

### 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

## Myanmar PM expresses pleasure to witness all-round development in Vietnam

### Vietnamese President says only Myanmar people have right to decide their nation's affairs



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein on 9 November called on President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in

Hanoi, Vietnam.

Also present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein, (See page 8)

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## USDA, a strong national force, in perpetual service of national interest

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**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Promotion of bilateral cooperation and strengthening of goodwill relations between Myanmar and Laos

Myanmar and Laos are neighbours and always maintain fraternity between them.

Both nations became members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on 23 July 1997. The visits of leaders of the two countries have strengthened goodwill relations and bilateral cooperation.

The goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh paid a visit to Myanmar on 7 November 2006.

The delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein also paid a goodwill visit to Lao PDR on 8 November 2007.

During the goodwill visit, Prime Minister General Thein Sein called on President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone on 8 November. They exchanged views on bilateral issues and regional and ASEAN affairs. The reciprocal visits of both leaders have strengthened existing goodwill relations not only between the two leaders but also among the peoples of the two countries.

Myanmar and Laos, good neighbouring countries, have similar culture and customs and peace and stability and cooperation are flourishing in border areas.

Both nations have had amity and closer cooperation since ancient times. It is sure that the recent visit of Prime Minister General Thein Sein to Lao PDR will further promote bilateral cooperation and strengthen goodwill relations.

*Managing Director Dr Tun Min of Hsu Htaik Tan Co Ltd introduces new Fresh Up Gold brand tooth paste.—MNA*



## 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

### Lt-Gen Ye Myint urges personnel to participate in regional development tasks in Kachin State



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel, industrialists, businessmen and townsenders in Myitkyina.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence met departmental officials, members of social organizations, industrialists, merchants and townsenders at the city hall in Myitkyina on 8 November.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint reported on local food sufficiency and agricultural task, implementation of transport, education and health sectors and regional development.

Departmental officials and local farmers submitted the reports on

undertakings of regional development.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that in Kachin State, more departments concerned and townships have been set up for carrying out regional development. So, the departmental personnel are to harmoniously undertake development tasks of the region. Local authorities and departments concerned are to strive for ensuring the smooth transport of No 3 district-to-district road. In

the agricultural sector, emphasis is to be placed on cultivation of 600,000 acres of monsoon paddy and extensive cultivation of edible oil crops, perennial and new crops in vacant and virgin lands. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged departmental personnel and local people to actively participate in ensuring peace, stability and development of the region.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present.—MNA

### Fresh Up Gold toothpaste introduced

YANGON, 9 Nov — Fresh Up Gold brand toothpaste was introduced at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here at 6 pm today.

Chairman of Myanmar Dental Surgeons Association Professor Dr U Ba Myint and Joint-Secretary Dr U Htay Myint explained notable facts

about causes of toothache. Managing Director of Hsu Htaik Tan Co Ltd Dr Tun Min introduced Fresh Up Brand toothpaste to the guests.

The scientifically-produced Fresh Up brand toothpaste is distributed by MEGA Product Co Ltd. The product is designed to prevent toothache.—MNA

### 13th seminar on medical science commences

YANGON, 10 Nov — The 13th seminar on medical science of Myanmar Medical Association was opened at the auditorium of MMA on Theinbyu Road, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

It was also attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general, the rectors, medical superintendents, the chairman and executives of MMA (Central), the chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Seminar, chairmen, secretaries and members of the respective specialty sections.

First, Minister for

Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an opening address. Chairman of the Leading Committee Professor Dr S Kyaw Hla spoke words of thanks.

After that, the minister and party unveiled booths on medicines and medical equipment and visited them.

The seminar will be held till 13 November. A total of 41 research papers will be submitted to the seminar. In addition, six symposiums, two educative talks and one pathology and medical seminar will be involved in the schedules of the seminar.

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## Ex-envoy hits US role in Pakistan troubles

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Nov — The United States has contributed to instability in Pakistan by not fully supporting President Pervez Musharraf as the best bulwark against Islamic fundamentalists, former UN envoy John Bolton said on Friday.

Bolton, US ambassador to the United Nations from 2005-06, told a news conference at UN headquarters Army Chief Musharraf was the best hope for keeping Pakistan's nuclear weapons out of the hands of radicals.

The former diplomat, who quit his UN job last December after failing to win Senate confirmation and now works at a conservative Washington think tank, urged the administration to drop its focus on elections in Pakistan and "get a grip".

"The consequence of a radical fundamentalist regime getting its hands on those nuclear weapons would be very grave," he

said. Promoting a book released earlier this week, Bolton said he was not happy with the situation in Pakistan or defending Musharraf's declaration of a state of emergency, "but I think you have to consider what the US strategic interest is."

"The question is ... what is the policy to maximize the chances that the weapons do not fall into the wrong hands?", said Bolton, an outspoken conservative both as UN ambassador and earlier as an assistant secretary of state.

"I think for the moment the answer to that is support for Musharraf. And I think in fact the United States has contributed to some of the instability by implying less than robust support of Musharraf."

MNA/Reuters

## Pakistan expels 3 British newspaper reporters

ISLAMABAD, 11 Nov — Pakistan ordered the expulsion of three journalists from a British newspaper for using "foul and abusive" language about the troubled country and its leadership, the government said on Saturday.

The decision came a week after military ruler President Pervez Musharraf imposed emergency rule, suspended the Constitution and slapped a ban on any coverage deemed to humiliate him or his government.

"Three foreign journalists have been given 72 hours to leave," Deputy Information Minister Tariq Azim Khan said. "They were using foul and abusive language against Pakistan and Pakistan's leadership."

A senior Information Ministry official said all three worked for the

*Daily Telegraph*. However colleagues of the correspondents said two worked for the *Daily Telegraph* and one for the *Sunday Telegraph*, and that one had already left the country.

The move was taken in response to an editorial published in the *Daily Telegraph* on November 9, the Information Ministry official said, asking not to be named. He gave no details.

The *Daily Telegraph's* editorial headquarters in London did not immediately comment on the report.

MNA/Reuters



A view of the Burj Al Arab Hotel and Palm Island Jumeirah (background) in Dubai, on 9 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

## US House to debate Iraq troop withdrawals

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — The Democratic-led House of Representatives will try to end US combat in Iraq with legislation that would tie new war funds to troop withdrawals, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Thursday.

The legislation, similar to a bill President George W Bush vetoed earlier this year, "gives voice to the concerns of the American people" over a war that is now in its fifth year and "with no light at the end of the tunnel," said Pelosi, a California Democrat.

MNA/Reuters

## Small fire breaks out in US airport

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — A small fire broke out in an electrical closet at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia, Friday morning, causing power cuts and some flight delays, the CNN reported.

No injuries were reported and the fire was quickly extinguished, according to the report.

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airport, where the fire broke out, has been shut down.

Thirty-six flights have been cancelled and 120 more were delayed.

