

## Defence Services C-in-C's Shield football tourney continues

YANGON, 8 Dec—The round robin matches of the 47<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) football tourney continued at the designated venues today.

In the group-A in Mawlamyine of South-East Command Zone, Yangon Command crashed Western Command -A 4-1, No.11 LID beat South-West Command 1-0, in the group-B in Patheingyi of South-West

Command Zone, Western Command trounced No.22 LID 4-1, in the group-C in Monywa of North-West Command Zone, Northern Command-A drew No.88 LID 1-1, in the group D in Mandalay of Central Command Zone, Western Command-C won over North-East Command-A 3-2, in the Group E in Tounghay of Southern Command Zone, Tatmadaw (Navy) Team whitewashed No.66 LID 8-0.—MNA

## Greening and upgrading of Yangon discussed

YANGON, 8 Dec – The meeting (2/2008) on greening and upgrading of Yangon took place at the Yangon City Hall here this afternoon 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 stressed the need for participation of all departments as well as Yangon City Devel-

opment Committee in greening and upgrading tasks.

YCDC Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa explained future work programmes and greening and upgrading of the city. Afterwards, responsible officials reported on upgrading of roads and future tasks.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe fulfilled the requirements and gave a concluding remark. —MNA

*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence addresses the meeting (2/2008) on greening and upgrading of Yangon that takes place at the Yangon City Hall on 8 December afternoon.—MNA*

### 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

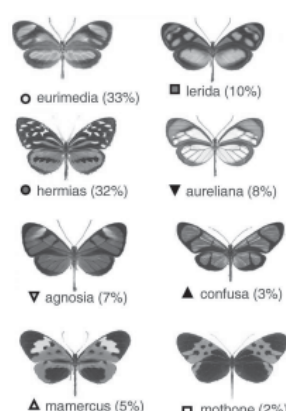


## Basic Library Science Course concludes

YANGON, 8 Dec—Organized by Myanmar Library Association, Basic Library Science Course Level-1 (1/2008) concluded at Judson hall on Pyay Road here on 3 December.

At the ceremony, chairman of the association U Thein Shwe and member of advisory board U Aye Cho gave a speech and presented certificates to the trainees. The outstanding trainees were presented seven prizes by Sayargyi Dr San Tin Aung (Shwebo) of Zizawa book house and Lawka Ahmon book house.

The one-month course was attended by 53 trainees— 43 from 15 ministries— ten are interested persons.—MNA



**Phylogeny of the Ithomine Species of the Community: The eight mimetic patterns are shown with their names and relative abundance in the community.**

## Mutualism by natural selection: Imitation is not just flattery for Amazon butterfly species

BRASILIA, 8 Dec — Many studies of evolution focus on the benefits to the individual of competing successfully — those who survive produce the most offspring, in Darwin's classic 'survival of the fittest'. But how does this translate to the evolution of species?

A new article considers an aspect of the natural world that, like survival of the fittest individual, is

explained by natural selection: namely, mutualism — an interaction between species that has benefits for both. The work shows that some species of butterfly that live alongside one another have evolved in ways that, surprisingly, benefit both species.

Researchers from the University of Edinburgh, the University of Cambridge, the University of

Wyoming and the Florida Museum of Natural History studied the behaviour of several species of colourful butterfly in the Amazon jungle. It is often theorised that similar species living in the same environment would best succeed by evolving different preferences and behaviours — to minimise the amount that they have to share resources and compete for survival.—Internet



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Cut number of malaria victims by half in year 2010

The government has laid down and is implementing the national health policy for successful realization of one of the social objectives— uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

Malaria is one of the six major diseases faced by the nation. It triggers not only a health related problem but also a social related problem.

Globally, the number of people who are infected with malaria yearly is from 300 to 500 million, thereby causing about 2 million deaths. About 700,000 people in Myanmar are infected with malaria yearly.

Malaria could affect not only the victims and their families but also national economy. Since 2000, the government has been taking steps to reduce the number of deaths caused by malaria by half in the year 2010.

Man is infected with malaria after being bitten by mosquitoes that carry protozoal parasites. Such malaria-borne mosquitoes usually bite people at night.

Everyone regardless of age could fall victim to malaria. Those who move from malaria-free regions to malaria-stricken regions are more susceptible, and once infected it could prove serious.

Preventive measures such as imparting knowledge to the people, using mosquito nets treated with insecticide, cultivating the habit of visiting hospitals and receiving proper treatment need to be widely carried out.

Preventive measures against the fatal disease are to be taken with the participation of the entire national people with a high level of health awareness. Only then, will the nation be able to reduce the number of malaria victims by half in the year 2010.

*Min Naing (Srixon) leading in second day of the tournament.—MGF*



## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

## Labour Minister meets workers



*Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi looks into OPAL Garment Factory of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.—MNA*

YANGON, 8 Dec—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi visited OPAL Garment Factory where more than 1800 workers are working in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone on 6 December morning. He next met with over 60 workers taking an on-job training course and called for upgrading skills of the workers.

The minister also visited High Art Wig Factory with over 750 workers and explained matters related to the importance of having skilled workers for boosting production capacity. Later, he viewed the training of over 90 workers and production of machines and parts.

MNA

## IBTC Open Golf Championships continue



YANGON, 8 Dec — The second round of the third leg of the Golf Tour 2008-2009 of the IBTC Open Golf Championships was held at Lashio Golf Club in Lashio, Shan State (North), today.

It was jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, and mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd.

After the second day round of the 18-hole event, Min Naing (Srixon) and Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) led the professional golfers division by firing 141 strokes each.

TheinZaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) put his position behind the leaders by shooting 142 strokes, followed by Myint Shwe (Srixon) by firing 143 strokes and Yin Aung Latt and Kyaw Swar Lin by firing 142 strokes each.

In the amateur golfers division, Bo Bo fired 139 strokes followed by Soe Moe Win and Aung Win (Forestry) 142 strokes each.

With the aim of turning out Myanmar golfers, the championships were sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd together with co-sponsors Air Bagan Ltd, Hotel Yangon, Ruby Dragon (Jade and Gems) Co Ltd, KBZ Bank Ltd, Alpine Purified Drinking Water, My Associates Co Ltd, Srixon, Tiger Head Cement, KM Golf Center, Acel International Co Ltd (Canon) and Lifeline (DHEA-Plus). Han Event Mangement performed the functions of the championships.

The third round of the championships continues tomorrow.

MNA

## Training courses of Public Works

YANGON, 8 Dec— Public Works under the Ministry of Construction held the concluding ceremony of road quality survey course and opening ceremony of junior civil engineering course (level-1), and financial management course (level-3) course and storekeeping course (level-4) course at central training center (Thuwunna) here this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe.

Next, the deputy minister gave a speech.

The five-week courses was attended by 52 trainees.

MNA



## NATO supplies attacked in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 8 Dec — A witness says suspected militants have attacked a terminal in northwest Pakistan for trucks ferrying supplies to NATO and US forces in Afghanistan.

The attack early Monday in Peshawar was the second in as many days in the city on a transit route for Afghanistan-bound trucks.

Terminal labourer Altaf Hussain says there was a loud explosion and several militants stormed the facility.

An *Associated Press* reporter at the scene saw several dozen torched military vehicles that were to be trucked to Afghanistan.

Up to 75 percent of the supplies for NATO and US troops in landlocked Afghanistan first pass through Pakistan.—*Internet*



Rows of destroyed Humvees and military trucks are seen at the Portward Logistic Terminal in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 7 Dec, 2008. Militants blasted their way into two transport terminals in Pakistan on Sunday and torched more than 160 vehicles destined for US-led troops in Afghanistan, in the biggest assault yet on a vital military supply line.—*INTERNET*



Students read leaflets about landmines and explosives during a lesson by members of an NGO de-mining team in a primary school in Radhwaniy in Radhwaniya district western Baghdad on 7 Dec, 2008.—*INTERNET*

## Kurdish rebels in Iraq declare 9-day cease-fire

SULAIMANIYAH, 8 Dec— A Kurdish rebel group on Sunday declared a nine-day holiday cease-fire in their fight against Turkey, a spokesman said, calling it a “first step toward peace.” The unilateral cease-fire will begin Monday as the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha gets under way, according to Ahmed Deniz, a spokesman for the Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, which has bases in northern Iraq.

He said the group’s military and political leadership would like to

resolve its conflict with Turkey peacefully.

“The military and political leadership of the PKK announces a nine-day, unilateral cease-fire ... which is considered a first step toward peace,” Deniz told *The Associated Press*. Turkey has ignored a series of PKK cease-fire declarations in the past, vowing to fight until all militants are killed or surrender. The rebels are fighting for autonomy in the predominantly Kurdish-inhabited southeast Turkey. The fight has

claimed the lives of tens of thousands of people since 1984. This year, Turkey has launched several air strikes, including one on Friday, and one major ground operation against rebel bases across Iraq’s border. Eid al-Adha, an important Muslim holiday, lasts four days, but Deniz said the cease-fire would continue for nine days.

*Internet*

## Two PKK rebels killed in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 8 Dec— Turkish security forces killed two militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey, the Turkish General Staff said on Sunday. The General Staff said in a statement posted on its website that the Turkish security forces neutralized two PKK rebels in a clash in a mountainous area in the southeastern province of Sirnak on Saturday. The statement said that security forces seized weapons, ammunition and food in the operation.—*Internet*

## McCain says Afghanistan situation will get harder



US Sen Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn), left, walks with Sen John McCain, second left, after arriving from Helmand Province to the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Dec, 2008.—*INTERNET*

KABUL, 8 Dec — Sen John McCain said on Sunday that the situation in Afghanistan will get more difficult before it gets easier — “just like the surge in Iraq was” — as the US prepares to pour thousands more troops into the country, including on the doorsteps of Kabul.

The former Republican presidential candidate, who is to report back to President-elect Barack Obama, visited the southern province of

Helmand, where he said NATO forces are at a stalemate with insurgents. Though Helmand has for years been the responsibility of British forces, McCain said the US will focus more on the region — the heartland of the Taliban movement and a centre for opium poppy production.

“We’re going to have additional troops and additional help,” McCain said of the country’s south. The trip comes at a time

of increasing violence in Afghanistan, where a record 32,000 US troops are now stationed, with requests for 20,000 more from American commanders.

