

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

Road works on Kengtung-Mongkhun-Mongkhok road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan – Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyto inspected construction of detour with the use of machinery between Mile Post Nos (16/3) and (17/1) and laying of concrete at Mile Post (17/1) on Kengtung-Mongkhun-Mongkhok road on 10 January.



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects road work on Mongkhun-Mongkhok Road. — MNA



At the briefing hall of Asia World Co Ltd near Nakaw village, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on

road works between Mile Post Nos (27/0) and (54/0) on Kengtung-Mongkhun-Mongkhok

road presented by the Superintending Engineer and the project manager of the company and at-

tended to the needs.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with local people at Mongbu vil-

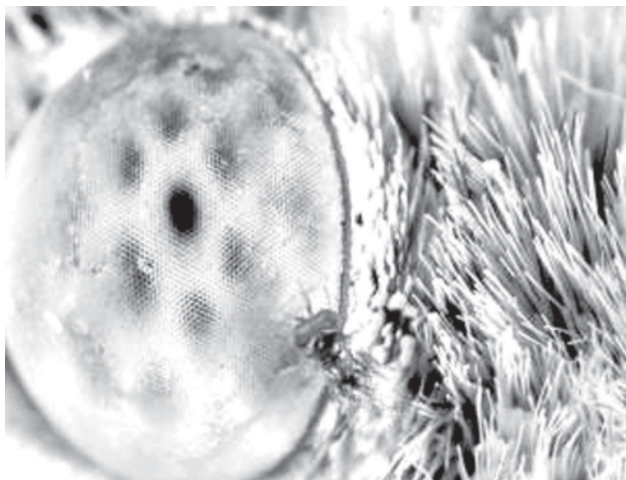
lage in Mongkhok and presented gifts and food to them.

At Shukhintha (2) vil-

lage, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing provided local people with food.

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Tiny Insect Develops Long-term Memory



A hitch-hiking parasitic wasp (*Trichogramma evanescens*) near the eye of an impregnated cabbage butterfly (*Pieris brassicae*).

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 Jan— If a specific butterfly anti-sex scent is coupled with a pleasant experience, then parasitic wasps are able to develop long-term memory and respond to this scent that they do not instinctively recognize. After successfully 'hitch-hiking' with a mated female cabbage white butterfly and parasitizing her eggs, the parasitic wasps are able to remember the route and navigate it again. Researchers from Wageningen University, Netherlands, reported this finding in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.—Internet

Rare black orchid species thriving on Mount Noingun in Putao District

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe

Mount Noingun, a snow-capped one, is located at an altitude of 6,150 feet. On the way scaling the mountains, we did not see any persons as it is an inaccessible region. Sometimes, the weather was unfavourable because the temperature was below freezing point. Whatever it may be, Mount Noingun is one of the most interesting ones in Putao District of Kachin State.

Noingun Hill is located on the way to Mount Khakaborazi, the highest one not only in Myanmar but also in Southeast Asia. Namtee Camp is situated at an altitude of 3,000 feet and Mount Noingun is over 3,000 feet higher than Namtee Camp. The way to the mountain is across the dense forests. Sometimes, wild animals can be seen along the route.

Significantly, black orchid species with *Paphipedium wadi* as scientific name can be found at the mountain. It can be said that Myanmar is one of very few number of countries where the rare black orchid species can be seen.

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A close-up view of black orchid (*Paphipedium wadi*).

PERSPECTIVES

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Overcome any forms of natural and artificial dangers

Today, the whole world is facing natural disasters such as floods, landslides, volcano eruptions, forest fires and strong winds, stemming from climate changes triggered by global warming.

Last May, some areas of Ayeyawady Division were hit hard by a powerful storm, which brought wholesale death and destruction; however the storm-ravaged areas managed to return to normal thanks to the significant resilience, good volition, and harmonious cooperation of the people. So, preparedness measures are to be taken region-wise against natural disasters, learning lessons from the remarkable achievements.

In addition, preventive measures are to be taken against various forms of destructive acts. Now, the government and the people are working hard in collaboration to achieve the national goal of building a modern developed nation. In this regard, the entire people have to remain constantly vigilant against the acts of internal and external anti-government elements who are resorting to all possible means to deal a heavy blow to the stability and peace of the nation.

Myanmar being blessed with fertile soil, high rainfall and temperate climate, the people need to work harder for development of agricultural sector as the base and all-round development of economic sectors because the agricultural sector serves as fundamental factor for food safety and high living and working conditions of the peasantry.

Taking advantage of its favourable natural conditions, Rakhine State has to make increased efforts to boost agricultural production and export quality crops. The state can make substantial contribution toward economic growth of itself as well as the nation by raising sea prawn and carrying out border trade on a wider scale.

Now, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw remain cohesive in the drive for transforming the nation into a new democratic one. The entire people are, therefore, to take measures in concert to surmount the threats to stability, peace and the rule of law and deal with natural disasters.

Associations under Myanmar Fisheries Federation to hold Annual Meeting

YANGON, 13 Jan—Under the aegis of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, Annual Meeting of Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Fishery Products Processors and Exporters Association, Eel Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Crab Association and Myanmar Ornament Fish Entrepreneurs will be held at the Thiriannawa hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township at 1:00 p.m. on 17 January, 2009.

Members of these Associations are invited to attend the meeting without fail.—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

Industry-2 Minister inspects technical training school (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected teaching and training matters in technical training school (Mandalay) yesterday. The minister looked into teaching of Computer Aided Design and Numerical Control course and Mechanical Draughtsman course and cordially greeted trainees.

Afterwards, the minister met with responsible persons of the training school and gave instructions on nurturing trainees to be experts for industries, improving trainees' learning motivation, nurturing the youths to have right vision



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects teaching and learning at Technical Training School (Mandalay). — MNA

for industrial country, carrying out maintenances work for clean of the training school and not to be waste of money used

for teaching aids and carrying out effective use. The minister inspected practical works of electrical fitter and

conventional & CNC Machine Tool Operator trainees at practical teaching wards.

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Volume VI, No. 4 of Sein Le Shwe Pyi News Journal comes out

YANGON, 13 Jan—The Volume VI, No. 4 of Sein Le Shwe Pyi News Journal has been in circulation. The journal carries local and foreign stories together with interesting articles.

Copies are available at Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Road in Kyauktada Township, Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township, Pann Shwe Pyi

Book Shop of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Bookstall of News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township. Those wishing to send manuscripts may contact

No. 8 on the second floor of Garden Tower at the corner of Dhammazadi and Bagaya Roads, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Yangon (Ph: 538302).

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Press meet on Alpine Music Tour held

YANGON, 13 Jan — Entertainment and Music Entertainment held a press meet on Alpine Music Tour 2009 at Traders Hotel yesterday, attended by responsible persons of the company and Iron Cross Music Entertainment, members of Iron Cross Band, vocalists Lay Phyu, Ange, Myo Gyi and Wine Wyne, media men and artists.

Firstly, Chairman of Loi Hein Co Ltd Dr Sai Hsam Tun extended greetings.

