

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

Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee eyes industrial development



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence delivers an address at coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee.—MNA

YANGON, 27 Nov—The coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command Headquarters on Konmyinthta here at 1 p.m. today, with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint submitted reports on making endeavours for more development of industrial sector in Yangon Division and assistance provided.

Chairmen of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committees, responsible persons and entrepreneurs reported on carrying out of sector-wise

tasks and requirements. Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials concerned fulfilled the requirements.

Departmental officials presented the reports on their respective sectors.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivered a concluding speech.—MNA

Pakokku Plains to become green with adequate irrigation water thanks to cluster of dams



Gwegyo Dam that contributes towards greening Pakokku Plains.

Article & Photo by Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State on tapping water resources for rice sufficiency in the region of Pakokku District, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is carrying out tasks for building small dams and embankments and upgrading the existing ones.

Pakokku District in Magway Division is an arid region with plains. So with a view to supplying irrigation water for the district, a total of 71 small dam and embankment projects are being implemented. Forty seven are undertaken by the Irrigation Department and 27 by locals. So far, the department has finished 37 projects.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 28 November, 2008

Safeguard independence and sovereignty of the motherland

The Union of Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation, home to various national races. Throughout successive periods of the history, the nation has stood tall in the world with own monarchs, races, religion and culture.

Myanmar was once under alien subjugation, following the three aggressive wars waged by the colonialists. Myanmar people by nature are strongly equipped with patriotic spirit and nationalistic fervor, so they managed to repulse various forms of foreign invasion at risk to life.

Dating back to the history of Myanmar's independence struggles, the people of national races fought against the colonialists and Fascists, imbuing themselves strongly with nationalistic fervour, nationalistic vigour, genuine patriotic spirit, and daring spirit. So, the nation regained independence and sovereignty. Myanmar's independence is in its 61st anniversary soon.

Since granting of independence to Myanmar, the colonialists resorted to all possible ways to undermine national solidarity. Moreover, they have been interfering in the internal affairs, and expanding their hegemonic domination over the political, economic and social affairs of Myanmar.

The people are therefore to notice the fact that the mother country might suffer under the yoke of imperialism again, stemming from the wedge driven among national races and attempts to keep lackeys by neo-colonialists. Hence, the people have to remain constantly vigilant against various forms of ways to break up stability and peace of the nation.

A vast number of national people had to sacrifice their life and limb to help the motherland regain independence and sovereignty, the legacy of ancestors. So, the entire people including younger generations are duty-bound to safeguard and protect the State with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit for ensuring perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of the nation.

PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung opens the Air Bagan Golf Championships by teeing off the tracer ball.—NLM



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

Industry-2 Ministry opens Course No. 1/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov — Conducted by the Ministry of Industry-2, 3D Modeling for Pro Engineer Course No. 1/2008 was opened at the ministry here on 25 November.

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, departmental heads, officers and trainees attended the opening ceremony.

First, the deputy minister made an opening speech and visited the course. A total of 20 trainees under the ministry are attending the one-month course.

Ministry of Industry-2 has opened

basic computer course and Auto CAD course for service personnel.

MNA



Officials of UMFCFI meet with Indian delegation from Nagaland State Government of the Republic of India.—MNA

UMFCFI meets Indian delegation

YANGON, 27 Nov — Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung,

CEC members and executives met with the 10-member delegation led by Mr M K Mero (Officer on Special Duty-I&C) from Nagaland State Government of the Republic of India at

UMFCFI's office here on 22 November.

At the meeting, they frankly discussed improving bilateral trade, opportunities and cooperation in investment and information sectors,

bilateral cooperation of entrepreneurs for border trade between the two countries, cooperation with East-Asia and ASEAN countries and trade opportunities.

MNA

Air Bagan Open Golf Championships kick off for second leg

YANGON, 27 Nov — The second leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2008-2009 namely the Air Bagan

Open Golf Championships, jointly organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation and the Myanmar PGA, was opened at PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PyinOoLwin of Mandalay Division this morning.

The golfers took position at tee No. 1. PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung, Patron of Myanmar PGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Brig-Gen Zarni Win, Brig-Gen Hsan Oo and President of Myanmar PGA and MGF U Teza opened the championships.

After the first round, Yin Aung Latt and Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) stood

at the top positions in the professional golfers division by shooting two-under-par 70 each. Hla Myo (Srixon) and Kyaw Swa Lin (Srixon) were first runners-up on the first round by firing one-under-par 71 each, while Thein Zaw Myint (KM) was standing at the second runner-up with a one-over-par 73.

In the men's amateur golfers level, Yan Myo Aye clinched the top position with a one-under-par 71, followed by Kyaw Thet Wai as the first runner-up with 74 and Soe Moe Win, Thein Zaw Tun and Aung Win (Forestry), the second runners-up in the first round with 75 each.

With the aims of turning out the Myanmar outstanding golfers, the championships was contributed by Air Bagan Ltd as the main sponsor together with co-sponsors Hotel Yangon, Ruby Dragon (Jade and Gems) Co Ltd, KBZ Bank Ltd, Alpine Purified Drinking Water, Dagon Brewery Co Ltd, MY Associates Co Ltd Srixon, KM Golf Center, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon) and Lifeline (DHEA-Plus). The competition is being undertaken by Han Event Management.

The second round of the championships continue tomorrow.—MNA

Bomb near US Embassy in Afghan capital kills four



The site of an explosion near the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

KABUL, 27 Nov—A suicide car bomb blew up near the US Embassy in the Afghan capital Kabul Thursday, killing at least four people and wounding several more, police and witnesses said.

The target of the attack

about 60 metres (nearly 200 feet) from the heavily secured entrance to the embassy appeared to have been a passing convoy of foreign troops, an Afghan interior ministry official said.

The blast badly dam-

aged several cars and a bus with the area packed with morning rush-hour traffic. A large pool of blood smeared the road and a tree was set alight.

“The information we have so far is that four people have been killed and three wounded. It was a suicide attack,” a city police chief, General Alishah Paktiawal, told reporters at the scene.

An AFP reporter saw at least 10 wounded people removed from the scene in ambulances and police cars.

The body of the suicide attacker lay on the ground near the destroyed car apparently used to carry the bomb, he said.—*Internet*



Residents look a burnt bus at the site of a bomb attack in eastern Baghdad on 24 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

101 killed as gunmen rampage in India city

MUMBAI, 27 Nov—Teams of gunmen stormed luxury hotels, a popular restaurant, a crowded train station and a Jewish group’s headquarters in India’s financial capital, killing at least 101 people, taking Westerners hostage and leaving parts of the city under siege on Thursday, police said. A group of suspected

Muslim militants claimed responsibility. Police and gunmen were exchanging occasional gunfire at two luxury hotels and dozens of people were believed held hostage or trapped in besieged buildings. Pradeep Indulkar, a senior official at the Maharashtra state Home Ministry said 101 people were killed and 287 injured.

Officials said at least eight militants had also been killed since the overnight attacks that targeted at least 10 separate sites began around 9:30 pm. Gunmen also seized the Mumbai headquarters of the ultra-orthodox Jewish outreach group Chabad Lubavitch, the New York-based group said.

Internet



A local man ducks for cover as he crosses an alleyway exposed to fire from alleged gunmen holding a family hostage in Colaba, Mumbai, India, on 27 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Iran says it now runs more than 5,000 centrifuges



Iranian atomic energy chief Gholamreza Aghazadeh is seen at the Natanz nuclear enrichment facility, 350 km (217 miles) south of Teheran, on 8 April, 2008.

INTERNET

TEHERAN, 27 Nov—Iran announced Wednesday it now has 5,000 centrifuges operating and enriching uranium, the country’s latest defiance of UN demands to halt its controversial nuclear programme.

Vice President Gholam Reza Aghazadeh said Iran will continue to install more centrifuges and enrich uranium to produce nuclear fuel for future Iranian nuclear power plants. In August, Iran said it had 4,000 centrifuges running at its plant in the central city of Natanz. Uranium enriched to a low level is used to produce nuclear fuel, but further enrichment makes it suitable for use in nuclear weapons.

“At this point, more than 5,000 centrifuges are operating in Natanz and enriching uranium,” said Aghazadeh, who is head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. He spoke to reporters during an exhibition of Iranian nuclear achievements at Teheran University.—*Internet*

Karzai says US, NATO actions have made life worse in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Nov—Afghanistan’s president sharply critiqued the seven-year Afghan war Wednesday, complaining that US and NATO troops haven’t made life better. The criticism came a day after he accused foreign forces of undermining him with a “parallel gov-

ernment” in the country-side.

The back-to-back barbs aimed at the international community’s handling of the fight with the Taleban and the rebuilding of Afghanistan underlined President Hamid Karzai’s increasing frustration with a conflict that has gotten

bloodier each year.

“We haven’t accepted the international community so our lives would get worse. We accepted them so our lives would get better,” Karzai said Wednesday. “We can accept some destruction — even some civilian casualties — if we have hope for a future of security and peace ... but this (style of) fighting can’t be the only way forever.”

