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Further cement Myanmar-Vietnam friendly ties through mutual cooperation

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein paid a goodwill visit to the SRV on 9 November.

During his visit, Prime Minister General Thein Sein called on President of SRV Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi.

And then Prime Minister General Thein Sein called on Prime Minister of SRV Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. At the call, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung said that Vietnam supports the seven-step Road Map laid down for the emergence of a democratic nation and understands Myanmar’s efforts. Vietnam always opposes interference in other nation’s internal affairs. He expressed thanks for Myanmar’s support for Vietnam’s membership as non-permanent member in the UNSC.

In clarifying Myanmar’s situation, Prime Minister General Thein Sein disclosed the interference of Western super powers in Myanmar’s internal affairs, mass rallies held by the entire national people in support of the seven-step Road Map and the forthcoming State constitution.

The two prime ministers exchanged views on the agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors, cooperation in energy, trade and investment sectors, communications, transport and tourism, cooperation under the ACEMEC and CLMV programmes and matters relating to ASEAN Charter.

Being members of ASEAN, Myanmar and Vietnam are striving for development of economic, social and cultural sectors in the region through cooperation programmes in accord with the ASEAN’s visions.

All in all, the goodwill visit of Prime Minister General Thein Sein to the SRV will further cement the existing friendly ties and cooperation between the two nations, thereby contributing to enhancing mutual cooperation in all aspects.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint urges personnel to join hands with local people in regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials, viewed maintenance of bridges on Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Sadon road and progress of cultivation task along both sides of the road on 10 November.

At the hall in Sadon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental personnel and social organization members and heard reports on development of the town presented by officials.

Horizon League Basketball Tournament continues

YANGON, 12 Nov — The Horizon League Basketball Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation and Horizon International Education Center, continued in Kyakkaikan Gymnasium on 11 and 12 November.


In men’s group A, Blue Boy was leading with 13 points, followed by KKS with 12 points and The Gyuts 11 points. Cow Boy was leading group B with 12 points, followed by Redstar 11 points, CCY 10 points.

In women’s group, SKY scored 8 points, Kandawglay 7 points, Precious 5 points.

The tournament continues at 12 am on 17 and 18 November in KyakKaikan Gymnasium. —NLM

Kandawglay team plays against Precious team in Horizon League.

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US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Nov—A US soldier was killed and three others wounded in an explosion in northeast of Baghdad, the US military said on Saturday.

The soldier, assigned to Multi-National Division-North, died of wounds sustained from the explosion while the victim’s unit was conducting combat operations in the volatile province of Diyala on Friday, a military statement said.

The three wounded soldiers were transported to a US combat hospital, it said.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of relatives, the statement added.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to about 3,860 since the outbreak of the war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—MNA/Xinhua

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Romanian DM says Iran has right to peaceful use of N-energy

BUCHAREST, 11 Nov — Romanian Defence Minister Teodor Melescanu said here Friday that no country should be deprived of right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy and Iran is no exception.

Local media reported that Melescanu said this after meeting with Iranian Ambassador to Romania Hamid Reza Arshadi.

He said that at a time when Iran refuses to suspend its uranium enrichment activities and the United States seeks to impose tougher sanctions against the Islamic country, Teheran should sign an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to end the standoff.

Melescanu added that his country desires to strengthen ties with Iran, which is an important player in the Middle East.

For his part, Arshadi reiterated that his country’s nuclear programme is only for peaceful purposes, and that his country also wishes to consolidate ties with Bucharest and boost bilateral military and security cooperation.

Spain plane skids off Ecuador runway after tyres explode

QUITO, 11 Nov—An airplane of Spanish airline Iberia skidded off the runway Friday when landing at-Quito’s international airport. No one is hurt in the incident.

The accident occurred at 17:00 local time (2000 GMT) at-Quito’s Mariscal Sucre Airport after the plane’s landing tyres exploded, said an airport official.

The plane practically went off the runway and finally stopped inclined on one of its wings, said airport director Diego Pachel.

The airport was closed after the accident. The plane’s landing tyres exploded, said an airport official.

The plane’s captain confirmed that nobody is injured or evacuated through the emergency doors, said Pachel. MNA/Xinhua

Dutch, British coasts braced for storm, flooding

HEADLAND NEAR ROZENBURG (Netherlands), 11 Nov — The Netherlands and Britain, facing their worst flood threat in decades, closed surge barriers and evacuated people from homes on Friday as a North Sea storm threatened to inundate low-lying areas.

Authorities compared the approaching conditions to those in 1953 when floods killed more than 2,000 people in both countries.

The massive surge barrier near the Dutch port city of Rotterdam was closed for the first time since its construction in the 1990s.

At 11 pm (2200 GMT) on Thursday, the two arc-shaped steel doors of the Maeslant barrier edged into the waterway that connects Rotterdam to the North Sea.

As spectators braved rain and wind to watch from a narrow headland, it took about half an hour for the two doors to meet in the Nieuwe Waterweg, about 360 metres (1,200 feet) wide. MNA/Reuters

Britain spared major flooding as tide recedes

LONDON, 10 Nov—Britain’s east coast was spared massive flooding on Friday as tides receded after peaking about 20 centimetres (8 inches) below levels that had been feared.

“You can say that you’re through the worst of it, but vigilance is the word. It is still wild and windy out there,” a spokesman for the Environment Agency said.

“There’s still a lot of water around. But the actual tides themselves peaked at between 0700 and 0800 this morning,” he said at 0830 GMT.

Over 10,000 red lanterns are lightened along the Nanming River of Jiaxiulou Scenic Spot in Guiyang, capital of southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 8 Nov, 2007 to celebrate the local tea fair.