Violence has also spiked across the border in Pakistan, where gunmen blasted their way into two transport terminals on Sunday and torched more than 160 vehicles destined for US and Afghan National Army troops.

The US military said its losses in the raid near the northwestern city of Peshawar would have “minimal” impact on anti-Taleban operations, but the attack fueled concern that insurgents are trying to choke a vital American supply line.—*Internet*

A bullet hole is seen on a traffic light pole at al-Nisoor square in Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 Dec, 2008.—*INTERNET*

## Israel to release 230 Palestinian prisoners on Tuesday

JERUSALEM, 8 Dec — Israel has decided on Sunday to release 230 prisoners on Tuesday as a goodwill gesture to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to mark the upcoming Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha.

According to a statement issued by Israeli Prime Minister’s office, the ministerial committee overseeing the release of Palestinian prisoners made the decision following a cabinet approval of the release of 250 Palestinian prisoners last Sunday.

Some 20 names were removed from the original list following objections by several ministers, who were opposed to releasing prisoners into the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. The 230 prisoners to be released are all Fatah-affiliated and are “without blood on their hands,” according to the ministerial committee.

*Internet*





## Blackwater-guard charges unveiled on Monday

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec—The Justice Department on Monday plans to unveil charges against five former Blackwater Worldwide security guards stemming from a 2007 shooting that killed 17 Iraqis in Baghdad, according to several sources with knowledge of the investigation.

The five former guards will turn themselves in to FBI authorities in Utah on Monday, according to two other sources close to the

case.

One of the guards is from Utah. One of the sources said defence attorneys decided to have all of them surrender in one location rather than in their various home states, or in Washington, where the federal grand jury handed up the charges last week.

Both sources said the guards' surrender in Utah is a matter of convenience, and is likely to be followed by an aggressive legal defence. One of the

sources said defence attorneys plan to fight "over venue first," then argue that US law does not pertain to the actions of these guards.

The Justice Department refused comment on the case because the charges are under seal. The Justice Department was considering manslaughter, assault and weapons charges, sources with knowledge of the case previously told CNN.—*Internet*



An Iraqi woman looks at a blood-stained car of two women killed in the 2007 Nisoor Square shooting.—INTERNET

## Obama names Eric Shinseki as next US Secretary of Veterans Affairs



**US President-elect Barack Obama (R) listens as retired General Eric K Shinseki speaks during a news conference in Chicago on 7 Dec, 2008.**

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec — US President-elect Barack Obama nominated retired

Gen Eric Shinseki as the next Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Obama made the official nomination at a press conference in his transition office headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, which made Shinseki, who has Japanese ancestry, the first Asian American to lead the second biggest department in the country.

"I think that Gen Shinseki is exactly the right person who is going to be able to make sure that we honour our troops when they come home," Obama said in an interview with NBC TV earlier the day.

"He has agreed that he

is willing to be part of this administration because both he and I share a reverence for those who serve" he said of the 66-year-old four-star general.

Born in Hawaii to a Japanese American family, Shinseki graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1965 and has served in a variety of command and staff assignments both at home and abroad.

He served as the Army Chief of Staff from 1999 to 2003, which was featured by his constant tensions with the then defense secretary, Donald Rumsfeld.

*Internet*

## Land mines kill two government workers in Colombia

BOGOTA, 8 Dec — Two Colombian government workers were killed Sunday when the car they were traveling in activated several land mines buried underneath the road, officials said.

Three other government employees traveling in the same car were also injured in the explosion.

Victims of the blast, which occurred in the southern city of San Vicente del Caguan, are all from the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF), according to government secretary of the city Mauricio Orozco.

*Internet*

## S African businessman dies of spotted fever in Brazil

BRASILIA, 8 Dec — The death of a South African businessman in Rio de Janeiro was caused by spotted fever, Brazil's Ministry of Health said on Sunday.

"The investigation carried out throughout the week by our teams concluded that it is a spotted fever infection," said Eduardo Hage, an official of the ministry.

The South African national named Williman Charles reported symptoms of spotted fever two days after arriving in Brazil on 23 Nov. The 53-year-old died on 2 Dec.

"That means his infection started in his country of origin" in South Africa, Hage said.

As spotted fever is transmitted only through the bite of ticks, "there is no risk of transmission from one person to another and therefore no risk of spreading to the population," the official added.

Spotted fever is not a specific disease in Brazil. It occurs worldwide. From 1997 to 2008, 641 cases were reported in Brazil. The fatality rate is about 30 per cent. —*Internet*

## EU watches dioxin contamination in pork in Ireland

BRUSSELS, 8 Dec — The European Commission is watching closely dioxin contamination of pork meat in Ireland, said the commission on Sunday.

Dioxin contamination was confirmed on Saturday and the use of contaminated animal feed was identified to be the source of the contamination.

Analytical results revealed the presence of very high levels of dioxins in pork meat, about 100 times the European Union (EU) maximum level, said the commission. Preliminary evidence indicates that the contamination problem is

likely to have started in September 2008. All possibly contaminated feed has been blocked.

The contaminated feed was provided to 10 pig farms which are producing about 10 percent of the total supply of pigs in

Ireland. Pigs from these farms were, after slaughter, processed by meat processing plants which are responsible for about 80 percent of the total supply of pork meat and pork meat products from Ireland. —*Internet*



A Melton Mowbray pork pie is seen in a shop in Melton Mowbray, England in this undated handout photo. —INTERNET

## Nepal to start flights to more than 18 Indian cities soon

KATHMANDU, 8 Dec — The Nepali government will soon start regional flights linking to more than 18 destinations in Indian metros, The Himalayan Times reported on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion of International Civil Aviation Day, Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Hisila Yami said, "Nepal will soon launch regional flights from Biratnagar, Jhapa, Lumbini and extend to 18 more destinations of India like Gaya, Patna and other cities."

"We are also working with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to increase foreign investment in the aviation sector according to open sky policy," Yami said adding that the tourism ministry will get an expanded joint secretary-level office to look after the tourism sector. —*Internet*

## More than 3,000 Caribbean students graduate from Cuban universities

HAVANA, 8 Dec — More than 3,000 Caribbean students have graduated from Cuban universities since 1961, Cuban Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

A total of 3,276 students from Caribbean countries have finished their college studies in Cuba since 1961, with 1,043 of them graduating in medicine, the ministry said.

Currently, about 3,000 students from Caribbean countries are studying in Cuba, it said. The ministry also said that some 800 Cuban medical staff currently work in seven countries of the Caribbean Community, as part of the Integral Health Programme launched by Cuba. —*Internet*



## Danish fugitive turns himself to LA police

LOS ANGELES, 8 Dec—A Danish fugitive, wanted for a multimillion-dollar international fraud, has turned himself to Los Angeles police, it was reported on Sunday.

Stein Bagger, who disappeared in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates last month, suddenly presented himself for surrender on Saturday morning, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Bagger, named 2008's "Entrepreneur of the Year" in Denmark by the Ernst and Young accounting firm, informed police officers he is wanted in Copenhagen for swindling as much as 170 million dollars from investors in Europe, the paper said.

The paper said police officers were at

first baffled. "We've had several people come in and tell us they were the king of Denmark," explained officer Jack Richter.

Officers, wondering whether the lean, 6-foot, 41-year-old man was delusional, checked computers and turned up an Interpol warrant for his arrest on charges of counterfeiting, forgery and fraud.

Bagger was turned over to federal authorities Saturday night and held at the Metropolitan Detention Center.

Before vanishing in Dubai, Bagger was chief executive of Copenhagen-based IT Factory and lead the previously crumbling computer company into what seemed to be an incredible turnaround.

*Xinhua*



*A man ice fishes using multiple holes on a frozen lake on the outskirts of Beijing, on 7 Dec, 2008.*  
INTERNET

### All items from Xinhua News Agency

## China kicks off key economic conference

BEIJING, 8 Dec—China's decision makers gathered here on Monday to determine economic work for 2009 amid efforts to offset adverse impacts of global financial crisis and maintain stable and sound economic growth.

Analysts expected this year's meeting to work out specific strategies and resolutions for the problems China would confront next year, including the risk of economic slowdown, difficulties in small and medium-sized enterprises and the transformation of economic growth pattern. They said the country's economic growth would still be maintained at nine percent for the whole year, compared with an 11.4 percent expansion last year.

Earlier on 28 Nov, Chinese President Hu Jintao said the top priority of the country's 2009 agenda on economic development is to maintain a "stable and relatively fast growth". He said the country would pursue an "all-rounded and sustainable" growth that stresses both quality and efficiency next year, while going after a better combination of "maintaining growth, strengthening domestic demand and restructuring the economy".—*Xinhua*

## Azerbaijan withdraws 150 soldiers from Iraq

MOSCOW, 8 Dec—Azerbaijan withdrew 150 peacekeepers from Iraq Sunday, according to news reaching here from Baku.

The peacekeepers, deployed in Iraq to protect a reservoir and a hydro power plant, were pulled out under a decision made by the Azerbaijani parliament on 11 Nov, Russia's Interfax news agency quoted a statement of the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry as saying. Azerbaijan called back all its soldiers from Kosovo in March. It now still has 90 peacekeepers in Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*

## Shanghai opens first library for foreign residents

SHANGHAI, 8 Dec—China's most populous city opened its first library for foreign residents on Saturday, offering publications in foreign languages and information on living in Shanghai. The international library, called "China Window," is in a library compound in Changning District, home to more than 30,000 expatriates and 21 consulates.

The library also has staff who speak foreign languages to help expat readers. Besides foreign publications, the library offers specialized information on the Shanghai Expo 2010, tourism, Chinese culture, medical services and local transportation.—*Xinhua*

## Drought affects 20,000 families in Bolivia

LAPAZ, 8 Dec—About 20,000 Bolivian families in LaPaz Department have been affected by drought for months, the Bolivian Agency of Information (BAI) reported on Sunday.

Drought has not only caused damage to local agricultural production but also endangered the lives of animals. If it is not raining in the next 30 days, there will be a massive loss of livestock, warned Victor Saravia, an expert from La Paz's Early Warning and Risk Prevention Bureau.