Internet



US soldiers detain an Iraqi man at the scene of a roadside bomb blast which targeted a minibus, in Firdous Square, central Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Russian leader visits Venezuela in show of defiance



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (right) congratulates Russian President Dmitry Medvedev after awarding him “The Order of Liberator” in Caracas.—INTERNET

CARCAS, 27 Nov — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev opened his visit to Caracas with the signing of a nuclear energy deal as he hailed Moscow’s growing ties with left-leaning Venezuela, aimed at rebuffing US moves in former Soviet lands.

The highlight of sev-

eral deals signed by the two governments, the nuclear cooperation accord involves only civilian and peaceful uses of nuclear energy, said Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Medvedev, who arrived Wednesday for the first visit by a Russian

head of state to Venezuela, received an ornate welcome featuring spear-wielding soldiers singing the two countries' anthems in a palace courtyard decorated with palm trees, fountains and statues of classical gods.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was first to propose nuclear cooperation with Venezuela when Chavez visited Moscow in September.

Internet



A visitor stands in front of artist Ju Duoqi’s work “Liberty Leading the Vegetables” at his ‘The Vegetable Museum’ exhibition at a photo gallery in Beijing on 25 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Iraq delays vote on US forces

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov—The Iraqi Parliament yesterday delayed a historic vote on the future of US forces in Iraq by 24 hours because of last-minute haggling between different

political factions that could end up postponing the decision by another fortnight. As part of the deal-making, MPs agreed to put the US-Iraqi accord, if approved, to a public ref-

erendum.

The pact sets out a timetable for US troops to leave Iraq within three years after withdrawing from towns and cities by the middle of 2009.

Muwafaq al-Rubaie, Iraq’s national security advisor, said: “It is not only the Iraqi Parliament that has a role in overseeing this agreement, but the Iraqi people, who will have a referendum on 30 July so they can see if the agreement is correct or not, six months after it comes into effect.”

The decision for a referendum meets one of a number of demands by the main Sunni Arab bloc in Parliament.

Its 44 MPs will only take part in the main vote if all the demands are met.

Time is running out to pass the security deal before a United Nations’ mandate authorizing the presence of foreign troops in Iraq expires at the end of the year.

Internet

Four Peru police killed in ambush by suspected rebels

LIMA,27 Nov—Peru’s defence minister says suspected rebels armed with machine guns and grenades ambushed a police patrol in Peru’s central jungle, killing four officers and wounding five others.

Lima-based RPP radio is reporting that about 40 leftist Shining Path rebels attacked the four-car police convoy in the cocaine-producing Huallaga valley on a highway outside Tingo Maria, a city 200 miles north-east of Lima. RPP says that 12 police officers are missing after Wednesday’s ambush.

The Maoist Shining Path nearly brought Peru’s government to its knees in the 1980s and 1990s, before being largely defeated. Defence Minister Antero Flores-Araoz said Wednesday it has become more active in recent years as it finances itself through the drug trade.—Internet



The wreckage of an Iraqi police vehicle at the scene of a roadside bomb, in Firdous Square, central Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 Nov, 2008.

INTERNET

Civilians flee as Congo rebels attack militia



Congolese people displaced by fighting carry bags of blankets distributed by aid workers at the stadium in the rebel held town of Rutshuru, eastern Congo, on 26 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

GOMA, 27 Nov — A rebel offensive to expel some of the perpetrators of Rwanda’s 1994 genocide forced more than

3,000 civilians to flee eastern Congo to neighbouring Uganda in a single day, the insurgents and UN officials

said on early Thursday.

In New York, the UN’s top Congo envoy told the Security Council that peacekeepers have opened several investigations into whether war crimes are being committed in eastern Congo, pointing to evidence of targeted killings.

And UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in a report to the Security Council, recommended UN peacekeepers should remain in Congo through 2009.

Internet

NY subway terror threat emerges on busy travel day



A New York City Police officer assists a man entering a subway station, in New York on 26 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 27 Nov — Police bolstered security in subways and trains Wednesday after the government warned that al-Qaida suicide bombers

were contemplating an attack on New York’s mass-transit systems during the holiday season. An internal memo obtained by The Associated Press

says the FBI has received a “plausible but unsubstantiated” report that al-Qaida terrorists in late September may have discussed attacking the subway system.

The internal bulletin says al-Qaida terrorists in late September may have discussed targeting transit systems in and around New York City.

These discussions reportedly involved the use of suicide bombers or explosives placed on subway/passenger rail systems,” according to the document.—Internet

32 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Nov — US-led coalition troops and Afghan security forces killed 32 militants in a series of raids against Taliban commanders in Afghanistan, the US military said on Wednesday.

Violence has sharply escalated in Afghanistan this year, the bloodiest period since the Taliban's removal in 2001, and has raised doubts about the prospects for security in the country despite an increasing number of foreign troops.

Afghan security forces and coalition forces killed seven militants late Wednesday, and uncovered

red three coaches containing drugs and materials for making improvised explosive devices in the Nahr Surkh district of Helmand.

In one of the raids early Wednesday, coalition troops killed 15 militants and detained six suspected insurgents outside the southern city of Kandahar, the US military said.

The soldiers were clearing "a compound known to be an IED command and control node" when fired upon. There were no casualties among civilians or coalition forces.

The other two attacks occurred Tuesday in

southeastern Afghanistan. One targeted a senior Taliban commander believed to be a liaison between al-Qaida and Taliban networks and who had helped foreign fighters enter Afghanistan, the US military said.

Five armed militants were killed during the operation, but the US military did not name the commander or say whether he was among the casualties.

Internet

Raul Castro to Sean Penn: he'd meet Obama at Gitmo

HAVANA, 27 Nov — Cuban President Raul Castro said in an interview released Wednesday that he would like to meet President-elect Barack Obama on "neutral ground" — and he suggested the American naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

The Cuban leader's offer came in a rare interview in Havana with actor-director Sean Penn, who wrote about it for the 15 Dec edi-



Cuba's President Raul Castro

tion of *The Nation* magazine. The article was released on the magazine's Web site Wednesday.

Penn asked if Castro would meet with Obama in Washington. The Cuban president said he "would have to think about it," but that it would not be fair for either leader to go to the other's territory. Instead he suggested the base at Guantanamo.

"We must meet and begin to solve our problems, and at the end of the

meeting, we could give the president a gift ... we could send him home with the American flag that waves over Guantanamo Bay," Castro said.

Raul Castro is largely seen as more pragmatic and conciliatory than his fiery older brother Fidel, and has offered to meet with US officials several times since replacing his ailing sibling in mid-2006. Cuba's main focus in such a meeting would be on normalizing trade, Castro said.

"The only reason for the blockade is to hurt us," he told Penn, using the term the communist leadership employs for the five-decade-old US trade embargo. "Nothing can deter the revolution. Let Cubans come to visit with their families. Let Americans come to Cuba."

Intenret



Rachael Flatt of the US performs during a gala exhibition at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Cup of Russia in Moscow on 23 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Seven die in landslide in Colombia

BOGOTA, 27 Nov — At least seven people died and other four are missing in a landslide in Colombia's Cauca department, local authorities said Wednesday.

The landslide caused by heavy rains demolished many houses that are located near a ravine in a rural zone of Miranda Town, Cauca department, some 400 kilometres southwest to Bogota.

According to Miranda's secretary of government Carlos Mosquera, seven bodies, six of adults and one of a child, have been discovered.—Internet



A sculpture made of ice shows Harry Potter and wizard Albus Dumbledore, background, at the annual snow and ice sculpture festival in Bruges, Belgium, on 20 Nov, 2008. About 300 tons of ice and 400 tons of snow have been used to build the sculptures.

Jet pack pilot flies across 1,500-foot-wide canyon

A daredevil wearing a jet pack has flown across a 1,500-foot wide canyon in southern Colorado.

The sponsoring Go Fast Sports & Beverage says Eric Scott took 21

seconds to cross the Royal Gorge at 75 mph on Monday.

It says he didn't use a parachute while flying across the 1,100-foot-deep canyon.

He was wearing a jet pack powered

by hydrogen peroxide and developed by Jet Pack International.

The company developed it for stunts, promotions and other events for Go Fast.

Both companies are based in Denver and were founded by entrepreneur Troy Widgery.

Lucky man wins 2 cars, chiefs tickets in 10 days

In a span of 10 days, a man learned he won two automobiles in separate contests. Michel Horton picked up his newest ride on Friday, a 2008 "Bon Jovi Special Edition" Saturn Outlook, at a dealership in Topeka.

The entry also netted him a guitar and gold-plated Bon Jovi records.

But that was his second free vehicle. Horton was notified 5 Oct he had won a Mitsubishi Lancer in a contest sponsored by Bic lighter.

As if that weren't enough, he also won tickets to a recent Kansas City Chiefs game in another drawing.

Horton said rather than collecting the Lancer, he opted to take the cash-in value of \$28,800 for the car.

He said that will help pay the income tax and personal property taxes on his winnings.



A diver in a Santa costume feeds moray and spotted eagle rays as part of a Christmas event at Sunshine International Aquarium in Tokyo, Japan, on 21 Nov, 2008.