South Korean martial arts masters wearing ancient soldier uniforms perform for tourist in Suwon, south of Seoul, South Korea, on 9 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Bird-flu hit localities in Vietnam rise to six

HANOI, 10 Nov — A bird flu outbreak has recently occurred in Vietnam’s southern Ben Tre Province, raising the total number of localities currently affected by the disease to six, according to a local veterinary agency on Friday.

The disease has killed 30 out of a flock of 60 two-month old ducks raised by a household in Mo Cay District since November 1, the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development said, noting that their specimens were tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1.

Now, bird flu is hitting the northern Provinces of Ha Nam, Nam Dinh and Cao Bang, central Quang Tri Province, and the southern provinces of Ben Tre and Tra Vinh, the department said, noting that cities and provinces nationwide are keeping on vaccinating poultry against bird flu viruses.

Bird flu outbreaks in Vietnam, starting in December 2003, have killed and led to the forced culling of dozens of millions of fowls in the country. — MNA/Xinhua

US soldiers are reflected in a mirror as they search in a house during a patrol in Baghdad on 10 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET
Chinese auto production up nearly 23% in first 10 months

BEIJING, 11 Nov—China produced 7.22 million motor vehicles in the first 10 months of 2007, up 22.6 per cent, and 2.08 million passenger vehicles, up 21.7 per cent, and 2.07 million commercial vehicles, up 24.88 per cent. Auto sales also grew rapidly during the period, sources said.

Between January and October, 7.15 million motor vehicles were sold nationwide, up 24 per cent over the same period a year earlier. The total included 5.08 million passenger vehicles, up 23.6 per cent, and 2.08 million commercial vehicles, up 25.1 per cent.

Last month, 713,100 passenger vehicles were produced, down 5.8 per cent from September, but up 21.11 per cent over October 2006. In addition, 692,300 passenger vehicles were sold in October, down 10.41 per cent from September, but up 20.12 per cent over the same month last year.

Market analysts said the decrease in auto sales and output in October was due to the National Day holiday. They predicted sales and output in 2007 would hit 85 million units respectively.

The association noted that the 10 biggest automakers sold 5.96 million vehicles for an 83 per-cent market share.

China creates jobs for 10 mln urbanites in ten months

HAIKOU, 12 Nov — China created jobs for more than 10 million urbanites in the first ten months of the year, achieving a yearly goal much earlier than expected, according to an official with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

“Employment situation in China has been stable this year, with the first ten months completing 113 per cent of the nine-million-job target set for the whole year,” Vice-Minister Zhang Xiaojian said Saturday at a national conference of employment.

The country’s urban unemployment rate was registered at 4 per cent by the end of September, down from 4.1 per cent recorded at the end of last year, Zhang said, adding 95.7 per cent of the country’s former “zero-employment” families had at least one person finding jobs again.

The Chinese Government is under great pressure to create new jobs for the annual influx of ten million job seekers flocking into the country’s urban areas.

With more college graduates entering the job market each year, employment issue would become “more protruding”, Zhang said, urging relevant departments to help registered unemployed graduates find new jobs soon.

Brazilian airline TAM announces net profit fall

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Nov—Brazilian airline TAM announced on Friday that due to the country’s worst air disaster it experienced in July, its net profit in the third quarter this year dropped 77.2 per cent from what it got in the same period last year, totalling only 48.5 million reals (about 27.8 million US dollars).

It said its net revenues in the same period stood at 2.06 billion reals (about 1.18 billion dollars), down 67 per cent year-on-year.

The company explained that the reduction in revenues was mainly prompted by the 17-per-cent fall in domestic revenues. Its external revenues, however, rose 22.3 per cent. In addition, the total number of passengers it transported in the same quarter dropped 1.4 per cent to 6.7 million, but the number of seats it offered increased by 29.3 per cent.

Overall, the company said it achieved its growth expectations for 2007. On 17 July, a TAM operated Airbus A320 slammed into a building while attempting to land at Congonhas Airport, in Sao Paulo, killing 199 people.
UNSG begins Antarctica tour to witness climate change effect

SANTIAGO, 11 Nov — UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon began on Friday an official visit to Antarctica to witness the climate change caused by global warming, following his first stop at Punta Arenas city in Chile’s southern region.

Ban accepted to visit the Antarctica’s glaciers in the South Pole after a personal invitation by Chilean President Michelle Bachelet in the framework of the High Level Event on Climate Change held in New York in September.

Ban is accompanied by Chilean Environment Minister Ana Lya Uriarte, Chilean Ambassador to the UN, Heraldo Munoz and Director of Chile’s Antarctic Institute Jose Retamales among other experts on global climate change.

After his arrival to Punta Arenas, Ban’s UN delegation boarded a C-130 airplane from Chile’s Air Force to land at about midday at the President Frei Base.

Ban and his UN delegation will return to Natales Port and later take a flight to return to Santiago. He is expected to arrive in the Chilean capital at 7:00 pm local time (22:00 GMT) on Saturday.

US lacks military trainers in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — A US general in charge of training Afghan security forces said Friday that he only has about half the number of US military trainers he asked for.

“The ideal situation would have been to have about 7,000 US military trainers, plus all the partners, which would give us a very heavy saturation of mentoring with the Afghans, actually give us a pretty much one-on-one with key leaders,” Brigadier General Robert Livingston told Pentagon reporters via videolink from Kabul.

Instead, he has about half that many US military trainers, plus several hundred American policemen who have volunteered to go to Afghanistan to help.