The airport is checking its electrical system, in an attempt to find the problem. — MNA/Xinhua



A boat transports United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and delegates from South Korea during his visit to Antarctica. Ban flew to Antarctica on Friday on a fact-finding mission for climate change, becoming the first UN leader to make an official visit to the frozen continent. INTERNET

A Zhonghua Junjie sedan produced by Chinese automaker Huachen Automobile, is displayed at a launch ceremony to introduce the car into the Egyptian market in Cairo, on 5 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Shoot-out blazes in Mexico as Navy fights drug gang

MONTERREY (Mexico), 10 Nov — Mexican naval officers fought a ferocious gun battle with suspected drug hitmen outside a shopping centre in the northern port city of Tampico on Friday, witnesses and Mexican media said.

Officers fought around a dozen armed men after being shot at from two SUVs during a routine patrol of the city centre on Mexico's Gulf coast on Friday,

witnesses told *Reuters*.

The suspects fled on foot and the Army closed off part of the city to find them, *Reforma* newspaper said.

"I saw about 200

bullet casings on the street, a grenade (unexploded) and blood stains," local journalist Lorenzo Martinez told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters

# China calls for greater Sino-Slovenian cooperation

BEIJING, 9 Nov — Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo on Friday urged intensification of bilateral exchanges and increased mutual understanding between China and Slovenia.

The two countries have always supported each other on significant issues of their key concerns and the bilateral

relations have already moved into a track of comprehensive development, Wu said.

In a meeting with visiting Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa, Wu said China appreciates the support from Slovenia on issues such as Taiwan and respects the path that Slovenian people choose to develop their country.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), highlighted the strong complementarity of the two economies, saying that two sides should boost cooperation especially among small and medium-sized businesses.

The NPC is willing to step up cooperation with the Slovenian Parliament, Wu said, suggesting the two sides work closely to promote relations.

Jansa said the sustainable development of Chinese economy would offer more opportunities for the two countries to cement cooperation.—MNA/Xinhua



*A car sits among debris after floods in Villahermosa, eastern Mexico, on 9 Nov, 2007. Floods have destroyed crops in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco, Mexico's largest producer of cacao and a major grower of bananas, but the losses were not expected to affect international prices, agriculture experts said.—INTERNET*

## Iraqi, US soldiers kill 14 gunmen in Mosul raids

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov — Iraqi and US forces killed 14 suspected insurgents and detained 44 more in raids over the past 48 hours in northern Iraq, the US military said on Friday.

Iraqi and US soldiers also uncovered weapons caches this week in and around the city of Mosul,

390 kilometres (240 miles) north of Baghdad, including rocket-propelled grenades and materials used to make bombs, the US military said in a statement.

Helicopters were used in some of the fighting that took place in Mosul and around Nineveh Province,

it said. "Iraqi citizens have been actively providing information to the (Iraqi security forces) and coalition forces to assist them in securing their neighbourhoods," US Colonel Stephen Twitty said in the statement.

MNA/Reuters

## BBC'S "Blue Peter" used actors to pose as viewers

LONDON, 11 Nov — The BBC's flagship children's show "Blue Peter" admitted on Friday it had used actors to pose as young viewers during a "light-hearted item" on one of its programmes.

The show, which has been embroiled in a series of fakery scandals this year, had invited youngsters to send in questions for actor Jon Culshaw via its website.

Four children were selected to appear on the show and put their question

to the star of the satirical series "Dead Ringers". But two other children were actors from a drama group.

The BBC said in a statement that none of the children had received payment, it had not been a competition and no prizes were offered or awarded.

It added: "It would have been preferable not to have given viewers the impression that all the children in the item had contacted the programme through the website." — MNA/Reuters



*In this file photo, people read from a display of books, in Shenzhen, Southern China. Chinese author Jiang Rong used his personal experience of living in the Chinese-Mongolian border region during the Cultural Revolution to write his prize-winning novel "Wolf Totem." Jiang scooped the inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize on 10 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET*

## Netherlands unwilling to accept Guantanamo prisoners

BRUSSELS, 10 Nov — The Netherlands will not accommodate any former prisoners from the US prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen said Thursday.

It is up to the United States to take in the suspects no longer

regarded as terrorists or allow them to return safely to their home countries, Verhagen told the Parliament during a debate on his budget for 2008.

Verhagen said Washington has not officially approached the Netherlands about the matter, Dutch news

agency ANP reported.

During a visit by Dutch lawmakers to Guantanamo and Washington last month, US officials suggested that the Netherlands could take in some former suspects because they might be tortured or sentenced to death if they return to their own countries.

The several dozen people in question were arrested by the Americans as suspected terrorists in countries like Afghanistan and brought to Guantanamo.

Some Dutch legislators from the Liberal Party said that the Netherlands and other NATO countries should be prepared to receive these people. The European Parliament is sympathetic to this idea.

MNA/Xinhua



*A Chinese man flies a dragon-headed kite on the bank of the Songhua River in Harbin, in China's northeast Heilongjiang Province on 10 Nov, 2007. Flying kites is a popular pastime in China, where they are believed to have originated almost 3,000 years ago.—INTERNET*

## 59 schoolboys killed in Afghan bomb attacks

KABUL, 10 Nov — Afghanistan's biggest suicide bomb attack is now known to have killed 59 schoolboys, the Education Ministry said on Friday, announcing a nationwide ban on students greeting politicians or dignitaries.

Five teachers and six members of Parliament were also killed in Tuesday's blast in the relatively peaceful north of Afghanistan which has shaken public faith in the ability of the government and foreign troops in the country to provide security.

The suicide bomber blew himself up as schoolboys lined up to greet a visiting

delegation of opposition parliamentary deputies in the town of Baghlan.

"We have 64 martyrs, 59 of them are children, and five of them are teachers," said Education Ministry spokesman Zahoor Afghan. "There are 96 wounded. Of those three are teachers, the rest are students."

Officials had previously put the total death toll at 52. As well as the boys, teachers and parliamentarians, a number of police and adult civilians were also killed in the attack. No schoolgirls were among the dead, Afghan said.

MNA/Reuters



A lavatory-shaped house, *Haewoojae*, which means the house for satisfying one's anxiety, is seen in Suwon, about 46 km (29 miles) south of Seoul, on 9 Nov, 2007. South Korean sanitation activists will mark the start of a global toilet association on 21 Nov by lifting the lid on the world's first lavatory-shaped home that offers plenty of water closet space.—INTERNET

## SIA, Temasek buy 24% stake in CEA

SINGAPORE, 10 Nov — Singapore Airlines (SIA) and the state investment company Temasek Holdings have signed a definitive deal to buy a combined 24 per cent stake in China Eastern Airlines (CEA), SIA said on Friday.

SIA, the city-state's national airlines, said in a statement it would pay 4.7 billion Hong Kong dollars (about 800 million US dollars) for a 15.73-per cent stake in China Eastern, one of China's top three air carriers.

Temasek is set to spend 315 million US dollars to own 8.27 per cent of the Shanghai-based carrier.