Next, Dr Ko Ko Lwin of Iron Cross Music

Entertainment and Vocalist Lay Phyu and members of Iron Cross Band explained entertainment programme.

The concerts of Alpine Music Tour 2009 will be held in Yangon, Mandalay, Meiktila, Taunggyi, Patheingyi, Hpa-an, Lashio,

Muse, Myitkyina, Hpakant, Magway, Mawlamyine, Mogoke, Myingyan and Dawei.

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Chairman of Loi Hein Co Ltd Dr Sai Hsam Tun extends greetings at press meet on Alpine Music Tour 2009. — MNA



Blood stains the ground as Iraqis gather to inspect a damaged building following the explosion of an improvised explosive device (IED) on Kharmana square in Baghdad, on 12 Jan, 2009. President Bush admitted Monday it had been a mistake to hang a banner saying "mission accomplished" on a US battleship where he declared major combat operations in Iraq over in 2003.—INTERNET

Obama team to review Afghanistan conflict

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—US President-elect Barack Obama intends to sign off on Pentagon plans to send up to 30,000 more US troops to Afghanistan to help buy time for the new administration to reappraise the war effort, The Washington Post reported on Tuesday.

The incoming administration does not anticipate that the new deployment would significantly change the direction of the conflict, the newspaper said. Obama campaigned on a promised to "finish

the job" in Afghanistan and said he would increase the US military presence there. However, since the November election, he has been flooded with dire assessments of the war, the Post said. "We have no strategic plan. We never had one," the newspaper quoted a senior US military commander as saying about the Bush years.

Obama's first order of business will be to "explain to the American people what the mission is" in Afghanistan, the official told the newspaper.

Senior Obama team members and Bush administration officials interviewed for the article spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the presidential transition, the Post said. A retired senior officer with long Afghan experience and ties to the Obama team was quoted as saying that they were going to have to agree on a set of options and a decision on a single strategy. "It's going to require a much more complex assessment by Obama," the source said.—*Internet*

Militants attack NATO truck depot in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 13 Jan—Taleban militants launched a rocket attack on a NATO supply depot in northwest Pakistan early Tuesday, torching one truck and damaging three others, police said.

The attack on the outskirts of the city of Peshawar was the first since Pakistan launched a massive military operation late last month in the rugged Khyber tribal region bordering Afghanistan to clear militants from the area.

That offensive was mounted after a series of spectacular attacks on depots in and around Peshawar in which hundreds of vehicles used to ferry supplies to NATO and US forces in Afghanistan were torched.

"The militants fired six rockets on a NATO terminal during the night. One truck was hit and it caught fire, while three other vehicles suffered minor damage," senior police officer Fida Mohammad told *AFP*.

Police and paramilitary soldiers tracked down the attackers and a brief gun battle ensued, he said. After about 30 minutes, the militants fled.

There were no reports of any casualties, the officer said. Authorities were forced to close the highway linking Peshawar to the Afghan border town of Torkham for several days at the height of the army offensive in the Khyber area. It was reopened during daylight hours on 5 January.—*Internet*

The scene of bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 Jan, 2009. A bomb hidden under a car exploded in central Baghdad.

INTERNET



US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,226

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—As of Monday, 12 Jan, 2009, at least 4,226 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,403 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The British military has reported 178 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—*Internet*

Biden meets with Iraqi leaders; bombings kill 10

BAGHDAD, 13 Jan—Vice President-elect Joe Biden conferred Monday with Iraqi leaders after a trip to Afghanistan, capping a tour of US battlefronts on a day when police reported bombings killed 10 people in Baghdad. The four attacks were a reminder that major violence may still return, complicating the incom-

ing administration's plans to draw down troops in Iraq and focus more attention on Afghanistan.

Biden, a frequent visitor to Iraq as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, met with President Jalal Talabani, Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi and deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh after arriving in Baghdad.

US officials issued no public statement.

But Abdul-Mahdi said they discussed implementation of a security agreement that took effect on 1 Jan. The accord sets a three-year timeframe for the full withdrawal of American forces. The Iraqis also stressed the importance of enhancing US-Iraqi cooperation in fields other than security, the Shiite vice president said in a statement.—*Internet*



A child is treated for wounds at a hospital in central Baghdad, Iraq after being caught up in a bombing, on 12 Jan, 2009. A series of bombs targeting Iraqi security forces ripped through busy areas in Baghdad on Monday, killing at least nine people, police said.—INTERNET

India, Afghanistan call for obligations to prevent terrorism

NEW DELHI, 13 Jan—India and Afghanistan called for preventing terrorism in any manner and expressed satisfaction with the progress in bilateral development, the local newspaper *Hindu* reported on Tuesday.

In a joint statement issued after a meeting between Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and visiting Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Monday, the two leaders pointed out that it was necessary for countries to look after their territories since "terrorism emanates from the sanctuaries and training camps and the sustenance and support received by the terrorist groups."

They called for the "full compliance with bilateral, multilateral and international obligations of States to prevent terrorism in any manner originating from territories under their control."—*Internet*



South Korean protesters stage a rally demanding the withdrawal of all the US soldiers from the Korean peninsula, near the US embassy in Seoul, South Korea, on 13 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET

Obama unlikely to close Guantanamo quickly

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—President-elect Barack Obama is unlikely to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center in the first 100 days of his presidency, US media said on Monday.

Analyzing Obama's interview with ABC's "This Week" on 11 January, the *Los Angeles Times* said he acknowledged that not everything he promised to do during the campaign would be able to happen quickly, including the shutdown of

Guantanamo.

Newsweek said in one story that the president-elect had promised to reverse some Bush administration policies on the war on terror, including Guantanamo, but "it may not be simple."

In a separate story, Newsweek presented the case of Cole (a US warship) bombing architect Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, a Guantanamo detainee, as one of the "tricky dilemmas facing the new Obama administration."

The United States opened Guantanamo prison in January 2002, to hold terror suspects and Taliban members mainly captured during the US-led war in Afghanistan.

To date, about 250 prisoners are still being held there. The international community and human rights groups have been constantly calling for its closure. Obama promised to close the prison during his presidential campaign in 2007 and 2008.—*Internet*

42 missing after boat capsizes

BISSAU, 13 Jan—A boat carrying passengers on a Guinea-Bissau river capsized in strong winds, leaving more than 40 people missing, the West African country's transport minister said on Monday.

The wooden vessel was carrying 46 people when it overturned late Sunday on the Geba River near the town of Biombo, just west of the capital of Bissau, Jose Antonio Almaeda said. Fishermen rescued three passengers and recovered the body of another, Almaeda said. He said 42 people were missing. Small wooden boats are a common means of transport in the Guinea-Bissau region, but are often overloaded with passengers and goods. However, Almaeda said the craft that capsized was not overloaded and could carry up to 60 passengers.

Internet



Palestinian men inspect the debris in a building following Israeli strikes in Gaza City.—INTERNET

Israel kills soldier captured by militants during airstrike

GAZA, 13 Jan—Islamic Hamas movement's armed wing, al-Qassam Brigades, revealed on Monday that an Israeli warplane struck on a group of its militants who were kidnapping an Israeli soldier in northern Gaza Strip.