The general said he expects to get about 800 more trainers from the US Army next spring, and another 800 in the fall.

He also noted that the NATO, which has the primary responsibility for security in Afghanistan, has begun to provide additional training teams of its own.

Livingston also predicted that the Afghan security forces will take on significantly more responsibility in 2008, and that, he said, will enable more American trainers to focus on the Afghan police.

Philippine town alert to diarrhoea outbreak

MANILA, 12 Nov — Local government in an eastern Philippine town on Saturday declared state of calamity as three people died in a diarrhoea outbreak that sickened almost 300 people in two weeks, local media reported.

Timoteo Capoquian, mayor of Gamay in eastern Samar Province, told radio DZRH that among the three fatalities, two of them died at home and one died in a hospital. He said many of the patients have so far “regained consciousness” after receiving intravenous fluid treatments.

Capoquian said the declaration would allow the town government to access emergency funds to buy needed medicines.

The mayor, who practiced medicine before entering politics, said the 25-bed local hospital had been overloaded with diarrhoea patients. At least 64 patients were admitted on one with key leaders,” to the Combined Forces.

On Saturday, the immediate of the combined forces, gave the order to the WSSC police chief, told reporters after an investigation by officers from the bomb squad and emergency task force. He added that the incident was “accidental.” — MNA/Xinhua

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE FORCES EVACUATION OF BANK BUILDING IN TORONTO

OTTAWA, 11 Nov — The building of the Royal Bank of Canada in downtown Toronto, Canada’s biggest city, was evacuated Friday after a “suspicious” package was said to be found in its second floor mailroom.

There were about 200 employees working in the building at the time, according to local media reports.

Police arriving at the scene also sealed off a section of the downtown area for hours, causing extensive traffic delays.

The “suspicious” package turned out to be a box containing a ticking clock radio, a police spokesman told reporters after an investigation by officers from the bomb squad and emergency task force. He added that the incident was “accidental.” — MNA/Xinhua

Seven Taleban killed, four captured in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 Nov — The Afghan Army backed by NATO troops killed seven Taleban militants and captured four others Friday in southern Afghan province of Uruzgan, a local official said on Saturday.

Juma Khan, provincial police chief, told Xinhua that the combined forces launched the operation to curb anti-government insurgents in Turi kot District on Friday afternoon.

“Our there are no casualties on the part of the combined forces,” he added.

However, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a purported Taleban spokesman, gave another story through telephone from an undisclosed location.

He denied their casualties, adding that the Taleban had destroyed two vehicles of the combined forces.

Militancy and conflicts have claimed the lives of more than 5,600 people since January this year in war-torn Afghanistan. MNA/Xinhua

People attend a memorial service for eight people killed by an 18-year-old gunman at Jokela High School, in Tuusula church, Finland on 11 Nov, 2007. INTERNET

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Maung Nwe Sit

Myanmars are strongly imbued with nationalistic spirit, and that fine tradition has gone down in the annals of Myanmar history. Thanks to the research carried out by some researchers, Myanmar can be proud of the fact that Myanmar originated in Pontaung Ponnya. National and foreign experts confirmed that the anthropoid primates excavated in Pontaung Ponnya in Myanmar date back to about 40 million years.

Myanmar is a Union nation where more than 100 national races have been living in cohesion through thick and thin. Forging national unity, patriotic spirit, Union Spirit and nationalistic fervour, Myanmar managed to drive out the colonialists and fascists and regain independence. These independence struggles also went down in history.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Myanmar’s lush and green forests, precious stones and natural gas along with bountiful harvests of crops and grains belong to the people.

In addition, Myanmar is a nation that hardly faces natural disasters such as strong earthquakes, strong winds, volcano eruptions, tsunami, landslides and floods. It enjoys adequate clean water from monsoon rain, and irrigation water from large rivers such as the Ayeyawady, the Chindwin, the Sittoung and the Thalwin, small rivers, tributaries, creeks, natural lakes, artificial lakes, and irrigation facilities built by the government.

Myanmar fell under alien subjugation for more than 100 years, and in the colonial period, its natural resources were exploited and unfairly taken outside the country by the covetous colonialists. So, Myanmar people had to live below the poverty line despite having abundant natural resources. The post-independence period was an opportune time for the people to develop the mother country by using fertile soil, exploiting the natural resources and working hard together. Nevertheless, the people had to live in a state of panic due to armed insurgency resulting from internal and external instigation, doubts, and sectarianism. Therefore, Myanmar people do not accept any situations in which independence may be lost again, or the possible collapse of the Union, and are desirous of enjoying peace and stability, and development.

Now, the people enjoy the taste of national development peace, stability and independence. In order to achieve these fruitful results, the government and national people had to make earnest efforts in concert. The whole Union was on the path towards development, following the return of seventeen armed groups to the legal fold. Their return and contribution are helping accelerate the development tasks.

In their bid to serve the interests of the nation and the people through their youth, courage, dynamism, and alertness, the youth have learned from the experiences of their ancestors. Moreover, they have to broaden their horizons by reading and studying. Then, they have got correct concept, awareness, bravery and physical prowess. National youths took part in the anti-colonialist struggles, anti-fascist movement and national liberation struggles. Furthermore, the present-day youths are now working brilliantly in the drive for defending the Union, safeguarding sovereignty, and all-round development of the nation.

The youth are now exerting their active participation, brilliant performances, correct efforts, strong nationalistic spirit, and firm concept in implementing the State’s seven-step Road Map and tasks for progress of the whole nation, preserving and promoting traditional culture, crushing internal and external destructive elements who are disrupting national interests, and improving the living conditions of the people.

