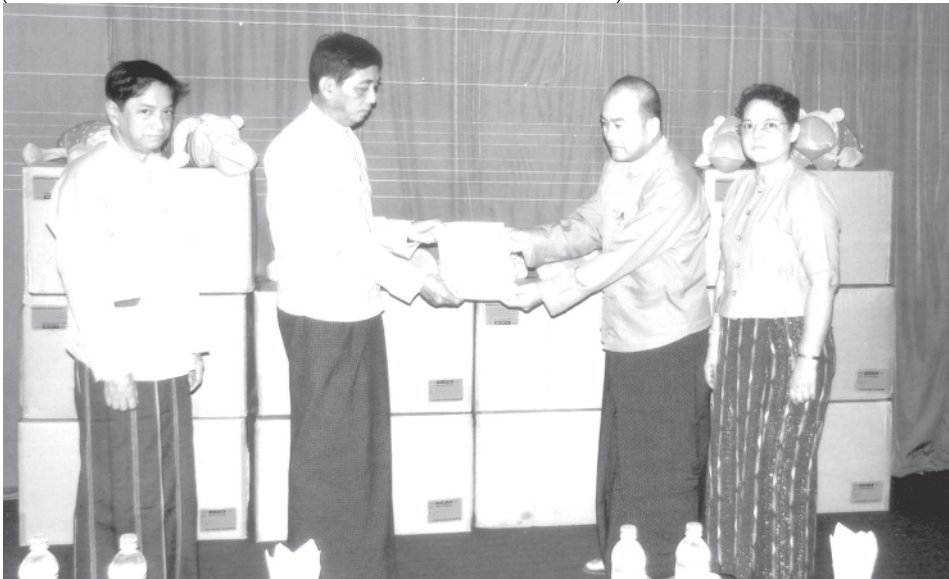
The WHO Congress of Traditional Medicine was held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China on 7 November and Myanmar delegation attended it.

At the congress Myanmar delegation discussed matters on Myanmar traditional medicine including measures being taken for conducting research on treatment of six major diseases— diabetes, hypertension, malaria, tuberculosis, diarrhoea and dysentery — through traditional medicines.

To be able to uplift the health standard of the people, Myanmar will cooperate on approval of Beijing Declaration on traditional medicine. Those present at the congress discussed the declaration. The approval was sought and the declaration was released.

After the Traditional Medicine Council Law was promulgated, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Traditional Medicine Exhibition have been held since 2000. All practitioners are to make efforts for promotion of Myanmar traditional medicines through cooperation with international community.

*Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing accepts 960 toys worth K 11,520,000 from Executive Director U Khin Maung Hla of MRCS.—SOCIAL WELFARE*



## 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

## Two drilling machines unloaded

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected the direct unloading of two imported drilling machines and accessories onto Vessels Mottama (3) and Mottama (4) of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise at No. 2 Sule Wharf here on 16 November morning.

On 17 November, he viewed the direct unloading of a drilling machine and accessories onto Vessel Mottama (2) of MOGE and trucks at Asia World Terminal at the corner of Strand Road and Kwinkyang Street in Ahlon Township.

The minister called for transporting the machines to the destination in safety on schedule.

Ministry of Energy has placed an order for four drilling machines to extensively exploit oil and gas deposited among the sand layers to a depth between 15,000 and over 21,000 feet with the aim of helping meet local demands of oil and gas. So far, three machines have arrived here. The last one is due to arrive in December. Plans are under way to drill oil wells where seismic survey has been conducted in potential areas.—MNA

## F & R Ministry coord meeting continues

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov —Ministry of Finance and Revenue continued its work coordination meeting at the ministry here today.

First, the directors of the divisions of the Customs Department reported to the minister on their respective tasks and then the minister gave instructions to them.

U Than Nyein, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar, reported on bank and financial affairs. Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe gave supplementary reports.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun called for utilization of communication and information technology, training employees for work proficiency and implementation of research and training works.—MNA



*Director Dr Khin Maung Lwin of Health Education Department (Central) clarifies points on World Toilet Day.—HEALTH*

## Talks on World Toilet Day held

YANGON, 19 Nov — Under the supervision of the Central Health Education Department of the Ministry of Health, health talks on World Toilet Day, which falls on

19 November, were held at Hotel Yangon on 8 November. Director Dr Khin Maung Lwin of the department clarified points on World Toilet Day.

Engineer U Myint Zaw of Sanitation Division discussed use of clean fly-proof toilet and those present took part in the discussions.

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## Government Employees Journal No. 1, Vol 6 in circulation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—The Government Employees Journal No.1 of Volume 6 of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board came out yesterday.

The bi-annual publication features several articles intended

for government employees and the people.

The 233-page work is available at Office No. 17 of CSSTB in Nay Pyi Taw, Win Thuzar shops, Sarpay Beikman Book Centre (Nay Pyi Taw) , Tharaphu and Thawdar San Book Centres in Nay

Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Innwa Book Shop (Sule Pagoda Road), Sarpay Beikman Book Centre (Merchant Street), and the bookshop of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road at K 1700 a copy.

MNA

## MRCS donates toys to children

YANGON, 19 Nov — Myanmar Red Cross Society donated toys to Shwegondaing Child Care Centre and youth training centers under the Social Welfare Department today.

U Khin Maung Hla, executive director of Myanmar Red Cross Society handed over 960 pieces of toys worth 11.52 million Kyats to U Aung Tun Khaing, Deputy Director-General

of Social Welfare Department at Shwegondaing Child Care Centre in Bahan Township who presented certificate of honour to the MRCS and expressed gratitude.—MNA



## Iran aims for 2009 launch of nuclear plant

TEHERAN, 19 Nov — Iran is aiming to commission its first nuclear power plant in 2009 after years of delays, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Tuesday.

Russia has already delivered nuclear fuel under a \$1 billion contract to build the Bushehr plant on the Gulf coast in southwest Iran. But the start-up timetable has frequently been put back because of issues such as a row over

payments.

Russia agreed to build the plant in 1995 on the site of an earlier project begun in the 1970s by German firm Siemens. The Siemens' project was disrupted by Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution and the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

"The commissioning stage of Bushehr nuclear power station has begun and we are hopeful the power station will be commissioned in 2009 as

per the agreement we have had with the Russian party," the spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Mohsen Delaviz, was quoted as saying. He did not give a more precise date.

"There is a good environment prevailing in our relations with the Russians and we are hoping they will honor their commitments," he added.

Atomstroyexport, the Russian firm building the plant, said in September the plant was nearing completion and that it would start "technological work" in December 2008 to February 2009 that would put the plant on an "irreversible final" course.

*Internet*

## Five killed in US missile strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Nov—A missile strike by a suspected US drone killed at least five people including foreigners in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border, security officials said Wednesday.

The attack marked the first US missile strike outside of the rugged tribal

regions, which have become safe havens for militants linked to Taleban and al-Qaeda, one Pakistani security official said.

The house targeted was located in northwestern Bannu district, on the border of the tribal territory, he said.

According to local of-

ficials, at least seven people also were wounded in the missile strike.

"The strike overnight destroyed the house of a tribesman Sakhi Mohammad in the Bannu district," a senior security official said. "At least two foreigners were among five killed."—*Internet*

*Damage to civilian life and property has generated anti-American feelings in Pakistan.*  
**INTERNET**



## NATO chief calls for more non-US troops in Afghanistan

VALENCIA, 19 Nov—NATO chief Jaap de Hoop Scheffer appealed Tuesday for more troops from outside the United States to be sent to Afghanistan to prevent it from again becoming a "safe haven" for terrorists.

"No strategy will work if it is not matched by the right resources. I welcome (US president-elect Barack) Obama's commitment to boost troop levels, but increased United States troop levels are not enough," he told a gathering of lawmakers from NATO member states in Valencia.

"All of us, all the NATO allies, need to make greater efforts to the military, economic and civilian development (of Afghanistan)," the NATO secretary general said. "Our purpose is to help ensure that this country will never again become a safe haven for terrorists and we must do what it takes," he added.

Obama pledged during the campaign to begin a phased pullout from Iraq while beefing up Washington's military presence in Afghanistan and he is expected to ask allies to send more troops to the country as well.

*Internet*



*An Afghan man, wounded during a tanker explosion, walks away after receiving first aid at a hospital in Kandahar. A bomb-filled tanker has exploded outside the office of the provincial council in this southern Afghan city, killing six and wounding 42, a governor has said.—INTERNET*



*Afghan police officers inspect the wreckage of a car used by a bomber after a suicide attack on a US convoy in Herat, Afghanistan, on 16 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET*

## 26 killed in Afghanistan fighting

KABUL, 19 Nov—At least 26 people have been killed in fighting in Afghanistan, officials said on Tuesday.

Air raids on a suspected Taleban hideout in Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan killed 20 people, provincial governor Mohammad Akram Khapalwak said.

"The US-led Coalition forces carried out air attacks against Taleban rebels in Barmal district Monday evening killing 20 insurgents on the spot," he said.

Barmal is situated close to the volatile tribal areas of Pakistan.

In another incident, militants killed six soldiers in Farah province in the western part of the country Monday, Fazal Ahmad Sayar, a senior military officer in the region said.

He said that five soldiers were killed and five were injured in the two-hour battle in Bala Buluk district, and the militants beheaded one soldier after injuring him.—*Internet*

## Security in Afghanistan at its worst, says UN

OSLO, 19 Nov—Security in Afghanistan is at its worst since the fall of the Taleban regime in 2001, the United Nations special representative for the country, Kai Eide, told Norwegian television yesterday.