Visitors to a Christmas fair ride an illuminated elevated merry-go-round in Berlin, on 24 Nov, 2008. The Berlin TV tower is pictured left.

Musical mystery: Who abandoned piano in the woods?

Harwich police have a musical mystery on their hands: Who left a piano in the middle of the woods? And why? The Baldwin piano discovered in the Bells Neck woods appears to be in perfect working condition and had a matching bench as if it had recently been played.

The piano was discovered Saturday by a woman walking along a path inside a conservation area at the woods.

Another question police would like to answer is how the piano got to such a remote location. The piano is heavy and it took more than a half dozen men to load it onto a truck to remove it.

Police said they've notified other police departments in the area to see if anyone has reported a missing piano.

NEWSALBUM



Members of a neighbourhood committee exercise on electrical bicycles during a photo call in Beijing on 27 Nov, 2008. The bicycles can generate electricity to be stored on portable rechargeable batteries able to power small household appliances. —INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Russian parliament OKs presidential term extension

Moscow, 27 Nov—The Russian Federation Council, Upper House of the Parliament, has approved the extension of presidential term from four years to six years, local media reported on Wednesday.

The legislative body also passed the amendment of the Constitution which will increase the mandate of the deputies of the State Duma, Lower House of the Parliament, from four years to five years.

The extension of presidential term will be effective till the next president, according to the bill. The State Duma has adopted the bill last Friday, 16 days after President Dmitry Medvedev put forth the initiative in his first state-of-the-nation address.

To enter into force, the draft law still need the approval of two-thirds of regional legislatures. Considering the ruling United Russia Party's influence, analysts believe that the constitutional amendments are certain to take place.

Xinhua

At least 20 killed in fuel tanker fire in Ghana

LAGOS, 27 Nov—At least 20 people were killed and many others seriously injured on Wednesday in a fuel tanker fire in western Ghana, reports reaching here said.

According to the reports, the fuel tanker crashed near the town of Tanoso and fuel was leaking.

As the local people were rushing to collect the leaked gasoline, the tanker burst into flames. The injured people were rushed to nearby hospitals, the reports said.

Xinhua

Russian mayor shot dead at home yard

Moscow, 27 Nov—A Russian mayor was killed by unidentified gunman as leaving home for office Wednesday morning, local media reported.

Vitaly Karayev, mayor of Vladikavkaz of the North Ossetia republic, was shot at his home yard and died in hospital, *ITAR-TASS* news agency cited an official of the Interior Ministry of the Caucasus republic. "Karayev went out of the house at about 09:00 Moscow Time (0600 GMT), and was about to take a seat in his car, when an unidentified man fired at him," said the Interior Ministry official. The police is probing into the case and there's no reports yet about the cause. Karayev took office for less than a year. —Xinhua



China makes giant progress in IPR protection

BEIJING, 27 Nov—China has made giant progress in intellectual property rights (IPR) protection in the past 30 years, officials attending a forum said here Wednesday. Yang Tiejun, deputy director of the State Intellectual Property Office, told the forum marking the IPR protection and China's 30-year anniversary of reform and opening up, said the country had been doing

well in IPR system building in the past three decades, developing from the lack of a special IPR law or government body to today's comprehensive IPR legal system and management and social service system.

The country has also begun to voluntarily use IPR rules to safeguard national interests, in contrast with its past passive response to exterior pressure, he said.

IPR cases received by the courts have been rising steadily in the past 30 years, especially since the country's accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001, said Kong Xiangjun, with the IPR court under the Supreme People's Court.

According to Kong, between 2001 and 2007, local courts nationwide settled 74,200 IPR cases, an annual increase of 22.92 per cent. —Xinhua



Customers look at Panasonic television sets at an electronic shop in Tokyo on 27 Nov, 2008. Panasonic Corp cut its annual net profit forecast by 90 percent, hit by a slowing economy and a firmer yen, missing market expectations and joining rivals such as Sony Corp in slashing its outlook. —INTERNET

Five killed in road accident in Peru

LIMA, 27 Nov—At least five people were killed and 15 others injured in northern Peru as a bus and a cargo truck collided head-on early Wednesday morning, police said. Two people of the bus, including the driver, and three of the cargo truck were killed, the police said.

The accident occurred between the cities of Chimbote and Ancash, 393 kilometres northwest of Lima, as one of the vehicles drove into the opposite lane due to poor visibility in fog-covering littoral region.

The rescuers have sent the injured to local clinics in Casma and Chimbote, the police added.

Xinhua

Want To Be Happier? Be More Grateful

SCIENCEDAILY, 27 Nov—Want to quickly improve your happiness and satisfaction with life? Then the pen may be a mighty weapon, according to research done by Kent State University's Dr. Steven Toepfer.

Toepfer, an assistant professor of family and consumer studies at university's Salem

Campus, says that expressive writing is something that has been available to mankind since ink first appeared in Egypt more than 4,000 years ago.

"Everyone is pursuing the American dream. We are wealthier than previous generations, consuming more and experiencing more, but yet so many of us are so unhappy," Toepfer says. "The question of 'is there something simple we can do to be happier?' is one that I have been thinking about for many years and one that has interested

people for much longer."

With that question in mind, Toepfer enlisted students from six courses to explore the effects of writing letters of gratitude to people who had positively impacted the students' lives. Over the course of a six-week period, students wrote one letter every two weeks with the simple ground rules that it had to be positively expressive, required some insight and reflection, were nontrivial and contained a high level of appreciation or gratitude. —Internet

Pakokku Plains to become green with adequate irrigation water thanks to cluster of dams

Article & Photo by *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*

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These projects are six in Pakokku Township, four in Pauk Township, 11 in Myaing Township, three in Yezagyo Township and 13 in Seikphyu Township benefiting 5712 acres of farmlands.

As all the work has been completed under the arrangement of the region, 1063 acres of farmland have been benefited – 140 acres from the three projects in Pakokku Township, 465 acres from the 10 projects

accompanied by Assistant Director U Thaung Htaik and Staff Officer U Htay Kyi, went by car along Magway - Chaung - Seikphyu road and reached Saw Township 10 miles from Seikphyu. Upon arrival, we saw the Tagun Dam built at Tagun Creek (Chaungshae Creek) near Thabyae Village.

Tagun Dam is of earthen type and it is 24 feet high and 2300 feet long. The conduit pipe is made of brick while the spill way is made of stone

We then proceeded to Khingyi Balauk Dam near Chaing Village. The dam constructed by Director's Office of Magway Division Irrigation Department can irrigate 40 acres of land. Its height is 18 feet and its length 2575 feet. The spill way is made of stone with 10 feet in width and 84 feet in length. The main canal is 2000 feet. Kangyipauk Ravine is dammed to irrigate paddy fields and other crop plantations. The region has only 26 inches of rainfall every year and is arid.



Kyauksauk Dam on the Kyauksauk Creek in Myaing Township, Pakokku District.

Kyauksauk Dam on the Kyauksauk Creek, three furlongs from Mile Post No. 17 of Pakokku-Myaing Road near Kyauksauk Village, Pakokku-Myaing Township. The earthen dam is 20 feet high and 1480 feet long. It will be able to irrigate 55 acres of paddy and other crops through 1200 foot long main canal. We headed for Minkan Dam on the Myothin Creek near Minkan Village, five miles from Mile Post No. 21 of Pakokku-Myaing Road. Its earthen dam is 29 feet high and 1250 feet long. It has just been completed, so it will soon supply water to 200 acres of paddy fields through the 4500 feet long main canal.

We also visited Hsinkyio Dam on the

Magyee Creek near Hsinkyio Village, three miles from Kyaukhlaygar Village on Pakokku-Yesagyo Road in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District. Its earthen dam is 30 feet high and 1500 feet long. The completed irrigation facility will benefit 250 acres of arable lands through the 4000 feet long main canal. The region has average annual rainfall of 20 inches only. So, local people wanted water more than gold and money. Now, they have had their wishes fulfilled.

Gwegyo Dam is two miles from Myebyu Village at Mile Post No. 14. The completed dam has a good inflow of water. Its earthen dam is 50 feet high and 2000 feet long, and its main canal, 15,000 feet long. Its irrigated area

is 400 acres. Of the facilities of the dam cluster, Sabay and Gwegyo dams have larger irrigated areas than any other one.

The townships of Pakokku District, Magway Division, have low annual rainfall. So, many small dams were constructed in the region to store the rainwater. So, local people will soon enjoy many benefits from the dam clusters such as contribution towards regional food security, sufficient supply of clean water for local people and cattle, and prevention of farming sand banks in the Ayeyawady River.

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Minkan Dam in Myaing Township, Pakokku District.

in Pauk Township, 210 acres from the five projects in Myaing Township and 221 acres from the six projects in Yezagyo Township.

The greening projects for Pakokku Plains are being undertaken by Magway Division Irrigation Department (Maintenance) and Construction Group-8, Construction Group-3 and Construction Group-2 of the Irrigation Department.

I had an interview with Director U Tin Win of Construction Group-8 of Magway Division Irrigation Department and he gave an account of the projects. Then we,

with 25 feet in width and 2000 feet in length supplying water for 100 acres. Those facilities, therefore, are contributing to the greening of Pakokku plains.

