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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Taninthayi Division witnesses development



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Ministers Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspect the jetty of the Border Trade Department in Myeik.—TRANSPORT

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Costal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected progress of Wakyun model village in Bokpyin Township on 7 December.

They inspected the processing of prawn and cuttlefish at Annawa Soe cold storage in the township.

They held a meeting with departmental officials, townelders, members of social organizations and en-

trepreneurs at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik.

On arrival at the 1000-ton cold storage of Pyae Phyto Tun International Co Ltd, they inspected the processing of fish, prawn and crab, building of trawlers at the dry dock-yard, sawmill, and 200-ton fish pounding factory and crab farming.

Yesterday, they viewed offshore and deep sea trawlers moored at the jetty of Vantage Co Ltd, and production line of Vantage fish pounding factory.

Next, the commander and the ministers inspected groundwork being carried out by Pyae Phyto Tun International Co Ltd for construction of Kabin Dam.

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Global warming aided by drought, deforestation link



Deforestation fire.

JAKARTA, 9 Dec — In the rainforests of equatorial Asia, a link between drought and deforestation is fueling global warming, finds an international study that includes a UC Irvine scientist.

The study, analyzing six years of climate and fire observations from satellites, shows that in dry years, the practice of using fire to clear forests and remove organic soil increases substantially, releasing huge amounts of climate-warming carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

In 2006, the climate on the fast-developing islands of Borneo and Sumatra and in New Guinea and other parts of equatorial Asia was three times drier than in 2000, but carbon emissions from deforestation were 30 times greater – exceeding emissions from fossil fuel burning.

Intrnet

Arsenal squad– Gallas, Diaby included, Fabregas, Nasri, Adebayor, Van Persie to miss Porto clash



William Gallas

LONDON, 9 Dec—Arsenal are without skipper Cesc Fabregas, but former captain William Gallas is back as Arsene Wenger's side travel to Portugal for Wednesday's Champions League game against Porto.

Spanish playmaker Fabregas and French winger Samir Nasri suffered injuries against Wigan Athletic at the weekend and miss the Group G outing.

However, the Gun-

ners are boosted by the return to the squad of French defender Gallas and midfielder Abou Diaby who have recovered from calf and abdominal strain respectively.

With the north-Londoners already into the knock-out stages of the top European competition, Wenger will also rest regulars with Bacary Sagna, Gael Clichy, Emmanuel Adebayor and Robin van Persie not a part of the squad.

Carling Cup starlets, Kieran Gibbs, Gavin Hoyte, Mark Randall, Fran Merida, Jack Wilshere and Jay Simpson; are in the travelling party.—*Internet*

PERSPECTIVES

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Work together for greater savings and investment

The Myanmar delegation attended the 2nd Conference on Financing for Development held in Doha, Qatar, from 29 November to 2 December.

At the conference, the Qatari Prime Minister stressed effects of the financial crisis in the developed nations on the developing countries and remaining work programmes on pledges to be implemented by the developed nation.

The leader of the Myanmar delegation made a speech on economic development in Myanmar, and progress of savings and investment indispensable for the nation.

Myanmar is enjoying dramatic progress in savings and investment which are crucial for its development. Foreign investment in the nation is also on the gradual increase. During the global economic crisis, all the countries, developed and developing, have to remain harmonious in that case.

Regarding today's global financial aspect, the financial crisis of a western country has adverse effects on other countries. European countries and some Asian countries also face evil consequences of the global economic crisis.

Therefore, all the developed and developing countries are to make collective efforts to ensure progress of savings and investments for development of the nation concerned.

Head of Mandalay Division Fire Services Department U Tin Min inspects match factory in Aungmyethazan Township on 26 November, 2008. During the inspection tour, U Tin Min urged employees of the factory to take fire preventive measures at the factory.

NLM



People's Desire

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

Defence Services C-in-C's Shield football tournament continues

YANGON, 9 Dec — The round robin matches of the 47th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) football tournament continued at the designated venues today.

In the group-A of South-East Command zone (Mawlamyine), Yangon Command beat Nay Pyi Taw Command 2-0, in the group-B of South-West Command zone (Patheingyi), North-West Command trounced No.

55 LID 6-0, in the group-C of North-West Command zone (Monywa), Northern Command beat No. 77 LID 3-2, in the group-D of Central Command zone (Mandalay), Eastern Command beat South-East Command-A 9-0, in the group-E of Southern Command zone (Toungoo), North-East Command won over Coastal Region Command 6-1, and South-East Command beat No. 44 LID 6-0.—MNA

Minister inspects national registration departments

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspected Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township Immigration and National Registration Department on 7 December.

During the tour, the minister met with staff of the department and fulfilled the requirements of the staff. He also inspected maintenance of the record files at the office.

Afterwards, he went to Yemethin District Immigration and National Registration Department and inspected maintenance of record files.



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspects record files at Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township Immigration and National Registration Department. — MNA

During the tour, the minister urged staff of the department to work hard to become the qualified staff of the department and to carry out tasks of the ministry in accordance with the rules and regulations.—MNA

Newly tarred Gyobyu road in Mingaladon Township opened

YANGON, 9 Dec—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn on 7 December morning, attended the opening of the newly tarred Gyobyu main road held

in front of the road in Sangyiwa Ward, Mingaladon Township here and formally opened it. The newly tarred road is 1,830 feet long and 12 feet wide.

Next, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn proceeded to Ngamoeyik river water pumping

project of the Water Resources Utilization Department near Letpan Village in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division and gave instructions on construction of Ngamoeyik Creek crossing bridge.

On completion of the bridge, local people from

the villages of Letpan, Mokhsan-yaungbin, Kaukkwe, Jonejonejha, Ahwaing, Kyungon, Theingon, Shanywa and Boyinkalay will be able to go from one place to another in a short time, and it will contribute to regional development.—MNA

Bio medical science seminar to be launched

YANGON, 9 Dec—A special bio medical science seminar, organized by AT&S Co Ltd, will be launched at Mandalay Hotel in Mandalay on 13 December and Traders Hotel in Yangon on 14 December.

At the seminar, Dr Christopher Syn (PhD,

National University of Singapore) CBiol (UK), MIBiol (UK), MASM (Australia), MASBMB (USA) who is a Pro-Rector of National University Singapore and a Forensic Scientist of Health Science Authority will give talks on Life Science: Dead or Alive?.

The students who are studying medical science can attend the seminar. Number of attendance is limited. Those wishing to attend are to enlist in person at No 5 Hostel Room No 4 of Myanmar Info Tech (Tel-652258, 652288 and 652320).—MNA

Hijacked sailors 'attack pirates'

MOGADISHU, 9 Dec— Somali pirates say they have thwarted an apparent revolt by the crew of a hijacked Ukrainian cargo ship, according to reports.

"Some crew members on the Ukrainian ship are misbehaving," the pirate said. "They tried to harm two of our gunmen late Monday. This is unacceptable, they risk

serious punitive measures.

"Somalis know how to live and how to die at the same time, but the Ukrainians' attempt to take violent action is misguided."

Gunmen seized the Kenya-bound MV Faina, carrying 33 tanks, grenade launchers and ammunition, on 24 September. The ship, which is currently

anchored off the pirate stronghold of Harardhere, has a mostly Ukrainian crew of 21.

Pirates had initially demanded a ransom of \$20m (£13.5m).

In November, a Kenyan maritime official confirmed that a deal had been struck between the ship's owner and the pirates, and that the two sides were discussing the ship's release. —Internet



The MV Faina is currently anchored off the pirate stronghold of Harardhere.—INTERNET

US Marine's F-18 crashes in California, three killed

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec— A US Marine Corps F-18 fighter-bomber crashed into a residential area in Southern California city of San Diego on Monday, destroying two houses and killing three people on the ground, officials said.

Officials said three people were killed and one is missing after the plane crashed into homes three kilometers from the Miramar Marine Corps Air

Station. Authorities who were trying to identify the dead believed that the two victims were a mother and child, said Maurice Luque, spokeswoman for the San Diego Fire Department. But the third victim was unidentified.

The pilot of the two-seat F-18 Hornet ejected safely with minor injuries, said US Marine Corps spokesman Stephen Paap, adding that the jet was on

a training mission and carrying a single pilot at the time of the crash.