"The security situation has deteriorated," Eide told the TV2 News channel on the sidelines of a conference in Oslo.

"What we saw in August is worse than what we have seen at any time since the fall of the Taleban," the Norwegian diplomat added, without explaining which events he was referring to.

In August, dozens of civilians were killed in clashes and bombings by coalition forces in Afghanistan and a large number of foreign troops and aid workers were killed, including 10 French soldiers.

On a more optimistic note, Eide hailed US president-elect Barack Obama's vow to pull troops out of Iraq and concentrate efforts on stabilising Afghanistan.—*Internet*

## Six soldiers, 10 rebels killed in Afghanistan

HERAT, 19 Nov—Six Afghan soldiers were killed, one of them beheaded, in a battle with Taleban insurgents, authorities said on Tuesday, also reporting at least 10 militants had died in fighting.

Five of the soldiers were killed in a gunfight that erupted after Taleban militants ambushed an army patrol late Monday in the Bala Buluk district of Farah province, military corps commander for western Afghanistan Fazal Ahmad Sayar told *AFP*.

"Five soldiers were killed and five were wounded. The militants beheaded one of the wounded soldiers," he said.

Sayar said around 100 Taleban had mounted the large-scale attack, but was unable to immediately give the number of militant casualties.

But according to western Afghanistan police spokesman Abdul Raof Ahmadi, police and NATO-led forces who were sent to the area killed five Taleban.

*Internet*



## Iran speaker urges Iraq to resist US pact

TEHERAN, 19 Nov—Iran's parliament speaker urged Iraqi lawmakers to keep resisting a security pact with the United States, official media said Tuesday, a day after Baghdad signed an accord on US troop presence in Iraq.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari and US ambassador Ryan Crocker signed Monday the long-awaited deal requiring Washington to withdraw its forces by the end of 2011, eight years after the US-led invasion

that toppled Saddam Hussein.

It must still be passed by the Iraqi parliament.

Speaker Ali Larijani, an influential conservative politician in the Islamic Republic, said Washington's main aim was "strengthening comprehensive US hegemony in Iraq."

His comments were the most outspoken by an Iranian official since the accord was finalized.

Iran has repeatedly blamed the United States

for the violence in Iraq and wants its old foe to quit the neighbouring country as soon as possible. Washington says Tehran is fomenting instability in Iraq by training and arming militants there.

"The Iraqi nation and parliament should realize that the time for resistance is not over yet," Larijani was quoted as saying by the IRNA news agency.

*Internet*



*Volvo's S80L is seen on the media day of the 6th Guangzhou International Auto Show in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 18 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA*

### Ships diverted after Saudi oil tanker hijacked

MOGADISHU, 19 Nov — A major Norwegian shipping group on Tuesday ordered its more than 90 tankers to sail around Africa rather than use the Suez Canal after Somali pirates seized a Saudi supertanker carrying \$100 million in crude.

The US and other naval forces decided against intervening in the seizure of the supertanker. The pirates captured an Iranian cargo ship Tuesday, the seventh vessel seized in 12 days.—*Internet*

### Pirates seize seven ships in 12 days, latest from Iran

MOGADISHU, 19 Nov—Somali pirates hijacked their seventh ship in 12 days on Tuesday, as the US Navy reported that pirates had seized an Iranian cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden.

US Navy Commander Jane Campbell of the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet said the bulk cargo carrier was flying a Hong Kong flag but was operated by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines. The status of the crew or the cargo was not known, she said.

Elsewhere, pirates anchored a hijacked Saudi supertanker loaded with \$100 million in crude oil off the Somali coast on Tuesday, causing residents in impoverished fishing villages to gawk in amazement at the size of the 1,080 foot (329 metre) tanker.—*Internet*



*A destroyed vehicles at a parking lot after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 12 Nov, 2008. —INTERNET*

### Head of Interpol Mexico arrested for drug ties

MEXICO CITY, 19 Nov— Mexico arrested its head of Interpol on Tuesday for allegedly working for a powerful drug cartel and sent the military to take over police duties in the city of Tijuana in another step to flush out corrupt law enforcement.

Ricardo Gutierrez was Mexico's representative to Interpol, the world's largest international police force, and the latest top police officer to be locked up on suspicion of working for drug traffickers.

In October, two leading anti-drug agents were jailed for taking bribes of "up to \$450,000 a month" from the Beltran Leyva crime group to leak intelligence about police operations.

The Beltran Leyva brothers recently split from the Sinaloa drug cartel run by Mexico's most wanted man, Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman, and also were bribing Gutierrez, prosecutors said.

Widespread corruption among Mexico's badly paid police is undermining President Felipe Calderon's army-backed war on drug gangs, which has claimed more than 4,300 lives this year.—*Internet*

### 17 militants, one soldier killed in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 19 Nov—At least 17 militants and a soldier were killed in exchanges of fire in Pakistan's northwest on Tuesday, where the military is waging a bloody offensive against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, the army said.

The fighting in the scenic Swat valley erupted a day after a suicide bomber killed at least three troops when he rammed an explosives-packed vehicle into an army check point in the area.

"Security forces pounded artillery on hideouts of rebels in the Kabal area of Swat, which triggered an exchange of fire, killing seven militants," an army said in a statement.

Troops also killed eight militants following an abortive attempt by them to ambush a convoy of security forces in Khwazakhela area, the statement added.

*Internet*



*A journalist takes photos on potatoes displayed at an exhibition in the International Media Center (IMC) of annual APEC forum in Lima, capital of Peru, on 16 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA*

### Israeli tanks rumble into Gaza, raze farmlands

GAZA CITY, 19 Nov— Israeli tanks pushed into the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday, drawing mortar fire from Palestinian militants and intensifying violence that has chipped away at a tenuous cease-fire.

Israel and Gaza's ruling Islamic militant Hamas movement have been trading fire for two weeks after nearly five months of relative quiet.

The violence comes as the Egyptian-negotiated truce that began 19 June is due to expire next month, and both sides might be trying to dictate more favorable terms in anticipation of the agreement's renewal.

Backed by a bulldozer and military jeep, the tanks rumbled about a quarter-mile into the tiny seaside strip, residents and Gaza security offi-

cials said. Residents said they leveled lands along the border east of the city of Rafah near the Egyptian border.

The Israeli military described the activity as "a routine operation to uncover explosive devices." Militant groups said they fired mortars and rockets at the tanks, which did not return fire.

*Internet*



# Obama's family invited to visit White House for 1<sup>st</sup> time

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—US President-elect Barack Obama's two daughters have been invited to visit the White House, their future home starting 20 Jan, said First Lady Laura Bush's spokeswoman on Tuesday.

The US First Daughters-to-be, Malia Obama, 10, and Sasha, 7, were expected to visit their future residence later the day along with their mother, Michelle, and maternal grandmother

Marian Robinson, said Sally McDonough.

The invitation was sent on 10 Nov, when the First Lady met with Michelle in the White House, she added. Mrs Obama's spokeswoman, Katie McCormick Lelyveld, also confirmed that Michelle and her children were expected to tour the First Family's residential rooms at the White House.

"The first lady graciously invited Mrs

Obama, her mother and the girls to visit what will be their new home," Lelyveld said. "Of course, Mrs Obama greatly appreciated this invitation to provide an opportunity for the girls to feel at home and become comfortable in this transition process."

The family has also visited some selected schools for the two daughters "to make sure we find the right fit," said Lelyveld. —Xinhua



**"Bamboo", an electric car with a body made out of bamboo, is displayed in Kyoto, recently. The sixty-kilogram single-seater ecologically friendly concept car, which measures 270 centimetres in length, 130 centimetres in width and 165 centimetres in height, is developed by Kyoto University Venture Business Laboratory, featuring bamboo articles in the Kyoto area. —XINHUA**



**Zhang Zilin (front), Miss World 2007, poses for photo with contestants during a reception in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA**

**All items from Xinhua News Agency**

## New Zealand's new government sworn in

WELLINGTON, 19 Nov—The government of New Zealand's new Prime Minister John Key was sworn in Wednesday after an election victory earlier this month.

Key and 27 ministers, including the 19 from his National Party who will form the cabinet, formally took office at a ceremony at parliament in Wellington. Key was due to hold his first cabinet meeting later Wednesday.

The new prime minister announced his Cabinet lineup on Monday with top priorities on economy.

The National Party's deputy leader Bill English was appointed as deputy prime minister and minister of finance and will pick up the newly created infrastructure portfolio.

Pansy Wong, 53-year-old ethnic Chinese member of parliament (MP), was appointed Minister for Ethnic Affairs and Minister of Women's Affairs, becoming the country's first Asian Cabinet minister.

Xinhua

## Iran's gas not to be turned into LNG in Qatar

TEHERAN, 19 Nov—Teheran will not export its gas to Qatar to be liquified in the Arab country's plants, Iran's satellite Press TV quoted Oil Minister Gholam-Hossein Nozari as saying on Tuesday.

Nozari made the remarks when referring to planned cooperation among Iran, Russian and Qatar in exploiting their abundant gas reserves. "Iran agrees that Qatar and Russia will invest in South Pars gas field and LNG be produced in Iran on partnership basis," he said.

"We have agreed to set up a joint company to develop projects in the three countries or any other place in the world, but we do not accept that Iran's gas will be exported to Qatar to be turned into liquified natural gas (LNG)," Press TV quoted Nozari as saying.