The group said in a statement sent to reporters by e-mail that four of al-Qassam militants succeeded to capture an Israeli soldier during a gun battle in northern Gaza Strip on Monday.

It added that "as the group was about to leave the area and take the kidnapped Israeli soldier, an Israeli warplane fired a rocket at the group and killed the soldier and the fighters."—*Internet*

US helicopter crash kills one, injures four

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—A helicopter crash on Monday on the Texas A&M University campus killed one person and injured four others aboard, authorities said.

The aircraft went down in an open field next to a dining hall soon after takeoff from a nearby location at the College Station, Texas, campus, said university spokesman Tom Hughes.

All of the injured have been hospitalized and their conditions were not immediately known.

Students are on winter break, with classes set to resume 20 Jan. The helicopter was participating in a military exercise on campus and none of the five on board was a student. The cause of the crash is under investigation.—*Internet*

Britain's finance sector to cut 15,000 jobs

LONDON, 13 Jan—Britain's pillar finance sector is to face 15,000 job losses in two months time as sharp fall in income and profit start to bite, a new survey said on Monday.

In a clear sign that tightened credit markets are hitting the wider economy. The amount of business conducted with manufacturers, retailers

and other commercial firms also shrank at a record rate, while job losses mounted and investment plans were cut.

Some 10,000 jobs have gone since October, including thousands after the collapse of Lehman Brothers, and many banks, insurance companies and funds will step up redundancies in the fu-

ture.

Results from the survey conducted among 87 companies by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) indicate that almost two thirds suffered a fall in business in the three months to December.

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21 Filipino crewmen freed by Somali pirates

MANILA, 13 Jan—Somali pirates have freed a Japanese-operated bulk carrier with 21 Filipino crewmen they seized in October, a Philippine official said on Tuesday, the third ship to be released in a week.

Philippine Foreign Affairs spokesman Bayani Mangibin confirmed that the African Sanderling and its all-Filipino crew

were released on Sunday.

He gave no other details, and it was not clear if a ransom was paid, as is usually the case.

The Panamanian-flagged and South Korean-owned ship was seized while en route to Asia from the Middle East.

The latest release brought to 33 the number of Filipino sailors still

held by pirates, according to government data. The Philippines supplies about a third of the world's sailors.

Pirates last year attacked 111 ships and seized 42 off the Horn of Africa. An international flotilla including US warships has stopped many attacks, but the area is too vast to keep all ships safe.

Internet



Emergency personnel work on the scene after Army Blackhawk helicopter crashed on the campus of Texas A&M University during on a field training exercise on Monday afternoon, on 12 Jan, 2009 in College Station, Texas. Five were injured in the crash, including four crew and a lieutenant.—INTERNET

Vietnam to take measures to help 61 poorest districts

HANOI, 13 Jan—The Vietnamese government has taken measures to assist the country's 61 poorest districts in achieving rapid and steady growth, with an aim of slashing poverty rates in these districts to below 40 percent by 2010, the local newspaper People reported on Tuesday.

In 2006, more than 50 percent of those living in the 61 poorest districts, 90 percent of them being ethnic minorities, earned an average income of 150

US dollars per capita per year, said the newspaper.

Under the measures, poor households provided with forests or land for afforestation will receive 300 US dollars per ha to cultivate food crops in the forest areas. The government will cover 50 percent of the interest on loans from the state commercial banks for afforestation, agricultural development and the processing, storage and consumption of farming products in these districts,

said the newspaper.

The government will also provide about 5,900 US dollars for each of the poorest districts annually to promote trade and local specialties. Market information will also be supplied to local farmers.

The country's poverty rate measured as the percentage of people who live below one US dollar a day has declined from about 58 percent in 1993 to more than 12 percent in 2008.—Xinhua



Chinese missile destroyer Wuhan (R) escorts a cargo ship in the waters of the Gulf of Aden, on 12 Jan, 2009. The Chinese fleet started to carry out the second escort mission against pirates in the Gulf of Aden on Monday.

XINHUA



People shovel snow on a street in Jeongeup, about 280 km (174 miles) south of Seoul, after heavy snowfall, on 12 Jan, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China to boost cooperation with Arabs

CAIRO, 13 Jan—Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Monday met with Omani Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah in Oman's capital city of Muscat, where Yang is en route to an African tour.

During a brief stay in the Gulf country, the Chinese minister told the Omani official that China is willing to boost Sino-Arab cooperation in various fields and work with Arab countries in solving the ongoing Palestinian-Israeli conflicts.

The two top diplomats agreed to maintain high-level visits and diversified communications between the two countries. China and Oman would tap the potential of economic cooperation, expand bilateral investment and trade and strengthen cooperation in energy, infrastructure, agriculture, culture, education, health and other promising areas.

They are also willing to witness further cooperation between China and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and United Arab Emirates.—Xinhua

Foreign tourist shop in an antique market in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 11 Jan, 2009. Argentina welcomes the golden time for tourism in January.—XINHUA

China builds trains with own technology

BEIJING, 13 Jan—China builds high-speed trains with its own technology while carrying out fruitful cooperation with foreign countries in the field, said a Chinese official on Sunday.

The Ministry of Railways spokesman Wang Yongping said, "China has been innovative and formed its own train brand after technological cooperation with overseas

manufacturers."

"Foreign companies gained commercial benefits from the cooperation and we gained our own technologies. The property rights belong to Chinese companies," Wang said.

"China has been cooperating with companies from Germany, France, Japan and Canada, and learned the technologies of manufacturing high-speed trains with an average

speed of 300 km per hour. Then we managed to manufacture new-generation trains, which boast an average speed of 350 km per hour," he said.

He also said China's railway market is open to the outside.

"Technological cooperation with many foreign companies has been going on well. We expect further cooperation," he added.

Xinhua

Four die in Russian helicopter crash

MOSCOW, 13 Jan—A Russian helicopter crashed in western Siberia on Monday and four people aboard were killed, *Itar-Tass* news agency reported, citing local emergencies ministry.

"The helicopter that disappeared today has been found near the river Yuganskaya Ob, five km from a highway and not far from the oil site Ognenka," said a spokesman of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Areas.

Four people were aboard the helicopter, including two crewmembers and two passengers and their bodies have been found at the scene of the accident.

The people aboard the helicopter had used a mobile phone to call their relatives, which helped the rescue team to determine their location, *Itar-Tass* said.

The latest helicopter accident in Russia was reported on Sunday, when a *Mi-8* carrier were found crashed in southern Siberia, killing eight people aboard and injured another four.—Xinhua



Russia to resume gas supplies to Europe

BRUSSELS, 13 Jan—Russia will restore gas supply to Europe on Tuesday after an interruption of nearly a week, the European Union (EU) said on Monday.

Russia had promised to start pumping natural gas again to the 27-nation bloc via Ukraine after a deal on a monitoring mission was finally agreed upon, said Czech Industry and Trade Minister Martin Riman, whose country holds the EU's rotating presidency.