The price payable by SIA and Temasek is 3.8 Hong Kong dollars per H-share. Separately, CEA Holding will represent 51 per cent of the enlarged issued share capital of CEA.

The statement said SIA will nominate two directors, chairman Stephen Lee and chief executive officer Chew Choon Seng, to a

14-member board of CEA. It will also send its personnel to certain executive positions in CEA.

"SIA will work with CEA to implement best practices in corporate governance standards, improve operational efficiency and performance, raise product and service standards, and enhance the brand identity and image of CEA," the statement said.

Under the strategic cooperation agreement, SIA and CEA will pursue opportunities for cooperation in marketing, commercial purchasing, technical and engineering cooperation, flight operations, ground and station operations, and human resources and training, said the statement.

SIA and Temasek announced the initial strategic investment in CEA in September, while Air China and Cathay Pacific later indicated willingness to purchase share rights of CEA in an effort to block the cooperation between SIA and CEA. But the latter abandoned late in September.—MNA/Xinhua

## ECONOMIC NEWS

### Chavez calls for energy alliance

SANTIAGO, 10 Nov — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez challenged Latin American leaders at a summit on Friday to lower regional oil prices, telling big producers to sell oil cheaply to their neighbours.

Addressing leaders by name, Chavez, a stalwart opponent of the United States, proposed the creation of a region-wide oil alliance that would help sustain booming economic growth by sharing energy resources. Venezuela is Latin America's second-biggest oil producer after Mexico.

"I propose to you that we unite, that we join together in mechanisms of cooperation with countries that don't have oil and who cannot afford to pay 100 US dollars per barrel," said Chavez, who has used Venezuela's oil wealth to spread his influence in the region. Oil prices reached record highs of more than 98 US dollars per barrel this week.

MNA/Reuters



A visitor views the model of a CRH train at the 2007 China International Industry Fair in Shanghai, on 6 Nov, 2007. This event, initiated in 1999, is China's largest international industry expo.—INTERNET

### Fuel prices could prompt airlines to ground planes

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — United Airlines, a unit of UAL Corp, could ground up to 100 planes, if necessary, to save money on fuel expenses, a company official said, and other big carriers are talking about similar steps, an industry source said on Friday.

Separately, two US senators have asked federal aviation and transportation officials to look into a report that carriers may, in some cases, have cut back on fuel reserves to reduce expenses, possibly violating safety regulations.

Carriers are scrambling to meet demand and maintain their profit momentum from a

successful summer travel season amid continued pressure from high energy prices.—MNA/Reuters

### Ford steps up competition in China's sedan market

BEIJING, 10 Nov — US carmaker Ford on Thursday stepped up competition in China's heated sedan market with the launch of a new model Ford Mondeo.

The launch came as the Union of National Passenger Cars Market Information released figures showing FAW VW, one of Volkswagen's two joint ventures in China, was leading the Chinese sedan market in October with 38,841 vehicles sold.

Shanghai GM, the flagship joint venture of General Motors, was a close second with sales of 36,113, followed by Volkswagen's other joint venture, Shanghai VW with sales of 32,649.

The Ford Mondeo-Zhisheng, the Chinese version of the third-generation Mondeo, is Ford's fifth sedan model introduced in the world's fastest growing car market since 2003. The model features four variants

priced ranging from 181,800 yuan (24,240 US dollars) to 239,800 yuan.

The launch of Ford's fifth sedan model in the Chinese market since 2003 comes five months after Ford offered the third-generation Mondeo on the European market.

MNA/Xinhua

The shooting on the top of Hong Kong's tallest building later Friday must be quite a good experience, "Batman" Christian Bale said at a packed Press conference with over 100 local and overseas journalists Friday morning. —XINHUA



# **USDA, a strong national force, in perpetual service of national interest**

*Maung Maung Kyaw*

Myanmar is a Union nation, home to various national races. According to the experiences gained throughout successive periods, national solidarity lies at the core of the nation. The Union of Myanmar will be existing and developing so long as national brethren live in unity, sharing joys and sorrows.

“Building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation” is the national goal that the entire people have to accept and place trust and reliance on.

**Peace, stability, economic growth and human resources development are fundamental requirements for building a new nation. Only with development in political, economic, social and defence sectors, will it be possible for the people to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. The nation will be able to enjoy all-round development only when the government, the people and the Tatmadaw work hard together.**

With the aim of mobilizing the participation of the entire people in the nation-building tasks, the Union Solidarity and Development Association was established as a strong national force with younger generation on 15 September 1993 in the interests of the nation.

**Up to 2007, altogether 17 state and division level associations, 66 district level associations, 320 township level associations and 15,334 ward and village level association have been formed. The membership of the Association has reached 24.5 million. The members comprise farmers, workers, students, and public members and they are playing an active role in tasks for development of their regions.**

In the 14-year age of the Association, members have gained experiences on tasks for restoration of

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peace and stability, national development, organizing measures and cooperation. Now, the Association stands firmly with qualitative and quantitative improvement of its members.

With respect to rules and regulations prescribed for members, at the Annual General Meeting of the USDA (2006), Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance saying, “**The Union Solidarity and Development Association serves as the strong national force in the drive for implementing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. It is a noble goal that all people who love the motherland have to accept unanimously and it is the concern of the entire national people. The**

**purpose of forming the Association is to mobilize the wholehearted participation of the entire people in the nation-building tasks.”**

The Association is conducting various courses designed to promote qualifications of executives and members at different levels, enable them to keep abreast of international affairs, equip them with Union Spirit and enhance their work proficiency, thereby widening the horizons of the members.

Due to the courses, the members have come to realize the value of the Union, unity, peace and sovereignty and love the Myanmar society all the more.

**Flourishing of political, economic, organizing and administrative outlook and spirit of preserving cultural heritage and national character among the members means citizens have a sense of national duty.**

**The sense of national duty is the spirit that is to be inculcated into each and every citizen. Only citizens with the sense of national duty and physical prowess and high intellectual power are capable of protecting and safeguarding the mother country and effectively carrying out tasks for building a modern and developed nation.**

Members of the USDA at all levels are therefore exhorted to steadfastly serve the interests of the nation and the people, while upholding Our Three Main National Causes and building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation through political, economic, social and defence sectors in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

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## Myanmar regards Vietnam as good neighbour for supporting her every time she faces outside pressure Vietnam supports seven-step Road Map laid down for emergence of a democratic nation and understands Myanmar's efforts

### Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Vietnamese counterpart



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party hold discussions with Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and party. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The visiting Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, together with Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and party arrived at the Government

Office from Presidential Palace in Hanoi at 2.45 pm on 9 November.

The two Prime Ministers had a documentary photo taken in front of the meeting hall. Together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the meeting were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Aung Thein, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and departmental heads. Together with Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung were Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Gia Kham, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Duc Phat, the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar, Deputy Head of the Government Office Mr Nguyen Auoc Huy, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Mr Le Danh Vinh and high-ranking officials.