Nozari's remarks came as a response to Russian daily Kommersant's report that "Russia's Gazprom, Qatar Liquefied Gas Company Ltd and National Iranian Oil Co (NIOC) aim to set up a venture to produce gas from Iran's South Pars field and liquefy it in a gas plant in Qatar's Ras Laffan Province."

Senior energy officials from Iran, Qatar and Russia, three major gas exporting countries, met in Qatar's capital Doha on Wednesday for advancing the talks on gas cooperation, the first tripartite meeting was already held in October this year in Teheran.

According to Iran's official IRNA news agency, in their first meeting, the three countries discussed ways to expand the gas fields, to carry out strategic cooperation among them in regional and international gas markets and "assist each other in the target markets in light of geopolitical and geographical considerations." —Xinhua



**The newly-weds tour during a group wedding of traditional Chinese style in the Shajiang Scenic Spot in Changshu, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 16 Nov, 2008. —XINHUA**

## Chinese scientific research ship anchors at Port Louis

PORT LOUIS, 19 Nov—An advanced scientific research ship from China has anchored at Port Louis, Mauritius for supply following its over 30,000-sea-miles (55,560 km) sailing since May.

Dayang Yihao, or Ocean No 1, arrived here last Saturday from Auckland, a port city north of New Zealand, after a 39-day journey, during which it stopped several times for research activities, Captain Cao Yezheng told Xinhua on Tuesday. "We need supplies of diesel, drinking water, food and fruits in order to continue our research work southwest of the Indian Ocean," Cao said,

The ship, one of the most modern deep-sea research ships in the world, left Guangzhou, southern China, on 22 May, having visited Micronesia, Ecuador and New Zealand before it reached Mauritius. —Xinhua



**Dayang Yihao, or Ocean No. 1 anchors at Port Louis, Mauritius for supply following its over 30,000-sea-miles (55,560 km) sailing. —XINHUA**

## Crude oil continues to fall on economic concerns

NEW YORK, 19 Nov—Crude oil fell on Tuesday on concerns that the global economic downturn will further curb energy demand.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery fell 56 cents to settle at 54.39 US dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It is the lowest settlement price since January 2007.

Worries of weak economy continues to weigh on the market. The latest demand warning sign comes from the car industry as the biggest three US automobile makers struggled to get government aid to stay in business. US domestic fuel demand is on the decline as the American Automobile Association predicted on Tuesday that less people would travel during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday next week, the first decline since 2002. —Xinhua





Afghan police officers stand guard at the site of a suicide attack in Dand district of Kandahar province south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Nov, 2008. INTERNET

UN expects to police new Congo buffer zones

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Nov — The top UN envoy to Congo said Tuesday that UN peacekeepers will police the buffer zone they expect to be created when rebel forces pull back from areas they control in the conflict-wracked east of the country.

Alan Doss said that for the UN peacekeeping mission, known as MONUC, the Congolese rebels’ announcement Tuesday that they intend

to pull back in some areas will “allow MONUC to enter into those areas, to control those areas in the sense of making them into a zone of separation.”

The zone would stretch from east to west in an area just south of Congo’s Lake Edward and roughly 60 miles north of Goma, Doss said.

MUNOC has about 6,000 peacekeeping troops in the region.

The UN had proposed

just such a zone several weeks ago “as a means of de-escalating the conflict and creating space between the armed groups and the national armed forces,” Doss told reporters at UN headquarters in New York by video link from Kinshasa.

Congolese rebels announced the move to allow talks with the army, whose soldiers fled some areas of the province.

Internet

Somali pirates hijack Thai fishing boat, 16 crew

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Nov—A maritime official says pirates have hijacked a Thai fishing boat with 16 crew members off the coast of Somalia — the eighth ship seized in the area in the past two weeks.

Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau says it was seized in the Gulf of Aden on Tuesday as it traveled toward the Mideast.

The vessel was captured the same day that pirates hijacked an Iranian bulk cargo carrier with 25 crew members. On Saturday, Somali pirates seized a Saudi supertanker carrying \$100 million in crude, the most brazen attack in the region yet.—Internet

Obese kids have prematurely aged neck arteries

NEW ORLEANS, 19 Nov— The neck arteries of obese children and teens look more like those of 45-year-olds, according to research presented at the American Heart Association’s annual meeting.

“There’s a saying that ‘you’re as old as your arteries,’ meaning that the state of your arteries is more important than your actual age in the evolution of heart disease and stroke,” Dr. Geetha Raghuvver noted in a

written statement.

“We found that the state of the arteries in these children is more typical of a 45-year-old than of someone their own age.”

In 70 children aged 6 to 19 years, Raghuvver of Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, and colleagues used ultrasound to measure the thickness of the inner walls of the neck (carotid) arteries that supply blood to the brain.

Increasing carotid artery intima-media thickness (CIMT) indicates the fatty buildup of plaque within arteries feeding the heart muscle and the brain, which can lead to heart attack or stroke.

The investigators found that the children’s “vascular age” — the age at which the level of thickening would be normal for their gender and race — was about 30 years older than their actual age.

Internet

Pudgiest pets compete in slimming contest

Eight of Britain’s fattest pets are to embark on a 100-day diet and fitness regime in a bid to crowned this year’s pet fit club champion.

The seven dogs and one cat, who are all more than 30 percent overweight and weigh a combined total of 191 kg (30 stones), were picked by veterinary charity PDSA who are running the slimming contest.



PDSA veterinary nurse Jennie Keen with Tinks, a 13-year-old cat from Gillingham. His current weight of 9.8kg makes him around 96 percent overweight.

The animals, who need to lose a total of 74 kg to reach their ideal weight, will be put on specially tailored diet and exercise programs.

The pet who achieves the biggest percentage weight loss and best follows their new regime will be crowned champion, winning their owner a pet-friendly holiday.

PDSA statistics show around 30 percent of Britain’s dogs are overweight or obese, amounting to around 1.95 million fat dogs.

“Alongside their daily portions of pet food, owners often show their affection by giving unhealthy human treats such as cheese, buttered toast and biscuits. They don’t realize they are actually killing their pets with kindness,” said Sean Wensley, a veterinary surgeon at PDSA.

Man in wheelchair allegedly hides cash in leg

Authorities on Florida’s east coast have arrested a man in a wheelchair who they say robbed a credit union on Merritt Island and hid the money in his prosthetic leg.

Brevard County deputies say a 45-year-old man was caught Friday afternoon about 10 minutes after they say he robbed Space Coast Credit Union. The man is a paraplegic who uses a



Raymond Loh (L), chief of Tuo Tat Yuan temple, swings a sword towards a man’s stomach as he performs a cleansing ritual during a religious festival in Singapore. The 11-day festival is held in honour of Li Tian Wang, the Taoist temple’s main deity. The cleansing ritual gets rid of bad luck, according to Taoist belief.

City threatens blind woman over unpaid 1-cent bill

A 74-year-old blind woman was shocked when her daughter found a letter from the city saying a lien would be placed on her home unless she paid an overdue water bill.

The amount? 1 cent.

Eileen Wilbur told The Sun Chronicle of Attleboro the letter sent her blood pressure soaring, and pointed out that stamps cost 42 cents.

City Collector Debora Marcoccio said the letter was among 2,000 sent out. A computer automatically prints letters for accounts with an overdue balance, and they are not reviewed by staff before being mailed, she said.



The Star Wars robot C-3PO is displayed at “Star Wars: The Exhibition” in Madrid. The exhibition, which displays over 250 original items of the Star Wars movies, will until 15th March, 2009.

NEWSALBUM



## More representation of developing nations urged in UNSC reform

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Nov— China on Tuesday urged greater representation of developing countries, especially African ones, in the reform of the United Nations Security Council.

“The reform should give priority to the increasing of the representation of the developing countries, especially the African countries,” Liu Zhenmin, China’s deputy representative to the UN, told a debate on the equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council. “Only by so doing can the long-time structural defect of the Security Council be corrected”.

Liu reiterated that “any reform plan that does not have the extensive support from the African countries will not have the support of China”.

“China firmly supports the carrying out of necessary and reasonable reforms to the Security Council,” he said. “The primary issue

of the reform of the Security Council is to once again, balance the representation including the geographic representation of the Council through increasing its membership.”

Liu stressed that a reformed Security Council must “reflect the democratization and the rule of law in international relations”.

“The reform should ensure that the smaller countries will have more opportunities to participate in the Council’s decision-making in a more substantive way, to make the smaller countries to really feel that the Security Council is an institution committed to help them to solve problems,” he said.

Liu also called for an enhancement of the accountability of the Security Council to the member states, and to ensure that the work of the Security Council always gives expression to the common desire of the vast majority of the member states. —MNA/Xinhua

## Scientists find new penguin, extinct for 500 years

WELLINGTON, 19 Nov—New Zealand Researchers studying a rare and endangered species of penguin have uncovered a previously unknown species that disappeared about 500 years ago.

The research suggests that the first humans in New Zealand hunted the newly found Waitaha penguin to extinction by 1500, about 250 years after their arrival on the islands. But the loss of the Waitaha allowed another kind of penguin to thrive the yellow-eyed species that now also faces extinction, Philip Seddon of Otago University, a co-author of the study, said Wednesday.

The team was testing DNA from the bones of prehistoric modern yellow-eyed penguins for genetic changes associated with human settlement when it found some bones that were older and had different DNA.