We continued our tour to reach Sabay Dam situated near Sabay Village in Pakokku Township, Pakokku District. The dam is of earthen type built damming Yengan Creek. It is 32 feet high and 6900 feet long supplying water for 400 acres. The conduit pipe is of reinforced concrete type. The spill way is made of stone and 60 feet wide. Sabay Village and its environs will become green thanks to the dam.

Thanks to the dam, the local people will enjoy irrigation water. Moreover, the region will become green and the local people will enjoy self-sufficiency in rice.

Ten miles from Kamma along the road to Myaing is Thayetchaung Dam under construction on the Thayet Creek near Kanparphyu Village, Pauk Township, Pakokku District. The earthen type dam is 62 feet high and 2100 feet long. Upon completion, it will be able to benefit 150 acres of farmlands of nearby villages through the 3000-foot-long main canal. It is due to be over in 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Then we visited



Hsinkyio Dam in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District.

Paunglaung Dam benefits 50,000 acres...

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At Paunglaung Underground Hydropower Plant of Hydropower Generation Enterprise, he looked into the control room and turbines.

The power plant, installed with four 70-megawatt generators, is generating 911 million kilowatt hours yearly.

Two 230 KV power lines of the power plant supply electricity to the entire nation through Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Power Station.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint arrived back here by car.—MNA

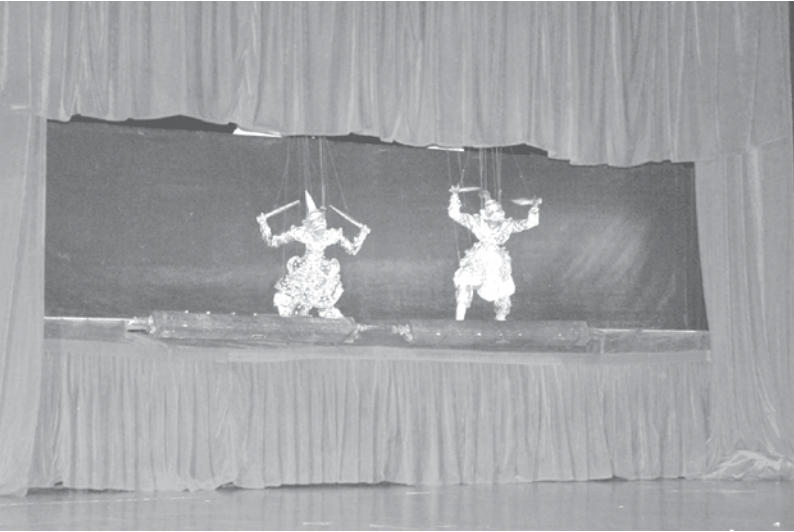
Three hacked to death, 12 wounded in violent attack of Mon robbers in Ye Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Three lumberjacks were killed and 12 others, wounded in the violent attack of Mon robber Chan Dein and accomplices at a site, northeast of Manaung village, Ye Township, Mon State, on 25 November.

Mon robber Chan Dein and accomplices abducted 19 local woodcutters and tied them up in the forest. They tortured the victims under the pretext that their fellow members had been dead due to the latter’s informing to military columns. Then, they hacked three natives of Maubin, Ayeyawady Division—Maung Nyo Chaw, 30; Sai Maung Maung, 26; and unidentified man— to death.

Maung Thet Min Oo, 19, and Ma Lei Lei Win, 16, from Theinzayet township of Mon State, Maung Chit The Aung, 17, Maung Chit Min Thu, 19, Ma Wah Wah Khine, 12, Ma Chit Chit Wai, 19, and Maung Win Ko Oo, 20, from Kyaikto, U Min Zaw, 33, from Twantay township of Yangon Division, Maung Phoe Zaw, 20, from Yangon, Maung Nay Lin Aung, 15, from Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Division, U Win Aung, 33, from Thankyotan village of Hinthada Township, U Win Naing, 33, from Myaybon of Rakhine State were seriously wounded in the attack, and four others managed to escape.

The injured were sent to Ye People’s Hospital. Authorities concerned provided medicines and aids for the victims and local regiments are now in hot pursuit of the robbers.—MNA



Global warming predictions are overestimated, suggests study on black carbon



CANBERRA, 26 Nov — A detailed analysis of black carbon -- the residue of burned organic matter -- in computer climate models suggests that those models may be overestimating global warming predictions. A new Cornell study, published online in Nature Geosciences, quantified the amount of black carbon in Australian soils and found that there was far more than expected, said Johannes Lehmann, the paper’s lead author and a Cornell professor of biogeochemistry. The survey was the largest of black carbon ever published.

As a result of global warming, soils are expected to release more carbon dioxide, the major greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere, which, in turn, creates more warming. Climate models try to incorporate these increases of carbon dioxide from soils as the planet warms, but results vary greatly when realistic estimates of black carbon in soils are included in the predictions, the study found.

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Myanmar, Indian present marionette show

YANGON, 27 Nov — Under the Myanmar-India cultural exchange programme, Myanmar and Indian troupes presented marionette show at National Theater in Dagon Township here yesterday evening.

First, Indian marionette troupe presented the traditional dance of West Bengal Province before Myanmar marionette troupe’s performance.

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Alope Sen and wife, ambassadors from foreign embassies, embassy staff, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Archaeological Research, National Museum and Library (Southern Branch) Daw Sandar Khin and others enjoyed performance of the troupes.

Indian troupe presented marionette show at National Theater in Mandalay today.

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Entertainment programmes of Myanmar and Indian marionette troupes in progress at National Theater.—MNA

New tool trains athlete brains to react 53 percent faster

MONTRIAL, 26 Nov — All great athletes know that in order to perform well, they can’t just depend on their physical capabilities.

Speed and efficiency in decision-making are just as essential. Two researchers from the School of Optometry of the Université de Montréal have discovered how to train the brain of athletes to improve their overall athletic performance.

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An official gives talk on higher pass rate in matriculation exam at Aung Yerza Hall of Mandalay No. 1 BEHS on 21 November.

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Myanmar, Thai specialists provide ear care services



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint views joint treatment of Myanmar and Thai surgeons at Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, together with Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, viewed the joint treatment of Myanmar and Thai surgeons at Department of Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Plastic, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery of Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital (1000-bed) on 25 November.

At the hall, the minister and party met with leader of Ear Surgery

Mobile Unit of Thailand Prof Soontom Antarasena and held a discussion with Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag on Myanmar and Thai health matters.

An eight-member ear surgery team led by Prof Dr Thein Tun and the 18-member Thai ear surgery team led by Prof Soontom Antarasena are providing ear care services at Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana People's

Hospital.

The Thai ear treatment team had jointly performed treatment with Myanmar surgeons for nine times. The team will give treatments in Toungoo and Maubin townships.

The Myanmar-Thai ear care team provided treatments to 545 patients at Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital and 848 patients at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana People's Hospital.—MNA

Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Course No. 10/2008 opens

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—An opening ceremony of Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Course No. 10/2008 of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at Mawlamyinegyun

Township Peace and Development Council on 24 November.

Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department made an opening speech and Chairman of Township PDC briefed on

the course.

A total of 30 trainees from Mawlamyinegyun Township are attending the five-day course and they are receiving skills for national disaster preparedness.

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Talks on obesity and ways of weight controlling given

YANGON, 27 Nov—Zifam Pinnacle Pty Ltd organized talks on obesity and ways of weight controlling at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Street here on 23 November.

Professor Dr U Saw Naing acted as the chairman of the talks. Managing Director Mr Chander Khanna extended greetings. Professor Dr U Khin Maung Win gave talks on obesity and ways of weight controlling and Dr Tun Nay Lin of Zifam Pinnacle Pty Ltd gave accounts on Lobese Carbohydrate Blocker Product.

Next, Professors Dr U Saw Naing and

Dr U Khin Maung Win replied to the queries raised by those present.

Lobese, a natural product, includes Phaseolus Vulgaris 500mg that is extracted from white kidney bean. It is recognized as World's Healthiest Food.

Those interested may contact Zifam Pinnacle Pty Ltd at No. (103), Dagon Tower, Shwegondaing Street, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 548614 and 544467), Email: zifamltd@mptmail.net.mm and www.zifampinnacle.com to buy Australia-made Lobese.

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Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, a genuine Myanmar legacy left by ancestors

Commandant's Shield Winter Volleyball Tourney opens

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—The opening ceremony of the winter volleyball tourney for offices and departments of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) was held in the Sports Ground of the

Ministry of Defence, here this evening.

Present at the tournament were Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein of Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence,

officers and other ranks.

The commandant made a speech and opened the tourney. Next, participating teams started to compete in the events.

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Relief supplies for storm victims

YANGON, 27 Nov—A ceremony to donate relief supplies to the storm victims, organized by the Organizing department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, took place at Shwetaungon Village, Dadeye Township, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday morning. Head of the Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and responsible persons presented the relief items to the storm victims of Shwetaungon, Tanyin-gon, Layin-gon, Kyayotan

and Kyagon villages.