"We traveled to four regions: Camacho, Ingavi, Pacajes and Loayza, and found that there is a shortage of water for both human consumption and for animals'," said Saravia. Another region in extreme water shortage is Ixiamas in the northern part of La Paz.—*Xinhua*



*Chefs prepare the traditional ceviche in Lima on 7 Dec, 2008.—XINHUA*



*Young model crown winners Wei Xiao(R) and Li Chao pose for photo after winning the champion title of "China 2008 Xinsilu (new silk road) model contest" in Sanya of south China's Hainan Province on 7 Dec, 2008.—XINHUA*

## Iran takes steps to build trust in nuclear row

TEHERAN, 8 Dec — An Iranian lawmaker said here on Sunday that Iran had taken necessary steps to build trust in its nuclear row, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Kazem Jalali, an Iranian rapporteur of Iran's parliament (Majlis) Commission on National Security and Foreign Policy, said that "Iran has taken the necessary steps to build trust and it was not Iran to leave the nuclear talks."

Referring to the recent statements of the European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana concerning Iran's failure to cooperate on its nuclear program, Jalali said that "If Solana was intending to solve Iran's nuclear issue, he should have adopted the logical strategies." Solana said in November that he was "worried" by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s report that Iran was not cooperating to halt its sensitive nuclear program.—*Xinhua*





The EU operation is the first of its kind to be commanded by a Briton.—INTERNET

## Temporary imperial residence ruins found in NW China

XI'AN, 8 Dec — Chinese archaeologists have found the relics of an ancient Xinggong, imperial palace for short stays away from the capital, for Qin kings more than 2,000 years ago.

The cultural heritage administration in Shaanxi Province announced Sunday this latest find in Qianyang county.

The archaeologists said the residence ruins

are sized as 400 meters by 300 meters, with a lot of ancient tilts and bricks being discovered. Those relics were dated back to the Warring States period (475 BC - 221 BC).

The major discovery was triggered by a peasant who stumbled upon a big earthenware near the later found ruins in Qianyang County. The earthenware was ascertained as part of an ancient

water collecting and distributing system built in the imperial residence, the archaeologists said.

The experts analyzed that the residence might belong to the state of Qin, which subsequently conquered, under the leadership of Yingzheng, all other states and created the first unified nation on the land where China now stands.

Xinhua

## EU to begin Somali pirate patrols

LONDON, 8 Dec — European Union warships and aircraft are due to start anti-piracy patrols off the Somali coast.

Six ships and three surveillance planes from at least eight EU countries, including the UK, France and Germany, will escort aid and merchant ships.

The area, including one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, the Gulf of

Aden, has seen almost 100 pirate attacks this year.

It is the first naval operation in the bloc's history.

It will take over from the existing NATO mission and last at least a year.

As it begins on Monday, EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels are to approve what officials describe as robust rules of engagement.

But while EU foreign ministers will authorise the use of military force, the fate of any captured pirates will be unclear.

The operation is the first EU defence mission commanded by a Briton, Rear Admiral Phillip Jones, from the UK's RAF Northwood, which oversees military operations abroad.

Internet

## Scientist sees end to AIDS spread soon

BEIJING, 8 Dec —A French scientist who shared this year's Nobel prize for medicine said on Saturday he believed the transmission of AIDS could be eliminated within years. Luc Montagnier, director of the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention, told a news conference that halting the transmission of AIDS would make it a disease much like others.

"Our job, of course, is to find complementary treatment to eradicate the infection. I think it's not impossible to do it within a few years," Montagnier said.

"So I hope to see in my lifetime the eradication of, not the AIDS epidemic, but at least the infection," the 76-year-old said. "This could be achieved."

Montagnier and Francoise Barre-Sinoussi shared half of the 2008 prize for discovering the virus that has killed 25

million people since the early 1980s.

There is no cure for AIDS but cocktails of drugs can control the virus and keep patients healthy.

There is no vaccine either, although researchers are trying to find vaccines that either prevent infection or would control the virus so that patients are less likely to transmit it—a so-called therapeutic vaccine.

Montagnier said he hoped such a therapeutic vaccine could be developed within four to five years, noting he and colleagues had already been working on this for a decade. German scientist Harald zur Hausen won the other half of the 1.2-million-US-dollar award for finding the cause of cervical cancer. The three scientists said that since the announcement in early October, they had found themselves constantly giving interviews.—Xinhua

## NEWS ALBUM



Sara the walrus and her Russian trainer Sergiy perform during a show at the newly-opened Istanbul Dolphinarium in Istanbul, Turkey.

### NJ woman sues Pa sports bar for toilet seat break

A woman is suing a Pennsylvania sports bar and restaurant, saying she got stuck inside a toilet bowl for 20 minutes after the seat broke.

Kathleen Hewko of Delran Township, NJ, says she was in the bathroom at Starters Pub near Allentown when the handicapped toilet seat she was sitting on cracked and dumped her into the bowl.

Hewko says in her lawsuit filed in federal court in November that she had hip surgery prior to the 19 Nov, 2006, incident and was re-injured when the seat broke.

The lawsuit names Starters and Kohler Co, the company that made the toilet seat.

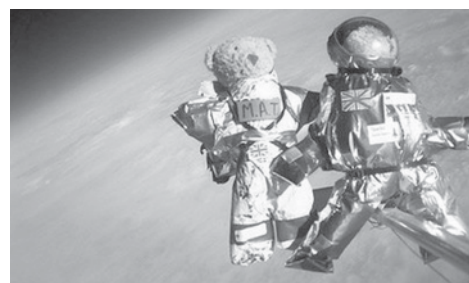
Representatives from both companies said they couldn't comment.

### Teddy take-off: bears launched into space

Four teddy bears, fully decked out in custom-made spacesuits, were launched to the edge of space this week as part of a British university experiment.

Blasting off from Cambridge University's Churchill College, they were attached to a helium balloon and fitted with multiple cameras, a GPS receiver, flight computer and radio for the two-hour nine-minute flight, which saw them rise 30 kilometres (18.8 miles) above sea level.

The spacesuits were designed by local schoolchildren, as part of a project to engage youths in science and engineering, organized by the Cambridge University Spaceflight student club.



This Cambridge University press office(CUPO) handout shows two of the four teddy bears that were launched to the edge of space. Four teddy bears, fully decked out in custom-made spacesuits, were launched to the edge of space this week as part of a British university experiment.

### Do not disturb eggs: MP reveals Britain's oddest laws

Britons are forbidden from disturbing packs of eggs and from selling game killed on a Sunday, it was revealed Thursday by an opposition MP who condemned ministers for introducing ridiculous laws.

The day after Prime Minister Gordon Brown's government laid out its legislative agenda for the coming year, Liberal Democrat lawmaker Chris Huhne noted the stream of sometimes "completely bizarre" new offences it had created.

Since the Labour party took power in 1997 under then prime minister Tony Blair, it has created 3,600 new criminal offences, Huhne said — adding this was "massively complicating" the job of police and the criminal justice system.

"Some of these offences are completely bizarre — for example, the offence of causing a nuclear explosion," he told members of parliament (MPs).

"The idea that anyone might cause a nuclear explosion without killing any-

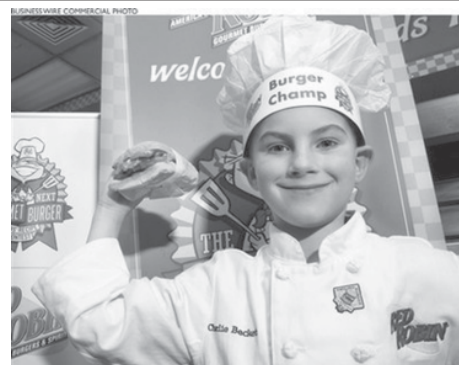


"Bowl With Eggs (Green)" by US artist Jeff Koons. Britons are forbidden from disturbing packs of eggs and from selling game killed on a Sunday, it was revealed Thursday by an opposition MP who condemned ministers for introducing ridiculous laws.

body, and therefore being subject to a possible charge of murder, is extremely far-fetched."

Other new offences include "wilfully pretending to be a barrister", "disturbing a pack of eggs when instructed not to by an authorised officer" and "offering for sale a game bird killed on a Sunday or Christmas day", he said.

Seven-year-old Charlie Beckett of Rathdrum, Idaho, shows off his winning Holy-Peno Burger during Red Robin's 'The Next Gourmet Burger Kids' Recipe Contest' Championship in Denver, on 5 Dec. Beckett's burger will be sold at Red Robin(R) restaurants to benefit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.





# Project for Greening 30-mile Radius of Yangon

Article: Zeya Myint (Kyemon); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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water was being supplied, whereas the east bank had just a few water sources as it had many low plains and it stood at an altitude of 13 feet on average; that it was impossible to construct dams there; that so ways and means were sought to supply irrigation water through Bago-Sittoung Canal;