"After signing the agreement, the Russian side promised us that it will reopen the taps, if there are no obstacles, on Tuesday at 08:00 Central European Time (0700 GMT)," Riman said.

Xinhua

Israeli leader warns Hamas of 'iron fist'

GAZA CITY, 13 Jan—Israeli troops advanced into Gaza suburbs for the first time early on Tuesday, residents said, hours after Prime Minister Ehud Olmert warned Islamic militants of an “iron fist” unless they agree to Israel’s terms to end the fighting. Hamas showed no signs of wavering, however, with its leader, Ismail Haniyeh, saying the militants were “closer to victory.”

Despite the tough words, Egypt said it was making slow but sure progress in brokering a truce, and special Mideast envoy Tony Blair said elements were in place for a cease-fire.

Sounds of the battle could be heard clearly before dawn on Tuesday around the city of 400,000 as the Israeli forces, backed by artillery and attack helicopters, moved into neighbourhoods east and south of Gaza City. Israeli gunboats shelled the coast from the west.—*Internet*



Fish caught by fishing net scatter on the ground on the Ulunggur Lake in Fuhai County, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 8 Jan, 2009. The traditional winter halieutics here bring considerable incomes to local fishermen, and boosts the tourism around the Ulunggur Lake as well. —XINHUA

US electric car startup aims big with China outsourcing

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan—An electric car startup in Los Angeles is close to bringing the market something that the world’s largest auto makers had failed to turn out: affordable all-electric, full-sized vehicles for ordinary consumers.

Miles Automotive Group, with only about two dozen employees but big ambitions, will have

25 prototypes of its Highway Speed Sedan tested in the United States, Europe and China this month. It plans to sell 9,000 such cars almost exclusively in California, mostly in the Los Angeles area, next year.

And through outsourcing its assembly work to China, the small company claims to have a

big advantage over established automotive companies like Nissan Motor and other potential startup competitors in the field.

Miles might be the first carmaker to outsource its assembly work to China, a model that its Chief Executive Kevin Czingler said is no different from what Apple Inc does with the iPod.—*Internet*

Blair stresses full support for Egyptian ceasefire initiative

CAIRO, 13 Jan—Quartet’s envoy to the Middle East Tony Blair stressed here Monday his full support for an Egyptian ceasefire initiative on Gaza, said Egypt’s official MENA news agency.

After meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Blair said he fully supports the Egyptian initiative as a mechanism for halting violence in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and bringing the peace process back on track.

Mubarak presented on 6 Jan a three-point proposal calling for an immediate ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid to reach Gaza and give Egypt time to continue its efforts to help reach a lasting truce between the conflicting sides.

Talking about the possible ceasefire, Blair, who was also the former British prime minister, said he hopes this would take place in the coming days.—*Internet*

Australia’s refugees face ‘miserable conditions’

SYDNEY, 13 Jan—Refugees in Australia continue to be held in miserable conditions for prolonged periods despite a pledge to introduce a more humane policy, according to the government’s human rights watchdog. Most detention centres felt like prisons, with razor wire, surveillance and cramped conditions creating an atmosphere of oppression, the Human Rights Commission said in its annual report.

At Sydney’s ageing Villawood facility, inmates slept dormitory-style in bunk beds, with little privacy and few open areas for exercise.

“It is shameful, not only that it remains standing, but that people are still being detained there in its utterly miserable conditions,” said Commissioner Graeme Innes.—*Internet*



With the Bavarian mountains as a backdrop, horse breeders run their working horses in a rural sleigh racing competition at Elbach, southern Germany.

NYC man wins his second couch potato title

He’s the king of couch potatoes. A Manhattan man has won his second couch potato contest. Stan Friedman, 47, a research librarian, needed 18 hours, 48 minutes and 17 seconds of sports-watching time to outlast the competition at the second annual ESPN Zone Ultimate Couch Potato Competition.

The participants, sitting in recliners in front of dozens of televisions, weren’t allowed to go to sleep or leave their recliners except for restroom breaks once every eight hours. Friedman, like any good athlete, improved on his time. Last year, he needed 29 hours to win.

Premium tuna fetches \$100,000 in Tokyo auction

Two sushi bar owners paid more than \$100,000 for a Japanese bluefin tuna at a Tokyo fish auction on Monday, several times the average price and the highest in nearly a decade, market officials said.

The 282-pound (128-kilogram) premium tuna caught off the northern coast of Oma fetched 9.63 million yen (\$104,700), the highest since 2001, when another Japanese bluefin tuna brought an all-time record of 20 million yen, market official Takashi Yoshida said.

Yoshida said the extravagant purchase — about \$370 per pound (\$817 per kilogram) — went to a Hong Kong sushi bar owner and his Japanese competitor who reached a peaceful settlement to share the big fish. The Hong Kong buyer also paid the highest price at last year’s new year event at Tokyo’s Tsukiji market, the world’s largest fish seller, which holds near-daily auctions.

A slightly bigger imported bluefin caught off the eastern United States sold for 1.42 million yen (\$15,400) in Monday’s auction.

“It was the best tuna of the day, but the price shot up because of the shortage of domestic bluefin,” Yoshida said, citing rough weather at the end of December.

Buyers vied for only three Oma bluefin tuna on Monday, compared to 41 last year.



A Japanese bluefin tuna that fetched nearly 10 million yen at the year-opening auction is shown at Tokyo’s Tsukiji market, on 5 Jan, 2009. The premium tuna caught off the northern coast of Oma and weighing 282.48 pounds (128.4 kilograms) was auctioned for 9.63 million yen (\$104,700), the highest since 2001, when another Japanese bluefin tuna fetched an all-time record of 20 million yen, market official Takashi Yoshida said.

Man accused of ramming wheelchair into officer

A 45-year-old paraplegic rammed his wheelchair into an officer, threw urine from his catheter bag at a patrol car and spat at the officer, police said on Sunday. Ralph Evegán was arrested on charges of assaulting a police officer, obstructing official business, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Evegán’s lawyer said the case is a misunderstanding, and that his client was just trying to break his fall after the officer threw him to the ground.

Police said they originally had gone to Evegán’s apartment to arrest him on an old disorderly conduct charge.

Hamilton County Municipal Judge Ted Berry ordered Evegán tested for diseases that can be transmitted by bodily fluid.

Woman slips out of cuffs and allegedly kicks cops

A Goffstown, NH, woman slipped out of a pair of handcuffs and kicked two officers after being arrested on a drunken driving charge. The 47-year-old woman was charged after rear-ending another car around 4:30 pm. Police said that while the woman was in custody, she somehow freed herself from the handcuffs and tried to flee. When police went to restrain her, the woman allegedly kicked the two officers. Neither officer was hurt.

NEWS ALBUM

Specialists provide free medical treatment in Sangyoung Township



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe views free medical service at Health Department in Sangyoung Township.
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YANGON, 13 Jan — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe visited the free medical services provided by specialists at Bargaya Road in Sangyoung Township today.

During his visit, the deputy minister met with departmental officials and members of social organizations.