The donations included relief items worth K 688500 by Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, relief items worth K 488000 by U Kyaw Kyaw and family, relief items worth K 488000 by Deputy Director of Bureau of Special Investigation U Myint Kyi and family, 250 toothbrushes, 250 pens and 300 clothes worth K 930000 by U Tee Tee, U Shauk Lan and U Chit of Crown Wire Co, 250 boxes of various kinds

of medicine worth K 400000 by practitioner U Hla Htay and Thri Thudhama Theingi Daw Tin Nwe Oo (Hmancho Medical House), relief items by U Myat Thin Aung and Agga Maha Thri Thudhama Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint of Women Entrepreneurs' Association and 205 packets of honey and 250 boxes of Pacivite G by Ko Zaw Moe Khaing and Dr Saw Nay New (AA Product) totalling K 3967500.

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Professor Dr U Khin Maung Win gives talk on obesity and ways of weight controlling.—MNA

Kalay Industrial Zone booming with increasing number of products

Article: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon); Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)



Neat and tidy Kalay Airport.

Recently, we a news team of the Myanmar Alin Daily left Yangon for Kalay of Sagaing Division by air.

While in Kalay, we visited Kalay Industrial Zone which is located on 167.28 acres of land, near Thaya Village of Gyothonpat Village-tract, seven miles from Kalay and in the south of the road linking Kalay of Sagaing Division to Chin State.

A total of 340 plots that measure 60 feet by

80 feet and 389 plots that measure 80 feet by 120 feet were reclaimed for construction of factories and workshops in the industrial zone and these plots were allotted to the entrepreneurs.

We witnessed the industrial zone in the distance.

We met with Chairman of Kalay Industrial Zone Management Committee U Sein Kho at his office. In an interview, he said, "I am glad to meet you. As

far as I know, you will report our efforts in building a modern and developed nation in the newspaper. If the people notice our efforts, the demands of the customers will rise resulting in the boosting of production."

Kalay Industrial Zone was established as a branch of Monywa Industrial Zone in the time of the Tatmadaw Government in 1999.

After that, the number of industrialists increased in Kalay

Township and they could manufacture quality products. Therefore, the State Peace and Development Council designated the Kalay Industrial Zone as the 19th one of the country on 3 February 2004.

The Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee was formed with the Chairman of District Peace and Development Council U Kyi Win and district level departmental officials, totalling 28.

Kalay Industrial

Zone is functioning under the leadership of the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee and the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee. With the close supervision of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council, the industrial zone is placing emphasis on smooth and speedy manufacturing of industrial products in line with five industrial aims. In so doing, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint is in-charge of the industrial zone for close supervision.

The industrial zone yearly divided four sectors in its functions: the manufacturing of automobile, the production of agricultural equipment and distribution, the generation of electricity and supply of power and manufacturing of general industrial products.

In the 2008-2009 financial year, a total of 27 automobiles have been manufactured so far in the industrial zone against the target of 102 automobiles in eight kinds. Moreover,

23,500 agricultural implements have been produced so far against the target of 36,190 in 15 kinds. Furthermore, a total of 120 pieces have been manufactured against the target of 424 in 10 power generation items. With regard to the general products, the plan was set to manufacture 8,720 pieces of products and 5,275 pieces of products in seven kinds have been made.

The local people of Kalay Township rely on the agriculture. If the entrepreneurs redouble their efforts Kalay and its surrounding areas will enjoy the fruits of development. Moreover, the township will gain momentum in boosting production of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and cottage industries. Progress of Kalay Industrial Zone will surely contribute to the development of Kalay region.

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Workers at a workshop of Kalay Industrial Zone.

Nokia to end phone sales in Japan

TOKYO, 27 Nov— Finish mobile phone giant Nokia has said it will stop selling its handsets in Japan after struggling to grow its market share in the country.

Nokia said it would continue selling its luxury Vertu brand in Japan, and would dedicate its Japanese business to research purposes.

Samsung and LG have also faced problems in Japan - a market

dominated by sophisticated domestic phones.

Nokia said recently that it would cut costs because of the global downturn. "In the current global economic climate, we have concluded that the continuation of our investment in Japan-specific localised products is no longer sustainable," said Nokia executive vice president Timo Ihamuotila.

Nokia has nearly 40%

of the global market for mobile phones, but it reportedly managed to take only 0.3% of Japan's market last year.

According to research firm IDC Japan, foreign companies account for only 5% of the Japanese market, which is dominated by local firms selling phones with features such as TV broadcasting and electronic payment functions.

Japanese manufacturers have only a small presence outside their home market, which also has an advanced third-generation network that makes it difficult for foreign firms to compete.

The Nokia-owned luxury brand Vertu was created in 1998 and focuses on one-off specialist phones costing from 3,500 euros to more than 100,000 euros.

Internet



Nokia failed to grow its share of the Japanese market enough.—INTERNET

Grenades kill five in Somalia's seat of parliament

SOMALIA, 27 Nov— At least five people were killed and 17 injured on Thursday when assailants tossed grenades into a busy market in the town where Somalia's parliament sits, witnesses said.

"At least three civilians died and 17 others were wounded after unidentified men hurled two hand grenades at Baidoa market," Hussein Mohamed, a witness, told *Reuters*.

A doctor at a hospital in Baidoa said two of the injured people taken there had later died.

Baidoa is under the control of Islamists. Islamist fight against military backed-interim government and its ally-Ethiopian troops. Authorities in the northern enclave of Somaliland on Thursday blamed a hardline group of Islamists known as al Shabaab for simultaneous suicide attacks that killed at least 30 people at the end of October.—*Internet*

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INTERNET



Congo victim of 'discrimination'

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Nov—The world is not sending enough troops to the Democratic Republic of Congo because of discrimination, a former top UN official has told the BBC.

There is "inbuilt discrimination when it comes to Africa", said Jan Egeland, pointing to the world's response to crises in the Middle East and Europe.

He is one of 16 former top officials and leaders to sign a letter calling on the EU to send troops to DR Congo.

Some 250,000 people have fled recent fighting in eastern DR Congo.

The UN this month said it would send an extra 3,000 troops to DR Congo, on top of the 17,000 already there - the world's largest peacekeeping force. But Mr Egeland said this was not enough for DR Congo, which is almost the size of western Europe.

Internet



This woman was mobbed after being given aid in a refugee camp.—INTERNET



Nissan's PIV02 concept car is displayed in London's Science Museum as part of the "Japan Car: Designs for a crowded globe" exhibition.—INTERNET

Mumbai attacks carried out by group based outside India

MUMBAI, 27 Nov— The attacks in Mumbai which killed more than 100 people were carried out by a group based in a foreign country, said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday.

"It is evident that the group which carried out these attacks, based outside the country, had come with single-minded determination to create havoc in the commercial capital of the country," Singh said.

"The well-planned and well-orchestrated attacks, probably with external linkages, were intended to create a sense of panic, by choosing high profile targets and indiscriminately killing foreigners."

"I strongly condemn these acts of senseless violence against innocent people, including guests from foreign countries," said the Prime Minister. "I offer my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and sympathies to those injured. The Government will take all necessary measures to look after the well-being of the affected families, including medical treatment of injured."

"Most importantly, it is essential to immediately set up a Federal Investigation Agency to go into terrorist crimes of this kind and ensure that the guilty are brought to book," he said.

"We will take up strongly with our neighbors that the use of their territory for launching attacks on us will not be tolerated, and that there would be a cost if suitable measures are not taken by them."

"I am confident that the people of India will rise unitedly to face this grave challenge to the nation's security and integrity," Singh added.—*Internet*

Zimbabwe to get Chinese vaccines for cholera

HARARE, 27 Nov— Zimbabwe, which is battling a serious cholera outbreak amid a worsening economic crisis, is set to get vaccines from China to fight the disease, state media reported on Thursday.

The state-run *Herald* newspaper reported that China had pledged \$500,000 worth of vaccines to Zimbabwe, where UN agencies say cholera has killed 366 people and infected almost 9,000 others.

Deputy head of mission at the Chinese embassy in Harare, He Meng, told the newspaper Zimbabwe had sought China's help in its bid to fight cholera.

"We are sympathising with the Zimbabwean people and we want to help as best as we can to stop the spread of the cholera disease that has killed many people in this country," he is quoted as saying.

Cholera is a water-borne disease that causes vomiting and acute diarrhoea, and can rapidly lead to death from dehydration. It spreads fastest in situations with poor sanitation or where contaminated water is used for drinking or for preparing food.

Zimbabwe's infrastructure has collapsed under the burden of a severe economic crisis, highlighted by the world's highest inflation rate above 230 million percent, leaving uncollected garbage, water shortages and broken sewers in most towns.

The health system has been hit by drug and equipment shortages, while many Zimbabwean doctors and nurses have also left the country in search of better working conditions. The country's major public hospitals have shut down in recent weeks.—*Internet*

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Venezuela, Russia say oil prices must stabilize

CARACAS, 27 Nov—Venezuela will support OPEC oil production cuts until prices increase, Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said Wednesday.

During a visit by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, he said Venezuela will support OPEC production cuts of 1 million barrels per day at OPEC's upcoming meeting on Saturday. But if new cuts are not enough to increase prices, "we will keep cutting until the market stabilizes," he said. President Hugo Chavez has said he's proposing OPEC countries consider setting a price range for oil to stabilize the global market.