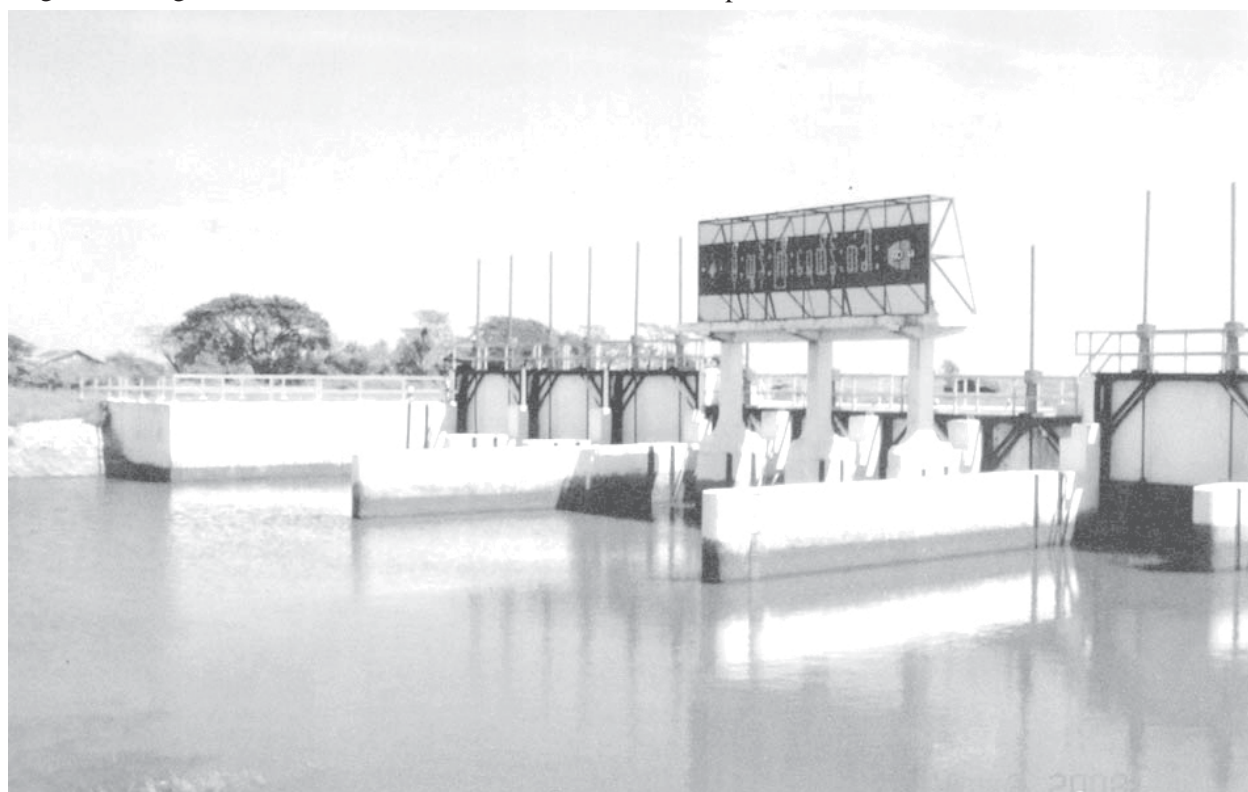
When asked about the schedule to obtain irrigation water through Bago-Sittoung Canal, he said that surplus water of Kawliya, Baidah and Bawni dams would be supplied to the canal through Nagapauk and Pagaidah sluice gates; that in addition, Wahgadok Dam was being constructed which would receive some 32,000 acre

(Kodukwe), Salu, and Shwelaung—would be supplied to Zaungtu Diversion Dam; that that water and the water surplus of about 15,000 acre feet of Zaungtu Dam would be drained through the way crossing Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Mayin Village then through Sunpi Creek near Thanatpin.

Creek through Bagan-Nyaungpin outlet of Bago-Sittoung Canal near Thanatpin; that then the water would be released into the Baw Creek through Bagantaung, Hla Balu and Kyontu sluice gates; that the irrigation water would be supplied to Thonegwa, Kyauktan, and Thanlyin townships; and that Tarwa, Paingkyon, Shwehlay



**Staff Officer U Aung Kyi of the Irrigation Department (Kawa Township Branch) in Bago Division.**



**Moeyungyi Sluice Gate.**

and the programme would be able to benefit 10,000 acres of farmlands of Bago Division and 55,000 acres of farmlands of Yangon Division.

feet of inflow water a year; that the water would be channelled to Bago-Sittoung Canal through Moeyungyi Lake; that water from three dams—Zarmari

Regarding the plans to supply water that is released into Bago-Sittoung Canal, Staff Officer U Myint Wai said that the inflow water would be drained into the Kayan

and Kayan sluice gates would be constructed to prevent inflow of seawater and store freshwater.

In constructing a ca-

nal to get water from Bago-Sittoung Canal, Bagan-Nyaungpin outlet, 36 structures, one road bridge and seven canal bridges (that are also intended for smooth transport of the villages) were constructed.

The canal will be a 28.41-mile-long 50-foot-wide and 7-to-14-foot-deep earthen facility. Its current flows at the rate of 1500 cubic feet a second.

It will benefit 65,000 acres of arable lands. The project was launched in 2003-2004 fiscal year and is due to be completed in 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The overall cost of the project is about 1,700 million kyats.

Through the supply of water from Bago-Sittoung Canal, the surplus water of the canal can be released; farmlands will be free from flood; double and triple-cropping patterns can be launched; and monsoon paddy can be grown in the areas with a radius of 30 miles of Yangon (eastern part) and will get water in summer.

Thanks to the efforts the staff of Construction (6) of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Construction, the areas with a radius of 30 miles of Yangon will be evergreen soon.

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**A canal bridge for smooth transport.**



**A backhoe at work.**



Yangon East District wins Yangon Division PDC Chairman's Trophy Men's (open division) Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Yangon East District beat Yangon North District in the final of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Men's (open division) Football Tournament at Aung San Stadium on 6 December.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife and officials concerned.

The commander presented the championship trophy and cash award to the Yangon East District team.

Players who won the championship trophies in the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Sport Meet were honoured at the combined hall of Yangon Command in the evening.

The winning teams presented their trophies to the commander. The dinner was hosted in

honour of the guests and team managers, coaches and players.

This morning, the commander went to Hsinphon river water pumping project in Hlegu Township.

Officials concerned reported on water supply. The commander inspected supply of water to the canal and water pumping station and use of natural waste-powered digester at the house of farmer U Soe Win in Hsinphon Village.

The commander and party visited Sitpin and Malit river water pumping stations and harvesting of paddy and cultivation on the farm of farmer U Si Thein in Balar Village.

They also inspected Ngwenatha and Balar-2 river water pumping project sites and canal of Ngamoeyeik Dam in Dayebo Village. Officials reported on efforts for irrigation and the commander fulfilled the requirements.

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Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint views use of natural waste-powered digester at the house of farmer U Soe Win in Hsinphon village in Hlegu.—MNA

Development tasks of Kayah State supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint, on 5 December visited BEMS (Branch) in Gontha village in Loikaw in Kayah State.

They looked into learning of students, construction of new

school building.

The minister, the chairman of State PDC and donors donated K 1.7 million for new school building. Next, the minister viewed cultivation of pigeon pea in 5-acre pigeon pea plantations of peasant U Hlarye in Htay-pa-law-khu village in Loikaw township.

They attended the

harvest festival in 15-acre paddy field of farmer U Shiyel of Htay-pa-law-khu village in the evening.

On 6 December, they attended the opening ceremony of the rural health care centre of Dawse village in Dimawhso Township. The building is 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and cost K 2.6 million donated by local people and other donors.

The Minister then visited self-reliant library of Dawse village and presented K 0.6 million for the village to be able to acquire television and generator. They looked into BEPS of Dawse village and provided cash for the school. They inspected the construction

of Mitta Mon pre-primary school in Dawslitelin village and presented K 0.4 million for the school.

Next, the Minister and Chairman of Kayah State PDC looked into paving of gravel road of model village in Loikaw. The 2678 feet long and 12 feet wide road was being repaired by Loikaw Township Development Department.

They later attended the ceremony to donate K 1.4 million worth 40 sets of desks for Pankan village BEMS in Loikaw. They also looked into reinforcement of 5200 feet long and 75 feet wide runway of Loikaw airport and repair of drains.

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Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun speaks at the coordination meeting of CSSTB.—MNA

Director U Kyaw Win of Customs Department gives speech at annual meeting of Myanmar Customs Brokers Association.—MNA



Myanmar Customs Brokers Association meets

YANGON, 8 Dec — The 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Myanmar Customs Brokers Association was held at the UMFCI

Office Tower here yesterday morning.

Chairman of the association U Myo Thant made an opening speech.

Director U Kyaw Win of Customs Department, President of UMFCI U Win Myint and patron of the association Director (Retd) U Maung Maung gave addresses. Secretary of the association U Nyi Nyi Aung read out the annual report and financial statement of 2007-2008. The chairman of the association made closing remarks.—MNA



CSSTB holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Civil Service Selection and Training Board held its work coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw today.

The meeting was opened with an address by Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun.

Members of the board took part in the discussion at the meeting.

Rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) U Win Maung, CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung San

Win, Rector of University for Development of National Races U Zaw Min Thein, Director-General of Civil Service Affairs Department U Kyaw Zan Hla and Director-General of Civil Service Selection and Training Department U Wai Myint reported on tasks which have been carried out at CICSs and future plans.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun. —MNA



# Departmental officials and people are to strive for more development and perpetual existence of the already-opened libraries

## Ceremony to present donations of buildings, cash and publications to self-reliant libraries in Mandalay Division held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec —A ceremony to present donations of buildings, cash and publications to self-reliant libraries in Mandalay Division was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay in Mandalay Division, attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme



**Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donated by a wellwisher at a ceremony to donate cash and kind for self-reliant libraries in Mandalay Division. —MNA**

Court (Upper Myanmar) U Khin Maung Latt, heads of department, social organizations, well-wishers and guests.

In his address, Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe said that the government is implementing the five rural development tasks such as bringing about better transport in rural regions, availability of safe drinking water and uplift the health and education standards of the people. Meanwhile, it is opening the self-reliant libraries of villages the length and breadth of the nation to broaden the horizons of the people, he added and spoke of the need to strive for perpetual existence of the already-established libraries.

The commander thanked local people, social organizations, well-wishers and government departments for their donations of buildings, furniture, publications, TVs and radios for perpetuity and flourishing of the libraries, and expressed his wishes for perpetual existence of the libraries.

Next, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech, saying that in line with the guidance of the Head of State, self-reliant rural libraries were opened for the people to cultivate the reading habit, to widen their scope of knowledge and to keep pace with changes and developments; and stressed the need for departmental officials and the

people to make concerted efforts for more development and perpetual existence of the already-opened libraries.

Next, U Sein Myint donated K 2.5 million, U San Shwe Myint K 2 million, U Win Maung-Daw Mya Yin family K 3 million, U Gyan, U Thein Tun, U Hla Maung Thein and U Soe Naing K 6.8 million, U Tin Maung K 1 million, U Myo Thant K 1million and Mandalay Industrial Zone Development Committee 0.5 million through Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe for construction of libraries.

Later, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Women's Affairs Association of Mandalay Division donated K 0.6 million, Dr Kyaw Zaw and Daw May Myo Myat family K1 million and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepted K 67.1 million and 5.2 million worth newspapers donated by wellwishers.

Wellwishers and donors presented K14.2 million and magazines and journals worth 1.2 million through Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han. Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung accepted K 20.9 million worth cash and kind.

Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt accepted K 4.62 million for 18 libraries in the villages in Kaukpadaung, Taungtha, Natogyi, Nagnzun townships, K 2.12 million for seven libraries in Ngathayauk village in NyaungU township, K 200,000 donated by U Nyo Min for village libraries in PyiOoLwin district, K 400,000 by other wellwishers.

Staff Officer U Kyaw Than Tun of Mandalay Division IPRD accepted K 650,000 and 300 copies of Myanmar Times Journal from wellwishers.

The donations amounted to K 202.0 million.

After that, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with staff officers of Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Kyaukse, Myingyan and NyaungU District IPRDs and called on them to maintain the libraries for sustainable development and to make efforts for serving the national interests and becoming qualified media persons. — MNA



**Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint calls on Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Nassar Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.**

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**Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe accepts cash donated by a wellwisher at a ceremony to donate cash and kind for self-reliant libraries in Mandalay Division. — MNA**

## Sagaing Division Police Force meets

YANGON, 8 Dec —The work coordination meeting (2008) of Sagaing Division Police Force took place at the office of Division Police Commander. Police Commander Police Col Myint Wai gave a speech and district police commanders presented reports.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe gave a concluding remark. — MNA

## Deputy FM arrives back from Kuwait

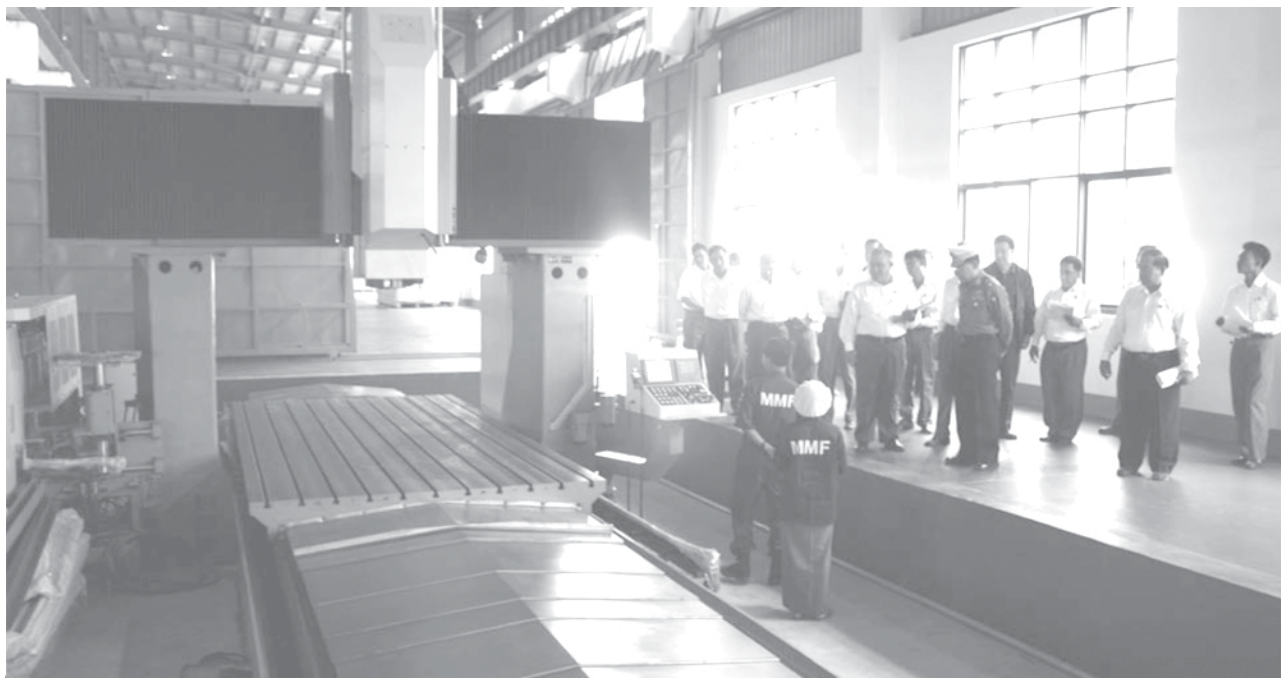
YANGON, 8 Dec — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here today after paying a goodwill visit to the State of Kuwait at the invitation of Kuwait Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Mr Khaled Sulaiman Al-Jarallah.

In the afternoon of 2 December, the Myanmar delegation held cordial discussions with the Kuwait deputy minister at the Prime Minister's Office. Then the Myanmar delegation called on Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Nassar Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah at his office. On 3 December, the Myanmar delegation paid visits to the Headquarters of the Kuwait Investment Authority and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and discussed with officials concerned. The delegation then visited the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry where they held cordial discussions with the Board of Directors of the KCCI on promotion of trade and economic relations between Myanmar and Kuwait.

The Myanmar delegation then visited the Public of Authority of Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources of Kuwait and held discussions on cooperation between the two countries in agriculture and fishery sectors.

The other members of the delegation, Director-General of the Planning and Administrative Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Tin Soe and Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Commerce U Aung Naing Oo also arrived back with the deputy minister. — MNA





Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects machine tool factory project (Myaing).—MNA

## Industry-2 Minister inspects projects

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected the Technical training school project in Pakokku on 6 December.

During the inspection tour of the project, officials concerned reported on works for construction of three lecture buildings and one main building for the school and measures for water and power supply to the project.

Afterwards, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein went to the machine tool factory in Myaing where officials concerned reported to the minister on tasks for the project and plans for manufacturing machine tools.

After hearing reports, the minister gave instructions and visited Machine Shop, Mould & Die Making Shop, Assembly Shop, Sheet Metal & Printing Shop, Heat Treatment Shop and Warehouse.

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## Ministry of Education holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Education was held at the ministry here on 5 December.

First, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address at the meeting.

The education officers of states and divisions reported on raising matriculation examination pass rate, teaching and supervision tasks of schools and future plans. Afterwards, the minister and the deputy ministers gave instructions and the first day's session of the meeting ended.

The second day's session of the meeting, was held yesterday and directors-general of the departments under the ministry reported to the minister on respective tasks of their departments and future plans.

Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min gave instruction on basic education sector and Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt on higher education sector. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

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## Work coordination meeting of Ministry of Culture

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec— The Ministry of Culture held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning with an address by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

Directors-general of departments under the ministry reported on work carried out according to resolution passed by the previous meeting, work being

carried out and future tasks, rector of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) on academic matters, those in charge of the state and division museums and libraries on other matters.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivers an address at the work coordination meeting of Ministry of Culture.—MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein speaks at the coordination meeting of Ministry of Education.—MNA

## Supply of drinking water discussed

YANGON, 8 Dec— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials went to Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 6 December.

They met with the townsenders of Nos. 45 and 42 wards and fulfilled the needs for the supply of drinking water to Dagon Myothit townships.

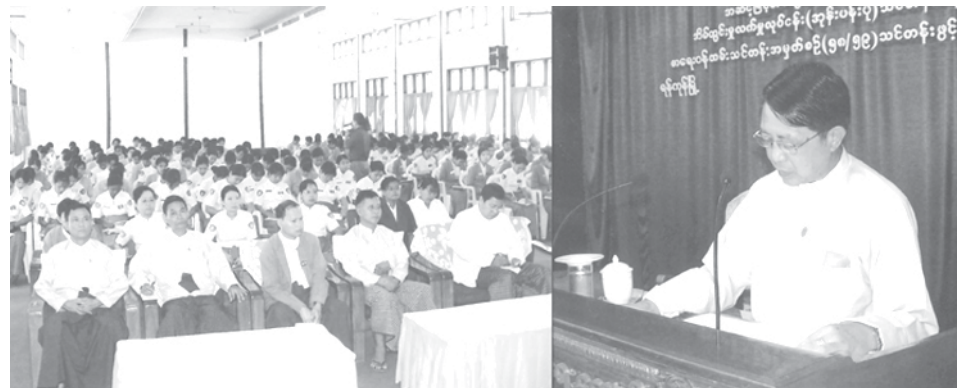
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## PBANRDA Ministry opens training courses

YANGON, 8 Dec – Advanced domestic science training course No. 20, domestic training course (coconut sculpture) No. 1, and clerical course No. 58/59 were opened at the Central Training School of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs this

morning with an address by of the department Director-General of the department U Than Win.

After the opening ceremony, U Than Win viewed the hostel, lecture hall and mess hall. A total of 200 trainees from the various departments of the ministry are attending the training courses that last 12 weeks.—MNA



Director-General U Than Win delivers a speech at Advanced domestic training course No. 20, domestic training course (coconut sculpture) No. 1, and clerical course No. 58/59.—PBANRDA



## Climate activists break into London airport secure area, 50 arrested

LONDON, 8 Dec—More than 50 people were arrested Monday after they broke into the secure area near the runway of London's Stansted airport, disrupting dozens of flights. The activists, from a climate action group named Plane Stupid,

started their protest at 3:15 am (0315 GMT) by breaching security.

The runway had been closed for about two hours, but was reopened at 8:15 am (0810 GMT), according to the *BBC*.

Police said they had removed all the protesters

and made 57 arrests.

Among them, 50 people had been accused of aggravated trespass, three of attempting to gain access to a restricted area, and four of conspiracy to commit a public nuisance, a police spokeswoman said.—*Internet*

## American detained in Mexico for kidnapping 14-year-old girl

MEXICO CITY, 8 Dec—An American kidnapper wanted by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was captured by Mexican police on Sunday, while the 14-year-old girl hostage was rescued unharmed, Mexico City's General Procuratorate of Justice said in a statement.

The kidnapper, identified as 35-year-old Hector Guerrero Castillo, was accused of abduction and statutory rape against

his victim, whose identity was not revealed for her protection.

Guerrero lured the Idaho-born adolescent to run away with him to Mexico in October after he learned that she had problems with her family, the statement said.

Weeks later, her father reported the case to FBI after he received an e-mail from his daughter saying all is well, which helped track them down in Mexico.

Mexican police found Guerrero in his residence in Tlalneptla, near the capital of Mexico City, where the girl had been held captive for over a month.