At the meeting, he fulfilled the requirements

and urged officials concerned to participate in implementing tasks for public health and to disseminate health knowledge to people.

The deputy minister distributed medicines to aged people and viewed free medical treatment being provided by specialists.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe also visited the field medical

services at the Health Department in Sangyoung Township, and attended educative talks on health at Moklatsaunggon Ward in the township.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected measures against dengue fever in Moemakha Street and Pyithu Kwatthit-1 Street in the township

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Applied Accounting and Management Course (Level-1) and Koeki Japanese Language Course (Batch-3) conclude

YANGON, 13 Jan—A ceremony to conclude Applied Accounting and Management Course (Level-1) and Koeki Japanese Language Course (Batch-3), conducted by Education Work Committee under the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), was held at

No. 29, Mingalar Hall of UMFCCI office tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Lanmadaw Township here on 9 January.

Vice-president U Aung Lwin of UMFCCI and Japanese course instructor Mr Koji Ishimaru made speeches on the occasion.

General Secretary Chairman of Education

Work Committee U Sein Win Hlaing made clarification on course matters. Afterwards, vice-president U Zaw Min Win of UMFCCI and CEC members, executives and committee members presented certificates to trainees. The ceremony was concluded by speaking words of thanks by a trainee.—NLM

A responsible person presents a certificate to a trainee.

NLM



Scale models of Peugeot cars are put on sale inside the French carmaker's exhibition shop on the Champs Elysee in Paris on 13 January, 2009.—INTERNET

Oil falls to near \$37 on gloomy demand outlook

SINGAPORE, 13 Jan— Oil prices fell to near \$37 a barrel, on Tuesday in Asia on expectations crude demand will weaken amid a severe global economic slowdown.

Light, sweet crude for February delivery was down 45 cents at \$37.14 a barrel by midday in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude prices have fallen more than 25 percent since reaching just above \$50 a barrel last week as traders returned

from the holiday break to find evidence of falling manufacturing and consumer spending across the globe. The February contract fell 8 percent on Monday, or \$3.24, to settle at \$37.59 after Alcoa Inc., the world's third-largest aluminum company, reported a quarterly loss of \$1.19 billion.

Alcoa, the first component of the Dow Jones industrial average to post results, said last week it plans to lay off about 13 percent of its global work force by the

end of 2009 amid sinking prices and demand for the metal.

The Dow fell 1.5 percent Monday and has dropped 3.5 percent this year. "The negative sentiment we're seeing reflects the broad international macroeconomic outlook, which is considerably weaker, and what that means for energy consumption," said David Moore, commodity strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney.

Internet

"Slumdog Millionaire" wins top prize at Golden Globes

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan— British director Danny Boyle's "Slumdog Millionaire" on Sunday won the top prize at the 66th annual Golden Globe Awards.

"Slumdog Millionaire," a love story about a young man from the troubled slums of Mumbai who finds success on a television game show in India, was named the best

drama motion picture over fellow nominees "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon", "The Reader" and "Revolutionary Road". The film, which was the top award-winner of the night, also won best director for Danny Boyle, best screenplay for Simon Beaufoy and original score for A.R. Rahman.

Earning one of the largest ovations of the ceremony at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Mickey Rourke, won best actor for his role in "The Wrestler".

Meanwhile, British actress Kate Winslet won two Golden Globes, one for best dramatic actress in "Revolutionary Road", and the other for best supporting actress in "The Reader".—MNA/Xinhua



People stand in front of a building destroyed by a blast in Russia's southern city of Nazran, on 13 January, 2009. The explosion in the region of Ingushetia in southern Russia destroyed a government office on Tuesday and buried people underneath rubble. The cause of the blast was unclear, but Itar-TASS news agency quoted the speaker of Ingushetia's parliament as saying that a gas leak may have caused the blast.—INTERNET



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presents gifts to residents in Mongbu Village in Wuntaung Village-tract in Mongkhok. (News on page 1)

MNA

Myanmar National Technical Meeting on Ageing opens

YANGON, 13 Jan – Organized by Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the opening of Myanmar National Technical Meeting on Ageing was held at Inya Lake Hotel this morning.

It was attended by Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, departmental heads, the Ambassador of the

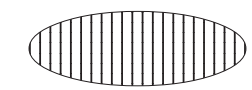
Republic of Korea, the resident representatives of UN agencies and officials of Help Age Korea, Help Age International.

Firstly, SWRR Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Chairman of Help Age Korea Mr. Cho Hyun Se delivered addresses on the occasion.

Next, the minister posed for a documentary photo together with those

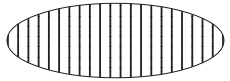
present.

Afterwards, Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department, Dr Myint Han of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Cho Hyun Se of Help Age Korea, Mr Godfred PouC of Help Age International and Dr Stenly Sajaw of UNFPA presented papers on elder care and they answered the queries raised by those present. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivers opening address at Myanmar National Technical Meeting on Ageing.

MNA



Fire breaks out in Maha Aungmye Township

YANGON, 13 Jan — A fire broke out at two-storied house at the corner of (89th x 90th) street and 41st street, Thanhlethmaw east ward, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division at 11.20 p.m. on 12 January.

The cause of fire was due to the negligence. The fire had been put out at 11.50 p.m. Four houses were gutted and four household—11 men and 13 women — were homeless.

MNA

University of Medicine (Mandalay) holds respect-paying ceremony

YANGON, 13 Jan — The first respect-paying ceremony of old medical students who had studied medical science at University of Medicine (Mandalay) from 1983 to 1993 was held in conjunction with get-together at Sedona Hotel (Mandalay) on 27 December, 2008 (Saturday).

Firstly, Master of Ceremonies Dr Thet Thet Khine announced the opening of the ceremony.

Next, old students presented gifts to old teachers. On behalf of the old teachers, U Ngwe San,

Professor Dr U Bo Ni, Professor Dr U Chit Maung and Professor Dr U Win Naing spoke words of advice. On behalf of old

students, Dr Thwin Thwin Kyaw spoke words of thanks and the ceremony came to an end.

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A ceremony to pay respects to faculty members of University of Medicine (Mandalay) in progress. — NLM

192 drug-related cases exposed in December

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan — The Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 192 drug-related cases in December.

They seized 51.3238 kilos of opium in 42 cases, 2.3274 kilos of

herosin in 57 cases, 0.1958 kilo of opium oil in seven cases, 1.2749 kilos of low-grade opium in 10 cases, 2.797 kilos of marijuana in 15 cases, 120579 stimulant tablets in 47 cases, 10.086 kilos of opium speciosa in 10 cases, 253 kilos of

ephedrine, 5.6304 kilos of Ice in one case, two bottle of morphine, two cases in failure to register and one other case.

Action was taken against 277–210 men and 67 women — in 192 drug-related cases in December, 2008. — MNA

Volume VII No. 17 of Shwe Naing-ngan News Journal in circulation

YANGON, 13 Jan — The Volume VII, No. 17 of Shwe Naing-ngan News Journal has been in circulation. The journal carries interesting local and foreign stories.