The student pilot was en route from the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln, operating in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego, according to the spokesman. Television footage shows smoke coming from homes in the University City section of San Diego, where the crash occurred just before noon. —Internet



Homes are engulfed in flames in the University City neighborhood after a military jet crashed into houses in San Diego, California on 8 Dec, 2008.—INTERNET

Iran rejects Obama's 'carrot-and-stick' proposal

TEHERAN, 9 Dec—Iran on Monday rejected a proposal by President-elect Barack Obama that a combination of economic incentives and tighter sanctions might persuade the Iranian government to change its behavior.

Obama said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" that aired Sunday that the international community could develop a set of incentives that would persuade Iran to alter its nuclear program. The US and many of its allies suspect that Iran wants to develop weapons through its nuclear program, but Teheran says it is focused on power generation. —Internet

Iraq security contractors face end to immunity

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec— Private security guards in Iraq, whose armored convoys once barreled through the streets with impunity, could face being thrown into crowded and violent Iraqi jails once their era of legal immunity ends on 1 January.

Under a security pact signed with the United States, foreign contractors, including some 30,000 armed-to-the-teeth private warriors, will become subject to trial in Iraqi courts. "We're getting ready to enter a highly ambiguous period, and the risks are going to be high," said Lawrence Peter, director of the Private Security Company Association of Iraq. —Internet

Iraqis demand harsh penalty for Blackwater guards

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec— Iraqi victims of a deadly shooting last year in central Baghdad demanded the harshest penalty Monday for the Blackwater Worldwide guards charged in the case, saying punishment is needed to keep other security contractors from acting with impunity.

The case has been thrust back into the spotlight more than a year

after the 16 Sept, 2007, shootings that killed 17 Iraqi civilians as five Blackwater guards were charged with manslaughter, attempted manslaughter and using a machine gun in a crime of violence.

Hassan Jabir, a lawyer who was driving through the square on his way to court when the shooting occurred, said the indictments were a vin-

dication.

"They kept on claiming and bragging that they were acting in response to an attack, but today, the truth was shown," he said.

Witnesses and an Iraqi investigation said the shooting on Nisoor Square was unprovoked, but Blackwater has said the guards were acting in self-defense after they were ambushed. The five, who surrendered Monday at a

federal courthouse in Salt Lake City, face the prospect of 30-year mandatory prison terms. A sixth guard admitted in a plea deal to killing at least one Iraqi in the shooting.

Samir Hobi, a 41-year-old taxi driver who was wounding in the shooting, said he hoped for a more severe penalty to prevent other security contractors from acting with impunity. —Internet



Sami Hawas, a 42-year-old taxi driver, and his 7-year-old son Mohammed, are seen at his home in Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 Dec, 2008. Hawas was shot in the chest and a leg while driving his cab at Baghdad's Nisoor square more than a year ago, when Blackwater Worldwide security guards shot dead 17 Iraqi civilians.—INTERNET

Israel to delay
Palestinian
prisoner release

JERUSALEM, 9 Dec— Israeli officials said Monday they would delay the release of 250 Palestinian prisoners until next week because of a request by Palestinian officials. They said the Palestinian officials had asked for the delay because President Mahmoud Abbas is out of the country and wants to be back in the West Bank to greet the freed prisoners. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity pending a formal announcement.

Internet

Sony to cut plants and
8,000 jobs

TOKYO, 9 Dec— Sony has announced plans to cut 8,000 electronics jobs - 5% of the division - as well as shutting 10% of its manufacturing sites. The company said the jobs would be cut by April 2010, but did not say in which countries the staff would go. Sony said it would also cut at least 8,000 temporary and contract staff jobs in the same sector. It said it had been trying to reduce production because of the downturn, but warned it still had to do more. The news came as Japan said its economy had shrunk between July and September by much more than initially estimated. The Cabinet Office said the economy had shrunk at an annual rate of 1.8% in the quarter, compared with its original estimate of 0.4%. Sony said the cost-cutting plan was aimed at responding to “the sudden and rapid changes in the global economic environment”. It will cut its investment in electronic operations by 30% and shut down about 10% of its 57 production facilities.—Internet



A Pakistani firefighter extinguishes smouldering trucks at a NATO container terminal near the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar. Armed militants on Monday launched a second raid in as many days on NATO depots in Pakistan, torching nearly 100 more vehicles destined for the alliance's forces in Afghanistan, police said.—INTERNET

Workers stitch denim jeans for at a factory in Sri Lanka, June 2007. Take a load of empty plastic water bottles to manufacture jeans, or turn waste denim into paper: as eco-consciousness spreads, makers of the planet's most popular item of clothing are increasingly resorting to recycling.

INTERNET



Mexico says gang killings more
than double in 2008

MEXICO CITY, 9 Dec— Organized-crime slayings in Mexico more than doubled in the first 11 months of 2008, and could rise even further, as powerful drug cartels fight increasingly bloody battles for control of territory, the government said Monday. Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said gangland killings rose by 117 percent to 5,376 as compared to the first 11 months of 2007, when there were 2,477 slayings. Previously the government had not provided a total number for such killings. Medina Mora tied the spike in “homicides related to organized crime” to an internal falling out between former allies in the Sinaloa cartel, Mexico's most powerful cartel, and predicted the violence could get worse before it declines in late 2009. Underscoring the brutality of the conflict, authorities on Monday said at least 18 people were killed in a single day in southern Guerrero state and that two human heads were left in buckets outside the governor's office.—Internet



Second Mexican government
plane crashes in a month

MEXICO CITY, 9 Dec— A government Learjet plunged into a lake in central Mexico, killing two pilots in the second deadly crash in a month involving a federally owned plane, officials said Monday. The Learjet 23 lost contact with the control tower shortly before crashing into Atlangatepec lake Sunday night, said Tlaxcala state government spokesman Domingo Fernandez. Rescuers recovered the body of the pilot and were trying to extract the copilot's body from the wreckage

A police investigator looks on to a crime scene where a man was shot to death in Tijuana, Mexico.

INTERNET

Monday, state officials said. Federal investigators were trying to determine the cause. Sunday night's crash came just over a month after Mexican Interior Secretary Juan Camilo Mourino and 14 other people were killed when a Learjet 45 plowed into a Mexico City neighbourhood.

Internet

Report says Taliban ‘noose’
around Kabul

LONDON, 9 Dec— The Taliban insurgency is widening its presence in Afghanistan and “closing a noose around Kabul,” an international think tank report says. The report—issued on Monday by the International Council on Security and Development (ICOS) — said the Taliban movement “now holds a permanent presence in 72 percent of Afghanistan, up from 54 percent a year ago.” NATO, which commands about 50,000 troops in the country, disputes the figures. Titled “Struggle for Kabul: The Taliban Advance,” the report said the international community must ramp up grass-roots economic and humanitarian relief to stop the Taliban, the group that once ruled Afghanistan and harbored the al Qaeda terror network when it attacked the United States in 2001. “It's a very scary situation,” said Gabrielle Archer, ICOS manager of development policy. “There's been a dramatic increase in just one year.” The report said the Taliban have expanded from the country's southern region to the western and northwestern provinces and near Kabul, “where three out of the four main highways into Kabul are now compromised by Taliban activity.”—Internet

Spain's Civil Guard officers in riot gear stand next to a burned car during clashes in the southern Spanish village of La Mojonera early on 8 Dec, 2008.— INTERNET





Chinese and Indian soldiers take part in the climb exercise on the second day of the China-India army joint anti-terrorism training code-named "Hand in Hand 2008" in Belgaum, India, on 7 Dec, 2008. —XINHUA

Caricom urges end of US embargo against Cuba

HAVANA, 9 Dec—The Caribbean Community (Caricom) on Monday demanded an end to the US embargo against Cuba at a Cuba-Caricom summit in the eastern Cuban city of Santiago de Cuba.

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer, who is also the temporary president of Caricom, called the embargo a relic from the past and said there is "overwhelming international rejection" to the policy.

Spencer said he hoped

the new US government would end the embargo.

Caricom follows the United Nation Charter on respecting people's right to self-determination with no interference in other countries' internal affairs, he added.

The prime minister also praised the efforts of the Cuban government and its people for their efforts in rebuilding after three

hurricanes struck the island country in recent months.

The third Cuba-Caricom summit opened Monday to expand cooperation between countries in the region.

Cuban Leader Raul Castro, Spencer and Caricom General Secretary Edwin Spencer participated in the meeting.