Tests on the older bones “lead us to describe a new penguin species that became extinct only a few hundred years ago,” the team reported in a paper

in the biological research journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences.

Polynesian settlers came to New Zealand around 1250 and are known to have hunted species such as the large, flightless moa bird to extinction.

Seddon said dating techniques used on bones pulled from old Maori trash pits revealed a gap in time between the disappearance of the Waitaha and the arrival of the yellow-eyed penguin.

The gap indicates the

extinction of the older bird created the opportunity for the newer to colonize New Zealand’s main islands around 500 years ago, said Sanne Boessenkool, an Otago University doctoral student who led the team of researchers, including some from Australia’s Adelaide University and New Zealand’s Canterbury Museum.

Competition between the two penguin species may have previously prevented the yellow-eyed penguin from expanding north, the researchers noted.

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*In this 2006 photo released Wednesday, 19 Nov, 2008 by the New Zealand Science Media Centre shown is a yellow-eyed penguin.*  
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## Tiny, long-lost primate rediscovered in Indonesia

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov— On a misty mountaintop on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, scientists for the first time in more than eight decades have observed a living pygmy tarsier, one of the planet’s smallest and rarest primates.

Over a two-month

period, the scientists used nets to trap three furry, mouse-sized pygmy tarsiers — two males and one female — on Mt. Rore Katimbo in Lore Lindu National Park in central Sulawesi, the researchers said on Tuesday.

They spotted a fourth



*This undated handout photo shows a creature called a pygmy tarsier, believed for the eight decades to have been extinct. One of the world’s smallest and rarest primates, it was rediscovered in Indonesia by Texas A and M University professor Sharon Gursky-Doyen in August.*

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one that got away.

The tarsiers, which some scientists believed were extinct, may not have been overly thrilled to be found. One of them chomped Sharon Gursky-Doyen, a Texas A&M University professor of anthropology who took part in the expedition.

“I’m the only person in the world to ever be bitten by a pygmy tarsier,” Gursky-Doyen said in a telephone interview.

“My assistant was trying to hold him still while I was attaching a radio collar around its neck. It’s very hard to hold them because they can turn their heads around 180 degrees. As I’m trying to close the radio collar, he turned his head and nipped my finger. And I yanked it and I was bleeding.”

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## Brazil arrests 13 for fraud in social security system

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Nov — The Brazilian Federal Police on Tuesday arrested 13 people, including the mayor of a small town, in two anti-fraud operations in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, the police said.

The first operation, coded Chacrinha, was carried out in the state’s capital city of Porto Alegre, and resulted in the arrests of six people. The police also seized computers, documents and 330,000 reais (143,000 US dollars) in cash.

Dubbed Sonho Encan-

tado, the second operation took place in a region named Taquari Valley and resulted in seven arrests, including the mayor of a town. The police said the two gangs had no links, but their modus operandi were very similar, and both were headed by public servants at the social security offices.

The two gangs fabricated payments to the social security system, so that the beneficiaries could receive retirement pensions of a high value. A five-month investigation showed the two gangs profited totally around 12 million reais (5.2 million US dollars) from their schemes.

MNA/Xinhua

## Int’l activists, Palestinian fishermen arrested in Gaza

GAZA, 19 Nov— Israeli naval forces on Tuesday held 15 Palestinian fishermen and three international activists offshore to the west of Gaza Strip, Palestinian sources said.

The three campaigners, Andrew Muncie from Scotland, Vittorio Arrigoni from Italy and Dalin Gulack from the United States, are members of the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), according to the sources.

Fedaa Qastal, ISM coordinator in Gaza, confirmed that the Israeli gunboats intercepted the Palestinian fishing boats at seven mile offshore and ordered the boats’ engines to turn off before arresting the

campaigners and the fishermen. The activists used to accompany the fishermen to encourage them sailing beyond two nautical miles, the last point at which Israel allows the Palestinian fishermen to reach.

Israel imposed a blockade on the Gaza Strip since Islamic Hamas movement won parliamentary elections in 2006 and tightened the closure last year after Hamas seized security installations in the territory by force. Meanwhile, Israeli forces also detained 32 Palestinians during raids into several towns in the West Bank.

MNA/Xinhua



## Lt-Gen Tin Aye receives Chinese Delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Mr. Zhang Gaoli, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee, and party paid a courtesy call on Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council, at Golden Palace Hotel, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General of the Office of the SPDC Col Kyaw Kyaw Win,



departmental heads and Ambassador of PRC Mr Guan Mu.

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*Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence receives Mr Zhang Gaoli, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee, and party .—MNA*



*Leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Daw Tin Tin Nwe makes speech at educative talks held at No.3 BEHS in Bago.—MWAF*

## MWAF holds educative talks

YANGON, 19 Nov—The Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held the educative talks at No. 3 Basic Education High School of Bago yesterday.

Present on the occasion were leader of the Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Daw Tin Tin Nwe, second leader Daw Khin Myo Myint, leaders of sub-working groups Prof Daw Htay Htay, Daw Thwe Thwe Win, Daw Po Po Kyi and members, officials of township, district and

division WAOs, the schoolhead, teachers and students totaling 530.

Leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Daw Tin Tin Nwe made an opening speech. Leader of the sub-working group Prof Daw Htay Htay gave talks on salient points of teenager girls, member Police Capt AM Khaung Din on preventive measures against trafficking in persons, associate professor Daw Yi Yi Ohn of Myanmar

Department of Bago Degree College on salient points on culture for women and member Daw Myat Myat Kyaw on salient points on law on protection of life security for young women.

Next, Leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented 20 dozens of books and 20 dozens of ball pen and wall posters and pamphlets to schoolhead Daw Tin Nwe Oo.

After the talks, students of No. 3 Bago BEHS presented songs and dances to those present in honour of the National Day.—MNA

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## Chinese Delegation arrives Yangon

YANGON, 19 Nov—At the invitation of Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, a Chinese delegation led by Mr Zhang Gaoli, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee, arrived here yesterday.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr. Guan Mu and officials welcomed the delegation at Yangon International Airport.

Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin hosted a lunch in honour of the delegation at Sedona Hotel.

In the evening, the delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

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## Okkan holds centenary

YANGON, 19 Nov—A ceremony to mark the centennial founding of Okkan town of Taikkyi Township was held at the town on 11 November. National Literary Award winner writer Kaung Thant and U Chit Naing (Chit Naing, Psychology), Director General of the

Information and Public Relations Department cut the ribbon for the inauguration of inscription plaque.

Prizes were given to winners in essay, short stories, poem, article, scrabble and chess contests after reading resource papers.

Next, the literary

talks were given and writers Letwinthar Saw Chit, Chit Oo Nyo and actor-cum-director Htoo Tha talked on literary matters. Vocalists Ko Tin Hlaing, Gita Pe Win, Ma Sabei, Yin Wai Yan Tun, Khin Myo Aye and Htoo Tha as well as writers presented songs to the audience.—MNA



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

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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

## Ministry of Industry-2 holds Technical Seminar

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Technical Seminar, held by Ministry of Industry-2 every week, took place at the assembly hall of the ministry yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein,

Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, departmental heads and staff.

At the seminar, assistant director U Aung Myo Khaing read out the paper on Time Management (24 techniques to

make minutes count at work) and assistant director U Myint Soe, on The Five Temptations of a CEO.

Afterwards, the minister gave necessary instructions and the seminar concluded.

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## Environmental Conservation Committee meeting (8/2008) held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The meeting of Environmental Conservation Committee (8/2008) was held at Kyunshwewar hall of the Ministry of Forestry here this morning. Chairman of Environmental Con-

servation Committee Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an opening speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, vice-chairman Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint gave a speech.

Secretary, director-general U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department reported on progress of the work and future tasks to be undertaken.

Afterwards, group leaders of the seven special groups, deputy ministers discussed matters on environmental conservation work in states and divisions.

Director-general U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department under the Ministry of Forestry clarified points on winning environmentally sustainable city by Taunggyi at the prize presentation ceremony of ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable city award, held at Hanoi of Vietnam on 8 October, 2008.

Afterwards, seven special working groups discussed matters on completion of work and work to be done.

Afterwards, the meeting ended with the remarks made by Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung makes speech at meeting of environmental conservation committee (8/2008).—FORESTRY

## Alumni of University of Veterinary (Ygn) pay respects to retired faculty

YANGON, 19 Nov — Alumni of University of Veterinary (Yangon) paid respects to retired faculty of the institute and held a get-together to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> special anniversary of their graduation.

The ceremony was

held at M3 Food Centre here on 9 November and alumni who had studied at the institute from 1972 to 1978 paid respects to the retired faculty and presented gifts to them. On behalf of the faculty, Dr Maung Maung Sa, Rector

(Retd), and U Win Kyi spoke on the occasion and Rector Dr Myint Thein spoke words of thanks. On behalf of the alumni, Dr Sein Myint read the report of the 30<sup>th</sup> special anniversary. The celebration ended at noon.—NLM



Old students of the University of Veterinary pay respects to the retired faculty of the institute.—NLM

## Indonesia advance into final winning over Hyundai on penalty shootouts

YANGON, 19 Nov — The second semifinal match of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Royal Challenge Cup for 2008 was held at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) at 3 p.m today.