The youth include young farmers, young workers, young intellectuals and intelligentsia, young service personnel, young servicemen, young policemen and policewomen, young fire brigade members, young Red Cross members, young national race people, and students.

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Special refresher course No 63 for basic education teachers opens

YANGON, 12 Nov — The opening of special refresher course No 63 for basic education teachers was held at Nawarat hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tha Maung Hlaing, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an address.

He said education plays the most important role in the development of all sectors as there has been rapid increase in the studies of science and technology in the international community. A country will not improve in all sectors without promotion of the education.

With the rapid development of science and technology in the international community, the government is making concerted efforts to catch up with such development in the process of globalization.

To catch up with rapid changes, it is necessary to build a dynamic society through education.

In the process of rapid changes, national development task can be carried out through the power of education.

With the sound foundations of peace and stability of the State, national consolidation and strong economy, efforts are being made for the development of advanced technologies and highly qualified human resources through the education sector.

Knowledge can bring about the development of all sectors and it calls for national interests.

In order to constantly safeguard national interest the young students are to be trained to inculcate with national spirit and patriotic spirit and to respect Myanmar social values.

With a view to revitalizing Myanmar traditions and culture and social values among the youths, the students are to be nurtured since their childhood. All can witness that the government organizations, social organizations and local people are working together in five rural development tasks and regional development tasks.

The five rural development tasks are being implemented in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Now the world nations are taking part in the tasks of alleviating poverty, keeping environment clean, acquiring clean water, completing primary education and reducing maternal and child mortality rate.

With the implementation of five rural development tasks, preventive measures against abject poverty, food insufficiency, environmental pollution, danger of other diseases can be taken. These problems are being solved in some countries of the world, he said.

The minister urged the teachers to actively take part in the tasks of regional development, enhancement of socio-economic life, environmental conservation, sanitation, promotion of education and health and anti-narcotic activities among the students including the five rural development tasks whatever role they are in.

He said the nation-building endeavours are not ordinary tasks of a government. Political, economic and social foundations are being built for smooth transition from one system to another.

With the prevalence of political, economic and social foundations the implementation of the seven-step Road Map will follow. It is now at the third step for drafting the State Constitution, he said.

Basic foundations such as stability of the State, prevalence of law and order, robust economy and development of human resources are needed for smooth transition. Only when there are such foundations will a peaceful modern developed new discipline-flourishing democratic nation emerge.

He also urged the teachers to perform the duties of the education sector actively after realizing the importance of promotion of national education and human resource development.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the trainees.

The five-week course is being attended by 1,503 trainee teachers. Also present were Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, heads of departments, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi) and instructors.

MVSA’s AGM on 25-26 Nov

YANGON, 12 Nov — Myanmar Veterinary Surgeons Association will hold its Annual General Meeting-2007 at the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yein on 25 and 26 November.

At the meeting, animal feedstuff, medicine and veterinary-related instruments will be displayed. A paper reading session will be held and participants of the meeting will pay respects to doyen veterinary surgeons.

More information is available at MVSA, ph: 01-644305 and 01-644308. — MNA

MWAIF holds Educatve talks

YANGON, 12 Nov — The working group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration for women under Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation organized educative talks at Women’s Development Centre on Thanlaw Road in Kamayut, here, on 8 November.

Writer Daw Saw Mon Nyein gave an educative talk on “Myanmar Women and Myanmar Culture” and member of the group Daw Sabei Win on “Leadership”.

Before the educative talks, Leader Daw Tin Nwe of the work group made an opening speech.
**Golden umbrellas to be hoisted atop pagodas in India, Nepal**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Under the patronage of Maha Saddamha Jotikadhaja U Goenka, a ceremony to hoist golden umbrella atop Tarpawwana Pagoda at Dhamma Giri Meditation Centre, Egart Purri, Maha Rattha County, the Republic of India, will be held on 30 November, and a similar ceremony to hoist golden umbrella atop Dhamma Janani Pagoda in Lumminni, Nepal, on 9 December. — MNA

**Storm News**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — During the past 12 hours, the depression in the Southeast Bay has intensified further into a tropical storm and has moved westward slowly. According to the observations at 06:30 hour MST today, the tropical storm lay centered at 490 miles west of Kawthoung. It is forecast to intensify further and move slowly in a North-Westerly direction. — MNA

**Fires broke out in Kachin State, Mandalay, Thaninthyai, Bago Divs**

YANGON, 12 Nov — A fire broke out at Kume Market in Myittha Township, Mandalay Division, at about 10 pm on 7 November, gutting 20 stalls. Similarly, Kyanpintha Ward of Myitkyina Township, Kachin State saw a fire, at about 9 pm on 8 November, gutting two houses, causing two children death and leaving 15 people homeless.

Likewise, a fire broke out at about 8:30 pm at Nyaw Pyin Village in Longlon Township, Thaninthyai Division, with a loss of 21 houses. Due to the fire, 32 families lose their houses.

Also, owing to an outbreak of fire at about 8 am at Bukon Village of Shwe Nyinawng Village-tract in Padaung Township, Bago Division, a total of five houses were gutted and five families were left homeless. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint opens 16-bed hospital... (from page 1)

by departmental personnel, students, cultural troupe members of social organizations, townselfers and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Ye Myint called on local people to cooperate with local authorities for durability of the hospital which was upgraded from the rural clinic to a 16-bed hospita.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said as part of efforts for development of Dawphontyan which was upgraded to the township, the 16-bed hospital was established in the township.

He continued to say that the number of hospitals in the township has increased from 35 to 45 and the number of health workers has increased from 730 to 1,220.