Xinhua

The Shenzhou VII manned space mission delegation including three taikonauts arrives in China's Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) on 8 Dec, 2008, to kick off a three-day visit to the city. —XINHUA

Obama can gain much from friendly China ties

BEIJING, 9 Dec—Many Chinese people have shown an increasing interest in the possible course of Sino-US relations during the new US administration under Barack Obama. There have been concerns over whether the incoming administration will follow the model of its predecessors in developing ties with China.

In the past, it was common for a new US president to go for a confrontation with China early in his tenure and then pursue reconciliation and

cooperation as the time went by.

To create favorable domestic opinion, some newly elected US leaders have singled out China for verbal attacks. It was labeled either as Washington's strategic competitor or as a threat.

Bill Clinton and George W Bush both chose to take a confrontationist attitude toward China during their early presidency. But bilateral ties gradually returned to normal. Some Washington officials in the two administrations even

boasted of enjoying the best-ever relationship with Beijing.

Its fast growth and the world's acceptance of China as a rising economic power have made many Americans feel that it would soon catch up with or even surpass the United States. They have thus tried to point fingers at China over a series of issues. For example, China has been accused of beefing up its military muscle to threaten the security of the US and its allies.

Xinhua



All items from Xinhua News Agency



2008 Miss Asia champion Eunis Yao is flanked by the runner-up Belinda Yan (left) and third place-getter Lene Lai at the finals of the 2008 Miss Asia pageant in Hong Kong on 7 Dec, 2008. —XINHUA

Brazil's grain crop to reach 145 mln tons in 2008

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Dec—Brazil will have a grain crop harvest of 145.7 million tons in 2008, up 9.4 percent from the 133.1 million tons yielded in 2007, according to projections released on Monday by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

The cultivated area in the country is expected to increase 4.1 percent in 2008, reaching 47.2 million hectares, the IBGE said.

The crops which occupied the largest number of the cultivated areas in 2008 were soybeans, with 21.3 million hectares, followed by corn with 14.4 million hectares and rice with 2.9 million hectares, it said.

The three grains account for 89.7 percent of Brazil's total grain output. —Xinhua

EU member states told to block Irish pork

BRUSSELS, 9 Dec—European Union (EU) member states have been told to block all shipments of Irish pork meat and processed pork products after dioxin contamination was detected in the country, said EU Health Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou on Monday.

"Member states have been requested to detain pork meat and processed pork meat products from Ireland and to control for the presence of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)," she told reporters.

Very high levels of dioxins were confirmed on Saturday. The source of the contamination is thought to be contaminated animal feed.

Xinhua

Murder of African arouses turmoil in Spain

MADRID, 9 Dec—The murder of a Malian by three Moroccans who tried to steal his wallet in the south of Spain aroused riots Monday, with vehicles set on fire and stores damaged, said the Spanish Civil Guard.

The victim was identified as Segá S, 24, who was stabbed on Sunday night in a zone mainly inhabited by immigrants, in Almeria province, and died early the next morning.

Police said on Monday morning they detained three Moroccans involved in Segá's death.

The murder aroused many riots. The Civil Guard said in a report that people burnt many shops and vehicles.

The Civil Guard said these riots were similar to those taking place in September in another place in America, where a gypsy killed a man from Senegal. —Xinhua

Chrysler, China’s Chery call off cooperation talks



A Chinese man looks at the Chery QQ car on display outside a showroom in Beijing, China, on 8 Dec, 2008. —INTERNET

BEIJING, 9 Dec—Chrysler and China’s biggest domestic automaker said Tuesday they have called off talks on cooperation due to the global financial crisis.

The proposed partnership with Chery Automobile Co, first announced in July 2007, was meant to produce a low-cost model in China to be sold under Chrysler’s Dodge brand in the United States and Europe.—Internet



A reflection on a pond shows visitors looking towards Sentosa island from a roof of a shopping mall in Singapore on 7 Dec, 2008. —INTERNET

Oil moves higher in Asia

SINGAPORE, 9 Dec—Oil prices held firm in Asia Tuesday, on hopes a US economic stimulus package and a bailout for the auto sector would be enough to nurse the world’s biggest energy consumer back to health, dealers said.

New York’s main futures contract, light sweet crude for January delivery, put on 25 cents to 43.96 dollars a barrel. The contract closed on Mon-

day 2.90 dollars higher at 43.71.

Brent North Sea crude for January delivery added 12 cents to 43.54 dollars after closing on Monday 3.68 dollars higher at 43.42.

Financial markets, including oil futures, soared after US President-elect Barack Obama promised at the weekend the biggest infrastructure investment in half a century, and Congress signalled a rescue of

the Big Three US automakers.

“Global investors have apparently taken a significant degree of solace” from the moves, said John Kilduff, an analyst at MF Global.

But some analysts said the gains may be short-lived because energy demand in the immediate term is still soft, with the US and other industrialised economies stuck in a recession.—Internet

BJP set to retain MP for 2nd consecutive term

BHOPAL, 9 Dec—The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh was on the path of emerging a clear winner with its candidates bagging 15 out of 18 constituencies for which results have been declared so far.

Leading the list of BJP winners was Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who won yet again from Budhni assembly constituency with a huge margin of

more than 40,000 votes.

Other BJP winners included State Assembly Speaker Ishwardas Rohani, who won by more than 25,000 votes from Jabalpur Cantonment, Vijay Shah from Harsud, Raghavji from Vidisha, Tukojirao Pawar from Dewas, Kailash Vijayawargiya from Mhow and Surya Prakash Meena from Shamshabad.

The Congress winners were Lakhan Ghanghoriya from Jabalpur north,

Satyanarayan Patel from Depalpur and Yadendra Singh from Tikamgarh. Singh had the gratification of defeating Uma Bharti, Bhartiya Janshakti Party President.

Ramesh Maindola of BJP defeated Suresh Seth (Cong) by a margin of 39,937 votes in Indore-2 constituency. Congress candidate Satyanarayan Patel defeated BJP candidate Manoj Patel by a margin of 9,491 votes in Depalpur seat.—Internet

NEWSALBUM



Members of the bird protection group Lipu carry loudspeakers playing the sounds of alarmed starlings, to frighten birds along the banks of the Tiber river in Rome on 20 Nov, 2008. A hazard to walkers, motorists and some of the world’s most treasured monuments, thousands of the starlings earlier this month forced a Ryanair passenger jet to make an emergency landing at the city’s Ciampino airport.

In this photo released on 3 Dec, 2008, by the Galapagos National Park, a giant tortoise named ‘Lonesome George’ is seen in the Galapagos islands, an archipelago off Ecuador’s Pacific coast. The eggs laid by ‘Lonesome George’ never developed embryos.

Lots of eggs, but no babies for Galapagos tortoise

By this point in his long life, Lonesome George should be at least a grandfather.

But even fatherhood appears to be eluding the Galapagos tortoise, estimated to be between 75 and 80 years old and believed to be the last living member of the Geochelone abigdoni species.

Galapagos National Park officials announced Wednesday that eight eggs laid by the giant tortoise’s two female com-

panions are infertile.

The disappointing news came 130 days after conservationists placed the eggs in an artificial incubator — the first time any of George’s mates had produced eggs after 36 years of attempts by park rangers.

The most recent prospective mothers have accompanied George in captivity since 1993 but did not begin mating with him until late

2006. They belong to the Geochelone becki species of giant tortoise, believed to be the closest existing phenotype to that of Lonesome George. Between them, the females laid 13 eggs on Santa Cruz island in July.

Galapagos National Park Director-General Sixto Naranjo says there are several possible explanations for why the eggs never developed embryos: George is sterile, the females’ 15 years without laying eggs rendered their first batch of eggs deficient or their poor adjustment to captivity left them completely infertile.



Lots of TV and Web harms kids’ health

Spending a lot of time watching TV, playing video games and surfing the Web makes children more prone to a range of health problems including obesity and smoking, US researchers said on Tuesday.

US National Institutes of Health, Yale University and the California Pacific Medical Center



A family watches television in an undated photo.

experts analyzed 173 studies done since 1980 in one of the most comprehensive assessments to

date on how exposure to media sources impacts the physical health of children and adolescents.

Woman, 44, gives birth to 18th child in Canada

A 44-year-old Romanian immigrant to Canada gave birth to her 18th child in Abbotsford, British Columbia, media reported Monday.

Last Tuesday, Livia Ionce gave birth to a 3 kg (seven pounds, 12 ounces) baby girl, the 10th girl in the family.

Their 17 other children range in age from 20 months to 23 years old. “We never planned how many children to have. We just let God guide our lives, you know, because we strongly believe life comes from God and that’s the reason we did not stop the life,” said the proud dad Alexandru Ionce.