Mexico's public security authorities ordered Guerrero to be detained in a local detention center. He would be extradited to the United States to face charges of abduction and statutory rape against minors.—*Internet*

## 5.6-magnitude quake hits Iranian island in Gulf

TEHERAN, 8 Dec—A strong 5.6-magnitude earthquake jolted part of Qeshm island in the Gulf off Iran's southern Hormozgan province at 17:06 pm (1336 GMT) on Sunday, state television

reported. According to the student *ISNA* news agency, the quake on the outskirts of Dargahan, a small town on the island, injured two people.

"Two people from Zinbi village were hurt but

their general condition is satisfactory," Qeshm governor Mehdi Irannejad was quoted as saying.

Houses in two villages were also reported damaged, he added.

—*Internet*



*Cars are parked in the car park of Simon car-re-import company in Emmering near Munich, on 8 Dec, 2008. German carmakers such as BMW and Daimler have announced cuts to production due to falling demand, and analysts expect unemployment to start rising again soon.*

INTERNET

## Four die from gas poisoning in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 8 Dec—Four people were found dead possibly from gas poisoning in Shanghai on Sunday morning. Police suggested a gas water heater could have caused the accident.

The victims are an old couple both in their 70s, their daughter-in-law and a 12-year-old granddaughter, a police spokesman said.

The old couple's son returned home on Sunday morning after a night shift, just to find the four in bed unconsciously. He immediately called the police. Initial investigation showed the old water heater that lacked a forced ventilation system could have caused the accident.—*MNA/Xinhua*



*Visitors stand in front of a statue of late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping at his former residence in Guang'an, Sichuan province on 6 Dec, 2008. There was no doubt about the spartan quality of life in the early 1970s before the onset of reforms under Deng Xiaoping which would eventually transform China into the world's fourth-largest economy.—INTERNET*



*An infant carries water he fetched from an unprotected well which has been a major source of cholera in Harare. A South African team has left for Zimbabwe to see how the regional powerhouse can help ease a food crisis and treat a cholera epidemic that has claimed nearly 600 lives.—INTERNET*

## 13 killed in road accident in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 8 Dec—13 people were killed, 31 injured in a road accident Monday in Bangladesh's Tangail district, 92 km northwest of capital Dhaka.

—*Internet*

## Thousands more job cuts to come at UBS, say reports

ZURICH, 8 Dec—Switzerland's biggest bank UBS, which has been hurt badly by the United States sub-prime crisis, will slash up to 4,500 more jobs, according to two Swiss Sunday newspapers.

Without citing sources, *SonntagZeitung* newspaper said the bank would "in the coming weeks announce further job cuts".

"It is possible that the bank will eliminate 4,500 jobs, including 750 in Switzerland," the newspaper reported. It also quoted the bank's spokeswoman saying that "cost management has a high priority".

Meanwhile, another newspaper *Sonntag* said without citing sources that UBS would axe another 3,000 to 4,000 positions. In all, the Swiss bank has trimmed 9,000 jobs, reducing its staff strength by 11 percent since June 2007.—*Internet*

## Dow Chemical to slash 5,000 jobs, close 20 plants

NEW YORK, 8 Dec—Dow Chemical Co. said on Monday it will slash 5,000 full-time jobs—about 11 percent of its total work force—close 20 plants and sell several businesses to reign in costs amid the economic recession. The company, one of the largest chemical makers in the world, expects the moves to save about \$700 million per year by 2010. Dow also will temporarily idle 180 plants and prune 6,000 contractors from its payroll.

We are accelerating the implementation of these measures as the current world economy has deteriorated sharply, and we must adjust ourselves to the severity of this downturn," Chief Executive and Chairman Andrew N Liveris said in a statement.—*Internet*

## Volvo Cars to cut 3,400 jobs

STOCKHOLM, 8 Dec—Volvo Cars will cut some 3,400 jobs in Sweden and abroad, the Swedish carmaker owned by US giant Ford announced here Monday after the negotiation with the trade union.

2,721 employees in Sweden and an additional 680 employees abroad will leave the company, the company said in a statement. The majority of the redundant employees will have been released from work at the end of the year, it added.

Volvo is also terminating 1,215 consultant contracts. Volvo Cars has a 25,000-strong workforce. Ford has said it was planning to sell the Swedish subsidiary.—*Internet*



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Municipal Light & Power  
Alaska, U.S.A

Son of U Soe Thein & Daw Tin Tin Win  
&

**ZIN OHNMAR TUN**

B.E (Civil); M.E (Civil)  
Daughter of

U Tun Tun & Daw Mu Mu Myint  
on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2008, at  
Pathein, according to Islamic customs  
in the presence of parents and relatives.

**Both parents &  
Kyi Thar Soe+Zin Ohnmar Tun**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (163)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG  
PAKAEW VOY NO (163) are hereby notified that the  
vessel has arrived on 8.12.2008 and cargo will be  
discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at  
the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the  
byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Sudan confirms troop  
build-up in oil region**

KHARTOUM, 8 Dec—Sudan's government on Sun-  
day confirmed it had moved troops to a volatile en-  
ergy-rich central region, telling state media it wanted  
to halt "feverish attempts" to attack the area by Darfur  
rebels. The deployment into South Kordofan raised  
tension in the province that contains key oil fields and  
borders some of Sudan's most sensitive areas, includ-  
ing the western Darfur region, southern Sudan and the  
contested town of Abyei.

The announcement came days after officials in semi-  
autonomous southern Sudan accused the north of  
building up a large force in South Kordofan over the  
past three weeks.—Internet

**Mexico deports 75,463  
C Americans this year**

MEXICO CITY, 8 Dec—Mexico has deported 75,463  
Central Americans so far this year, half of them Gua-  
temalan citizens, according to a release reaching here  
Sunday from the migration department of Guatemala.

The Guatemalans are followed by the Salvadorians  
with 26,872 deported, then Hondurans with 12,565  
deported and Nicaraguans with 776 deported, said the  
release.

Mexican authorities have detained thousands of un-  
documented Central Americans in the Mexican terri-  
tory when they were trying to arrive in the United  
States.

Xinhua

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV HELMUTH RAMBOW VOY NO (028)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HELMUTH  
RAMBOW VOY NO (028) are hereby notified that the  
vessel will be arriving on 9.12.2008 and cargo will be  
discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will  
lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the  
byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am  
to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now  
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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

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SEA VOY NO (22) are hereby notified that the vessel  
will be arriving on 10.12.2008 and cargo will be dis-  
charged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at  
the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the  
byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Chilean glaciers retreating due to global warming**

SANTIAGO, 8 Dec—  
Chile's glaciers are on the  
retreat, a sign of global  
warming but also a threat  
to fresh water reserves at  
the southern end of South  
America, a report has  
found.

In a November report,  
the Chilean water utility —  
Direccion General de  
Aguas de Chile (DGA) —  
said the Echaurren ice  
fields, which supply the  
capital with 70 percent of  
its water needs, are reced-  
ing up to 12 metres (39.37

feet) per year.

Twenty of the glaciers  
studied receded between  
1986 and 2007 in Campos  
de Hielo Sur, the third  
largest ice reserve in the  
world after Antarctica and  
Greenland. At the current  
rate of decline, Echaurren  
and other small glaciers  
close to Santiago could  
vanish over the next half  
century.

"The results indicate  
that the Campos de Hielo  
Sur glaciers generally  
tend to recede, which

**Five soldiers  
killed in  
S Philippines  
clash**

MANILA, 8 Dec —Five  
soldiers were killed Sun-  
day when pursuing Abu  
Sayyaf militants in the  
southern Philippine prov-  
ince of Basilan, the mili-  
tary said on Monday.

Major General Ben  
Dolorfino, Philippine  
Marines commandant,  
said that 24 others sol-  
diers were wounded in  
the clash that erupted in  
the morning and lasted  
till the evening, Philip-  
pine TV network GMA  
News reported.

The enemy suffered an  
undetermined number of  
casualties, Dolorfino  
said. The 370-member  
Abu Sayyaf group, listed  
by the United States as a  
terror organization, was a  
major security threat in  
the Philippines for a  
string of bloody attacks it  
carried out in public, in-  
cluding the 2004 Manila  
Bay blast that killed more  
than 100 civilians.

Xinhua



*View of the San Rafael glaciers in the Northern  
Patagonian Ice Field, at the Laguna San Rafael  
National Park, 1300 km south of Santiago, Chile,  
in 2007.—INTERNET*

could be due to climate  
change in the region," the  
study said.

"The glaciers have re-  
ceded up to 580 meters  
(1,900 feet) due to re-  
duced rainfall recorded by  
weather stations in  
Patagonia and tempera-  
tures rising by about one  
degree Celsius (1.8 de-  
grees Fahrenheit) in the  
region over the last cen-  
tury."

The Chilean glaciers,  
located mostly in the re-  
mote flatlands of  
Patagonia, have receded  
by about 67 metres per  
year between 1986 and  
2001 and by about 45  
meters between 2001 and  
2007, according to  
DGA. Loss of glaciers  
along Chile's Andes  
mountain range, home to  
76 percent of South  
America's glaciers over a  
surface of 20,000 square  
kilometers (12,400 square  
miles), is threatening the  
water supply for people  
and agriculture.

Internet





*Shoppers take photo in front of the Christmas decorations at a shopping mall in downtown Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 7 Dec, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Obama pledges not to smoke in White House

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec—Barack Obama says you won't catch him lighting up a cigarette in the smoke-free White House.

"There are times where I've fallen off the wagon," the president-elect said when asked in a broadcast interview whether he has kicked the habit.

"I've done a terrific job, under the circumstances, of making myself much healthier," he said. "And I think that you will not see any violations of these rules in the White House," he said on Sunday's "Meet the Press" on NBC.

Obama told the magazine *Men's Health* in an interview for its November issue that he wished he had more time for staying fit and that he still occasionally smoked a cigarette.

Obama said in that interview that he had bummed a cigarette a couple of times during the campaign. "But I figure, seeing as I'm running for president, I need to cut myself a little slack," he said.—*Internet*

## Survey finds over half of adults play video games

NEW YORK, 8 Dec—After a day of dirty diapers and "Dora the Explorer," of laundry and homework time, when her four kids are finally asleep, Sarah Ninesling begins roaming the ruins of a post-apocalyptic Washington, DC,



fighting mutants to help save the survivors of a nuclear war.