He also urged local authorities to make arrangements for providing medical care to local people and cleanliness of the hospital.

He also stressed the need for cooperation of local people and authorities for durability of the hospital.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint contributed cash to funds of the hospital and presented gifts to doctors, nurses and employees of the hospital.

A donor also presented cash to the hospital’s Medical Superintendent to be spent on purchasing equipment for the operation room.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to:

**Commander, Minister inspect border trade**

YANGON, 12 Nov — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein visited East Command Maj-Gen Ohn Ye Myint and commanded Maj-Gen Ohn Ye Myint met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselfers and discussed matters related to the development of the region.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged local authorities to make efforts for development of education, health and transportation sectors of the township joining hands with local people.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented medical equipments provided by Ministry of Health to an official and clothes to the township maternal and child welfare association.

During his tour, he also met with officers and other ranks and their families of local battalion and urged them to participate in implementing the regional development tasks. At the meeting, he presented clothes and gifts to them.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to the basic education high school in the township and presented a TV to the school and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Ye Myint presented clothes and gifts to teachers.

Afterwards, they visited a rubber plantation of Northern Royal Jade Company and fulfilled the requirements.

The company set its target of 20,000 acres of rubber and 10,000 acres of teak. So far, 8,000 acres of rubber, 500 acres of teak and 100 acres of Pinukade have been grown and a total of 1,500,000 rubber saplings and 1,300,000 teak saplings have been collected.

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Avian Flu Monitoring and Testing Course opened

YANGON, 12 Nov — The Avian Flu Monitoring and Testing Course co-sponsored by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and FAO was opened at the LBVD in Insein this morning with opening addresses by deputy Director-General of LBVD Dr Than Tun and Senior Adviser of Bird Flu Control Programmes of FAO Dr Masao Susaki.

The opening ceremony was also attended by officials from LBVD, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and FAO, and veterinarians from the state and division laboratories.

The one-week course will lecture subjects on monitoring and testing bird flu at the Yangon Veterinary Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro raises queries to Presiding Sayadaw of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik Bhaddanta Jotipala. — MNA

Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro of UN Human Rights Commission arrives, tours Yangon, Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro of the UN Human Rights Commission and delegation members arrived in Yangon by air yesterday afternoon. They visited Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Bago and paid homage to State Ovadacariya Bago Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik Sayadaw Shwekyin Nikaya Upa Okkatha Maha Nayaka J o i n t - S h w e k y n Sasanabaing Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhanna Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotipala.

Next, Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro asked questions about the Kyakhatwaing Monastery and viewed the property that was damaged caused by the protesters in the incidents that happened in August and September.

The guests also visited the Shwedagon Pagoda at 6.30 pm and met with the members of the pagoda board of trustees.

At 7.30 am today, Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro and party met Yangon Division Commissioner U Hla Soe of General Administration Department, Police Col Win Naing of Yangon Division Police Force, Proctor (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and Medical Superintendent Daw Nu Nu Tha of Yangon General Hospital and officials at the branch of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Yangon.

Afterwards, the guests paid homage to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman Moemek Pokhwayon Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhanna Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Tejavamta and members of the Sangha at Wizaya Mingalar Taungnyunt Township.

Then, Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro and party visited Shwetaung Monastery and NanU Monastery in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township and Ngwekayan Pariyatti Sarthintaik in South Oakkalapa Township.

Later, the guest visited Hteinbin Cemetery in Hlinethaya Township at 11.30 am, Insein Jail at 12.15 pm, Government Technical Institute in Insein Township at 2.30 pm and No 7 Police Battalion of Myanmar Police Force in Kyauktan Township at 4 pm and met the officials concerned.

Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro and party hold discussion with departmental officials in Yangon Division. — MNA

Mr Paulo Sergio Pinheiro and party visit Insein Central Prison. — MNA

Seinlè Shwepyi Journal in circulation

YANGON, 12 Nov—Volume 4, No 23 of Seinlè Shwepyi Journal comes out today.

It features covered the climate change, sales of rice at a special rice shop, construction of two warehouses to store jade, improvement of trading at the border of Muse 105th mile, cement market, providing care services to the aged person in 25 townships in Yangon Division, demand of buckwheat from Japan, demand of less hormone pigs from foreign countries and conservation of 88 turtles. It has also carried local and international news and articles.

The journal can be purchased at the book shops of Sarpaybeikman, Warmoeaung, Hsin-taunggyi and Ma Nila, News and Periodicals Enterprise book store and Panshwepyi(Theinbyu) book shop.

Those wishing to send manuscripts to the Chief Editor of the journal may contact No 228, on Theinbyu Road (ph 382070).— MNA

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China kicks off 19th Int’l Week of Science and Peace

BEIJING, 12 Nov — The 19th International Week of Science and Peace opened here Sunday with the theme of “Scientific Development and Harmony Building”.

The week-long activity will include public education exhibitions on health care, science and technical innovations, academic competition for university students, contests on science for primary and middle school students, and forums on environment, culture, and women development.

Cheng Siwei, vice-chairman of the National People’s Congress Standing Committee, said at the opening ceremony that peace and development have been and will remain the theme of the whole world.

“The holding of the event is a proof to the Chinese people’s love for peace, their resolution for developing science for the improvement of the economy and people’s livelihood, and their goodwill of building a harmonious world together with people across the world,” Cheng said.

In 1988, the 43rd United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution proclaiming the week in which November 11 falls as International Week of Science and Peace.

During this time, the members countries hold activities educating the public on the role played by science and technology in the maintenance of world peace and social development.