Copies are available at Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Road in Kyauktada Township, Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung

Township, Pann Shwe Pyi Book Shop of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Bookstall of News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township. Those wishing to send

manuscripts may contact No. 8 on the second floor of Garden Tower at the corner of Dhammazadi and Bagaya Roads, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Yangon (Ph: 538302).

MNA

Donate Blood

OPV to be given to 790,730 under-fives in Sagaing Division



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe gives polio vaccine to a child.—MNA

NAYPYITAW, 13 Jan—The new two-storey Shwe Yadana building of the affiliated basic education high school of Khinmon Village in ChaungU Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, was opened and handed over at the school on 10 January.

The building was constructed with the contribution of U Ya Chi and Daw Thein Kyi (jewellery shop).

Chairman of ChaungU Township Peace and Development Council U Nyunt Maung, U Ya Chi and Township Education Officer U Aye Myint formally opened the facility. Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan unveiled the signboard of the building and delivered speeches.

A member of the family of U Ya Chi explained the purpose of the donation, and handed over the documents to Division Education Officer U Than Tun.

The building is 120 feet long, 30 feet wide and 24 feet high and is constituted with four classrooms and one assembly hall. The overall cost of the building

including furniture is 77 million kyats.

The commander and the minister attended the opening of National Immunization Days for 2009 at the city hall of Monywa.

The commander made an address. The commander, the minister and the secretary of the division PDC and

departmental heads gave oral polio vaccines to children.

Oral polio vaccines were given to 790,730 under-fives of 6148 wards and villages of 37 townships in Sagaing Division at 5899 gathering points for the first time from 10 to 12 January the second ceremony will take place from 7 to 9 February.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attend a ceremony to open two-storey school building in Khinmon Village in ChaungU Township. —MNA



TCG delegation arrives back from Thailand

YANGON, 13 Jan — Chairman of Tripartite Core Group (TCG) Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here yesterday after visiting Thailand from 6 to 12

was accompanied by members of TCG from ASEAN, Mr Bansarn Bunnag, Ambassador of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar, and members from United Nations, Dr Bishow Parajuli, United

Humanitarian Affairs in Myanmar.

On 9th January, the chairman and members of TCG met with Director-General Mr Anucha Mookhavesa of the Ministry of Interior,

Thailand. They held a meeting with officials of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and discussed experiences of Thailand during the Tsunami. During the meeting, Chairman of TCG Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu explained the experiences gathered during the Nargis Cyclone which hit Myanmar on 2 and 3 May, 2008, situation concerning Government's Programme for Reconstruction of Cyclone Nargis affected areas and implementation plans for preparedness and protection against future National Disaster; and efforts undertaken by the TCG. Representative from ASEAN and United Nations also explained their efforts.

The chairman and members of TCG visited the Office of Asian Disaster Preparedness

Center (ADPC) in Bangkok and Asian Institute of Technology, Regional Multi-Hazard Early Warning Center at Prathumthani Province on 8 January.

The TCG delegation went to Phuket on 9 January and met with Deputy Governor and authorities concerned of Phuket to share their experiences regarding natural disasters and explained the situation concerning reconstruction efforts.

The delegation also made a field visit to Tsunami-affected areas in Phuket.

During the visit to Phangnga Province on 10 January, the delegation met with the authorities concerned, and also visited Tsunami-affected areas.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu met with Mr Kasit Piromya, Minister

for Foreign Affairs, at Plaza Athenee Hotel in Bangkok. The delegation also attended a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Communication and Technology, National Disaster Warning Center (NDWC) from Nonthaburi Province.

In the afternoon, Mr Virasakdi Futrakul, Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, hosted lunch for Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and the TCG delegation at Intercontinental Hotel. In the afternoon, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu met with Minister for Foreign Affairs for National Resources and Environmental Dr Suwit Khunkitti, of the newly formed Government of Thailand at the Minister's Office and exchanged views.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu visits National Disaster Warning Centre (NDWC) in Nonthaburi Province. — MNA

January under the programme to exchange views among the natural disaster-hit countries.

The chairman of TCG

Nations Resident Coordinator and Mr Thierry Delbreuve, Head of United Nations Office for the Coordination of

Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and shared experiences during natural disaster in

Peace and tranquility, development and emergence...

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He said universities and colleges were opened or upgraded in states and divisions. Now there are a university or a degree college, a technological university and a university of computer studies in all 24 special development regions.

He spoke on use of research on the related fields. computer training centre, multimedia lecture room, computer resource centre, learning centre and language lab. In the higher education sector, syllabuses, combined subjects, teaching and conducting master's and doctorate courses are upgraded.

He said efforts are to be made not only for improvement of teaching methods but also for enhancing the quality on research work.

He said at a time when technical developments affect other development sectors, teachers in the education sector are responsible for prosperity of the nation and its people.

He said peace and tranquility, development and emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation are inseparable.

Every citizen who really wants democracy is responsible for cooperation in making the nation peaceful, stable and developed.

In retrospect, regarding the value of stability and peace, the colonialists eventually had no choice but to grant independence to the nation due to the might of consolidated unity of national brethren. So, they plot-

ted clandestine schemes to undermine independence, internal peace and national unity.

To make things worse, the State constitution had so many loopholes and defects as it had to be formulated in haste to regain independence as soon as possible, so the Union was again on the edge of collapse. In consequence of internal instability, successive governments were not in a position to carry out nation-building tasks in an effective way.

Now, the new State constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that can guarantee a prosperous future of the nation has been approved by the great majority of the people due to the harmonious cooperation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw according to the lessons from such historic events. The nation will see to the remaining steps of the State's seven-step Road Map.

Faculty members play a key role in communicating moral conduct and discipline to and improving the education standard of younger generations. The trainees are to make constant self-study to be able to accomplish those duties, and learn the lessons thoroughly throughout the course for their professional growth.

In conclusion, the minister called on the trainees to improve their competency by holding discussions about teaching and research experiences in the training term; strive constantly for individual progress for building a new nation, understanding the lofty duty of promoting

the national education standard; and continue to study in a systematic way equipping themselves with Union Spirit for accomplishing the national duties in the education sector.

After the ceremony, the ministers cordially greeted the trainees.

Present were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, the deputy ministers, the deputy chief justice of Upper Myanmar, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, heads of departments, local authorities, Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung Hsan Win, the pro-rectors, heads of departments and trainee faculty members.

Altogether 460 faculty members from universities and colleges of the upper Myanmar are attending the four-week course.—MNA

Mayor inspects upgrading of road

YANGON, 13 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looked into upgrading of East Race Course Road being carried out by Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) in Tamway Township here this morning.

The resurfacing work of 4100-foot long and 72-foot wide road is nearing completion.

MNA

Hlaingchaung Dam provides irrigation water and clean water

Article, photos: *Khin Maung Than (Industry)*

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For an interview programme, I had to visit Construction (4) of the Irrigation Department, which constructed Hlaingchaung Dam and is located in the site, seven miles and four furlongs from mile post No. 40/5 of Pale-Gangaw Road in Monywa.