The 30-year-old stay-at-home mom from New York's Long Island plays "Fallout 3" and other games like "World of Warcraft" and "The Lord

of the Rings Online." She plays every day, sometimes past midnight, to escape and relax and feel a sense of accomplishment.

"You are never going to play a schlep," she said. "You are always going to be a hero." Ninesling is not alone. More than half of American adults play video games and one in five play just about every day, according to a survey released Sunday by the Pew Internet & American Life Project. The survey of 2,054 US adults was conducted late last year, with a margin of error of about 2 percent.

People from all walks of life play, though younger adults are far more likely to play than seniors, proof that video games are mainstream entertainment for the generations that grew up with them. In all, 81 percent of respondents between 18 and 29 said they play games, compared with 23 percent of people 65 and older.—*Internet*

*A boy plays a video game during the World Cyber Games 2008, in Germany in November 2008. Videogames are not just for kids. A new survey out on Sunday found that more than half of American adults aged 18 and older play videogames, and that about one out of five play every day or almost every day.—INTERNET*

## From hybrids to SUVs, unsold cars pile up



*Toyota automobiles are lined up in an holding lot at the Port of Long Beach in California on 4 Dec, 2008.—INTERNET*

LONG BEACH, 8 Dec—From pricey luxury sedans to popular hybrid cars, automobiles made overseas are stacking up at ports and parking lots around the United States as supplies far outstrip demand amid the nation's worst auto market in more than 25 years.

At the Long Beach port near Los Angeles, Toyota Motor Corp vehicles

including Prius hybrids, FJ Cruiser sport utility vehicles and Lexus IS 250 luxury sedans are being stored on a vast construction site that will one day be a new container terminal.

The site became a gigantic parking lot when Toyota and Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz asked the port for space to store thousands of vehicles that

dealerships have not been able to take on due to sluggish sales.

"It's unusual that they would be here longer than a few days, but that's the situation now," said Art Wong, a spokesman for the Port of Long Beach. "They can't move it through their pipeline fast enough so they are asking for additional space while they keep their vehicles here more than a few days, and in some cases more than a few weeks."

The port has not counted how many additional cars were being stored, but Wong said Toyota has leased an additional 23 acres of space while Mercedes-Benz has leased about 20 more acres.

*Internet*

## Scientists back brain drugs for healthy people

NEW YORK, 8 Dec—Healthy people should have the right to boost their brains with pills, like those prescribed for hyperactive kids or memory-impaired older folks, several scientists contend in a provocative commentary.

College students are already illegally taking prescription stimulants like Ritalin to help them study, and demand for such drugs is likely to grow elsewhere, they say.

"We should welcome new methods of improving our brain function," and doing it with pills is no more morally objectionable than eating right or getting a good night's sleep, these experts wrote in an opinion piece published online Sunday by the journal *Nature*.

The commentary calls for more research and a variety of steps for managing the risks.

As more effective brain-

boosting pills are developed, demand for them is likely to grow among middle-aged people who want youthful memory powers and multitasking workers who need to keep track of multiple demands, said one commentary author, brain scientist Martha Farah of the University of Pennsylvania.

"Almost everybody is going to want to use it," Farah said.—*Internet*

## Endeavour delays return trip to Fla until Tuesday

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, 8 Dec—Space shuttle Endeavour has to wait another day to make its cross-country return trip to Florida.

NASA officials said on Sunday that Endeavour's piggyback ride atop a modified jumbo jet was postponed until Tuesday because of bad weather at its first scheduled stop in Texas.

The shuttle was diverted last week on its return from orbit to Edwards Air Force Base in California after stormy weather hit its main Florida landing site.

It was scheduled to leave Sunday but technicians had trouble installing the aerodynamic cone that fits over the back of the shuttle. Then NASA managers decided to delay it another day after reviewing the weather forecast.—*Internet*



*Spectators at the first concert ever at Angkor Wat to raise awareness and increase prevention on human trafficking.—INTERNET*



## SPORTS



**Aston Villa's English midfielder Ashley Young (R) celebrates with captain Danish defender Martin Laursen after scoring the winning goal in injury time against Everton during their English Premier League football match at Goodison Park in Liverpool. Aston Villa won 2-3.—INTERNET**

## Young's late, late show sees Villa win thriller

LIVERPOOL, 8 Dec—Ashley Young's goal in the third minute of stoppage-time secured a 3-2 victory for Aston Villa over Everton in a dramatic Premier League clash at Goodison Park here on Saturday.

When Joleon Lescott struck in acrobatic style after the 90-minute mark to net his second goal of the game, it seemed as if Everton had done enough to earn a point.

But with just 12 seconds left, Young sped clear to finish in style as Villa went back to fifth in the table while defeat saw Everton drop down into eighth.

"It's a brilliant victory," goal-hero Young told Sky Sports. "I had an opportunity in the second half that I should have taken, so to win the game at the death shows the character of the boys in our squad."

"We defended brilliantly today and it's a brilliant feeling to get a goal at the death."

Villa manager Martin O'Neill added: "I thought it was a wonderful game. Young's done fantastically - it was a world-class performance by him."

Everton manager David Moyes said his side should have come away with at least a point.—*Internet*

## Milan and Juve keep Serie A dreams alive



**AC Milan's Brazilian midfielder Kaka reacts during a Serie A football match against Catania at San Siro Stadium in Milan. Milan won 1-0.—INTERNET**

ROME, 8 Dec—AC Milan and Juventus kept their title hopes alive ahead of next week's crunch clash between the pair by both winning on Sunday and cutting the gap to leaders Inter Milan back to six points.

Inter's 3-0 victory at Lazio on Saturday had heaped pressure on their nearest two challengers and while both toiled for long periods, they eventually eked out important wins, Milan succeeding 1-0 at home to Catania and Juve triumphing 2-1 at Lecce.

Milan began their match against the

Sicilians in the middle of a paralysing injury crisis.

With players such as Ronaldinho, Andrea Pirlo, Marco Borriello, Clarence Seedorf, Massimo Ambrosini and Alessandro Nesta all on the treatment table a patch-work Milan took to the field at the San Siro.

Milan boss Carlo Ancelotti claimed those problems could derail his team's scudetto hopes.

Napoli remained fourth with a 2-0 home win over Siena while Fiorentina moved up to fifth with a 4-1 win at Torino.

Veteran Christian Vieri came off the bench to score his first goal of the season for Atalanta as they inflicted a fifth straight defeat on Udinese, winning 3-0.—*Internet*

**Portsmouth's English forward Peter Crouch (L) celebrates with teammate Jermain Defoe after scoring during the English Premier league football match against West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns, West Bromwich. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET**

## Bring back Scotland v England games: Ferguson

LONDON, 8 Dec—Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson has added his voice to the growing clamour for a revival of the annual games between England and Scotland.

The oldest international rivals in football last contested the traditional annual fixture in 1989, although they have met at Euro 96 and in a Euro 2000 qualification play-off since then. Scottish Football Association chief executive Gordon Smith is set to hold further talks with the FA next year and Ferguson said it was the right time to get the fixture back on the cards.

"I'd welcome the return of the game," he said.

"It would be great to



**Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson**

bring it back. There's something special about this fixture and I'm sure it would bring the best out in the players.

"There are promising young lads in the Scotland team who would benefit from playing in this game and there would be such a determination to win. "It couldn't be looked upon as a 'friendly'. It would be great for the players to sample the atmosphere and occasion."—*Internet*

## Nelson wins Father-Son tournament again

ORLANDO, 8 Dec—Larry Nelson made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole and went on to a 10-under 62 with his son, Drew, to become the first player to win the Del Webb Father-Son Championship two straight years with different sons.

Nelson, a three-time major champion in the World Golf Hall of Fame, won the Father-Son last

year with son Josh. He and Drew also won the tournament four years ago.

Typical of the scramble format, this one came down to the wire.

The Nelsons finished at 21-under 123 for a two-shot victory over Davis Love III and his 15-year-old son, Dru. The Loveteam made a late eagle to tie for the lead, and while Nelson was certain of a birdie on the par-5 18th at ChampionsGate Golf Club, he made sure it didn't come down to the final hole.

The Nelsons received \$210,000 for the victory, while the Loves closed with a 62 and earned \$120,000. Former US Open champion Tom Kite and son David closed with a 65 to finish third, earning \$90,000.

—*Internet*

## Wie finally proves she belongs on LPGA

DAYTONA BEACH, 8 Dec—Michelle Wie has earned a spot on the LPGA Tour. The 19-year-old from Hawaii overcame a miserable start Sunday with a safe finish for a 2-over 74 that had her comfortably among the top 20 at the LPGA qualifying tournament.

Wie has been playing mostly on sponsor exemptions for the last seven years, when she became a sensation for her youth and power, and her unsuccessful quest to compete against the men.

Wie tied for seventh and now takes her place as part of the 2009 rookie class, along with Q-school medalist Stacy Lewis, who birdied the last two holes for a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory at LPGA International in Daytona Beach.—*Internet*



**Sevilla's Brazilian midfielder Renato (R) celebrates his goal against Real Madrid with teammate Spanish forward Diego Capel during their Liga football match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. Sevilla won 4-3.—INTERNET**

## Real lose seven-goal thriller and fall nine points adrift of Barcelona

MADRID, 8 Dec—Real Madrid trail Barcelona by nine points going into next Saturday's 'El Clasico' at Camp Nou after the double champions fell to a 4-3 home defeat to Sevilla at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday.

Real came from 3-1 down to level at 3-3 but Renato headed the winner four minutes from time to sink ten-man Real who had Arjen Robben sent off on 77 minutes.

Real coach Bernd Schuster knows defeat in Barcelona would leave his team a staggering 12 points behind their arch-rivals and Dutch winger Robben will now miss the Barcelona clash through suspension as will Brazilian defender Marcelo.

"There is no question that Barcelona are on fire at the moment," said Schuster. "I can't talk of winning at Camp Nou at the moment. We just have to think about making a game of it."

"Things didn't go our way tonight but not everything is bad luck. Their first two goals were bad marking from set-pieces."—*Internet*

## Crouch breaks Baggies' hearts



WEST BROMWICH, 8 Dec—England striker Peter Crouch's equaliser kept West Bromwich Albion bottom of the Premier League table as Portsmouth fought back to draw 1-1 at the Hawthorns here Sunday.