Bangladesh joins Trans-Asian Railway Network Agreement

DHAKA, 12 Nov — Bangladesh signed an “Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network” on Friday at the UN Headquarters in New York, private new agency UNB reported Saturday.

Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ismat Jahan signed the agreement on behalf of the Bangladesh Government.

The Trans-Asian Railway Network Agreement is a project of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to create a transcontinental railway network across Europe and Asia.

This agreement will enable Bangladesh to expand its rail communications with other Asian countries, and subsequently with Europe.

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Anyone returning the products will receive a full refund.

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Members of the United Arab Emirates team who are competing in the Pan Arab Games wave their country’s flag at the opening ceremony in Cairo, on 11 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET
Brazillian police arrest 31 for alleged online banking theft

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Nov—Brazil’s federal police on Friday arrested 31 people for alleged online theft of money in southeastern Minas Gerais state.

The anti-theft sweep involved 160 agents in the states of Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Mato Grossso do Sul and in the federal district of Brasilia, police said.

The suspects, charged with stealing account passwords and other banking data, were reportedly middle-class youngsters, aged between 22 and 25. The ring was led by a 23-year-old man living in Betim in the metropolitan region of Belo Horizonte, the state’s capital city.

Some of the victims had up to 8,000 reais (4,500 dollars) taken from their accounts, while each suspect stole an average of 600,000 reais (343,000 US dollars) every year from the banks, according to police.

The hackers of the ring broke into Internet banking systems and conduct such transactions as withdrawals, transfers and payments, with information stolen from the users, police said.

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The money stolen from the banks would be transferred to accounts of false clients before ending up in the hands of ring members. —MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh signs with five donors for improving water services

DHAKA, 11 Nov—The Bangladeshi Government signed an agreement here Saturday with five development partners for improving water, wastewater and drainage services in capital Dhaka and the second largest city Chittagong.

The five partners are Asian Development Bank (ADB), Denmark, Japan, South Korea and World Bank. “The initiative to improve water supply and sanitation in the two cities aims at achieving the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target for reducing by half the people without access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation by 2015,” says a statement on objectives of the government-donor deal.

Under the accord, the development partners will support the government’s strategy to improve and expand water, wastewater and drainage services to the people of Dhaka and Chittagong.

The strategy includes improving governance and accountability and increasing the transparency of operations and the efficiency of resource utilization of the service delivery institutions.

At present, the ADB is supporting the government in water-supply improvement in Dhaka while the World Bank plans to assist in sewerage and drainage improvements in Dhaka, including scaling up successful models for water supply and sanitation service provision in low-income communities and slums. The World Bank and the ADB will also assist in improving the performance and management efficiency of the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA) The Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA) is extending credits to the government to construct a new water-treatment plant (Sahibabad II).

The government of Japan is focusing its assistance on water-supply service in the city of Chittagong. The government of South Korea is providing support to prepare a master plan for water supply and wastewater management in Chittagong.

MNA/Xinhua

“NY Times” reports Broadway stagehands to strike

NEW YORK, 11 Nov—Broadway stagehands plan to go on strike on Saturday against theatre owners and producers, which would shut most Broadway shows, The New York Times reported on Friday on its website.

Citing two people who had been briefed on the decision, the Times reported that the stagehands union Local One was told on Friday night by its parent union to strike. The walkout would follow three months of negotiations over work rules and a strike authorization vote on 21 October.

Union representatives could not be reached for comment, and the League of American Theatres and Producers, which represents theatre owners and producers, said on its website late on Friday that it had not received word of any strike date, and remained open to negotiations. It also said ticket holders would receive full refunds or exchanges in the event of a strike. The strike would shut down the majority of Broadway shows, although several major productions including “Mary Poppins” and “Young Frankenstein,” would not be affected as they have separate contracts. At issue is new work rules for stagehands involving how much work on a particular show and for how long, as well as what duties they perform. Local One’s parent union, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, authorized a strike on Thursday. Theatre league members speculated that the strike would only last for a few days, before union members said it could last for weeks, the Times said.

The last strike to hit Broadway was in 2003 when musicians walked out for four days. Before that it had been nearly two decades since one of the city’s main tourist attractions was affected by a labor dispute.

MNA/Reuters

Israeli soldiers shoot two Palestinians in central Gaza

JERUSALEM, 11 Nov—Israeli Army troops shot two Palestinians with apparent intention to plant an explosive device near the security fence late Friday, said an Army spokesman.

The shooting incident took place when the two Palestinians were crawling in central Gaza Strip in the direction of the security fence “with the apparent intention of placing an explosive charge”, said the spokesman. An Israeli unit opened fire and hit the two Palestinians, added the spokesman, without giving details about whether the two were killed or wounded. —MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-Premier underscores innovation in agriculture

BEIJING, 12 Nov—Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu on Saturday called for more scientific and technological innovation efforts to modernize the country’s agriculture and raise the income of farmers. Hui made the remarks in Beijing at the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He urged agricultural scientists and research institutions to cultivate more talented people and train more farmers to promote sciences and technologies to boost agricultural productivity. —MNA/Xinhua

Members of the stagehands union walk the ticket line in front of the Broadway show “Les Miserables,” as they strike for better wages, in New York, on 10 Nov, 2007. Most Broadway shows are shuttered starting with Saturday’s matinee performance. —XINHUA

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ADVERTISEMENTS
Construction starts on China-Mongolia-Russia railroad

SHENYANG, 11 Nov — China on Saturday began construction of a rail road which will run across northeast China and eastern Mongolia and eventually lead to Russia.

The railway, dubbed an “energy line”, would carry coal from north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and neighbouring Mongolia, and the growing the rising number of trade items between the two countries.