"Let's look for a band between \$80 and \$100; we're thinking about that," Chavez said Mon-

day. "We think that price would be a fair price for oil." Venezuela is a founding member of OPEC, which cut production by 1.5 million barrels per day last month to boost prices. While Russia is not an OPEC member, Chavez has often spoken of the necessity to strengthen relations between OPEC

and Russia.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev did not respond directly when asked if he would support Chavez's price band, but said Russia wants "just and stable" oil prices.

"These don't need to be really low or really high" he said through an interpreter.—Internet

Religion may help extend your life

NEW YORK, 27 Nov—Attending a weekly religious service, regardless of your faith, may lower your risk of death by 20 percent compared to people who don't attend services, researchers are reporting.

"Religion is always a hot topic, but particularly now, when people are perhaps in fear because of the recession and the threat of terrorism, people are looking for stability, and religion is something we find people reach out to for that stability. And, we see some health benefits here," said the study's lead author, Eliezer Schnall, a clinical assistant professor of psychology at Yeshiva College at Yeshiva University in New York City.

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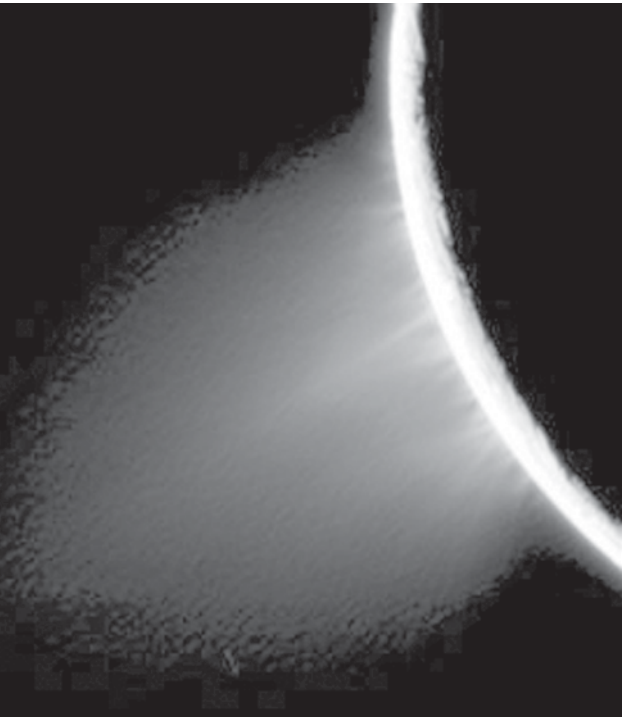
Plumes spewing from Saturn moon may contain water

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—Astronomers looking at the spectacular supersonic plumes of gas and dust shooting off one of Saturn's moons say there are strong hints of liquid water, a key building block of life.

Their research, appearing in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, adds to the growing push to explore further the moon Enceladus, as one of the solar system's most compelling places for potential life.

Using images from NASA's Cassini probe, astronomers had already figured that the mysterious plumes shooting from Enceladus' icy terrain contain water vapour. New calculations suggesting the gas and dust spew at speeds faster-than-sound make the case for liquid, said study lead author Candice Hansen of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in California. Her team calculated the plumes travel more than 1,360 mph.

Reaching that speed "is hard to do without liquids," Hansen said. While her paper offers more evidence building on what others have found, she added that her research is not the final proof of liquid water on Enceladus.—Internet



This file image provided by NASA shows geyser-like eruptions of ice particles and water vapour shooting out from the south pole of Saturn's moon, Enceladus. —INTERNET

Potential female bombers in Iraq surrender

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov—Eighteen young women purportedly belonging to a suicide bombing network in northern Iraq surrendered to US forces on Wednesday, a top US commander said.

Maj-Gen Mark Hertling, who leads US forces in northern Iraq, said the women turned themselves in after a local cleric and their families persuaded them that suicide attacks violated the tenets of Islam.

The number of bombings carried out by women has spiked this year even as overall violence has declined, and Hertling said Wednesday's surrender would deal a significant blow to recruitment efforts.

US military figures show 31 attacks by 35 female suicide bombers so far this year, compared with eight in 2007. Hertling said the cleric approached US forces earlier this week to tell them about a group of 21 women who were part of a suicide bombing network. On Wednesday, 18 of the women surrendered and signed a form promising not to conduct attacks as part of a reconciliation programme, Hertling said.

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Gustav, Ike destroyed 60 energy platforms

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—Hurricanes Gustav and Ike destroyed 60 drilling platforms that drew about 1 percent of the oil and natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico, the Interior Department said Wednesday in a final damage assessment of the two September storms.

The platforms produced 13,657 barrels, or 1.05 percent, of the oil and nearly 94.5 cubic feet, or 1.3 percent, of the natural gas taken daily from the Gulf of Mexico, said Interior's Minerals Management Service, which oversees the federal offshore oil and gas leasing programme.

The agency also reported an additional 31 platforms were extensively damaged by the two storms. The damaged platforms were in waters from 37 feet to 477 feet deep. They are estimated to take three to six months to repair, the agency said. An additional 93 platforms sustained moderate damage that could be repaired within three months.

The agency said 2,127 oil and gas production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico were exposed to Gustav's hurricane-force winds on 1 Sept. Ike followed 12 days later. There are 3,800 production platforms in Gulf waters, from single wells in 10 feet of water to huge, multiwell platforms in water more than 7,000 feet deep.

Internet



Utilities workers from Joplin, Mo begin to string power lines on new poles along the coastal highway on Bolivar Peninsula near Gilchrist, Texas, nearly a month after Hurricane Ike wiped out the homes on this sliver of land just north of Galveston. —INTERNET

Tata plans to commercialize healthcare portal

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov — Indian IT services company, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), plans to commercialize its Web Health Centre, an online portal for medical consultations, healthcare information, and telemedicine. The Web Health Centre site (<http://www.webhealthcentre.com/>) was set up by TCS in 2000, as part of fulfilling its corporate social responsibility.

The site was started to offer patients in rural areas access to specialist doctors.

“We realized that there was a gap for this kind of service even abroad, as we got more queries from abroad than from India,” said Debashis Ghosh, vice president and head of TCS’ life sciences and healthcare practice, in a telephone interview on Tuesday. The scope of the site was subsequently expanded to allow patients to store medical records online and share securely with doctors, said Sumanth Chakravarthy Raman, head of innovation at TCS’ healthcare practice.—*Internet*



A snow-covered sheep stands on a meadow during snowfalls near the Albispass mountain pass south of Zurich on 22 Nov, 2008.—INTERNET

Some Sony films return to Netflix-Xbox service

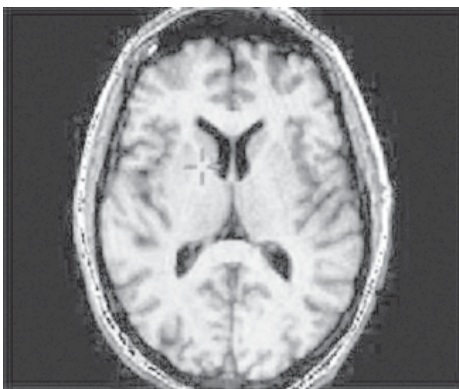
TOKYO, 27 Nov—Apparently Netflix and Sony have solved some of their licensing issues. An unknown number of films from Sony Pictures that disappeared last week from Netflix’s streaming service for the Xbox have returned, but still no word on when the rest might be back.

Steve Swasey, a Netflix spokesman, has declined to discuss licensing deals with specific movie studios since last week, after Xbox owners complained that Netflix’s streaming service was no longer offering Sony films on the console. Swasey said some of the movies have returned but not all.

“We said earlier that titles come and go,” Swasey told CNET News. “That is part of the natural ebb and flow (of these licensing deals). Some titles are back while some are not.”

Immediately after the Sony films disappeared, the blogosphere began accusing Sony, the maker of the PlayStation video game console, of trying to stick it to rival Microsoft, the maker of the Xbox.—*Internet*

Brain scans show root of memory glitch with aging



A brain scan in a file image.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 27 Nov—Brain scans of older people in a noisy lab machine give biological backing to the idea that distraction hampers memory with aging, researchers reported on Wednesday.

The finding bolsters a theory about

one reason why memory weakens with age: older people have more trouble remembering some things because they’re more easily distracted when they try to learn them.

The memory exercise reported in the latest issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience* dealt with recognizing faces, but the findings apply to the more general task of trying to remember something a person sees or hears, said lead author Dale Stevens. Stevens, a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard University, did the work while at the Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest, which is affiliated with the University of Toronto.

Older people who have to learn something should do all they can to focus on that task and eliminate potential distractions, he advised.—*Internet*

Genes may predict lymphoma treatment outcome

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov — Gene activity patterns can tell doctors whether people with a certain type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma have a better chance of survival with treatment, according to a new study.

Three different signatures of gene activity, or expression — a measure of the biological activity of a gene — have been identified in people with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL). One signature, stromal-2, was linked to poor prognosis.