Crouch scored his ninth goal of the season just before the hour mark on a day when Portsmouth owner Alexandre Gaydamak announced the FA Cup holders were up for sale.

The draw denied West Brom a first win in nine league games.

They took the lead thanks to Jonathan Greening's 39th minute goal against a Portsmouth side struggling to bounce back from their mid-week UEFA Cup defeat in Wolfsburg.—*Internet*



## Laid-off workers occupy Chicago factory, seek pay

CHICAGO, 8 Dec— Invoking Main Street resentment of Wall Street's federal bailout, some 200 workers entered their third day of occupying a shuttered Chicago window and door factory on Sunday, demanding that Bank of America agree to pay them severance plus vacation pay.

Workers belonging to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union began their peaceful occupation of the plant on Friday after family-owned Republic Windows & Doors said it was closing after Bank of America cancelled its line

of credit.

The workers said Republic Windows & Doors gave them only three days notice of Friday's closing instead of the 60 days required by law, and owes them roughly 3,500 US dollars per worker including unused vacation pay.

A union spokeswoman said Bank of America is not letting the company pay the workers. "We're just shocked that Bank of America, after receiving 25 billion US dollars in bailout money, not only do they refuse to extend credit to companies but, to add insult to injury, they don't

allow these companies to fulfil their legal obligations to their workers," union spokeswoman Leah Fried said. The downturn in home construction doomed the plant, which has manufactured windows and doors for more than 30 years.

Bank of America was among several US banks to receive funding from a 700-US- billion-dollar federal bailout package designed to stabilize the financial system. The laid-off workers hoisted placards saying, "Bank of America: You got bailed out. We got sold out."

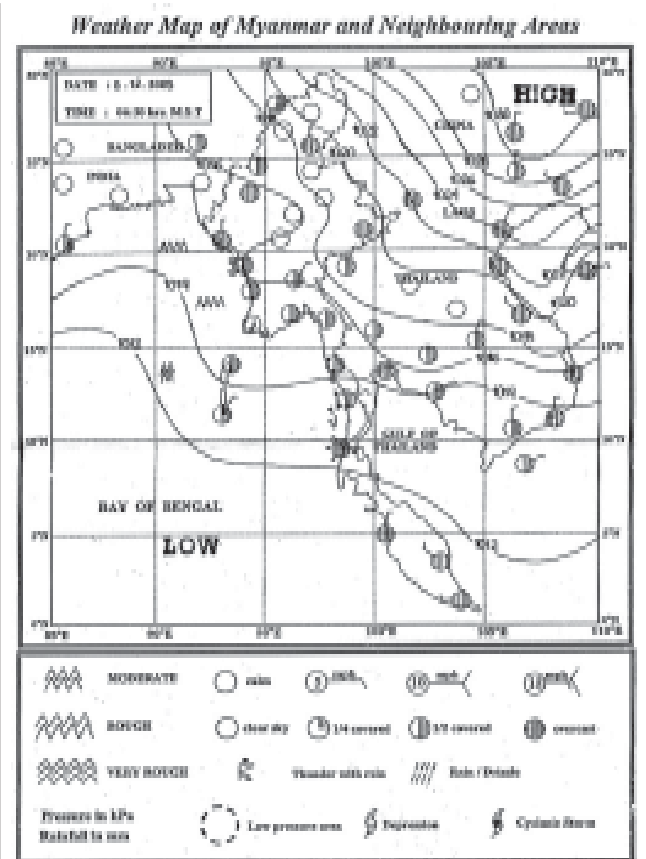
MNA/Reuters

## Argentine police seize 297 kilos of cocaine

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Dec — The Argentine police seized 297 kilos of cocaine on a small plane and arrested two suspected smugglers, announced the police Sunday. In an operation launched by the National Border Police in the province of Santiago del Estero, some 1,200 kilometres north of the country's capital, officers seized the drugs shortly after the plane landed.

The "freight was part of a bigger operation to send drugs to Europe," said the police. The two detainees, both Bolivians and aged 20 and 46 respectively, were pilots of the plane.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Monday, 8 December, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and about December average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (3°C) and Pinlaung (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 7-12-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 8-12-2008 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-12-2008 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 7-12-2008 was (8.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 8-12-2008 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 (6:30) hours MST on 8-12-2008.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's the depression over the Southwest Bay has crossed Sri Lanka and it moved to Gulf of Manner and weaken into a low pressure area. Weather is partly cloudy in the North and Central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-12-2008:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-12-2008:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-12-2008:** Generally fair weather.

## At least 13 killed in Egyptian bus accident

CAIRO, 8 Dec— At least 13 people were killed and 30 others injured in a bus accident in Egypt on Monday, a security source said.

The bus carrying Coptic students overturned on Monday morning about 30 km south of the Egyptian capital of Cairo, said the source, adding that the death toll is expected to rise because some of the injured were in serious conditions.

The accident occurred when the bus was heading for the Mediterranean coast city of Alexandria, some 220 km northwest of Cairo, from central Egyptian governorate of Minya, some 220 km south of the capital.

Internet



World champion Luke Kibet came out tops at the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon on Sunday, winning the men's event in a record-breaking 2:13:01 hours.—INTERNET



Tuesday, 9 December  
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. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အကဖြင့်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Song of yesteryears

8:05 am

7. ဆိပ်ကျွန်းရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:15 am

8. “အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေဆေးရှင်းစေ”  
(လူမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း)  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:40 am

10. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးဖြင့်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

3. Song of national races

4:35 pm

4. ကြေးမုံရုပ်သွင်တေးနယဉ်

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာ  
အထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs to uphold  
national spirit

5:15 pm

7. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်  
ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:30 pm

8. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:25 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
“စူပါမင်းနှင့်မာနရှင်”  
(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. “ပြင်ဦးလွင်အမျိုးသားအထိမ်း  
အမှတ်ဥယျာဉ်”

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မြင့်မြတ်နုလုံးသားပိုင်ရှင်”  
(အပိုင်း-၈)



# Project for Greening 30-mile Radius of Yangon

Article: Zeya Myint (Kyemon); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

To translate the guidance given by the Head of State into reality, the Project for Greening 30-mile Radius of Yangon is in progress which is designed to green a 30-mile radius of Yangon, the commercial hub of Myanmar, all yearround. The Irrigation Department is working hard to supply irrigation water to expedite the project.

Staff Officer U Aung Kyi of Irrigation Department (Kawa Township Branch) in Bago Division told Kyemon Daily that the feasibility study to seek water sources for the Project for Greening 30-mile Radius of Yangon consisted of two phases: east and west banks of the Bago River; that the west bank was rich in waterways, and a number of dams had been constructed and irrigation (See page 7)



A structure constructed by Construction (6) of Irrigation Department near Ohnhne Village, Thanatpin Township, Bago Division.

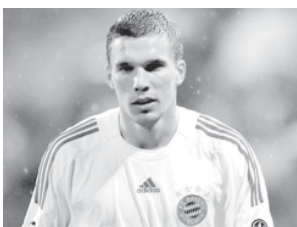
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**Preventive measures such as imparting knowledge to the people, using mosquito nets treated with insecticide, cultivating the habit of visiting hospitals and receiving proper treatment need to be widely carried out.**

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PERSPECTIVES

## Podolski set for summer exit



Podolski - set to leave in the summer.

MUNICH, 8 Dec—Bayern Munich general manager Uli Hoeness has confirmed striker Lukas Podolski is likely to leave the club next summer.

The Germany international is unhappy at being the third-choice attacker at the Bavarian club behind Luca Toni and Miroslav Klose and has

previously stated a desire to leave during the January transfer window.

But Hoeness says Podolski can only leave when a replacement is found, and that will not be the case before the end of the season.

"We would let Podolski go on July 1 if we find a replacement, but we should manage that," he said.

"However, we cannot allow him to leave in the winter break because we would need a player who could play in the Champions League."

Internet



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## Cold sore virus linked to Alzheimer's disease: New treatment, or even vaccine possible

MANCHESTER, 8 Dec — The virus behind cold sores is a major cause of the insoluble protein plaques found in the brains of Alzheimer's disease sufferers, University of Manchester researchers have revealed.

They believe the herpes simplex virus is a significant factor in developing the debilitating disease and could be treated by antiviral agents such as acyclovir, which is already used to treat cold sores and other diseases caused by the herpes virus. Another future possibility is vaccination against the virus to prevent the development of the disease in the first place.

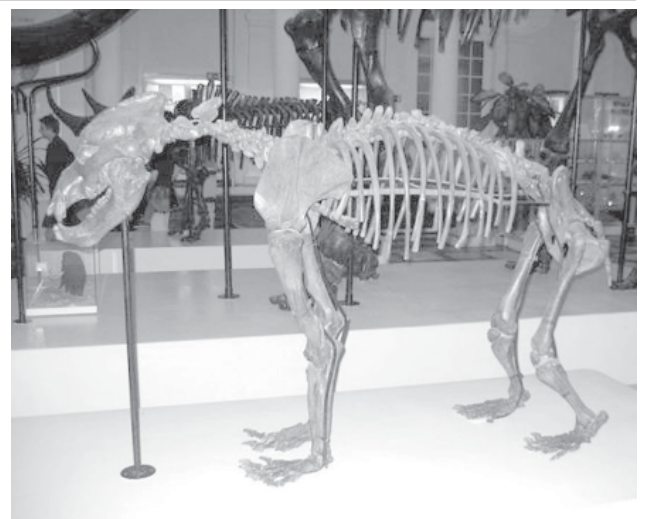
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## Climate change wiped out cave bears 13 millennia earlier than thought

WARSAW, 8 Dec—Enormous cave bears, *Ursus spelaeus*, that once inhabited a large swathe of Europe, from Spain to the Urals, died out 27,800 years ago, around 13 millennia earlier than was previously believed, scientists have reported.

The new date coincides with a period of significant climate change, known as the Last Glacial Maximum, when a marked cooling in temperature resulted in the reduction or loss of vegetation forming the main component of the cave bears' diet.

Internet



Skeleton of extinct cave bear from Warsaw Museum.