Indonesia and Hyundai were held to a

goalless draw until the stoppage time. Both teams did not manage to break the deadlock in the extra time. Indonesia won over Hyundai 4-3 on penalty shootouts and advanced into the final to fight for the champion against Myanmar.—MNA

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Director U Soe Moe Hlaing of Loi Hein Co Ltd (Alpine drinking water) presents man of the match award to Shin Jun Bae (Hyundai Ulsan).—NLM



# Multipurpose natural waste biogas digesters

Article : Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos : Nyi Nyi Tun (MNA)



**U Pan, 60, of Shwepay Village.**

(from page 16)

We observed the natural waste biogas digester of the agricultural farm near Winbyan Village. Farmer U Maung Myint said, "I visited the demonstration of the natural waste biogas digester in Shwepay Village, and took interest in it. Then, I built an 8 cubic meter biogas digester in my farm. It cost 450,000 kyats.

I raise nine cows. I have to use 60 viss of cow dung and 60 viss of water as raw materials a day to generate biogas power.

I do the cooking three times a day using the biogas power. It takes me one and a half hours to do the cooking a time. At night, I light electric bulbs and watch TV.

It is economical. Previously, I had to spend 1000 kyats on firewood a day. Now, I have a biogas digester, and no longer need to worry for fuel.

I daily use the 120 viss of natural waste liquid as natural fertilizer for the farm. In the past, I had to spend about ten thousands kyats on

fertilizer. Now, I do not use chemical fertilizer and pesticide. I use natural waste liquid as natural fertilizer. Crop plants grow well if natural waste liquid is used."

We also observed the cooking with the use of bio-fuel. A young rural woman was preparing dinner for her whole family.

We proceeded to Shwepay Village and observed the lighting of fluorescent lamps with the use of biogas power.

Villager U Pan, 60, compared their living conditions in the past with that at present, saying, "In the past, we used kerosene lamps and candles to get light at night. We got a natural waste biogas digester in the early 2005. Now, we can use fluorescent lamps. In the past, villagers went to bed at about 8 o'clock. Now, we have access to electricity, so, villagers do their businesses at night such as making bamboo matting and bamboo baskets, repairing bicycles, making dresses and some running shops."

U Win Shwe, a village elder, said, "Our village got the bio-fuel digester on 10 February 2005. And we ran it on 23 May 2005. At that time, villagers found it difficult to believe it. But, when the lamps were lit in the evening, they shouted out of joy. Now we cannot stay without electricity."

Chairman of Kyunyang Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Myint Soe and Head of 100-house unit U Shwe Tun said that the



**A natural waste biogas power plant in Shwepay Village.**

Biogas Research Technological Institute (Kyaukse) under the Ministry of Science and Technology established the biogas power plant with the assistance of the government; that they used 243 fluorescent lamps, including video lounges and televisions; that 550 viss of cow dung was used a day to generate electric power; that the



**Kyunchaung Village-tract PDC Chairman U Myint Soe and 100-house unit head U Shwe Tun of Shwepay Village.**

village had 225 cattle and the total cattle dung was more than enough.

They said that the natural waste liquid was distributed to the farmers to put in 450 acres of paddy and 475 acres of other crops.

Access to electric power contributed towards restoration of peace and stability, and rule of order and helped increase the number of educated people of the village, they said.

Today, the government is implementing various projects for equitable development of all parts of the nation including border areas. Now, national brethren have started to enjoy the fruits of many projects.

Similarly, thanks to the five-programme rural development project designed for development of rural areas, home to the majority of the population, rural folks have enjoyed regional development in various sectors at the unprecedented level.

The Biogas Research Technological Institute (Kyaukse) built biogas digesters and disseminated methods of using biogas power to rural people, thus generating all-round development of rural areas.

Biogas power can be used as firewood-substitute fuel, alternative fuel, and natural fertilizer, and for lighting electric

lamps. Moreover, use of biogas power does not have effect on the environment or global warming. Therefore, 500 cubic meters natural waste biogas digesters were built



**Villagers found it difficult to believe it. But, when the lamps were lit in the evening, they shouted out of joy. (U Win Shwe)**

in 132 villages in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing divisions and Shan State commencing October 2002. A natural waste biogas digester has three main parts: waste tank, power tank, and liquid tank.

A six-cubic-meter natural waste biogas digester can generate electric power enough for a five-to-seven-member family. If the family uses electric lamps in addition to the cooking and lighting storm-lantern, it needs an eight-cubic-meter one. In the process, a family needs animal waste of five to seven heads of cattle, and pig or buffalo dung can be used in combination.

A six-cubic-meter digester produces 30 gallons of waste liquid, an eight-cubic-meter digester, 40 gallons of liquid. With the use of fuel,

many things can be used such as soaking seeds of crops, fertilizing farmlands, feedstuff for pigs and fish.

To construct a digester, it needs cement, bricks, limestone powder, Chivin gravel, sand, rock, four-inch and six-inch PVC pipes, a 40-foot-long pipe, and plywood. A six-cubic-meter digester costs K 400,000 and an eight-cubic-meter digester, K 450,000. Using a digester, a household can save nearly K 500,000 a year.

And for the cooking, a family needs a rice cooker, an electric stove, a set of electrical frame, and a set of biogas purifier, costing about K 50,000 on average. If it wants to use electric bulbs, it also needs a one-hp engine.

Biogas digesters are designed as fixed dome type for boosting generation of biogas and durability. A digester is serviceable for about 20 years.

Rural residents may contact the Biogas Research Technological Institute (Kyaukse) under the Ministry of Science and Technology (Ph: 066 50418, 066 50447 or 09 20 12930 for further details.

It was dark outside when we left the village, but the whole village was bright with electric lamps.

Rural people will be able to enjoy better living standard soon due to multi-purpose natural waste biogas digesters.

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**A natural waste biogas digester in Shwepay Village, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.**



## Family history can trump breast cancer gene test

WASHINGTON, 19 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 aggressive hereditary breast cancer, and an increased risk of ovarian cancer, too.

When a breast cancer patient is found to carry one of those gene mutations, 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.

So clearly members of those families

remain at risk from other yet-to-be-found genes, but how much risk?

Narod tracked nearly 1,500 women from 365 breast cancer-prone families, who tested negative for BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations. After five years, those women had a fourfold higher risk than average women of developing breast cancer, Narod reported Monday at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

This is crucial information for women considering gene testing, said Georgetown University genetics counselor Beth Peshkin, who wasn't part of the study.

"This is contrary to what I think the common perception is," Peshkin said. "Unless a mutation is identified in the family, a negative test result doesn't provide reassurance."

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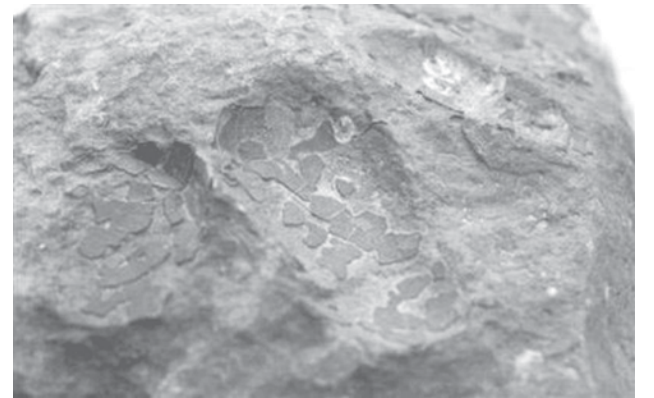
## Rare dinosaur nest offers look into bird evolution

CALGARY, ALBERTA, 19 Nov

—Canadian researchers say they've narrowed down the likely owner of a dinosaur nest, abandoned on a river's edge 77 million years ago, adding the discovery offers a unique look at dinosaur reproduction and the evolution of birds.

Scientists from the University of Calgary and Alberta's Royal Tyrrell Museum say the nest unearthed in northern Montana in the 1990s likely belonged to one of two types of small, carnivorous dinosaurs.

The two suspects are a ceanagnathid, which looks



*University of Calgary paleontologist Darla Zelenitsky shows a 77-million-year-old dinosaur's nest and egg shells in Calgary, Alberta, November 13, 2008. The nest and egg fossil is the first find of its kind in the world, according to Zelenitsky.*—INTERNET

somewhat like an ostrich, or a small raptor called a dromaeosaurid. Both are small by dinosaur

standards and related to

modern birds.

The nest likely held up to a dozen eggs, of which only fossilized fragments remain.—Internet

## Cairo int'l film festival kicks off

CAIRO, 19 Nov— The 32nd Cairo International Film Festival opened here on Tuesday with Spain being the Guest of Honour in this year's event. At the opening ceremony held Tuesday afternoon at Cairo Opera House, a number of international and regional movie stars, including British actress Julia Ormond, attended the red carpet ceremony.

In a welcome message posted on the official website of the festival, Egyptian Minister of Culture Farouq Hosni said "once again Cairo is ready to celebrate the fine art of cinema" during the film festival, the oldest one in the Middle East.

"We extend a hand of friendship and cooperation to them and to all festivals,

hoping that the exchange of ideas and concepts will be beneficial to all," said Hosni.

According to the organizing committee, 46 films out of some 150 movies from 59 countries and regions, including 22 movies from nine Arab states, will take part in the competition of the event. Some 22 Spanish movies will be screened during the festival with Spain being the special guest of honour.

The competition was classified into three units: international competition for long feature films, international digital competition and Arab film competition. A series of symposiums on film industry, regional and international cooperation will be held during the 11-day event, which will last till November 28. —MNA/Xinhua

## New Cholera outbreak kills 36 in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 19 Nov— A new cholera outbreak has hit Beitbridge, a city in southern Zimbabwe bordering South Africa, killing 36 people and resulting in the hospitalization of 431, the daily newspaper *The Herald* said on Tuesday.