The construction of the dam was completed in December 2006 and put into commission on 30 December 2006. Construction tasks for the irrigation system began on 5 December 2006, and now they have been completed close to cent per cent.

Hlaingchaung Dam is of an earthen type, and is situated near Nwe-in Village, Pale Township, Sagaing Division, with a 73 feet high and 4500 feet long main dam and 750 feet long dyke. It has a catchment area of 15 square miles and annual inflow water of 5700 acre feet. Its maximum water storage capacity is 5370

acre feet, stagnant water storage capacity, 1194 acre feet, and water spread area, 340 acres.

Each of its two-foot-diameter reinforced concrete outlet conduits is 180 feet long. Its water outflow capacity is 180 cubic feet per 30 second. Its spillway is of broad crested type and is 60 feet wide and 490 feet long. Its

water outflow capacity is 3737 cubic feet per second. The main canal is five miles long and its tributary canals, 10 miles in total. It has 75 canal structures. The dam irrigates 1000 acres of arable lands.

The region has an average annual rainfall of 37.85 inches. Previously, it had to rely on the rain-

water and could not produce crops on a large scale, and water was somewhat scarce in it. Now, it enjoys sufficient irrigation and clean water.

Now, another dam is under construction on the Pyuntet Creek to support water to Hlaingchaung Dam and green the region. The earthen type facility is located near Mayoedan

Village, Pale Township, Sagaing Division. Its main embankment is 48 feet high and 820 feet long. Its first dyke is 350 feet long and second dyke, 380 feet long.

The Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is constructing medium and small irrigation facilities through feasibil-

ity study wherever necessary in accordance with the directives of the government to help strengthen nation's economic growth, thereby contributing towards regional development in the economic and social sectors.

**Translation: MS
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Hlaingchaung Dam is seen with the mountain range in the background.

Rare black orchid species thriving on Mount Noingun in Putao District

Article: *Maung Maung Myint Swe*

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Moreover, only few numbers of such orchid species can be found on the mountain.

The black orchid species are thriving at the peak of Noingun. To pluck the flowers, the climbers started their climb from Namtee Camp formed with about 10 houses.

The path went round

Mount Noingun. It was a rough path due to erosion of mountain torrent, landslides and lack of maintenance.

In the dense forest, the path was covered with thick foliage of trees, that got higher and higher on the mountain. On the way, many trees with straight trunks were seen.

Whitish orchids were

in bloom on some high trees. However, the species of orchid could not be observed closely and so the flowers could not be identified as they were high up in the trees.

We arrived at the peak of Mount Noingun at 11 a.m. From the peak of mountain, we saw a snow-covered mountain range in Malikhu where Malikha

River originated and other mountain ranges in parallel with Namtamai River. The local national races call Mount Noingun as "Babulonthang".

Black orchid species could not be found at the mountain peak and surrounding areas. Along the downhill path from the peak to Masabu Camp, such orchid was not witnessed.

In the dense forest, the black orchid species was found at a hill side unexpectedly.

Indeed, the colour of such orchid species was not black. Green and purple colours were mixed in the flowers. Sepals of the flower were of mild purple colour mixed with white and green. The shape of the orchid was like the high-heeled shoes of ladies.

Myanmar botanists name such orchid species as black orchid. In the flowers' encyclopaedia, the black orchid is called Paphipedium wadi or



Photo shows flower and stalks of black orchid.



Beautiful black orchid flowers seen on hill side.

Cyrepidium wadianum as scientific names.

Actually, rare black orchid species is thriving on the land of Myanmar as the gift of nature. As part of effort to develop the ecotourism industry, arrangements should be

made for journeys of world tourists to Mount Noingun on the watershed mountain ranges of Malikha and Nantisam rivers, northeast of Putao in Kachin State.

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Attorney-General meets law officers in PyinOoLwin, Lashio, Muse, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Attorney-General U Aye Maung together with Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and officials met with the law officers of district and township law offices in PyinOoLwin District and in Muse district separately on 9 January.

At the meetings, the Attorney-General and the Deputy Attorney-General gave instructions on work programmes.

The Attorney-General and party attended a ceremony to inaugurate the newly-constructed office of the law office in Muse the next day. He also met with law officers of Shan State (North) law office, Lashio District law office and law offices in Lashio District on 11 January and law officers of Mandalay Division Law Office, district office and township offices in Mandalay District on 12 January. During the tour of Mandalay, Attorney-General U Aye Maung and party inspected tasks of the respective offices.—MNA

Attorney-General U Aye Maung meeting with law officers in Lashio. — MNA

Regional development tasks in Bago Division (West) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, on 10 January attended the opening ceremony of the hand pump donated by villagers held at Basic Education Primary School of Pyasie village, Thegon Township, Bago Division (West). And the deputy minister made cash donation.

Afterwards, the deputy minister also attended the ceremony to donate publications to village library and to present awards to winners of literary contest in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day held at Launggyi village. And the deputy minister donated cash for

regional development.

The deputy minister attended opening ceremony of Padigon-Nyaungwin village-to-village road held at Nyaungwin village. And he met local residents and donated cash for regional development. Afterwards, the deputy minister met with villagers at Nwekawk village-tract of Tegyigon village, Thegon in the afternoon. On 11 January, the deputy minister met local residents at BEPS of Phokhaung village-tract, Zayatgyi village and donated cash for renovation of the school.—MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay meeting with local people in Nyaungwin Village, Thegon. MNA



Donation Programme for Donors in Nargis Release Area

- ✓ On 2,3 May 2008, Cyclone Nargis ravaged the delta region causing severe detriment and loss of lives of the farmers and their families. Even though, those areas reached a certain level of rescue and rehabilitation by the State Government, all concerned departments, general public, INGOs & NGOs.
- ✓ We would like to say "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" to the State Government, INGOs,NGOs; all domestic and international donor for donating (of BIO SUPREME Bio -Fertilizer) fifty of thousands bags (up to 5000 bags) to the Cyclone Nargis affected areas with consortium efforts.
- ✓ We, SUPREME GROUP OF COMPANIES had also donated 3 thousand bags of BIO SUPREME Bio-fertilizers to those affected areas with the courtesy of the State Government, INGOs and NGOs' cooperative efforts.
- ✓ We have sent to our Bio-fertilizers donors, such as INGOs & NGOs regarding for the results of using BIO SUPREME in the Cyclone Nargis areas. There, we made video records, interview records and our company's activities on how our technicians went to those areas, giving right application methods, other technical supports training to the farmers directly.
- ✓ So, for anyone who did not received the results of donations and our movements records, you may inquire at SUPREME GROUP OF COMPANIES at any time.

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S Korea, Iran sign MoU on tourism cooperation

SEOUL, 13 Jan—South Korea and Iran have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on promotion of tourism and cultural ties, South Korea's Culture Ministry said on Tuesday.

According to the ministry, the two countries will seek stronger tourism cooperation and push for the establishment of tourist offices in each other's country. The two sides will also boost exchanges in tourism and journalism.

The MoU was signed by South Korean Culture Minister Yu In-chon and his Iranian counterpart Isfandiar Rahim Mashaei.