In studying thousands of genes in DLBCL tumors, the researchers determined that nonmalignant immune and structural cells lying near the tumor cells also have a great effect on how well patients respond to therapy.

“These biological variations are significant in patients treated with the current standard of care,” study leader Dr. Louis M Staudt of the US National Cancer Institute, said in a news release issued by the organization. “Our results

provide many fresh ideas about how existing drugs might be utilized to overcome the remaining resistance of some DLBCL tumors to our current therapy.”

The findings were published in the 27 Nov issue of the New England *Journal of Medicine*.

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, an aggressive type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma with several subtypes, makes up 30 percent of all newly diagnosed cases.

Internet

FTC tosses guidance on tar, nicotine in cigarettes

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov — The cigarette industry for 42 years has made factual claims about tar and nicotine levels based on machine testing blessed by the Federal Trade Commission. Now the FTC has dropped the test, known as the Cambridge Filter Method, like a hot rock.

The commission has rescinded guidance it issued 42 years ago, saying the test method is flawed. It also said the resulting marketing touting tar and nicotine levels could cause consumers to believe that lighter cigarettes were safer.

As a result, future ad-

vertising that lists tar levels for cigarettes won’t be able to use terms such as “by FTC method.”

“Our action today ensures that tobacco companies may not wrap their misleading tar and nicotine ratings in a cloak of government sponsorship,” said Commissioner Jon Leibowitz. “Simply put, the FTC will not be a smokescreen for tobacco companies’ shameful marketing practices.”

The commission rescinded the guidance by a 4-0 vote.

Under the current system, cigarettes with a tar rate above 15 milligrams

per cigarette are commonly referred to by the industry as “full flavor.” Cigarettes with a tar rating of less than 15 milligrams are referred to as “low” or “light.” Cigarettes with a tar rate below 6 are described as “ultra low” or “ultra light.”

The National Cancer Institute found that changes in cigarette design reduced the amount of tar and nicotine measured by smoking machines using the Cambridge Filter Method. However, there was no evidence those changes reduced disease for smokers.—*Internet*

Nigeria bans teething drug after 25 children die

LAGOS, 27 Nov — Teething formula tainted with a toxic thickening agent has killed 25 children in Nigeria, prompting regulators to yank it from shelves and shut down its manufacturer, officials said on Wednesday.

The national food and drug administration were scouring Africa’s most populous country for about 3,000 bottles of “My Pikin Baby Teething Mixture,” which had been inadvertently tainted with diethylene glycol, the agency’s head

told *The Associated Press*. Eleven other children were being treated after ingesting the com-

pound meant to soothe a teething infant’s sore gums, Doris Akunyili said.—*Internet*



A woman takes care of her son. Nigeria’s food and drug control agency NAFDAC said 25 children have died in the last fortnight after taking a teething mixture discovered to contain a harmful substance.—INTERNET

SPORTS



China's Zheng Jie

China's Zheng Jie heading to Australia for WTA Hobart

SYDNEY, 27 Nov—China's Zheng Jie will head Down Under in January ahead of the Australian Open to compete in the Hobart International, according to organizers.

Zheng, 25, overcame an injury-plagued 2007 to reach her first Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon in July, becoming the first Chinese player to ever reach the last eight.

She defeated then No.1 Ana Ivanovic in straight sets along the way before ceding to Serena Williams.

"Zheng has had an outstanding year on the tour and has really come of age," director of the Hobart tournament Michael Roberts said.

"She has come a long way since winning the tournament here in 2005 and everyone is looking forward to watching her play again." Zheng, now ranked world number 25, will be the second-highest ranked player after Swiss number 14 Patty Schnyder at the January 9-16 Hobart tournament on the southern Australian island of Tasmania.—*Internet*

Fans celebrate outside as Atletico book last 16 spot



PSV Eindhoven's Edison Mendez(R) fights for the ball with Atletico Madrid's Mario Pernia during their UEFA Champions League football match without an audience at Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid. INTERNET

MADRID, 27 Nov—Athletico Madrid fans celebrated Wednesday outside their Vicente Calderon stadium, a UEFA ban preventing them from attending the match, as their team

qualified for the last 16 of the Champions League for the first time in over a decade with a 2-1 win over PSV Eindhoven.

No fans were allowed inside but Athletico did not seem to mind as first half goals from Simao and Maxi Rodriguez secured their passage into the knockout phase for the first time since the 1996/97 season.—*Internet*

Platini seeks EU help to curb soccer club spending

GENEVA, 27 Nov—The president of European soccer's ruling body will meet sports ministers from Europe on Thursday to seek support for his plans to control club spending.

British soccer authorities see the proposal as a way to stop English dominance of the Champions League.

The gathering in Biarritz, France, will feature ministers from the 27 European Union members who are considering giving sports federations freedom to run their own affairs.

Internet

Gerrard sends lacklustre Liverpool through

LIVERPOOL, 27 Nov—Steven Gerrard celebrated his return from injury by firing Liverpool into the knockout stages of the Champions League with a 1-0 win over Marseille here on Wednesday.

The Liverpool captain's first-half header from Xavi Alonso's cross proved enough to secure a victory over opponents who deserved better from a display every bit as spirited as the one that had seen them become the first French club to win at Anfield 13 months ago.

Internet



Liverpool's Brazilian defender Fabio Aurelio (L) vies with Olympique de Marseille's Ivorian forward Bakari Kone during their UEFA Champions League group D football match in Liverpool. INTERNET

Bordeaux coach looks ahead to Rome after blunting Chelsea



Bordeaux's midfielder Wendel (right) vies with Chelsea's defender Jose Bosingwa during their UEFA Champions League football match in Bordeaux.—INTERNET

BORDEAUX, 27 Nov—Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc was a happy man after his side forced a 1-1 draw with Chelsea on Wednesday and believes anything can happen as they now go to Roma in their final outing in a bid to book what would be an

unexpected place in the last 16. "Chelsea kept the ball well but our game plan was to reduce the size of the pitch, battle and pressure them. We've played better matches but not against a team like Chelsea," said the former World Cup and European champion on Wednesday's stalemate.

Internet

Barca stroll past Sporting Lisbon

PARIS, 27 Nov—Barcelona coasted to a 5-2 victory over 10-man hosts Sporting Lisbon on Wednesday to win Champions League Group C after running riot at the Jose Alvalade stadium in Lisbon on Wednesday.

Both sides had already ensured their passage to the last 16 inside their first four games, leaving makeweights Shakhtar Donetsk and Basel trailing in their wake.

But Barca wanted group bragging rights and roared into a three-goal lead before a spell of complacency saw the Portuguese pull two goals back inside a minute.—*Internet*



Barcelona's French Thierry Henry (R) vies with Sporting's Argentinian Leandro Grimi (L) during their Champions League group C football match at Alvalade Stadium in Lisbon. INTERNET



Anorthosis Famagusta's Sinisa Debrasinovic (L) vies with Werder Bremen's Diego during their Champions League Group B football match in the Cypriot capital Nicosia.—INTERNET

Roma put paid to Cluj's European dream



AS Roma's Francesco Totti (R) vies for the ball against CFR Cluj's Dani during their Champions League football match in Cluj-Napoca city, some 480km northwest of Bucharest.—INTERNET

CLUJ-NAPOCA, 27 Nov—A resurgent Roma moved to the top of Champions League Group A with a 3-1 win at CFR Cluj that eliminated the Romanians from the competition.

The result, coupled with Chelsea's 1-1 draw at Bordeaux, means Roma can book their place in the knockout phase with a draw against the French side in their remaining group game. Roma went into the match buoyed by a recent improvement in their form, having overcome Lecce 3-0 at the weekend in Serie A and beaten Chelsea 3-1 at the Olympic stadium in their last Champions League outing.—*Internet*

Cypriot minnows let slip two-goal deficit

NICOSIA, 27 Nov—Cypriot underdogs Anorthosis Famagusta's threw away a two-goal lead to be held by Werder Bremen in this Group D nail-biter on Wednesday, leaving their hopes of further Champions League progress hanging by a thread.

After the thrilling encounter both managers contemplated on what might have been in this topsy-turvy group.

"We are disappointed because we led 2-0 but couldn't hold on, we made mistakes and at this level you get punished for mistakes," Anorthosis manager Temuri Ketsbaia told a news conference.

Internet



Between the ages of six months and six years old, close to 90 percent of children have at least one sleep-related problem.—INTERNET

26 percent of sleepless children become overweight: Study

SCIENCE DAILY, 27 Nov—Between the ages of six months and six years old, close to 90 percent of children have at least one sleep-related problem. Among the most common issues are night terrors, teeth-grinding and bed-wetting.

For the majority, it's simply a stage that passes. But at least 30 percent of children in this age group have difficulties sleeping six consecutive hours—either because they can't fall into slumber or they can't stay asleep. While the effects of lack of sleep on learning are well documented, researchers at the University of Montreal have found sleepless children can become overweight and

hyperactive.

The research team analyzed a sample of 1,138 children and found: 26 percent of kids who didn't sleep enough were overweight, 18.5 percent carried extra weight, while 7.4 percent were obese.