The cholera outbreak came after the disease has claimed 37 lives in the country's capital city of Harare over the last two weeks. The outbreak in Harare has now abated with slightly improved water supplies and a major clean-up, *The Herald* said.

Beitbridge medical officer Taikaitei Kanongara confirmed 36 deaths between Friday and Saturday, saying that Beitbridge General Hospital has been designated as a cholera treatment center and 431 people have already been admitted at the hospital.

According to preliminary findings, the outbreak could have been caused by fruit such as mangoes and loquats (mashanje) brought into the border town for sale, said Dr Kanongara.—MNA/Xinhua

## Indian navy sinks suspected pirate "mother" ship

NEW DELHI, 19 Nov— An Indian naval vessel sank a suspected pirate "mother ship" in the Gulf of Aden and chased two attack boats into the night, officials said Wednesday, yet more violence in the lawless seas where brigands are becoming bolder and more violent.

Separate bands of pirates also seized a Thai ship with 16 crew members and an Iranian cargo vessel with a crew of 25 in the Gulf of Aden, where Somalia-based pirates appear to be attacking ships at will, said Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting

center in Malaysia.

"It's getting out of control," Choong said.

A multicoalition naval force has increased patrols in the region, and scored a rare success Tuesday when the Indian warship, operating off the coast of Oman, stopped a ship similar to a pirate vessel mentioned in numerous piracy bulletins. The Indian navy said the pirates fired on the INS Tabar after the officers asked it to stop to be searched.

"Pirates were seen roaming on the upper deck of this vessel with guns and rocket propelled grenade launchers," said

a statement from the Indian navy. Indian forces fired back, sparking fires and a series of onboard blasts ó possibly due to exploding ammunition ó and destroying the ship.

They chased one of two speedboats that had been shadowing the larger ship, and which fled when it sank. One was later found abandoned. The other escaped, according to the statement.

Larger "mother ships" are often used to take gangs of pirates and smaller attack boats into deep water, and can be used as mobile bases to attack merchant vessels.

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*This handout photograph released by the Indian Navy on November 13, shows Indian naval warship INS Tabar (R) escorting the Indian merchant vessel MV Jag Arnav in the Gulf of Aden.*

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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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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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## Japanese girl makes her pitch for pro team



*Japanese high school student Eri Yoshida, 16, smiles as she poses for photographers after being drafted by an independent league's professional team during a press conference in Osaka, western Japan, on 16 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET*

TOKYO, 19 Nov—The knuckleball—the fluttering, hard-to-hit pitch that's rare in the major leagues—is propelling a 16-year-old girl to the pros in Japan.

Eri Yoshida was inspired to learn how to throw the knuckler after seeing a video of Boston Red Sox pitcher Tim Lincecum. On Monday, she broke the gender bar-

rier by being drafted for an independent league team as Japan's first female professional baseball player.

"Hope I can see her pitch one day," Wakefield said in a message he texted to the Red Sox that was relayed to *The Associated Press*. "I'm honored that someone wants to become me. I wish her the best of luck."

Maybe I can learn something from her."

The high schooler was chosen by the Kobe 9 Cruise in the Japanese League, which starts its inaugural season in April.

The Cruise are a far cry from Tokyo's Yomiuri Giants. Making the squad is more like earning a tentative slot on a farm team than warming up in the bullpen for the Red Sox.

Even so, the 5-foot, 114-pound Yoshida has smashed the glass ceiling with her unorthodox, sidearm pitch in baseball-crazy Japan, where women normally are relegated to amateur, company-sponsored teams or to the sport of softball.

"I'm really happy I stuck with baseball," Yoshida said in a news conference after she was chosen with 32 other players in the new league's draft. "I want to pitch against men."

*Internet*

## Fake drugs worth 6.6 million dlrs seized in Asia

PHNOM PENH, 19 Nov—Police across Southeast Asia have arrested 27 people and seized 6.6 million dollars worth of counterfeit anti-HIV drugs, antibiotics, and other medicines, Interpol said Tuesday.

The global police organisation said 16 million fake pills, also including anti-malaria and anti-tuberculosis drugs, were netted in Operation Storm, a five-month sting that ended in September.

Nearly 200 raids were carried out in Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam with the support of Interpol and the World Health Organisation, it said in a statement.

The crackdown targeted individuals and groups involved in the manufacture and distribution of four classes of counterfeit medicines identified as posing "a significant public health risk," Paris-based Interpol

said. The operation "will provide a blueprint for future actions in targeting this type of criminal activity which affects every corner of the globe," Interpol Secretary General Ronald K. Noble said in the statement.

The results of the operation were released Monday at the start of an international law enforcement training seminar on combating counterfeit drugs in Cambodia, Interpol said.—*Internet*

## Five militants killed, arrest 14 more in Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Nov—The US-led Coalition forces during multiple operations have killed five militants and detained 14 suspects in war-torn Afghanistan, said Coalition statements released here on Tuesday.

Coalition forces on Tuesday tracked militants to a remote location about 75 kilometers northwest of Farah city in western Afghanistan where the militants were observed loading weapons into a vehicle from a weapons cache, the statement said.

Five militants were killed while Coalition called in air support with precision munitions, it added. "There were no civilians or man-made structures in the vicinity of the operation."

During other operations on Monday, Coalition forces detained 14 militants in eastern Afghanistan, the statement said.—*Internet*

## Stay upbeat, exercise to help prevent cancer in old age

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov—How you live affects your chances of developing cancer after age 65, new research finds.

Not surprising, tobacco use and lack of physical activity were among the usual suspects in promoting cancer, but alcohol consumption was not, according to the Duke University study.

The findings are scheduled to be presented Monday at the American Association for Cancer Research's annual conference on cancer prevention research, in Washington DC.

Unhappiness also appears to boost your risk for cancer in old age, the study found.

"About 80 percent of all cancers are diagnosed in the elderly, and more than 80 percent of known risk factors are potentially preventable," senior research scientist Igor Akushevich, of the Duke Center for Population Health and Aging, said in a news release issued by the conference organizers.

Understanding the risk factors of cancer may allow clinicians to make recommendations to their older patients on how to reduce their chances of developing future cancers. However, more analysis is needed before the findings can be of any use, experts said.

*Internet*



## Melting ice now main driver of rising sea levels

PARIS, 19 Nov — Run-off from ice caps in Antarctica and Greenland along with melting mountain glaciers have replaced expanding oceans as the main driver of rising sea levels, according to a new study.

The rate at which the global ocean water mark rises could have a devastating impact on hundreds of millions of people living in low-lying areas around the world.

Earlier research had shown that sea levels crept up an average of 3.1 millimetres (0.12 inches) per year from 1993 to 2003.

More than half of that increase came from a process called thermal ex-

pansion whereby the ocean gains in mass as climate change pushes global temperatures upward.

The other half, climate scientists calculated, was caused by land ice, especially dwindling glaciers in mountain ranges such as the Himalayas and Andes.

The new study, drawing on data from two new observational systems, shows that thermal expansion — which is cyclical over periods measured in decades — essentially stopped after 2003.

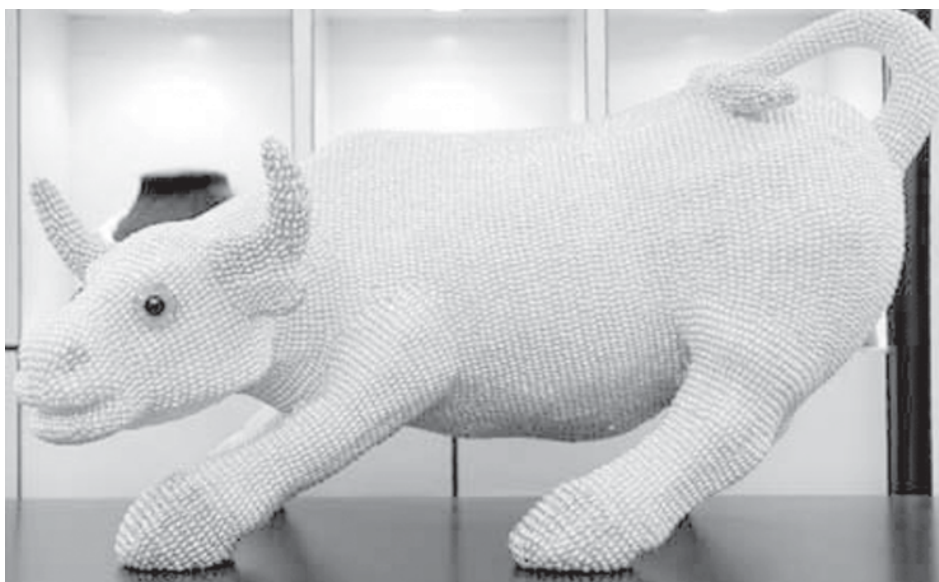
But sea levels continued to rise, though at the slightly diminished rate of 2.5 millimetres (0.1 inches) per year.

Which left scientists

wondering: if the water had stopped expanding, what was now driving the continuing elevation of the world's oceans?