In his discussion, the Vietnamese Prime Minister said that he was glad to learn that General Thein Sein was appointed as Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar. He believed the visit of Myanmar's Prime Minister would strengthen the friendship between the two nations.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that the Myanmar delegation was on a goodwill visit with the belief that the visit will further cement the amity and promote mutual cooperation between the two countries. He expected that the Vietnamese Prime Minister was happy with his visit to Nay Pyi Taw last August. Myanmar also believed the visit of the Vietnamese Prime Minister would help cement the friendship between the two nations. Myanmar is very happy with the improved good-neighbourly relations during the period of 32 years of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

Out of the many plans such as the joint commission and seminars on policies in order to improve the relations between the two countries, arrangements have been made to hold a meeting on policies between the two nations in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar from 23 to 26 December.

Thanks to such plans as well as the plans in the sub-region and the region, the two nations came to have more mutual friendship and understanding.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein continued to say that Myanmar regards Vietnam as its good neighbour for it has supported Myanmar every time she faces outside pressure as to her internal affairs. So, he said, he wants the mutual friendship to be more cemented in the future.

It is heartening to see Vietnam's development thanks to the cooperation between the government and the people. Myanmar is also striving for ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, economic growth and development of human resources.

He made clarifications on recent developments in Myanmar, implementation of the seven-step Road Map and continuing process, intervention of western big nations in Myanmar's internal affairs, support of the people to the seven-step Road Map and holding of rallies to express the desire of the people, who do not want unrest, for emergence of the constitution.

The Prime Minister said that Myanmar is cooperating with the UN through the Secretariat to introduce democracy in implementing the seven-step Road Map. Cooperation is under way as the UN is an organization on which small developing nation like Myanmar relies, he said.

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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Presidential Palace in Hanoi. — MNA*

## Myanmar PM expresses pleasure to...

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 Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and heads of department while Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet was accompanied by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung, Deputy Head of the President's Office Mr Nguyen Huu Luc and Assistant to the President Mr Do Xuan Dong.

At the meeting, Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet said that he welcomed the goodwill visit of Myanmar delegation to Vietnam and expressed his belief that the goodwill visit will contribute a lot to friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Extending greetings, Myanmar Prime Minister General Thein Sein thanked the President for extending a warm welcome to Myanmar delegation. He conveyed

the message of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe wishing the President a spiritual and physical well-being. And he invited the President to pay a visit to Myanmar at opportune time.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein continued to say that he and Myanmar delegation had already heard about all-round development of Vietnam and were pleased to witness such development when they were in Vietnam.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein clarified the recent protests that occurred in Myanmar, prevailing situations of the nation and measures taken for the emergence of the State constitution.

The Vietnamese President said that prior to this meeting prime ministers of Myanmar and Vietnam met and discussed matters on cooperation between the two countries, ASEAN and the regional affairs.

He continued to say that Vietnam is

discussing matters related to cementing friendship between the two nations. Vietnam has sympathy for the current situations in Myanmar as it also was subject to sanctions and pressure imposed by foreign countries.

He disclosed that Vietnam fully supported the process of transition to democracy being carried out by Myanmar government and the seven-step Road Map that leads to national unity and expressed his hope that Myanmar government will be able to implement the seven-step Road Map. Vietnamese government and its people are desirous of the prevalence of peace and stability in Myanmar, and only then, will the two countries be able to further promote friendly ties and cooperation, he said.

Vietnam believed that only Myanmar people have the right to decide the Myanmar affairs as Myanmar is a sovereign nation, he said. And he thanked Prime Minister

*Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at Presidential Palace in Hanoi.*

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General Thein Sein for inviting him to visit Myanmar and expressed his wishes to pay a visit

to Myanmar at opportune. Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein

thanked the President for his understanding towards Myanmar.

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## Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits Ancient University in Socialist Republic of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein visited the 17th-century university in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the morning on 9 November. Founded in Hanoi in the 17th Century, it was the first ever university in Vietnam.

Officials of the Cultural Department welcomed Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party and explained ancient stone inscriptions and literature.

The Vietnamese cultural troupe performed entertainment to the Myanmar delegation. The Prime Minister signed in the visitors' book.

Next, the manager of the museum of the university presented gifts to the Prime Minister. Then, the Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos together with officials of the university. Later, the Prime Minister and party returned to Melia Hanoi Hotel. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views stone inscriptions at the ancient university in Hanoi. — MNA



## Myanmar regards Vietnam...



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Next, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung said he thanked Prime Minister General Thein Sein for clarifications about the developments in Myanmar. He was also pleased to hear the detailed

**Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung shaking hands cordially.**

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clarifications through trust between the two countries. He said Myanmar and Vietnam, members of ASEAN, are friendly nations. Vietnam is watching Myanmar affairs with interest and bilateral relations are becoming closer, he stressed.

The Prime Minister of SRV said Vietnam supports the seven-step Road Map laid down for emergence of a democratic nation and understands Myanmar efforts. Vietnam always opposes the intervention of other nation's internal affairs. He expressed

thanks for Myanmar's support of membership for non-permanent members of the UNSC and for entry to WTO.

The two Prime Ministers discussed and exchanged views on the agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors, cooperation in the energy sector, trade and investments sector, communications, transport and tourism, cooperation under the ACEMEC and CLMV programmes and matters relating to ASEAN Charter.

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## Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party accorded warm welcome in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein arrived at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi at 2.30 pm Vietnamese Standard Time on 9 November to attend the welcoming ceremony of Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The General was welcomed by SRV Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

A Vietnamese child presented a bouquet to Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

At the welcoming ceremony, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA**

Dung took the salute of the Guard of Honour on the dais. Meanwhile, the State Band played the national anthems of the

two countries.

The two Prime Ministers inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Vietnamese

Prime Minister introduced his ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials to Prime Minister General Thein

Sein. The General greeted the ambassadors of ASEAN countries to Vietnam. Next, the Prime Minister introduced

members of the Myanmar delegation to the Vietnamese Prime Minister.

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**Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung take the salute of the Guard of Honour. —MNA**



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party being entertained with songs of cultural troupe at the dinner hosted by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. —MNA

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives in SRV

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads, left Vientiane of the Lao People's Democratic Republic by air on 9 November morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the invitation of Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

They arrived at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi of SRV and Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein and Deputy Head of the Vietnamese Protocol Department Mr Maiphuoc Dung welcomed the Prime Minister and party aboard the aircraft.

Next, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung and party, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung, Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi, staff of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office.

Two Myanmar children presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

Later, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein left for Melia Hanoi Hotel in a motorcade. — MNA

## Vietnamese PM hosts dinner to Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party at the Government Guest House in Hanoi at Vietnamese Standard Time 7 pm on 9 November.

Also present at the dinner were the Myanmar ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam and departmental heads. The Vietnamese Prime Minister

was accompanied by the ministers, deputy ministers, the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar and high-ranking officials.