The husband said he and his wife had expected a boy to make the number of boys and girls even. “We thank God all of them are healthy and happy,” said Ionce.

Fight against Diabetes

Professor Dr Tint Swe Latt

Over 246 million people are living with diabetes. Without concerted action to fight the disease, this figure will reach 380 million within a generation.

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood. It can strike children of any age, including infants and toddlers. Diabetes is a chronic, potentially debilitating and often fatal disease which occurs as a result of problems with the production and supply of the hormone insulin in the body.

The body needs insulin to use the energy stored in food. When someone has diabetes they produce no or insufficient insulin (type 1 diabetes), or their body cannot use effectively the insulin they produce (type 2 diabetes). Type 1 is an autoimmune disease that cannot be prevented. Globally, it is the most common form of diabetes in children, affecting around 500,000 children under 15. However, as a result of increased childhood obesity and sedentary lifestyles, type 2 diabetes is also increasing fast in children and adolescents. In some countries, type 2 diabetes has become the most common form of the disease in children.

- Globally, there are close to 500,000 children under the age of 15 with type 1 diabetes.
- Everyday 200 children develop type 1 diabetes.
- Every year, 70,000 children under the age of 15 develop type 1 diabetes.
- Type 1 diabetes is increasing in children at a rate of 3% each year.
- Type 1 diabetes is increasing fastest in pre-school children, at rate of 5% each year.
- Finland, Sweden and Norway have the highest incidence rate for type 1 diabetes in children.
- Type 2 diabetes has been reported in children as young as eight and researches reveal that it now exists in children thought previously not to be at risk.
- Over half of children with diabetes develop complications within 15 years.

- Type 2 diabetes in children is becoming a global public health issue with potentially serious outcomes.
- Type 2 diabetes affects children in both developed and developing countries.
- Global studies have shown that type 2 diabetes can be prevented by enabling individuals to lose 7-10% of their body weight, and by increasing their physical activity to a modest level.

Diabetes is a deadly disease. If not detected early enough in a child, the disease can be fatal or result in serious brain damage. Yet diabetes in children is often completely overlooked: it is often misdiagnosed as the flu or it is not diagnosed at all.

Every parent, school teacher, school nurse, doctor and anyone involved in the care of children should be familiar with the warning signs and pay attention to the diabetes threat. They all should **know the diabetes warning signs:**

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Increased hunger
- Weight loss
- Tiredness
- Lack of interest and concentration
- Blurred vision
- Vomiting and stomach pain

In children with type 2 diabetes these symptoms can be mild or absent.

In many parts of the world, insulin, which children with type 1 diabetes must take to survive, is not available because of cost or geography. As a result, many children die of diabetes, particularly in low and middle-income countries.

To be able to reduce the number of death due to diabetes in children and adolescents, it is necessary to co-operate among health care providers, policy makers, diabetes patients and their families.

In conclusion, I would like to call for fight with concerted effort, against diabetes which is now threatening the health of the people all over the world.

Yangon Division holds mass walk



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint participates in mass walk.—MNA

YANGON, 9 Dec—The mass walk of Yangon Division for the first week of December 2008 took place at the gathering point in Aung San Stadium here at 6 a.m. on 6 December.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander

of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, senior military officers, departmental officials, staff, students, members of social organizations and local people took part in it.

They also took exercises and held sports events.—MNA

Rehabilitation tasks inspected in three townships

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec – Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspected construction of new school building donated by Daw Than Than Lay in Hleseik Village in Kyaiklat Township on 6 December.

The minister presented seeds for cultivation in the compound of the school and its environs to officials.

The minister met departmental officials at Shweyatu Hall in the township. They discussed harvesting of paddy in time, minimizing of loss and wastage, cultivation of summer paddy and cold season crops to meet the targets and efforts for improvement of education, health and transport in the

region.

On 7 December, the minister also met district and township level officials at Pyapon District Peace and Development Council and officials reported on rehabilitation tasks in Pyapon, Dedaye and Kyaiklat Townships, agriculture, education and health and maintenance of roads and bridges. The minister took part in the discussions.

The minister inspected reconstruction of Thiri Annawa Hall and the site for 100-bed building and visited patients at the delivery room, operation theatre, children's wards and out-patient departments and presented food and other supplies.

MNA



Myanmar youth Red Cross delegation poses for photo on arrival at Yangon International Airport on 4 December, 2008. The delegation participated in Red Cross Youth Challenge 2008 in Singapore. Led by Daw Khin Win Htike of Basic Education Middle School No. 3, Hline, the delegation comprises Maung Khant Kyaw of BEHS-1, Yankin, Maung San Linn Kyaw of BEMS, Hline and Ma Yamin Nyi Nyi of BEMS-1, Yankin.—RED CROSS

Commander and minister...

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local people to strive for the successful implementations of development tasks with added momentum in cooperation with the State and the people and guard against the danger of internal and external destructive elements through constant vigilance.

Afterwards, the minister urged the local people to try to have habits of reading in order to improve education, health, social

welfare and economy for the rural people and stressed the need for doing their bits in marching towards a new modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Next, the commander presented clothing and uniforms of auxiliary fire brigade and the minister, cash, household goods and publications. Afterwards, the commander and the minister cordially greeted the local people.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan view hats produced in Ngalongtin Village in ChaungU Township.

MNA



Over 5,000 participate in mass walk in Monywa

YANGON, 9 Dec — Over 5,000 people took part in the mass walk activity in Monywa on 6 December.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and wife and departmental officials also participated in the mass walk

and they walked from Bogyoke Bronze Statue to Monywa Golf Club.

Afterwards, the commander and wife attended a ceremony to honour doyen literati in Monywa to mark the Sarsodaw Day for 1370 ME.

The chairman of the Monywa Township Writers and Journalists Association read the message sent by the chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association.

The commander and wife presented gifts to doyen literati aged 70 and above and Literary Award winner U Arnt Maung spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Development tasks inspected in Dalla and Seikkyi Khanaungto Tsp

YANGON, 9 Dec — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected progress in paving Mindan road in No 3 Myoma Ward of Dalla Township on 7 December.

Next, the vice-mayor met with townselders and

discussed development tasks. Upon arrival at Seikkyi Khanaungto, the vice-mayor attended the opening ceremony of new road. It is 670 feet long and 10 feet wide.

Afterwards, the vice-mayor oversaw progress in building No 13 basic pri-

mary school. At township hospital, he comforted the patients, provided cash assistance and inspected the hospital.

Next, the vice-mayor presented K 200,000 for the lounge and K 100,000 for township library through officials.—MNA

Professors/heads of department and chairmen of doctorate courses meet

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec — A meeting between professors/heads of department of hospitals for universities of medicine and universities of dental medicine and chairmen of doctorate courses was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here yesterday with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

Next, Deputy Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department read the suggestions of Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Afterwards, Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Win Myint reported on principles for doctorate course entrance and examinations and Deputy Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint on results of examinations for doctorate courses.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe.—MNA

Referee courses conclude

YANGON, 9 Dec — Jointly organized by FIFA and Myanmar Football Federation, the FIFA-MAR Referee's Course and the MFF Potential Referee's Course concluded at Goal Hotel near National Football Training Centre (Thuwunna), here, on 6 December.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports, General

Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaung Htaik of the Sports and Physical Education Department and FIFA Instructor Mr Azimi Bib Abdullah gave speeches.

Next, the director-general presented completion certificates to the trainees and Mr Azimi Bib Abdullah, gifts to the three members of the referee committee.

MNA

Basic education level English and Mathematics talent contests held

YANGON, 9 Dec — The Yangon Division basic education primary and middle school level English and Mathematics talent contests of No. 3 Basic Education Department was held at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township here on 6 December, attended by Deputy Director-General of No. 3 Basic Education Department U Myo Myint and officials.

The 8th standard students took part in the English talent contest titled The Subject I Like Best, the 7th standard students in the contest titled My Home Town and the 4th standard students in the contest titled My School.

The Mathematics talent contest was held on 7 December at the same venue and students of the 8th, 7th and 4th standards participated in the contest.

MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe delivers an address at the meeting of faculties and officials of medical and dental universities. — MNA

World AIDS Day (2008) observed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended a ceremony to mark World AIDS Day (2008) at a Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township on 5 December.

The commander and officials presented prizes to the students who won in essay contests to mark World AIDS Day (2008).

They also viewed World AIDS commemorative posters and educative books.—MNA

Taninthayi Division...