The answer, it turns out, are the only two masses of ice on Earth big enough to qualify as ice sheets: Greenland and Antarctica. Both are up to three kilometres (two miles) thick, and Greenland — the smaller of the two — is about the size of Mexico.—Internet

*Photo taken on 17 Nov, 2008 shows a 85-cm-long, 55-cm-high ox figurine made of 130,000 pearls at a store of Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province.—INTERNET*



*Hot-air balloons fly over the Palote dam during the "Hot Air Balloons Festival" in the city of Leon, in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico on 17 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Cholera threatens 1.4 million people in Zimbabwe



*Two people infected with cholera from the Mabvuku suburb of Zimbabwe's capital Harare resting at a local hospital in 2007.—INTERNET*

HARARE, 19 Nov — Up to 1.4 million people in Zimbabwe are at risk of cholera, which has already claimed 73 lives, health experts said on Tuesday, as local doctors warned they lack the drugs to fight the outbreak.

The state-run *Herald* newspaper said that cholera had killed 73 people, in-

cluding 36 who died just since Friday in the southern border town of Beitbridge, where another 431 have been hospitalised.

"Most of the admissions were on Sunday afternoon, after people had learnt of the outbreak. We expect that number to increase," Beitbridge medical officer Taikaitei Kanongara told the paper.

The disease has spread rapidly due to the breakdown in sanitation in many urban centres, and the outbreak prompted a vow by a group of doctors protesting in Harare on Tuesday to stay away from work it is brought under control.

The non-governmental group Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said it has set up cholera treatment centres in Harare, where 500 patients have been treated so far and an average of 38 new patients are admitted every day.—Internet

## Weight-loss surgery helps with pregnancy

CHICAGO, 19 Nov — Women who get pregnant after weight-loss surgery tend to be healthier and less likely to deliver a baby born with complications compared to obese women, researchers said on Tuesday.

An obese woman who has weight-loss, or bariatric, surgery also may increase her chances of getting pregnant in the first place by normalizing her menstrual cycles and hormone levels, the researchers found.

Obese women are more likely to have difficulty getting pregnant, but after the surgery "there is some suggestion of increased fertility," Dr Melinda Maggard, a surgeon and researcher at the Rand

Corp think tank in Santa Monica, California, said in a telephone interview. Bariatric surgery alters the digestive system's anatomy and reduces the volume of food that can be eaten and digested. The most common form is gastric bypass, which makes the stomach smaller and permits food to bypass part of the small intestine.

While losing weight naturally is preferable, weight-loss surgery does reduce the risks of pregnancy-related problems such as diabetes and high blood pressure that can harm the mother and her newborn, said the RAND researchers who analyzed data from 75 earlier studies.—Internet



*A nurse wears a surgical mask to protect against infection. Health providers must arm themselves against a deadly drug-resistant germ that is becoming increasingly common in hospitals and other settings, a study warned on Tuesday.—INTERNET*

## 15 persons missing in a Vietnamese coal-carrying ship

HANOI, 19 Nov — A ship carrying 1,500 tons of coal sunk on Tuesday evening when travelling through sea areas near Vietnam's central Quang Nam province, with 15 crew members on board missing, said an online news source here on Wednesday.

The ship, belonging to a private owner in Vietnam, ran into an accident in the bad weather and then sunk, according to the [www.vnexpress.net](http://www.vnexpress.net).

The local maritime rescue center has sent rescue ship to look for the missing crew members, but typhoon causing rains and strong waves adds difficulty to the rescue work.—Internet

## Police seize half ton of marijuana in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Nov — Police seized 586 kg of marijuana Monday in southern Brazil, local media reported on Tuesday. It's the second largest drug seizure in the southern state of Santa Catarina, after police seized a ton of marijuana in May. The drug was found hidden inside a pickup truck, wrapped in strips of leather, whose strong smell helped disguise that of marijuana. Police arrested two suspects thanks to a tip-off, including the truck's driver, 46-year-old Francisco Pereira Martins, and his anonymous partner.—Internet



# SPORTS

## Federer beats Blake in Masters Cup tennis

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Nov — Roger Federer scraped past James Blake Tuesday in a one-set exhibition game, showing no signs of the back strain or stomach bug that hampered him at last week's season-ending Masters Cup. Blake broke first for a 3-1 lead with some powerful groundstrokes and pinpoint serving, before Federer clawed a game back for 3-2 and served out to level the match at 3-3.

It went to a tiebreak where Federer showed his mettle to emerge a 7-6 winner in a hard-fought match-up interspersed with some lighthearted moments.—*Internet*



Portugal's soccer players Fernando Meira and Cristiano Ronaldo fight for the ball during a training session, in Brasilia, Brazil, on 18 Nov, 2008.—*INTERNET*

## Maradona sets his eyes on World Cup

GLASGOW, 19 Nov — Diego Maradona has set his sights on claiming football's ultimate prize for a second time as he embarks on an unexpected career as the coach of Argentina.

The little genius who, as a player, almost single-handedly guided his country to glory in Mexico in 1986 now believes he can repeat that triumph in South Africa in 2010 with a squad of players that might not have one individual as outstanding as himself, but is undeniably packed with world class talent.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi and Juan Roman Riquelme were excused international duty for Maradona's first game in charge, a friendly against Scotland here on Wednesday evening.—*Internet*

## Drogba banned for three games

LONDON, 19 Nov — Chelsea striker Didier Drogba was banned for three games by the Football Association (FA) here on Tuesday.

The Ivory Coast international's suspension came after he admitted a charge of violent conduct for throwing a coin back into the crowd at Stamford Bridge during



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. Drogba was banned for three games by the Football Association.—*INTERNET*

last Wednesday's League Cup defeat against Burnley. Drogba will serve the suspension with immediate effect.

That means he will miss the Premier League leaders' match at home to Newcastle this Saturday, the London derby against Arsenal on November 30 and the match away to Bolton on 6 December.

An FA statement said: "Drogba admitted a charge of violent conduct. The charge related to Drogba throwing a missile into the away section of the crowd after scoring during the League Cup match against Burnley at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, 12 November.

—*Internet*

## Moyes escapes touchline ban

LONDON, 19 Nov — Everton boss David Moyes has escaped a touchline ban after pleading guilty to a charge of improper conduct related to his berating of the officials during his side's 3-2 win over Stoke on September 14.

The Football Association (FA) on Tuesday decided to fine the Scot 5,000 pounds and warn him as to his future conduct after taking into account his apology, admission of the charge and previous good behaviour.

—*Internet*



Everton boss David Moyes, seen here in September 2008, has escaped a touchline ban after pleading guilty to a charge of improper conduct related to his berating of the officials during his side's 3-2 win over Stoke on 14 September.—*INTERNET*

## Ribery leaves training with ice on left knee

CLAIREFONTAINE, 19 Nov — Franck Ribery left the pitch with ice on his left knee following a clash with goalkeeper Steve



French national football team midfielder Franck Ribery leaves the pitch with an ice pack on his left knee after a clash with goalkeeper Steve Mandanda during a training session in Clairefontaine on the eve of their friendly match with Uruguay.—*INTERNET*

Mandanda during France training here on Saturday on the eve of their clash with Uruguay.

However the player said on leaving the pitch "it's nothing" and the signs are he will be available for selection for Wednesday's friendly at the Stade de France friendly.—*Internet*

## Ferguson given touchline ban

LONDON, 19 Nov — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was given a two-match touchline ban and fined 10,000 pounds (15,002 dollars) by a Football Association regulatory commission here Tuesday.



Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson confronts the referee and linesmen on the pitch after the match on 1 Nov, 2008 against Hull City. Sir Alex was given a two-match touchline ban and fined.—*INTERNET*

The Scot admitted a charge of improper conduct in relation to his behaviour towards referee Mike Dean following United's match against Hull City on 1 November, which saw the English champions hold on for a 4-3 win against the top-flight newcomers after being 4-1 up at Old Trafford.

In reaching its decision, the commission said it took into account Ferguson's admission of the charge and his previous disciplinary record.

Ferguson had to be restrained by United captain Gary Neville after a furious rant at Dean shortly after the final whistle.

He accused the referee of failing to give United's players adequate protection from what he said were over-zealous Hull challenges.—*Internet*

## Yao, McGrady fine after injury fears following NBA win

HOUSTON, 19 Nov — National Basketball Association injury concerns for Yao Ming, Tracy McGrady and Ron Artest of the Houston Rockets proved unfounded Tuesday as all three could play Wednesday against Dallas.

McGrady suffered an injury to his surgically repaired left knee in the third quarter of Houston's 100-89 victory Monday over Oklahoma City while Yao and Artest each suffered ankle sprains in the game and missed Tuesday's practice.

An MRI exam that had been planned on McGrady's knee was called off and McGrady told the Houston Chronicle that he was hopeful of playing Wednesday.

"Tomorrow is not ruled out," McGrady told the newspaper. "I have to talk to coach and the trainers, maybe even monitor my minutes more. I could play. We just have to come

out with some sort of solution."

Chinese superstar center Yao missed the workout to have an x-ray after concerns over the same foot that was broken last season to end that campaign prematurely.

—*Internet*



National Basketball Association injury concerns for Yao Ming, pictured on 7 Nov, 2008, Tracy McGrady and Ron Artest of the Houston Rockets proved unfounded Tuesday as all three could play Wednesday against Dallas.—*INTERNET*

## Boateng regrets lack of Ghana football

HULL (England), 19 Nov — George Boateng has learnt to live with the fact that he will never play international football for his native Ghana. But the thought of playing alongside the richly-talented Stephen Appiah, Sulley Muntari and Michael Essien in the Black Stars engine room is one that struggles to go away.