At the dinner, the two Prime Ministers proposed toasts. During the dinner, Vietnamese cultural troupe performed songs.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein went back to Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi. — MNA

## Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives back Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein who had completed its visit to Vietnam arrived at Noi Bai International Airport on 10 November to leave for Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar goodwill delegation was seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Dao Viet Trung, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi, military attaché' and Myanmar embassy staff and families.

Myanmar goodwill

delegation arrived back Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special flight at 11 am.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, a member of Myanmar goodwill delegation, met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos Mr. Thougloom Sisoulh and discussed mutual interests on 8 November. Also present at the call were Director-General of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Phae Thann Oo, Counsellor U Min Thein of Myanmar Military Attaché's Office.

On 9 November, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win went to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of SRV

and met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Gia Kham and discussed mutual interests between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Phae Thann Oo and First Secretary U Than Sein of Myanmar Embassy to Vietnam.

On 9 November, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Deputy Director-General U Myo Oo met with Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and Minister of Fisheries and Forestry Mr Cao Buc Phat at the office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

and frankly discussed promotion of agricultural production and cooperation. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed at Noi Bai International Airport by Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung and party. — MNA

# Prime Minister meets staff of Myanmar Embassy in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein on 9 November met Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi and staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office and their families at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi, Vietnam.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Thein Sein stressed the need for the staff members to strictly follow the law, rules and regulations of countries in which they



Prime Minister General Thein Sein gives instructions to staff and family members of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office in Vietnam.—MNA

are assigned duties, to promote friendly ties between the two

countries and enhance the dignity of own nation and people with

patriotism, the spirit of unity and daring spirit. Next, Prime Minister

General Thein Sein presented gifts to the ambassador and staff of

Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office. MNA

## F&R Ministry offers Kathina robes to monks

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the second communal Kathina robes offering ceremony at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win offered Kathina robes and

alms to Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Chandasiri of YwaU Sandayon Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col

Hla Thein Swe and wife, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and wife, departmental heads donated Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were staff and family members of the ministry. — MNA

## Progress of No 4 Fertilizer Plant inspected

YANGON, 11 Nov — The Ministry of Energy is building No 4 Fertilizer Plant that can produce 500 tons of fertilizers per day in Myaungdaga region of Hmawby Township.

At the

construction site, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi this afternoon heard reports on progress of the project and arrival of machinery presented by Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks.

The minister viewed pile test and driving of piles in the construction site and the site chosen for building a jetty. — MNA

## Russia to add 3 research modules to "ISS"

Moscow, 11 Nov — Russia's segment of the International Space Station (ISS) will be increased by 2011 with the launches of three research modules and the ISS crew will be increased from three to six in 2009-2010, Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos) Director Anatoly Perminov told reporters on Friday.

"The three modules

including a multifunctional laboratory module will be launched by 2011. They will operate for five years. After 2011 energy modules will be launched," Perminov was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

As European and Japanese modules will be launched to the space station in 2008, the Roskosmos board

discussed on Friday "the launches of our scientific modules", Perminov said.

According to Perminov, crew of the *ISS* will be increased to six members in 2009-2010, including three Russian cosmonauts, one of whom will be a scientist. This will allow pursuing more extensive scientific programmes.

MNA/Xinhua

## Respects to be paid at Kyimyindine BEHS No 1 on 25 Nov

YANGON, 11 Nov — No 1 Basic Education High School (former ABM Kyimyindine Girls' High School) in Kyimyindine Township will pay respects to the old teachers for the fourth time at the school on 25

November morning. The teachers and students have been invited to attend the ceremony without fail. Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the ceremony may contact Kyimyindine BEHS No 1, Tel: 220362, Daw Swam,

Tel: 223325, Daw Khin Ti Ti, Tel: 512667, Daw Kyu Kyu Myint, Tel: 534747, Daw Win Win May, Tel: 721704, Daw Nyunt Sein, Tel: 650554, Daw Thi Aye, Tel: 502158 and Daw Kyin Thi, Tel: 682445.—H

## Express trains stop over at Toegyauungale Station

YANGON, 11 Nov — Beginning 1 November, up- and down-trains running Yangon-Mandalay, Mandalay-Yangon, Yangon-Pyinmana, Pyinmana-Yangon routes stop over at Toegyauungale Station for smooth transportation of the people from Dagon Myothit (South),(North) and (Seikkan), South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa, Thanlyin and Thingangyun townships, Ywathagy and Laydaungtan regions.

### Up-trains

Train No.	Start	Departure	Toegyauungale Station		Destination	Arrival
			Arrival	Departure		
3-up	Yangon	05.30	05.57	05.59	Mandalay	21.30
11-up	Yangon	06.00	06.27	06.29	Mandalay	22.00
31-up	Yangon	08.00	08.27	08.29	Pyinmana	16.30
7-up	Yangon	12.00	12.27	12.29	Pyinmana	20.45

### Down-trains

Train No.	Start	Departure	Toegyauungale Station		Destination	Arrival
			Arrival	Departure		
4-down	Mandalay	05.30	20.47	20.49	Yangon	21.30
12-down	Mandalay	06.00	21.13	21.15	Yangon	22.00
32-down	Pyinmana	05.00	13.06	13.08	Yangon	13.45
8-down	Pyinmana	10.00	18.07	18.09	Yangon	18.35

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## India to further develop Mumbai port

NEW DELHI, 10 Nov — The Indian Government Thursday approved the development of Offshore Container Terminal at Mumbai port with an estimated investment of about 330 million US

dollars. "The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the development of offshore container terminal on Build, Operate and Transfer basis at Mumbai

port. It is under license agreement to be entered into by Mumbai Port Trust with the BOT operator," Indian Finance Minister P.Chidambaram said after the committee's meeting.

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**Six dead, two missing in central China firecracker blast**

CHANGSHA, 11 Nov — Six people were confirmed dead and two went missing when a blast went off at a firecracker plant in central China's Hunan Province on Saturday.

Two others were slightly injured in the accident, which occurred at around 2:50 pm at Dahu Firecrackers Co in Liuyang City, one of China's biggest firecracker production bases, the local government said on Sunday.

An investigation has been launched and officials refused to give immediate comments.

Firework manufacturing has a history of 1,300 years in Liuyang, a city with 1.33 million people about 66 kilometres from the provincial capital Changsha.

Last month, the city lit what it labelled "the

world's longest string of firecrackers", one that stretched 20 kilometres and exploded for 68 minutes, to gain publicity for the local fireworks industry.

The attempt was blasted by Chinese media as "ridiculous" and a waste of money.

MNA/Xinhua



**Schwarzenegger declares Bay oil spill emergency**

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Nov — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared the oil spill in San Francisco Bay an emergency on Friday as workers intensified clean-up efforts and part of a popular weekend race was cancelled.

Schwarzenegger visited the region and pledged all possible resources for cleaning up a container ship's fuel spill after it struck the Bay Bridge in thick fog on Wednesday. More than 200 workers and officials were cleaning up the fuel that leaked after the Cosco Busan container ship hit a base of the Bay Bridge near Treasure Island. The Coast Guard expected the clean-up force to double on Saturday.