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The commander and ministers looked into the establishing of Myeik Myothit near Kyaukphya Ahtuseik Village, progress in building Annawa Soe Jetty, offshore and deep sea trawlers, progress in building the jetty of Myeik Station of the Border Trade Department, and trawlers of the Fisheries Department.

MNA

With noble mind

- In serving public interest
- Do not deviate from own way
- Because of slanders
- Just carry it on

(Venerable Shwe Hinthay Sayadaw)

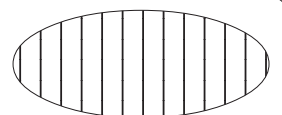
CPT Minister inspects auto-telephone exchanges in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected auto-telephone exchange in Mandalay Township on 5 and 6 December.

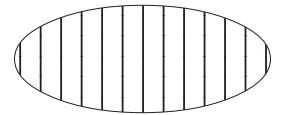
During the tour, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visited auto-telephone exchange in Kyaukpadaung, Bagan, Myingyan and Natogyi townships and fulfilled

the requirements for effectiveness of mobile and trunk call lines.

He also inspected the auto-telephone exchange in Myingyan, and GSM tower, new GSM station and a new building for post office in Natogyi Township. During the inspection tour, the minister called for timely completion of communication work. — MNA



**Minister Brig-Gen
Thein Zaw inspects
Auto-telephone
exchange in
Myingyan. —CPT**



Myanmar beat Cambodia 3-2 in Suzuki Cup

YANGON, 9 Dec— The group-A matches of ASEAN Suzuki Cup Football Tourney for 2008 continued at 7 p.m. Local Standard Time. The selected Myanmar football team beat selected Cambodian football team 3-2.—MNA

60 outbreaks of fire in November 2008

YANGON, 9 Dec— There were 60 outbreaks of fire throughout the country in November 2008. Of them, 41 were caused by kitchen fire and negligence, 13 by short circuit and 6 by arson. The fires rendered 46 houses and buildings destroyed, 245 people homeless, three people dead and two people injured.

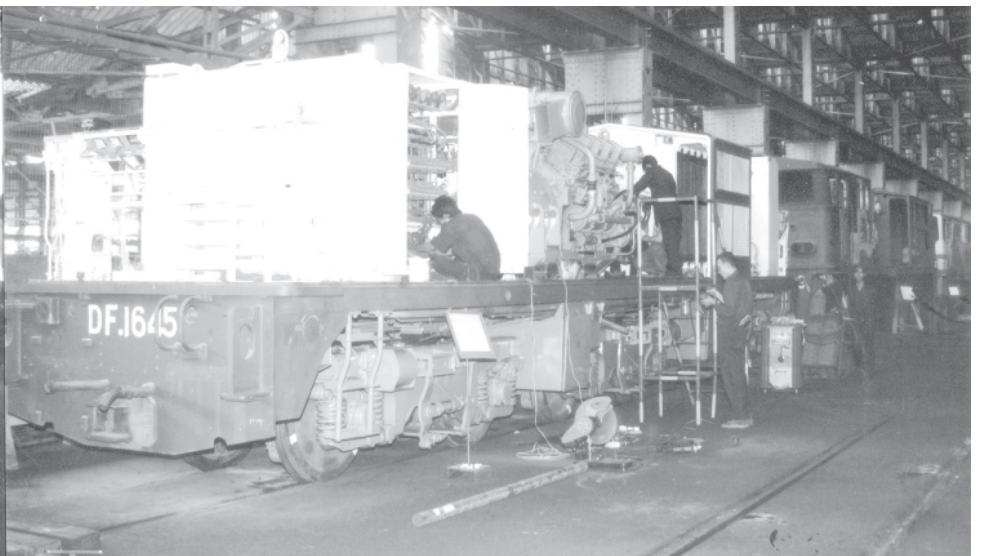
MNA

New locomotives being assembled

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec – Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min visited Locomotive Shed (Insein) this morning. The general manager (Factory) reported on functions of the shed and the general manager (Mechanical/Electrical) gave a supplementary report. The minister called for timely assembling of new locomotives, production of spare parts,

timely assembling of locomotives with more capacity and production of enough carriages for the convenience of passengers.

Next, the minister inspected assembling of new locomotives and extending of the worksite. Afterwards, he proceeded to Sathsan Warehouse (Mahlwagon) and viewed loading and unloading of goods. — MNA



**Minister Maj-Gen
Aung Min inspects
assembling of
engines at Insein
Locomotive Shed.**

MNA

Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge to be inaugurated soon

Article: Zaw Win (Kyemon); Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

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Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge, a newly-constructed facility, is located on Hsinthe-Lahe Road section in Hkamti, Hkamti District. Hsinthe (Hkamti)-Lahe Road links Hsinthe Village, three miles from Hkamti and Lahe of Naga Mountain Range.
Before the emergence of the road, going from Hkamti to Lahe was an uphill trip, thus



Motorcyclists travelling on Hkamti-Lahe Road.

taking travelers about four days. And they had to use mules and cows to carry their loads. Now, due to the road, people can make a one-day-round trip between the two regions and enjoy

swift commodity flow.
Lahe is 53 miles from Hsinthe Village. Now, the road is being upgraded to a 24-foot-wide all-weather tarred facility. The tarring of the road was launched in 1999-2000, and so far the process has been completed by 26 miles and three furlongs.
Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge due to be put into commission soon is at Mile Post No. 24/4 of Hsinthe-Lahe Road section, which goes up

and down at many places.
When asked about the bridge, Assistant Engineer U Than Zin Htaik of Bridge Group (11) of Public Works told the Mirror Daily that there had been a 220-foot-long

wooden suspension bridge at the venue before the project; that the Nantsalein Creek is deep and it rages in the rainy season; that Hkamti-Lahe Road had to be upgraded for regional development, so the need arose to construct a fine bridge; that Bridge Group (11) of Public Works began the project in January 2005, and then the 250-foot-long girder type one-way bridge had been constructed; that the lower structure of the bridge was reinforced-concrete type with a 10-foot-wide wooden floor on it; that the approach structure on Hsinthe side was 59 feet long and the approach structure on Lahe side was 45 feet and three inches long; and that the facility could withstand 30 tons of loads.
Other constructed facilities on the road section are 70-foot-long Nantthelay wooden bailey bridge at Mile Post No. 5/6; 90-foot-long Nantthegy wooden bailey bridge at Mile Post No. 14/6; 70-foot-long Zayitchaung bailey

bridge at Mile Post No. 37/1; and 124-foot-long Hwehtaikchaung bailey bridge at Mile Post No. 43/2.
In the interview with a group of Konyat Naga nationals who were on their way home from Hkamti to Yankyon Village in Lahe Township, Oyatoe said that in the past, they had to go on foot to make the same trip; that then they could go to Lahe from Hsinthe by car in the dry season;



A group of Naga nationals on the west side of Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge on their way home to Yankyon Village in Lahe Township.

U Thant
Zin Htet
(Assistant Engineer).



that they were going home by ferrying motorcycle; that ferrying motorcycles could drive in the route all-year round; and that 4997 feet high Hteinnyo Mountain at

Mile Post No. 34/4 was the highest mountain in the road section.
Now, people can make a one-day round-trip from the other side of the Chindwin River to Hkamti and Lahe, and that reflects smooth transport of the region.
Hkamti-Lahe Road is the most indispensable transport facility for development of Naga Region, and Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge is the most crucial part of the road. Without doubt, Hkamti-Lahe Road and Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge will serve as an engine for ensuring regional development in the social, economic, health and education sectors.
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The road that goes up and down and has many bends at many places.

Selenium may help prevent bladder cancer

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—A study published in the December issue of Cancer Prevention Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research, suggests that selenium, a trace mineral found in grains, nuts and meats, may aid in the prevention of high-risk bladder cancer.

Researchers from Dartmouth Medical School compared selenium levels in 767 individuals newly diagnosed with bladder cancer to the levels of

1,108 individuals from the general population. Findings showed an inverse association between selenium and bladder cancer among women, some smokers and those with p53 positive bladder cancer. In the entire study population, there was no inverse association between selenium and bladder cancer, but women (34 percent), moderate smokers (39 percent) and those with p53 positive cancer (43 percent) had significant

reductions in bladder cancer with higher rates of selenium.