The relationship between sleep and weight could be explained by a change in the secretion of hormones that's brought on by lack of sleep. "When we sleep less, our stomach secretes more of the hormone that stimulates appetite," Montplaisir explains. "And we also produce less of the hormone whose function is to reduce the intake of food."

Internet

Rats identify specific sounds in noisy environments

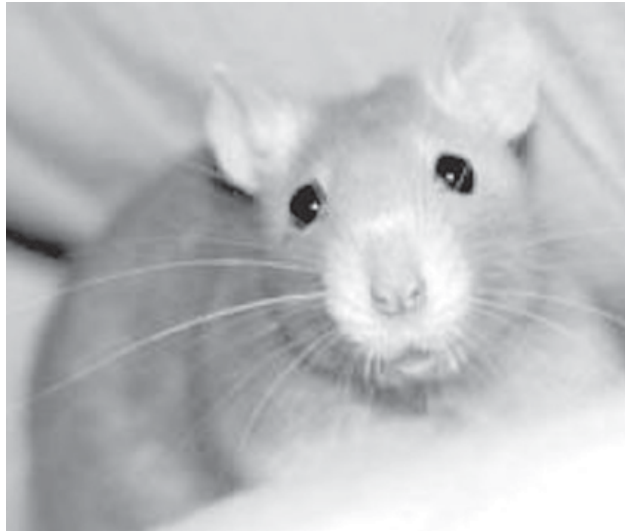
SCIENCE DAILY, 27 Nov—A study conducted on hundreds of rats could help us understand how the brain identifies specific sounds in a noisy environment. The investigation, soon to be published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, was conducted by Alex Martin of the University of Montreal Department of Psychology.

"Our ears have thousands of ciliated cells with different sensitivities," says Martin. "These cells identify the frequencies that make up a particular sound, but also

the spectrum of different frequencies that blend together. That is why we can identify different instruments playing the same note."

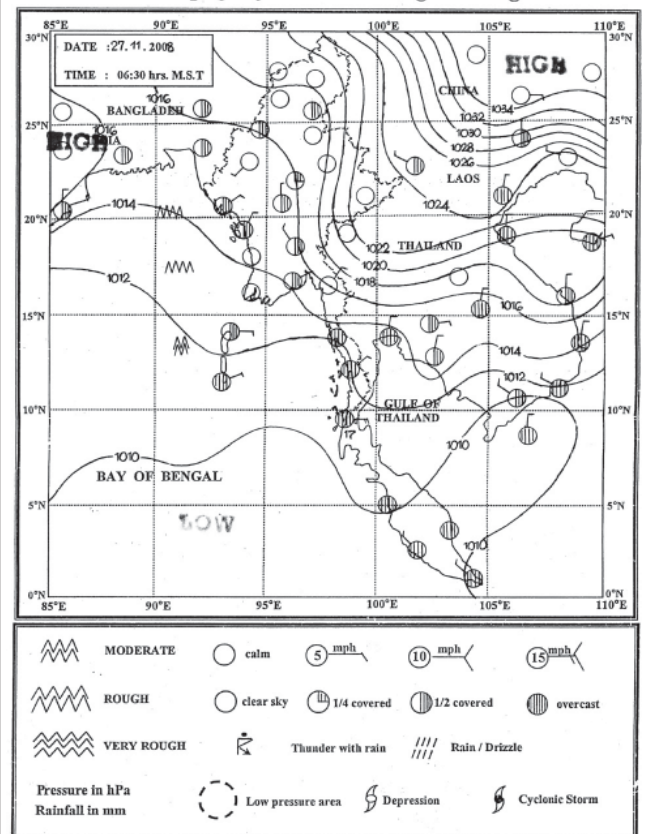
For instance, during a concert, when the sound of the crowd mixes with several instruments, our brain can still identify the specific notes played by the trumpet, the violin or any other instrument in the orchestra. Still, Martin was curious to know the impact of background noise on the spatial sensitivity of auditory neurons.

Internet



Rats could help us understand how the brain identifies specific sounds in a noisy environment.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 27 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (-1°C) and Loilem (3°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.67) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-11-2008 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 27-11-2008 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-11-2008 was 59%. Total sunshine hours on 26-11-2008 was (9.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 27-11-2008 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 East at (14:30) hours MST on 26-11-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the cyclonic storm 'NISHA' over Southwest Bay has crossed the coast of Tamilnadu near KARAİKAL India and still persists as land depression. It is forecast to move Northwest wards. Weather is cloudy in the Southwest and West Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28th November 2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division, Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight decrease of night temperatures in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-11-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-11-2008: Partly cloudy.



Friday, 28 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက် ထုတ်ကုန်များ

7:50 am

5. Musical programme

8:00 am

6. Dance of national races

8:15 am

7. "လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့"
(ပြီးငွေစိုးမြတ်ကောသီအောင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Songs of yesteryears

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးဖိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:35 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
တတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ
အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

4:50 pm

5. Songs to uphold
national spirits

5:00 pm

6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

5:15 pm

7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

8. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့်
တော်သံစုံတီးဝိုင်းဖျော်ဖြေတင်
ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

5:40 pm

9. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ကုန်သွယ်မှုနှင့်စီးပွား"
(အပိုင်း-၃၀)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. "ဧရာဝတီရဲ့မနက်ဖြန်"

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စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ပင်လယ်လှေမင်းသား"

(အပိုင်း-၅၀)

Paunglaung Dam benefits 50,000 acres of farmland



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Paunglaung Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence this morning inspected construction works on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung road linking Mandalay Division, Shan State and Kayah State, maintenance of Yaypyaungpyan-Kyauktanpat-

Hlwegyi junction, erecting of road directions, maintenance of 160 feet long baileytype Hlwegyi Bridge and Hlwegyi Village Basic Education Middle School.

He also inspected progress in construction of Koekwe-Paunglaungchaung Road between 0/0 and 2/4 mile posts section

of No. 2 district-to-district road being undertaken by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee, and conditions of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung road section and Kintha-Koegwe road section.

At Paunglaung Dam, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint viewed flow of water into

the dam, functions of water channels and the spillway and left necessary instructions.

Paunglaung Dam is of roller compact concrete

type and it has 430 feet high and 4,100 feet long embankment. The maximum water storage capacity of the dam is 560,000 acre-feet and 283,760

acre-feet at the least. The water surface of the dam is 4,102 acres and the dam benefits 50,000 acres of farmland.

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Cyclone Nisha still moving

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—According to the observation at 9.30 a.m. MST today, cyclone Nisha forming in the South-West of Bay of Bengal had entered Tamil Nadu coast of India near Karaikal and then it is expected to continue moving towards North-West as the inland storm, announced by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

City on alert as Kaka reveals Premier League ambitions

MILAN, 27 Nov — AC Milan star Kaka has alerted officials at Manchester City after claiming that he spoke to fellow Brazilian Robinho about the Eastlands Stadium side.

The Brazilian international, who is currently in England for the Rossoneri's UEFA Cup tie against Portsmouth on Thursday claimed that he could be playing in the Premier League one day.

Wealthy City, who spent a British

record £32.5m to bring in Robinho to the Premiership club during the summer should not have a problem in bringing in Kaka as far as finance was concerned.

Kaka told Sky Sports News: "I know it is the best league in the world.

"So one day, maybe - I don't know when but it would be great to play in the Premier League."

When asked if there was a possibility of joining Mark Hughes' City side, Kaka disclosed that



he sometimes discusses City with Robinho and Elano. "I have a lot of friends who are playing there so I am watching some games," he replied.

"I speak with Robinho and Elano sometimes about Manchester City."—Internet

Writer Hsinbyugyun Aung Thein (U Kyi Aye) awarded Life-time Achievement Literary Award

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information chose Writer Hsinbyugyun Aung Thein (U Kyi Aye) as the winner of Life-time Achievement Literary Award for 2007. He has dedicated to the progress of Myanmar literature, said the committee.

He will be awarded at the prize presentation ceremony for National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Award for 2007 to be held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 a.m. on 28 December (Sunday).—MNA

Winners of National Literary Award for 2007 announced

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov—National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information announced the list of the National Literary Award winners for 2007 today.

Hsutnget won the National Literary Award in novel genre, Nay Win Myint, in collected short stories genre, Than Aung, in collected poems genre, Tekkatho Sein Tin, in belles-letters genre, Sandar Khin, in Myanmar Culture and Fine Arts literature genre, Maung Myint Tun, in child literature genre, Linkaryikyaw, in youth literature, Hlaing Thin, in translation (science) genre, Tin Maung Myint, in translation (aesthetics) genre, Maung Than Swe (Dawei), in general knowledge (arts) genre and Dr Chit, in general knowledge (applied science) genre.

Among the 14 genres, general knowledge (science), drama and political literature categories are not awarded.

Winners are to contact the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman at No. 529-531 on Merchant Street (Tel: 01-240048), the Deputy Chief Editor (Tel: 01-249230) and the Head of Branch (Admin) (01-381449) bringing together with one 5"x7" sized colour photo and one 1"x1" sized photo each.

The prize presentation ceremony will be held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 a.m. on 28 December (Sunday).

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