As a naive teenager Boateng made the decision to switch to Dutch nationality in a bid to make it easier to get into the Feyenoord first team. It was a choice that would end up having more far reaching consequences than he ever imagined.—*Internet*



George Boateng (left) has learnt to live with the fact that he will never play international football for his native Ghana.—*INTERNET*



## China reduces pollutant emissions in first half of 2008

BEIJING, 19 Nov—Tougher environmental controls reduced the amount of pollution in China in the first half of this year, Minister of Environmental Protection Zhou Shengxian said on Tuesday.

Emissions of chemical oxygen demand (COD), a measure of water pollution, totalled 6.74 million tons in the January-June period, 2.48 per cent less than that of the same period of last year. In terms of air pollution, sulfur dioxide

emissions, mainly from coal use, were 12.13 million tons, dropping 3.96 per cent from last year's amount, Zhou said.

"The dual reduction was achieved through continued pollution control measures, as well as the closure of some outdated plants that consumed too much energy," Zhou said.

In 2008, China's power industry installed flue gas desulfurization (FGD) technology at some coal-burning power plants with a total

generating capacity of 40,600 megawatts (MW).

New sewage treatment facilities built this year could treat 6.78 million tons of sewage daily. Because that's more than older facilities, the amount of water pollution in certain areas was reduced. China also closed some smaller power plants, with a total generating capacity of 8,360 MW, because they failed to meet requirements for clean production.

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Vehicles drive on a main road in Beijing, 4 November, 2008.—INTERNET

## "Feng Yun-3 A" satellite starts trial business operation

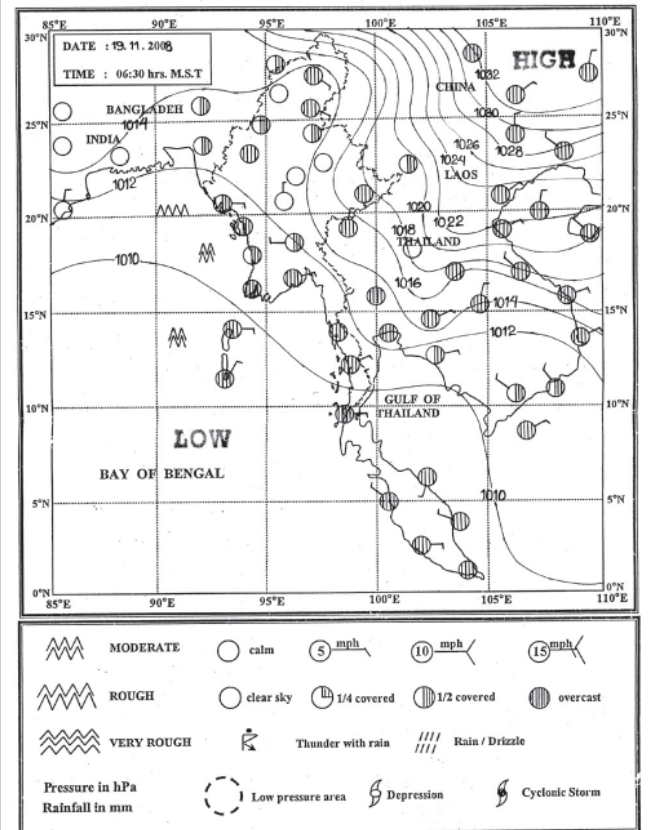
BEIJING, 19 Nov—China's new polar orbiting meteorological satellite, *Feng Yun-3 A* and its ground application system, started business runs on Tuesday, said China Meteorological Administration (CMA).

The CMA said it would actively sell data and services provided by the satellite to domestic and overseas users. It supplies a wide range of information in areas including meteorology, sea, water conservation, transportation, agriculture, forestry and aviation. The satellite has been operating smoothly for four months after being sent into orbit on 17 May, said CMA head Zheng Guoguang.

Being an important provider of meteorological information, the satellite played a key role during the 2008 Olympics, according to the CMA. It provided detailed mapping of the algae outbreak at the sailing competition site in Qingdao, and closely monitored typhoons during the flood season.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 19 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (6°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State and Magway Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures was Hakha (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 18-11-2008 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-11-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-11-2008 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 18-11-2008 was (9.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 19-11-2008 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 (5) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 18-11-2008.

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

**Special feature:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the land depression over Cambodia has downgraded into the low pressure area. According to the observation at (09:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area has become unimportant.

**Forecast valid until evening of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy 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 slight increase of night temperatures in the Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-11-2008:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-11-2008:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-11-2008:** Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 20 November  
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်  
ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. Dance of national races

8:05 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Cute little dancers

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance variety

4:20 pm

3. Dance of national races

4:30 pm

4. "မပြောမပြီးမတီးမမြည်"

(နေရဲလင်း၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊

ခင်မောင်စိုးတင့်၊

ရှင်ဖုန်းအိမ်ချယ်၊ မိုးဇော်၊

ခိုင်ဆုသူယ်၊ ခိုင်းခန့်စိုးလင်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

4:45 pm

5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

တတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ

အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs to uphold

national spirit

5:10 pm

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်

ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:30 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပ္ပံပြင်

ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း"

(အပိုင်း-၂၇)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား"

(အပိုင်း-၄၇)



# Chinese delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—A Chinese delegation led by Mr. Zhang Gaoli, Member of the Central Committee of Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee, together with Mr. Guan Mu, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar, arrived here this morning by special flight.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials welcomed them at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the SPDC hosted a luncheon in honour of the delegation. Also present at the luncheon were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General of the Office of the SPDC Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, departmental heads and Ambassador of the PRC Mr Guan Mu and officials.

Mr. Zhang Gaoli and party left Nay Pyi Taw for Mandalay this evening. The Chinese delegation was seen off by Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the ministers and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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*Lt-Gen Tin Aye, member of SPDC, welcomes Chinese delegation led by Mr Zhang Gaoli, Member of the Central Committee of Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Municipal Committee, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*

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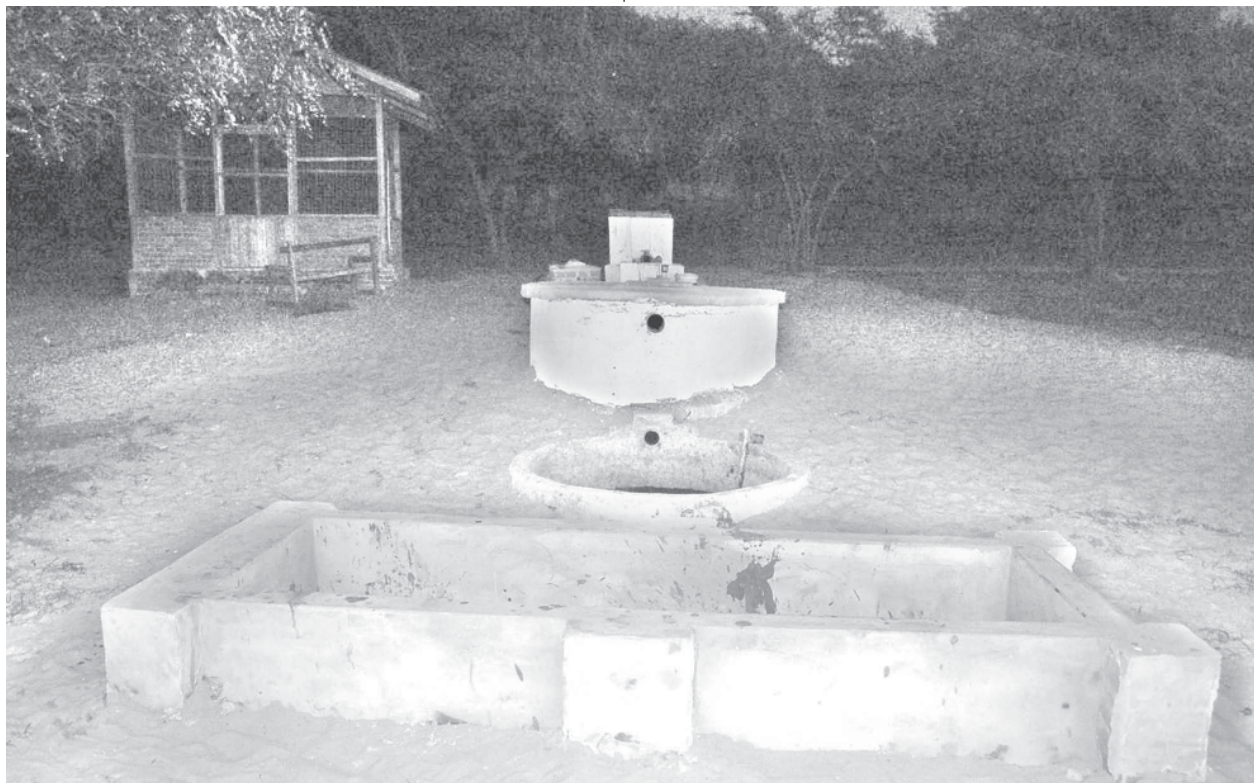


## Multipurpose natural waste biogas digesters

*Article : Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos : Nyi Nyi Tun (MNA)*

It was nearly noon when we got to Winbyan Village in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township and Shwepay Village of Kyunyaung Village-tract in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township.

Yellowish paddy fields, small rice mills, Leya-10 power-tillers, combined-harvesters, paddy driers and small-scale livestock farms reflected the better living standard of local people. (See page 10)



*A natural waste biogas digester in Winbyan Village.*



*A woman doing the cooking with the use of biogas power.*