The Coast Guard said it had found 19 dead birds and 73 living birds slicked

with oil. Many beaches around San Francisco remained closed.

Organizers of a weekend triathlon in San Francisco that calls for participants to run, bike and swim cancelled the water portion because of the spill. Swimming in San Francisco Bay, with its

murky brown, chilly waters has always lured only the more intrepid. Yet officials decided the leaked fuel made the waters off-limits for its Saturday and Sunday races. "Due to the recent 58,000-gallon oil spill into the San Francisco Bay, Tri-California Events, the

United States Coast Guard, and city officials have determined that the water conditions off Treasure Island make it unsafe to proceed with the swim leg of the San Francisco Triathlon," event organizers wrote on their website.

MNA/Reuters



**Acute diarrhoea patients in Vietnam rise to over 1,200**

HANOI, 20 Nov — A total of 1,216 people from 13 cities and provinces in Vietnam have been confirmed to contract acute diarrhoea since the disease started hitting the country on October 23, of whom 157 have been

tested positive to cholera virus.

On Thursday alone, the country detected 165 new infection cases, including 47 from Hanoi capital, 41 from northern Ha Tay Province and 20 from northern Hung Yen

Province, local newspaper *New Hanoi* on Friday quoted Nguyen Huy Nga, head of the Preventive Medicine Department under the Vietnamese Health Ministry, as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

*A US National Park Service ranger places a sign indicating the closure of a roadway leading to the base of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California on 8 Nov 2007.*

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**Finland to toughen gun rules after school shooting**

HELSINKI, 10 Nov — Finland said on Friday it would tighten gun policies after an 18-year-old killed six fellow students and two staff members with a

handgun this week in the country's deadliest school shooting.

The Nordic country had resisted European Union plans to limit gun

ownership to those 18 years or older across the continent. Finns as young as 15 have had the right to own and use a gun.

"Finland has changed its position to the EU firearms directive," Finland's Minister of the Interior, Anne Holmlund, told *Reuters* in an interview.

She said the permit to buy a gun would be raised to 18 years from 15 years and youths between 15 and 18 could only carry a gun with parental

supervision.

Pekka-Eric Auvinen obtained a licence for the 22 calibre handgun he used in Wednesday's massacre through a gun club last month. In Internet postings, he referred to the gun as "Catherine".

Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen said Finland's views on gun policy might change after the shooting at Jokela High School, but Holmlund denied the incident was behind the policy shift.

MNA/Reuters

*Iran's South Pars gas field on the Gulf coast. Iran and Pakistan have finalized a contract for a multi-billion-dollar gas export deal scheduled to be signed within a month. — INTERNET*

## Cambodia to promote home-stay service for tourists

PHNOM PENH, 10 Nov— Cambodia will promote home-stay service for foreign travellers so that more local people around resort areas can benefit from the tourism industry, an official said here on Friday.

At least 100 families at six resorts have been selected to provide home-stay service for tourists, said Hou Vandy, chairman of the Cambodian Association of Tourism Agencies.

The Chambak Waterfall in Kompong

Speu, the Banteay Char Temple in Banteay Meanchey, the Kor Pagoda and the Prek Thol Bird Sanctuary in Battambang, the Virak Chey Forestry National Park in Ratanakiri and the bird sanctuary in Preah Vihear are on the list, he said. List expansion is expected to benefit more people, he added.

Foreign visitors not only want to see the ancient temples but also want to know about the everyday life of the Cambodia people, and

home-stay service can directly meet their demand, he said.

Cambodia has stability, safety and peace, and tourists can rent houses or rooms from local people to share their life style, which can benefit the owners financially, he added.

Tourism is one of the kingdom's pillar industries. Some 1.7 million people visited Cambodia in 2006 and the number is expected to reach two million this year. — MNA/Xinhua



Cuba's Rachel Sanchez Perez (C) spikes the ball against Thailand's Pleumjit Thinkaow (R) during the third phase match of FIVB Volleyball World Cup 2007 in Kumamoto, southern Japan on 11 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

## Launch of "Ariane" rocket postponed

PARIS, 10 Nov— The launch of rocket Ariane 5-ECA, carrying Brazilian and British satellites, has been postponed due to technical problems, the Arianespace company announced late Friday.

The technicians identified irregularities Friday morning in the rotation of one fuel tank of the rocket's solid propellants, said Arianespace President Jean-Yves Le Gall.

However, they have so far failed to find out what caused the problem, said Le Gall, adding that the launch will be postponed at least to next Monday.

MNA/Xinhua



A laptop screen shows musical notes encoded in Leonardo Da Vinci's 'Last Supper,' during an interview with Italian musician and computer technician Giovanni Maria Pala, in Rome, on 22 Oct, 2007 file photo. Pala, a 45-year-old musician who lives near the southern Italian city of Lecce, began studying Leonardo's painting in 2003, after hearing on a news programme that researchers believed the artist and inventor had hidden a musical composition in the work. — INTERNET

## Strict law sobers up Japan's drunk drivers

TOKYO, 10 Nov — Drunk driving accidents in Japan almost halved compared to last year after a draconian new law was introduced in September in response to a series of fatal car crashes, showing that tighter rules can sober up drivers.

Under the revised law, drunk drivers can be jailed for up to five years or be fined up to one million yen (8,900 US dollars). The law punishes passengers who ride with a drunk and people who serve alcohol or lend a car to someone who may then drive under the influence.

A police report showed that after the law took effect, drunk driving accidents declined 41 per cent year-on-year to 350

in a one-month period. The police also cracked down on 46 passengers of drunks and eight people who served alcohol to drivers.

But the message has yet to reach some drivers. In Nagano prefecture, central Japan, the number of drunk driving accidents during the same period doubled from the previous year, and five of the 14 drunk drivers were unaware of the new law, the *Shinano Mainichi Shimbun* daily said.

Japan has generally become more aware of the dangers of drunk driving due to a string of fatal accidents, including one last year in which three children were killed. The restaurant industry is also adapting to changing

attitudes by handing out coupons to customers for cabs and chauffeur services. — MNA/Reuters

## Technology gives ancient Chinese books a second life

BEIJING, 10 Nov — The National Library of China (NLC) is currently exhibiting photocopies of 1,200 antique books covering a total 15,000 volumes.

Photocopies of four of the most valuable collections are now on public view at the week-long exhibition in Beijing, said library director Zhan Furui Friday. They include one part of "Si Ku Quan Shu," or Encyclopedia Sinica, China's largest book series compiled between 1772 and 1782 during the reign of Emperor Qianlong in the Qing Dynasty (1644 to 1911).

Only one part is being displayed because 3.5 parts of the huge seven-part collection have been lost. One part is currently in Taipei while another 2.5 parts are in three Chinese Mainland libraries, including the NLC.