The project is planned to undergo three phases of construction. The first phase involves a 487-kilometres section from Xinqu, Fuxin City, of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, to Bayan Uul in northern Inner Mongolia, said Wang Chuncheng, chairman of Liaoning Chuncheng Industry and Trade Group and a major investor of the first phase of the project.

At a cost of nearly 5.9 billion yuan (790 million US dollars), the first-phase construction was expected to be completed in 2010. The Xinqu-Bayan Uul railway, the longest of the three sections, would have an annual handling capacity of 12 million tons within three to five years. This would increase to 25 million tons in five to ten years and 35 million tons in ten to 15 years, said Wang.

The second phase of construction would lead the railway from Bayan Uul northward to Zhungendabuq Port, on the border of Mongolia, about 230 kilometres long.

The third section would stretch northward to Chobalsan City, Mongolia, where it would join the railway to Russia’s Borzya, said Pan.

He said the blueprint for the second and the third phases was yet to be worked out, but the main investors have been confirmed.

When completed, the railway would be connected to the line leading to Jinzhou Port, in Liaoning, providing inland Mongolia a convenient sea access and cutting almost 1,000 kilometres from the present route by way of Inner Mongolia’s Erenhot Port and the northern Tianjin Port.

“The railway, connecting Mongolia’s inland port with China’s sea port, will contribute to fluid transportation of China’s merchandise and agricultural products to Mongolia,” Nhan Dan quoted Ngoc Trieu as saying 1,378 people have suffered acute diarrhoea, 159 of whom tested positive for cholera bacteria. The reports did not say whether anyone had died in an epidemic of acute diarrhoea since 23 in 13 October provinces and cities out of 64 in Vietnam, where the last widespread cholera outbreak was in 2004. Health Ministry officials could not be reached for comment on Saturday.

Lao Dong (Labour) newspaper quoted Nguyen Tran Hien, head of the National Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute, as saying the epidemic “erupted at the same time in many places, progressing rapidly and with symptoms typical of cholera”. Moderate quake hits Indonesia’s Sumatra

JAKARTA, 12 Nov — An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale struck Indonesia’s Sumatra Island on Sunday, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, the meteorology agency said.

The epicentre of the quake lay 129 kilometres southwest of Bengkulu at a depth of 10 kilometres. There was no tsunami warning. The tremors were followed by a 5.7 Richter aftershock.

Bengkulu was hit by a powerful quake of magnitude 8.4 in September that killed at least 25 people and toppled thousands of homes.

It has been jolted by frequent tremors since then. Indonesia suffers frequent earthquakes as it is on an area of intense seismic activity in the “Pacific Ring of Fire”.

Beijing cultural industry expo ends with $3.8b deals

BEIJING, 12 Nov — A four-day international cultural and creative industry expo ended on Sunday in Beijing reaching cooperation or trading deals worth 3.8 billion US dollars, organizers said.

A total of 220 intended cooperation deals or contracts in art shows, publishing, copyright, film and TV programme production, games development, antiques trading and tourism cooperation, were signed at the 2nd China International Cultural and Creative Industry Expo, said Sun Shoushan, vice-chairman of the expo organizing committee.

The expo, held in the China International Exhibition Centre, saw a sharp increase in trading of cultural and creative products and services with on-the-spot trading and auction volume rising by 172 per cent from the previous one, according to Sun, who is also deputy director of the General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP), — MNA/Xinhua

One of the “100 Dollar Laptops” is presented in the Hasso-Plattner Institute on 7 June , 2007 file photo in Potsdam, eastern Germany. Low-cost computers meant to usher poor children worldwide into the digital age are being mass produced in China as US nonprofit One Laptop Per Child strives to deliver on its promise.— Internet

More than 150 cholera cases in Vietnam
Veracruz bounce back to beat Menotti’s Tacos

MEXICO CITY, 12 Nov — Veracruz bounced back from their 8-0 loss against Pumas UNAM to beat Cesar Luis Menotti’s Tacos UAG 3-2 in the Apertura championship.

Aldo de Nigris scored the winner in the 64th minute of Friday’s game for the Red Sharks, his second of the match, after Tacos had twice come from behind in a four-goal fist half.

The result meant that both teams failed to qualify for the knockout stages of the tournament.

Veracruz finished fourth in Group Two with 18 points from 17 games and Tacos finished bottom of Group One with 17. “We finished in a dignified manner,” said Veracruz coach Antonio Mohamed as his team restored some pride after last Sunday’s drubbing in Mexico City.

Menotti, Argentina’s 1978 World Cup winning coach, took over at Tacos four matches into the campaign as he returned to the touchline after a two-year absence. They managed five wins in 12 matches under his leadership. — MNA/Reuters

Soccer fans riot in Italy after one killed by police

ROME, 12 Nov — Enraged soccer fans rioted in parts of Italy on Sunday after a policeman shot dead a fan while trying to break up a scuffle between supporters of rival clubs.

In Rome a group of about 200 people, some wielding rocks and clubs, attacked a police barrac, setting cars on fire and smashing the building’s windows.

Three top league matches had earlier been called off after a policeman killed a 26-year-old man during a clash with police. About 10 officers were injured, fans threw firecrackers, set up street barricades and cars on fire and smashing the building’s windows.

The first league fixture of Alex Ferguson’s 22nd year as manager left United, without injured Wayne Rooney, alone on 30 points from 13 matches to Arse-

The decisive moments were a fantastic header from Ronaldo and a quick goal after it, that killed them really,” Ferguson told Sky Sports television. — MNA/Reuters

Manchester United beat Blackburn 2-0 to go top

LONDON, 12 Nov — Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in two minutes on Sunday to send Manchester United three points clear of Arsenal at the top of the Premier League after a 2-0 win over Blackburn Rovers.