“There are different pathways by which bladder cancer evolves and it is thought that one of the major pathways involves alterations in the p53 gene,” said researcher Margaret Karagas. “Bladder cancers stemming from these alterations are associated with more advanced disease.” While other studies have shown a similar association between selenium and bladder cancer among women, this study is one of the first to show an association between selenium and p53 positive bladder cancer.

Internet



A new study suggests that selenium, a trace mineral found in grains, nuts and meats, may aid in the prevention of high-risk bladder cancer.

INTERNET

Hope arises for people living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria

LAGOS, 9 Dec—Hope has come the way of the people living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria as the government has approved a bill to prevent HIV-based discrimination and to protect the human rights and dignity of the people with the virus.

The people living with HIV/AIDS face many forms of stigma and discrimination in the country. Nigeria has more than 2 million people living with HIV, but disclosure remains a major problem due to twin problems of discrimination and stigmatization.

Many infected people, especially in the military, have been sacked on account of their status.

Investigations have revealed that many corporate organizations in the country require people who are applying for to be employed to go for a medical test in their privately own hospitals.

Most qualified job seekers have been denied access to good job because the companies do not want to have anything to do with such candidates as a result of their health status. “I am afraid to go for a HIV and AIDS test because I may lose my job,” said a 35 years old female banker who did not want her name to be mentioned.—Internet

Singer Britney Spears performs with Madonna (not in picture) during the Los Angeles date of her “Sticky and Sweet” tour at Dodgers stadium in Los Angeles on 6 Nov, 2008. According to Billboard, “Circus,” Britney Spears’ new album will top the album charts next week.—INTERNET

UN, Kenya to hold global conference on piracy off Somalia

NAIROBI, 9 Dec—A two-day international conference on piracy around Somalia is due to open in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, on Wednesday to discuss rampant piracy off the Somali coast, the United Nations said on Tuesday. A statement from the UN Political Office for Somalia said the UN-backed Dec. 10-11 meeting hosted by the Kenyan government will be significant as piracy is linked to the need for peace and stability in the war torn nation.

UN Representative for Somalia Ould-Abdallah said the meeting is extremely significant and timely in the light of the growing menace of piracy in the waters around Somalia, which continues to threaten the freedom and safety of maritime trade routes. “It is clear that the problem of piracy is linked to the need for peace and stability in Somalia itself,” said Ould-Abdallah in a statement issued in Nairobi.

Internet



A man playacting the Santa Claus greets tourists in front of his house at Dyker Heights in New York. With Christmas drawing near, scenic spots, malls and communities in New York are decorated to attract locals and tourists.—INTERNET

WHO launches deafness prevention center in China

BEIJING, 9 Dec—The World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday opened here a deafness prevention center in cooperation with the local Tongren Hospital.

The center will promote the hearing loss prevention in China, the rural areas in particular. It will also help train

professionals for the country.

Mr. Shigeru Omi, director of the WHO's Western Pacific Regional Office, said the Ear-Nose-Throat department of Tongren is leading in expertise in the country, which is why WHO is cooperating with it.

Wang Yu, an official with the Health Ministry, said a 2006 survey showed that China had 20.04 million people with hearing impairment, or 24 percent of the total disabled population.

Of the deaf group, 800,000 were under 7 years old and 30,000 deaf babies were born each year, according to Wang.

Han Demin, president of Tongren and director of the center, said the age bracket of 0-7 was key to children's language skill development, and hearing impairment within this period would not only result in slow language development or even deaf-mutism, but retarded growth in children's psychology and social skills.—Internet



A view of modern construction (back) and ruins (foreground) of the ancient city of Babylon, some 100 kms south of Baghdad.—INTERNET

Jakarta international film festival closes


JAKARTA, 9 Dec—The 10th Jakarta International Film Festival (JiFFest), opening from Dec. 5 to 9, closed here on Tuesday.

“This year’s JiFFest is attended by producers from 25 countries and regions including China’s Hong Kong, India and the United States,” the JiFFest Director Lalu Roisamri told Xinhua on Tuesday.

According to Lalu, Indonesian movie goers have been favoring the films from Hong Kong, the United States and India. JiFFest expected that the public will gradually switch to films produced by the South East Asian countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand.

Lalu said that Indonesian government canceled the Asia Pacific Film Festival (APFF), but JiFFest is different from APFF. “There is no relationship though both of JiFFest and APFF are related to Indonesian film industry,” he said.

Internet



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(ခ)	ဌာနစုမှူး	၁ နေရာ	- မဟာသိပ္ပံဘွဲ့ (အဏ္ဏဝါသိပ္ပံ) [M.Sc(Marine Science)]
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (419)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (419) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.12.2008 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 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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**Four suspected
Shiite militants
caught in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec—The US military says it has captured four suspected members of a Shiite militant group in Iraq allegedly trained and funded by Iran.

The military says the four members of Kataib Hezbollah were detained Monday in two separate operations in east Baghdad's Rusafa district. They say the four are responsible for recent attacks on US and Iraqi forces.

The US believes Kataib Hezbollah is distinct from the Lebanese group with a similar name.—Internet

Three minor earthquakes rattle California in 36 hours

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec—Three minor earthquakes and a large aftershock have rattled parts of California in the 36 hours after a moderate, magnitude-5.1 quake hit an area outside Los Angeles Friday night, authorities said on Sunday.

There is no immediate indication that the quakes, which occurred hundreds of miles apart, are related. But some of them were felt in Los Angeles, the US Geologic Survey (USGS) said.

The seismic weekend began with a magnitude 5.1-earthquake at 8:18 pm Friday. The epicenter was placed 117 miles (about 187 kilometres) northeast of downtown Los Angeles, near the tiny Mojave Desert town of Ludlow.

That quake rocked land at 7:37 am, 66 miles (about 106 kilometres) west of Los Angeles. More than four hours after the quake, a magnitude 3.1 temblor struck a geologically-active desert valley 170 miles (about 272 kilometers) northeast of the Los Angeles Civic Center.

Internet



Christine Chase, 24, searches for a job on her computer in her apartment in Campbell, California on 8 Dec, 2008.—INTERNET

Cuban tourism surges as rest of Caribbean stalls

HAVANA, 9 Dec—Cuba's vacation industry has remained as hot as the tropical sun here, even as the world economic crisis sparks cancellations and layoffs elsewhere in the Caribbean.

The communist country says it's booked solid through December and expects a record 2.34 million visitors this year—largely because global financial woes have so far been softer on Canada, its top source of visitors.

Luck also played a role:

While the island suffered three devastating hurricanes, its key tourist sites were largely spared. And where beachfront resorts did get hit, the tourist-hungry government has made sure to repair hotels—in some cases even before damaged homes and infrastructure. Tourism is Cuba's second-largest source of foreign income, behind nickel production.

So while other islands in the region are laying off hotel workers and suspending construction of new

property, Cuban resorts are gearing up for a strong season. "We've had a few cancellations, but overall our numbers are still strong," said David Gregori of WowCuba, a travel agency in Charlottetown, Canada, that specializes in bicycle trips and other Cuba tours. "People still like to get away. They might try to save some money while doing it, but they're still traveling."

Internet



A man walks his dog at the Malecon in Havana, on 24 Nov, 2008. Cuban resorts are gearing up for a record year even as other Caribbean islands lay off workers and suspend construction.—INTERNET

Thirsty and afraid, Zimbabweans struggle against cholera

HARARE, 9 Dec — Roselyn Moyo no longer allows her two children to play outside for fear they will catch cholera as they run along Harare's streets, lined with mountains of trash that has sat uncollected for months.

"My kids no longer go out to play with their friends," the housewife told AFP.

"I am afraid they might get cholera. Uncollected refuse is lying all over our neighbourhood with flies flying all over. I can't risk my children playing outside," Moyo said.

Cholera has killed nearly 600 people across Zimbabwe since late August, with more than 6,000 cases identified just in Harare.

The UN children's agency UNICEF warned last week that the country could see 60,000 in the coming weeks, which could send the death toll up nearly five-fold.

Zimbabwe's government has declared a national emergency over the outbreak, but has few resources to combat the disease after a stunning economic collapse that has made a pauper of the once-vibrant country.

Hospitals lack even basic drugs and equipment to treat patients, forcing the government to appeal for international aid.—*Internet*

Some see energy future in old mill dams

WINDSOR, 8 Dec—More than 150 years after it helped power the industrial revolution, the waters of Mill Brook that spill over a series of dams past the old Armory may be called back into service.

In other places as well, from the Stockport Mill Inn on southeastern Ohio's Muskingum River to the hydropower-rich Pacific Northwest to the old mill towns of New England, small hydroelectric projects are popping

up in a bid for energy independence.