Visitors will also see photocopies of 16,000 pieces of manuscript found in Dunhuang, Gansu Province, about 100 years ago. These account for about one third of the total Dunhuang document collection worldwide, Zhan said.

The other two collec-

tions are remains of the Yongle Encyclopaedia, China's first encyclopaedia written some 400 years ago, and a 900-year-old collection of Buddhist sutra. "As the library is keeper of the world's most valuable Chinese books, we have tried to give the ancient books a second life through modern technology," Zhan said.

Besides photocopying the books, the library is also taking digital photos and putting them on a database that is currently under construction.

MNA/Xinhua

## Number of pandas successfully bred in China

BEIJING, 10 Nov— Thirty-one giant pandas were born in captivity in China this year and 25 survived, down from last year's figures, the State Forestry Administration said on Thursday. Last year, China recorded 33 births, of which 30 survived.

Of the 25 alive and well this year, 16 are living at the China Giant Panda Research Centre in Wolong, a nature reserve in southwest China's Sichuan Province, and eight live at a research and breeding base in the provincial capital of Chengdu, according to Cao Qingrao, a spokesman for the administration.

Zhang Zhihe, head of China Giant Panda Breeding Technology Commission, told *Xinhua*, "Considering the difficult breeding process of giant pandas, a survival rate of 80 per cent or so is quite high". According to Zhang, over the 40-year history of artificial breeding, the survival rate of newborn panda cubs averages less than 60 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua



A Malayan pangolin is seen out of its cage after being confiscated by the Department of Wildlife and Natural Parks in Kuala Lumpur in 2002. Thai Customs officers said on Saturday they have rescued more than 100 pangolins and arrested three men attempting to smuggle the endangered animals to China, where they were destined for the cooking pot. — INTERNET

# SPORTS

## West Ham hit five goals past bottom club Derby

LONDON, 11 Nov — West Ham United scored their biggest league win since returning to the top-flight two years ago when they crushed bottom club Derby County 5-0 at Pride Park on Saturday. Three of West Ham's goals came in an eight-minute spell in the second half as Billy Davies' hapless Derby recorded their fifth successive game without a goal, their worst run since 1920.

Derby have six points from 13 matches while West Ham move up to ninth with 18 points from 12.

Lee Bowyer put West Ham ahead after 42 minutes before Matthew Etherington (51), an own goal from Eddie Lewis (55), a second from Bowyer (59) and a free kick by Nolberto Solano (69) piled on the home team's misery.— *MNA/Reuters*



*Empoli's Nicola Pozzi, right, goes for the ball with Sampdoria's Luigi Sala during the Italian league soccer match between Sampdoria and Empoli at the Ferraris stadium in Genoa, Italy, on 10 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET*

## Torres, Gerrard strike late to lift Liverpool

LONDON, 11 Nov — Liverpool scored twice in the last nine minutes to beat Fulham 2-0 to move up to fourth in the Premier League on Saturday.

The home side, who scored eight against Besiktas in the Champions League on Tuesday, were frustrated by a resolute Fulham side who held out until substitute Fernando Torres struck with his left foot from close range in the 81st minute.

Steven Gerrard converted a penalty four minutes later after Carlos Bocanegra tripped Peter Crouch on the edge of the area to give manager Rafa Benitez victory in his 200th match in charge.

Liverpool have 24 points from 12 matches with Arsenal (27), Manchester United (27) and Manchester City (25) above them.— *MNA/Reuters*



*Rapid Vienna's Helge Payer saves a penalty during the Austrian league soccer match against Mattersburg in Vienna on 10 Nov, 2007.— INTERNET*

## Getafe upset Barca, Valencia beat Murcia 3-0

MADRID, 11 Nov — Getafe returned to haunt Barcelona as they condemned Frank Rijkaard's side to a 2-0 defeat in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

The last time Barca visited the Coliseum six months ago Getafe knocked them out of the King's Cup in the semifinals by overturning a 5-2 first-leg deficit with a stunning 4-0 win.

This time the modest Madrid-based club put in a similarly gritty performance with Manuel del Moral giving them the lead after 28 minutes. Uruguayan Juan Albin made sure of a deserved three points with a second goal at the end.

"Our problem is the difference between our home and our away form. We have created little in attack today and you are always going to pay for that at some point," Rijkaard said.

Off-colour Barcelona missed the chance to knock Real Madrid off the top of the standings, and stay a point back in second. The leaders host Real Mallorca at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Michael Laudrup's Getafe climbed to 11th with their third consecutive win.

New Valencia coach Ronald Koeman saw his side humbled 2-0 at home by Rosenborg Trondheim in the Champions League during the week, but his first league game at the helm was a cakewalk against promoted Real Murcia at the Mestalla.

An early header from Ivan Helguera and two strikes from David Villa earned fourth-placed Valencia a comfortable 3-0 win that put them level on 24 points with Barca and Villarreal, who visit Sevilla on Sunday.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Stuttgart hand Bayern first defeat of season

BERLIN, 11 Nov — Champions VfB Stuttgart handed Bayern Munich their first defeat of the season on Saturday, beating the Bundesliga leaders 3-1.

Germany striker Mario Gomez scored in the 10th and 42nd minutes and Turkey midfielder Yildiray Basturk grabbed his first goal for the club in the 30th as Stuttgart raced 3-0 up at halftime.

Bayern, playing less

than 48 hours after their 2-2 UEFA Cup draw with Bolton Wanderers, had conceded only four goals in their 12 previous league matches.

Italy striker Luca Toni pulled one back for the visitors with four minutes to go, tapping in his ninth league goal of the season.

Stuttgart's second win in a row lifted them from 11th to eighth in the table.

To add to Bayern's woes, Brazil defender

Lucio was sent off with 20 minutes to go for elbowing Swiss Ludovic Magnin.

Bayern, who had been unbeaten in all competitions this season, are still top of the table on 28 points, one in front of Werder Bremen who crushed Karlsruhe 4-0 with two goals by Brazil midfielder Diego and one apiece from Hugo Almeida and Naldo.

Stuttgart also beat Bayern 2-0 in April on the way to securing the championship. "We were poorly organized defensively," said Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, who took sharp criticism from club president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge for his tactics in Thursday's draw.

—*MNA/Reuters*

## Nancy held to goalless draw at Paris St Germain

PARIS, 11 Nov — Second-placed Nancy missed the chance to keep the pressure on the leaders when they were held to a goalless draw at Paris St Germain in Ligue 1 on Saturday. The Lorraine side, with 28 points from 13 games after a disappointing performance, are three points behind Olympique Lyon, who host struggling Olympique Marseille on Sunday.

Paris St. Germain, who are still chasing their first home victory in the league, are 13th with 16 points from 14 games. Valenciennes moved up to sixth on 21 points after Filip Sebo's first-half double and a Steve Savidan goal on the hour earned a 3-0 win against promoted Caen.