With unbeaten Arsenal playing at Reading on Monday, the champions seized their opportunity at Old Trafford with Ronaldo heading home in the 34th minute and doubling his tally with a right-footed shot in the 36th. Blackburn, managed by former United stalwart Mark Hughes, came close when Christopher Samba hit the bar in the first half but had David Dunn sent off for a second yellow card in the 53rd minute.

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Everton keep Chelsea behind the leaders

LONDON, 12 Nov — Everton denied Chelsea a home win and the chance to close the gap at the top of the Premier League with a late equalizer in a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Tim Cahill scored with a brilliant overhead kick in the 89th minute to leave goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini, standing in for the inju-

Japans saysbury Yoshihke skates in the womens 1,000-meter speedskating World Cup race on 11 Nov, 2007, at the Utah Olympic Oval in Kearns, Utah, during which she set a new Japanese record. — INTERNET

Real beat Mallorca 4-3, Villarreal edge Sevilla

MADRID, 12 Nov — Real Madrid maintained their lead at the top of the Primera Liga with an unconvincing 4-3 home victory over Real Mallorca at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Brazilian forward Robinho was in sparkling form and twice put Real ahead in the first half, only for Fernando Varela’s equalizers to keep Mallorca in the game.

Daniel Guiza put the visitors in front for the first time after the break but further goals from Raul and Ruud van Nistelrooy maintained Real’s 100 per cent home record.

Real were a point clear of second-placed Villarreal who beat 10-man Sevilla 3-2 at the Madrigal in the late game.

Villarreal’s 27 from 11. Manchester City hung on to third place. — MNA/Reuters

Japan’s Sayuri Yoshii skates in the women’s 1,000-meter speedskating World Cup race on 11 Nov, 2007, at the Utah Olympic Oval in Kearns, Utah, during which she set a new Japanese record. — INTERNET

Barcelona stumbled to a 2-0 defeat at Getafe on Saturday and slip down to third, level on 24 points with Valencia, who had prom-

Real Madrid’s Ruud Van Nistelrooy of the Netherlands, left, shoots to score the winning goal against Mallorca during a Spanish league soccer match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 11 Nov, 2007. Real Madrid won the game 4-3. — INTERNET

Bielefeld get 3 late goals to extend Nuremberg misery

BERLIN, 12 Nov — German Cup winners Nuremberg conceded three late goals at Arminia Bielefeld in a 3-1 defeat on Sunday, the fifth straight loss for the club. In Sunday’s other Bundesliga match, Bayer Leverkusen rose one place to fifth with a 2-1 victory at Wolfsburg.

Nuremberg dropped further into the relegation zone, five points from safety, thanks to a desolate second half in Bielefeld. It was their seventh match in a row without a win.

Andreas Wolf put Nuremberg in front in the first two minutes before halftime, tapping into the left corner. Rueder Kauf headed in the equalizer in the 64th before Po-

Leverkusen’s Artur Wichniarek scored the second in the 76th and South Africa’s Sibusiso Zuma added the third in injury time. — MNA/Reuters
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Beraved Brothers and Sisters

Twenty Indonesian sailors rescued after ship sinks off east China

HANGZHOU, 12 Nov — Twenty Indonesian sailors were rescued by a Chinese fishing vessel after their ship sunk off east China, Chinese rescuers said Sunday.

The Panama-registered ship with 20 crewmen sank around 7 a.m. Sunday off the coast of east China’s Zhejiang Province, according to Zhejiang provincial maritime rescue centre.

The centre immediately organized rescue ships and helicopters to the sinking site as instructed by the China Maritime Search and Rescue Centre who received an emergency report from the vessel. All the 20 sailors were rescued by a Zhejiang fishing vessel Sunday morning and were sent to Xiangshan in Ningbo Sunday evening.

The ship was on route from Papua New Guinea to Taizhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province.

Also on Sunday, eleven Chinese fishermen were missing after their boat sank in the East China Sea, said authorities in Zhejiang Province.

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Only the captain of the Chinese boat was saved, said sources with the Zhejiang maritime and fishery bureau. Search for the missing is going on.

WEATHER

Monday, 12 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayar and upper Sagarang Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3ºC) to (4ºC) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Mon States and Magway Division, (3ºC) to (4ºC) below November average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagarang and Magway Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkhong (0.51) inch. The significant night temperature was Haka (5ºC).

Maximum temperature on 11-11-2007 was 95ºF. Minimum temperature on 12-11-2007 was 69ºF. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-11-2007 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 11-11-2007 was (4.4) hours approx.
Rainfall on 11-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST at 11-11-2007.
Bay inference: During the past (12) hrs the depression in the South Bay has intensified further into a tropical storm and has moved westward slowly. According to the observations at 06:30 (hrs) MST today the tropical storm is located at (490) miles west of Kawthong. It is forecast to intensify further and move slowly in a North-Westerly direction. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Taninthayar Division, isolated in Kachin, Rahine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagarang, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will 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: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the Southern Myanmar area.


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### People’s Desire

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

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

- **Due to violence and unrest**
  - Peace-loving people have to live in state of alarm
  - Learning of students disrupted
  - Commodity flow stagnant
  - Vendors have hard times
  - Passenger transport services delayed

- **Due to violence and unrest**
  - Only the notorious neo-colonialists benefited
  - Instigators covertly earning dollars
  - Expatriates and ax-handles living in luxury
  - Followers of colonialists earning handsome dollar rewards

- **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**