Yet hopes of turning waterways like Mill Brook into power sources are being dammed up by state and federal regulations meant to regulate huge hydroelectric projects.

The three-story brick armory in Windsor, which helped revolutionize manufacturing in the mid-19th century with the introduction of interchangeable parts, today is home

to the American Precision Museum.

The museum is working with the 58-unit Armory Square apartment building across the brook to refurbish the old dam and produce hydroelectric power.

Small hydro advocates say their projects don't promise the economic payoff to justify environmental studies that can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Internet

Wii Fit, iPhone 3G among Japan's top impulse buys in 2008

TOKYO, 8 Dec — Wii Fit game and Apple's iPhone 3G are among the top 20 products Japanese consumers confessed to buying on impulse in 2008.

In a survey conducted by Japanese search engine Goo, the Wii Fit ranked third for the year behind the year's two sweet sensations: salted sweets and raw caramel. Wii Fit became a national phenomenon because it was seen as an easy and fun way to get fit.

Around 3 million units of the software and companion "balance board" hardware are expected to be sold by Nintendo in Japan this year, it said recently. Worldwide the company expects to sell 10 million units this year.—*Internet*

Forest in northwest China mountain catches fire

XI'AN, 9 Dec — A mountain forest in northwest China's Shaanxi Province has been ablaze for nearly 20 hours and at least 100 forestry workers are still working all-out Tuesday to extinguish the

fire.

The fire started in the weeds and bushes near the Huangfu Valley in the renowned Mount Hua at 1:30 pm Monday, a clerk with the mountain's management committee told Xinhua in a telephone interview. She said the committee and the local government sent a fire fighting team to the site shortly after smokes and flames

were detected.

"But it was impossible to put out the fire right away because the place was extremely steep," the clerk said on condition of anonymity.

A second team was sent to the fire site at 5 am Tuesday, she said. "Until now, I can still see thick smokes through the windows of my office."

Internet

Search for Sri Lankan maid missing in landslide goes on

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Dec—Search and rescue work for a Sri Lankan maid, who was missing in Saturday's landslide tragedy, continued, local newspapers reported Tuesday.

The maid, Lourdes Mary in her 30s, currently was the only person still missing after the landslide struck a hillside international residential village early Saturday morning, which left four people dead and more than 10 others injured.

Mary worked for one of the four people who were killed when the

landslide ruined 14 bungalows.

Local authorities launched massive search and rescue and evacuation operations, involving military and police personnel, after the mishap hit.

Thousands of residents have been evacuated from their houses there, including Romanian Ambassador Petru Petra and his wife Emilia, as the authorities expected more rains these days.

Local police have tightened entry into the landside-hit area to prevent any looting there.—*Internet*



A farmer works her crop of vegetables in southwest China's Sichuan province. Thirty years ago in Xiaogang - a rural town in east China - a group of exasperated peasants agreed to abandon their commune and became heroes of reform overnight, but while agricultural workers were the first to benefit from average rural incomes remain about 3.3 times lower than urban ones.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Chelsea and Roma face Euro fright night

PARIS, 9 Dec—Chelsea and Roma, packed with superstars but dogged by European inconsistency, face a potential Champions League fright night on Tuesday as the group stages of the money-spinning tournament come to an end. Roma top Group A with nine points ahead of their final group match at home to French side Bordeaux, who are two points behind and still in contention for a place in the last 16.

Chelsea, last year's runners-up and second behind Roma on eight points, tackle Romanian minnows Cluj and should progress although they go into the Stamford Bridge game with rumours of splits in the squad.

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari failed to appear for the post-match news conference after Saturday's 2-0 win at Bolton leaving assistant Ray Wilkins to deny that senior players like skipper John Terry and Frank Lampard were unhappy with the Brazilian's training methods.

Internet



Chelsea's French forward Nicolas Anelka (right) heads the opening goal past Bolton Wanderers' Finnish goalkeeper Jussi Jääskeläinen in a match. Chelsea won 2-0.—INTERNET

Roma won't play for a draw, insists Spalletti

ROME, 9 Dec—AS Roma coach Luciano Spalletti insisted on Monday that his team will play to win in Tuesday's Champions League clash against Bordeaux at the Stadio Olimpico here. Roma only need a draw to ensure they progress from Group A to the knock-out stages of Europe's premier competition but Spalletti says they won't be going into the game with that mentality. "If we did something different (than playing to win) it would be a huge mistake," said Spalletti.—*Internet*



AS Roma coach Luciano Spalletti

European failure won't be a disaster insists Scolari

LONDON, 9 Dec—Luiz Felipe Scolari insists it won't be a disaster if Chelsea fail to qualify for the Champions League knockout stages.

Scolari's side need a win over CFR Cluj at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday to guarantee their progress into the last 16 of Europe's top club competition.

Chelsea have little margin for error as a draw or



Chelsea's Manager Luiz Felipe Scolari

loss to the Romanian minnows would allow Bordeaux to knock out the Blues if the French team beat Roma.—*Internet*

Keane going nowhere as Rafa fumes over money claims

EINDHOVEN, 9 Dec—Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez has rubbished speculation Robbie Keane could be off-loaded in the January transfer window and suggestions he has demanded a huge pay hike in negotiations on a new contract.

Benitez has begun negotiations on an extension to his current deal, which expires at the end of next season. But he said reports they had hit a snag over his personal financial demands were wide of the mark.

"I told my agent when he went into the talks to not talk about money, the question was about the length of the contract, and after that it was my role," Benitez said on the eve of



Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez has rubbished speculation Robbie Keane, pictured on 6 Dec, 2008, could be off-loaded in the January transfer window and suggestions he has demanded a huge pay hike in negotiations on a new contract.—INTERNET

his side's Champions League clash with PSV Eindhoven here on Tuesday. "The last question was about the money."

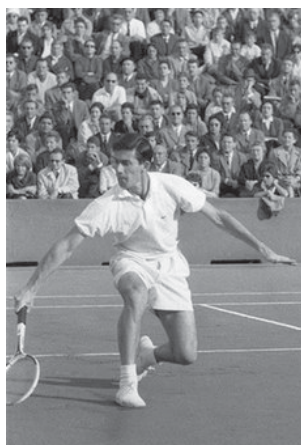
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Australian tennis arena named in honour of Ken Rosewall

SYDNEY, 9 Dec—Australian tennis legends on Tuesday welcomed the naming of Sydney's 2000 Olympics tennis venue in honour of eight-time Grand Slam champion Ken Rosewall.

Tennis New South Wales announced the 10,000-seat centre-court stadium at Sydney Olympic Park would now be known as the "Ken Rosewall Arena."

"Ken Rosewall is one of Australia's sporting legends and without question one of the greatest tennis players of all time," Tennis New South Wales president Stephen Healy said.—*Internet*



Australian tennis player Ken Rosewall seen here in 1960. Australian tennis legends on Tuesday welcomed the naming of Sydney's 2000 Olympics tennis venue in honour of the eight-time Grand Slam champion.—INTERNET

Azinger won't return as Ryder Cup captain

NEW YORK, 9 Dec—Paul Azinger will not return as US captain in the Ryder Cup after leading the Americans to their only victory this decade.

The PGA of America will announce the new captain on Thursday, with all indications that it will be Corey Pavin. "It ain't gonna be me," Azinger told The Associated Press on Monday. "I am not the captain."—*Internet*

Jekyll and Hyde Bremen tackle Mourinho's Milan

BERLIN, 9 Dec—Werder Bremen's Jekyll and Hyde form means they are only playing for pride and a place in the UEFA Cup when Inter Milan come to the Weser Stadium on Tuesday.

Bremen showed their more lethargic side, which has seen them draw four of their five Champions League games so far to be rooted to the bottom of Group B, when they were beaten 1-0 by a late goal at Karlsruhe on Saturday.

Having hammered Eintracht Frankfurt 5-0 the weekend before, Thomas Schaaf-coached Bremen have been erratic all season and captain Frank Baumann was well aware of the unacceptable performance ahead of the Inter game.

Internet



Werder Bremen's Brazilian midfielder Diego and Karlsruhe's Godfried Aduobe. Werder Bremen's Jekyll and Hyde form means they are only playing for pride and a place in the UEFA Cup when Inter Milan come to the Weser Stadium on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Spurs revival gathers pace with derby win

LONDON, 9 Dec—Tottenham pulled clear of the Premier League's relegation zone with a 2-0 win at London rivals West Ham on Monday.