Earlier on Saturday, Tulio scored two penalties to help Le Mans come from behind to beat St. Etienne 3-2 despite playing with 10 men for more than an hour.—*MNA/Reuters*



*Brazil's Franco Ferreiro returns a shot to Spain's Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo during their match at the Copa Petrobras tennis tournament in Asuncion on 10 Nov, 2007.— INTERNET*

## Sunderland draw 1-1 with Newcastle in northeast Derby

LONDON, 11 Nov — Sunderland drew 1-1 with Newcastle United in an evenly fought northeast derby at the Stadium of Light in the first of only three Premier League matches being played on Saturday.

Derby County were kicking off against West Ham United at 1500 GMT while Liverpool face Fulham at 1715 GMT with the rest of the fixtures being played on Sunday and Monday. Sunderland, without a league win in their last six games and without a home win over Newcastle since April 1980, went ahead after 52 minutes when Danny Higginbotham scored his first goal for the club with a well-taken header.

Newcastle equalized 13 minutes later when James Milner's cross-cum-shot went in off the far post.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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*Jin Joo Hong, of Korea, hits her tee shot on the fourth hole during the third round of play of the LPGA Tournament of Champions golf tournament on 10 Nov, 2007, in Mobile, Ala.*

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Bereaved Family

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Bereaved Brothers and Sisters

# Burst bladder danger for binge drinking women

**LONDON, 11 Nov — Increased binge drinking among women is leading to previously unseen cases of burst bladders, a report said on Friday.**

The condition is more common among men, but three female cases were reported at the Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield, Yorkshire, during the past year.

The condition among women is so rare that hospital staff had difficulty

at first diagnosing it as a ruptured bladder.

Dr Mohantha Dooldeniya told the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ) that his team initially thought the women were suffering from urinary infection or appendicitis.

All three later

underwent bladder surgery.

“Alcohol consumption increases the volume of urine held within the bladder and dulls the senses such that the patient has a reduced urge to void despite the increased bladder volume,” the report said.

“Minor trauma, such as from a fall, will further increase the pressure and can cause rupture.”

Alcohol misuse costs the NHS up to three billion pounds a year.

Some 510 per 100,000 female hospital admissions

were attributable to alcohol in England last year, up from 466 the previous year, Liverpool John Moores University said in a report last month.

MNA/Reuters

**“STORM NEWS”**

(Issued at 13:30 hrs MST on 11-11-2007)

According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal has further intensified into a depression and is centered about (430) miles West of Kawthong (Myanmar). It is likely to intensify further and move initially Northwest direction. It is forecast to recurve later North or Northeast direction.



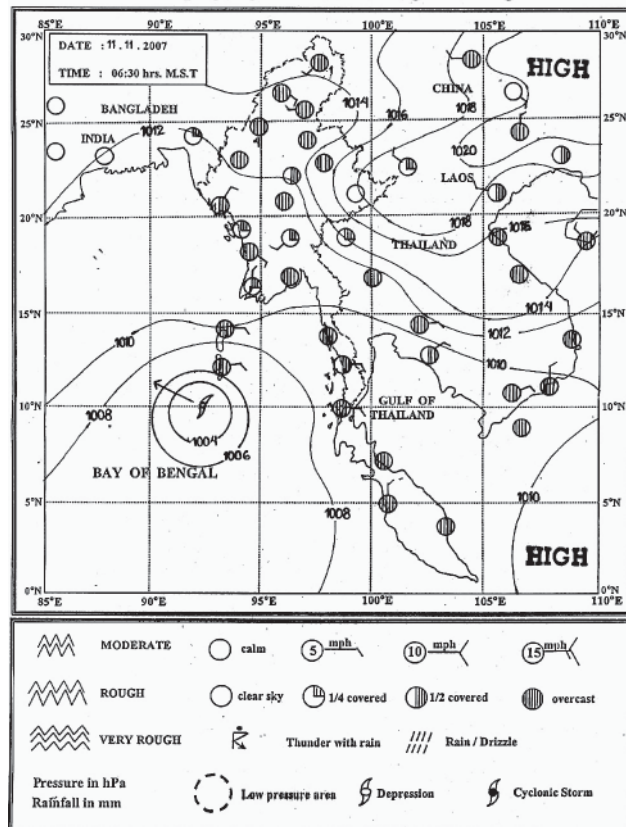
**Monday, 12 November**  
**View on today**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**  
5. Song of national races
- 8:10 am**  
6. Cute little dancers
- 8:25 am**  
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**  
8. International news
- 8:45 am**  
9. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

- 4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm**  
4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:00 pm**  
5. Dance variety
- 5:15 pm**  
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm**  
7. Songs and dance of national races
- 5:30 pm**  
8. “ချောင်းကမ်းနားကရွာကလေး” (နွဲ့နွဲ့စမ်း၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ သစင်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ- မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သရန်ကုန်)]
- 5:35 pm**  
9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:45 pm**  
10. (၄၄)ကြိမ်မြောက်ရုပ်ရှင်သက်ကြီးပူဇော်ပွဲအခမ်းအနား

- 6:00 pm**  
11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**  
12. Weather report
- 6:45 pm**  
13. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကြွယ်
- 7:10 pm**  
14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သောရွှေနေ့ခြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 7:40 pm**  
15. မိုးယုံကြည်စရိတ်စဉ်
- 8:00 pm**  
16. News
- 8:00 pm**  
17. International news
- 8:00 pm**  
18. Weather report
- 8:00 pm**  
19. “ကြယ်စင်သက်သေ” (အပိုင်း-၁) (ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်း (Examplez)၊ ရဲလေး၊ ဘုန်းသူ၊ ဆန်းထွန်း၊ ဟိန်းဝေယံ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ရူးရှူးမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခ-စိုးထိုက်အောင်)
- 8:00 pm**  
19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ “ပြေးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm**  
19. The next day’s programme

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



**WEATHER**

Sunday, 11 November, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kayin State, Bago and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (0.69) inches Chauk (0.32) inch, Kalay (0.20) inch and Homalin (0.19) inch. The significant night temperatures was Haka (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2007 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-11-2007 was 91%. Total sunshine hours on 10-11-2007 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from North at (12:30) hours MST on 10-11-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today. A low pressure area has formed over Southeast Bay. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Special feature:** According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s tropical depression (Peipah) over South China Sea has become unimportant.

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuations of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-11-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-11-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-11-2007:** Partly cloudy.

## People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies**
- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!**
- ★ **The public be warned of  
killers in the air waves —  
RFA, VOA and BBC**

- ★ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ★ **BBC lying  
VOA deceiving  
RFA setting up hostilities**
- ★ **Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers**

### Who are the winners, and who, the losers from recent violent protests?

- ★ **Due to the violent protests,**  
The people are in a state of panic  
Artless persons get into bad company and run into trouble  
Trade and commerce hit hard  
Vendors and shopkeepers have hard times  
Tourism industry in bad shape
- ★ **Due to the violent protests,**  
Colonialists' lackey expatriates earn dollars  
Touts were provided with funds  
Criminals and opportunists are happy with the unrest  
National traitors from agitator media gained a lot of dollars