A header from captain Ledley King midway through the second half and a last-minute 25-yard strike from substitute Jamie O'Hara settled a disappointing derby and lifted Harry Redknapp's revitalised side three points clear of the bottom three, leapfrogging both Newcastle and West Ham in the process.

Tottenham were strengthened by the return of Luka Modric, who had been sidelined for three weeks with a groin injury.—*Internet*



Tottenham's Brazilian goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes kicks the ball during their Premier League match against West Ham at Upton Park, London. Tottenham won 2-0.—INTERNET

Real can win 'El Clasico' at Nou Camp, warns Guardiola

MADRID, 9 Dec—Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola on Monday scoffed at suggestions by Real Madrid's Bernd Schuster that the Spanish champions have no chance against their arch-rivals in this weekend's 'El Clasico'.

"It's not possible to win at the Nou Camp. Barca crushes everyone, it's their

year," Schuster said late on Sunday after his club's 4-3 defeat to Sevilla in the Spanish capital.

"We just have to think about making a game of it," he said.

"Do you believe what Schuster said? If you don't believe it, I don't either," Guardiola told a reporter who asked him about the comments by the Real coach, which made headlines in Spanish sports newspapers on Monday.

Guardiola added that he is "totally convinced" that Real can win at the Nou Camp, and "if we aren't good on Saturday, they can beat us."



Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola

Internet

OBITUARY

Mr. K. M. Nath (Khetra Mohan Nath)
(a) Nelson Nath
Age 74 years

Son of late K. C. Nath and late S. S. Devi of Pathein, beloved husband of Mrs. Aruna Nath, father of Kanchun, Nipa (a) Nicole [Kedaung (Myanmar) Co Ltd], Rekha-Nitai (a) Kyaw Win and Bobby of No. 33, Eiksietan Housing Estate, Waizayantar Garden, Waizayantar Road, Thingangyun Township, Yangon, expired suddenly on 5th December 2008 at 4.30 a.m. at Kolkata, India.

Friends and relatives far and near, please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved family members

Nigeria to prosecute 500 people over Jos crisis

LAGOS, 9 Dec—Arrangements have been concluded by central-north Nigeria's Plateau State government to prosecute over 500 people arrested during the recent crisis in the state, according to Tribune newspaper on Tuesday.

The move came as the state government had relaxed the curfew imposed on the state from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am and urged residents to go back to their normal life and report any suspicious movement or development to security agencies for necessary action.

Edward Pwarjok, state Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, who disclosed this, said the government had set up a committee comprising the

police and staff of Ministry of Justice to prepare grounds for the prosecution. The attorney general said all those arrested would be scrutinized so that those who had no case to answer would be released to avoid being punished for an offence.

Internet



Big Ben reproduction, made of chocolate, stands on display during the Wonderland festivities in the medieval town of Macerata Feltria in the Province of Pesaro, on 7 Dec, 2008. The reproduction of Big Ben is made of 8000 kg of chocolate and is 11 meters in height. —INTERNET

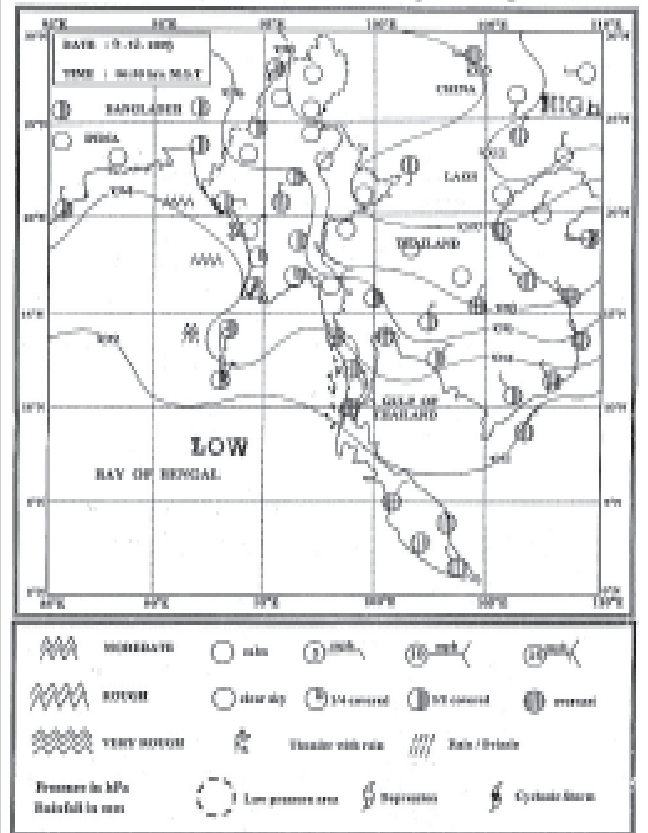
IFRC seeks \$1.5 mln to help DR Congolese refugees

NAIROBI, 9 Dec—The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said on Tuesday it is launching a preliminary emergency appeal to help up to 60,000 refugees of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. The relief agency said in a statement that the appeal seeking 1.5 million US dollars will enable the Red Cross Red Crescent societies in the three countries to assist 20,000

beneficiaries each over the coming six months and will complement the 330,000 Swiss francs (272,000 US dollars) already released by the IFRC from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund.

Continued fighting in the DR Congo's North Kivu Province has led to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. Many have remained in the DR Congo while tens of thousands have fled into Rwanda and Uganda.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 9 December, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (3°C) below December average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about December average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (1°C) and Namsam (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 8-12-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 9-12-2008 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-12-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 8-12-2008 was (9.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 9-12-2008 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 (12:30) hours MST on 8-12-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Gulf of Manner has moved to West wards and has reached into the Arabian Sea. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10th December 2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-12-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-12-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-12-2008: Generally fair weather.



Wednesday, 10 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. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

7:55 am

5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm

3. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ

4:30 pm

4. Classical songs

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:50 pm

6. Songs to uphold national spirit

5:00 pm

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:05 pm

8. “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာသန့်စင်သော အစာ” (ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ဖွင့်၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး၊ ဟိမီးမြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

5:10 pm

9. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:20 pm

10. ဂျွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

11. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထိန်းသိမ်းမှုဆရာတော်ကြီးမြို့အလှပသာဒ

5:45 pm

12. Musical programme

6:00 pm

13. Evening news

6:30 pm

14. Weather report

6:35 pm

15. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

6:45 pm

16. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:20 pm

17. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. မြန်မာ့ဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း

“တစ်ပွင့်ကြွေတစ်ပွင့်သစ်ပန်း ဖြစ်ရလည်းအကောင်းသား” (လူမင်းထက်ထက်မိုးဦး၊ ပန်းဖြူ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းစိုး)

Commander and minister inspect development tasks, fulfil requirements in Ngalontin village

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Dec—A ceremony to open Aungthukha rural road of Ngalontin village of ChaungU township of Sagaing Division was held at the road yesterday.

It was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental officials at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations and local people. The road was formally opened by the chairman of ChaungU township PDC, the chairman of Ngalontin village PDC and member of the road construction committee.

Next, the commander, the minister and rural people posed for a documentary photo. Afterwards, they oversaw progress in building paddy husk-fired rural power plant, generation and distribution of power, hat factory of Daw Win Win Khine and family, establishment of self-reliant library and arrangements made for further development and perpetuation of the self-reliant library.

Next, the commander and the minister met with about 3500 local people from five village tracts and 12 villages. Local authorities presented reports to the commander and the minister on development tasks. After hearing the reports, the commander called upon
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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visit self-reliant library in Ngalontin Village of ChaungU Township of Sagaing Division.—MNA

Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge to be inaugurated soon

Article: Zaw Win (Kyemon); Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)



Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge at Mile Post No. 24/4 of Hkamti-Lahe Road section.

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All the developed and developing countries are to make collective efforts to ensure progress of savings and investments for development of the nation concerned.

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PERSPECTIVES



The small snail known as *Succinea tenella* was infesting plants scheduled for a Kahoolawe restoration effort.

Snail, slug invasions in Hawaii

MANOA, 9 Dec — Hawaii's ongoing problem with invasive species such as snails and slugs, including their serious impact on plant nurseries and other aspects of the local horticultural industry, has been investigated and documented by four University of Hawaii's at Manoa researchers. It is the first documented baseline compilation of the distributions of all snail and slug species associated with the horticultural industry throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Internet