Mashaei, the Iranian vice president and head of Iran's cultural heritage and tourism organization, arrived in Seoul on Monday to attend the third round of the UN World Tourism Organization's forum on climate change.—Internet

Visitors walk past lingerie displayed outside a booth at the Hong Kong Fashion Week for Fall/Winter 2009 in Hong Kong, on 12 Jan, 2009.

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Hormone therapy hastens brain mass loss

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—Hormone treatments commonly used by menopausal women appear to accelerate brain shrinkage, according to two new studies.

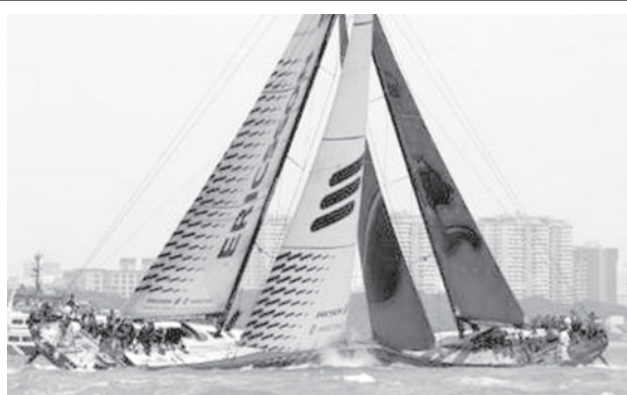
The research, appearing in the 13 January issue of the medical journal *Neurology*, showed greater than typical brain tissue loss in women 65 and older.

Previous studies showed that older women on progestin-based drugs had decreased thinking skills and memory, and were more likely to suffer from dementia and brain diminished function. Doctors long had believed that the impairment had been caused by tiny vascular brain lesions caused by hormonal treatments.

But the new research using MRI scans of women's brains appears to show a reduction in brain tissue in regions critical to memory for women who used the hormones.

"Our findings suggest one possible explanation for the increased risk for dementia in older women who had previously taken post-menopausal hormone therapy," said Laura Coker of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, a lead researcher on one of the studies.

A second study found that women who had taken hormone therapy had slightly smaller brain volumes in the brain's frontal lobe and the hippocampus—both critical areas for thinking and memory skills.—Internet



Yachts Ericsson 4 (L) and Puma take part in the Singapore in-port race during the 2008-2009 Volvo Ocean Race, on 10 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET

S Korean gov't to invest \$71.2 bln in 3 core industries

SEOUL, 13 Jan—The South Korean government announced on Tuesday its plan to invest 97.8 trillion won (71.2 billion US dollars) in three core industries over the next five years.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the country selected green technology sector, high-tech convergence and value-added industries as the three core industries with 10 underlying projects.

"The key industries were selected to allow the country to become a leading player instead of just following in the footsteps of others and have the greatest impact on advancing the economy to the next level," said Lee Dong-geun, head of the ministry's growth industry office.

Lee added that the fund will be used to support various high risk research and development endeavors that companies may not otherwise engage in and to help companies sell high-tech goods by creating a market.

For green technology sector, funds will be used to promote development of technologies for reusable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficient automobiles and advance application of light emitting diodes, the ministry said.

Internet

US researchers discover key Ebola protein structure

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — A team led by Iowa State University scientists has solved the structure from a key part of the Ebola protein known as VP35, which interferes with the natural resistance of host cells against viral infections, the university said on Monday.

“Usually when viruses infect cells, the host immune system can fight to eventually clear the virus. But with Ebola infections, the ability of the host to mount a defence

against the invading virus is lost,” said Gaya Amarasinghe, team leader and an assistant professor in biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology.

“He said that is because the VP35 protein interferes with the host’s innate immune pathways that form the first line of defense against pathogens.

“In their research in understanding host-viral interactions, the team employed a combination of

X-ray crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to solve the structure using non-infectious protein samples.

“Now that the structure from a key part of VP35 is available, the information can be used as a template for anti-viral drug discovery.

“The next step is to use the structure to identify and design drugs that potentially bind with VP35,” Amarasinghe said. —Internet



Pete Convey, a biologist at the British Antarctic Survey, examines rocks for some of Antarctica’s bugs, on 11 Jan, 2009 near Rothera Base on the Antarctic Peninsula. Mites are the largest land predators on the frozen continent and the biggest land creature is a flightless midge - the simple ecosystem could help experts studying the impacts of climate change. Picture taken, on 11 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET

Peanut butter linked to US Salmonella outbreak

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — Tests confirm that bacteria in recalled batches of contaminated peanut butter match the strain of Salmonella food poisoning that has made at least 410 people sick, health officials said on Monday.

Minnesota investigators found the bacteria in the peanut butter was a genetic match to the bacteria making the people sick.

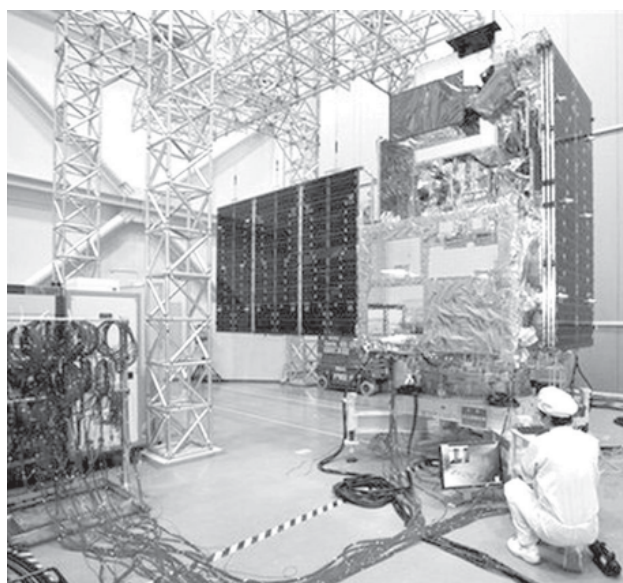
“Minnesota Departments of Agriculture and Health lab tests conducted last week discovered Salmonella bacteria in a 5-pound (2 kg) package of King Nut peanut butter collected from a long-term care facility associated with one of the reported illnesses,” the health department said in a statement.

It said the peanut butter was the likely source of the 30 cases in Minnesota.

On Saturday Ohio-based food distributor King Nut Cos said it had contacted its customers and asked them to remove all King Nut peanut butter and Parnell’s Pride peanut butter from the market.

Solon, Ohio-based King Nut supplies peanut butter to food service companies that distribute the products to institutions like hospitals, schools, restaurants and nursing homes. The brands are not sold directly to consumers. King Nut said it asked customers to stop distributing all peanut butter with lot codes beginning with the number eight and has canceled orders with the manufacturer, Peanut Corporation of America.

Internet



In this photo released by JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), a staff conducts an experiment to check impact in opening the solar array panels of greenhouse-gas monitoring satellite ‘Ibuki’ at JAXA’s Space Station Integration and Promotion Center in Tsukuba, northeast of Tokyo, on Tuesday, 4 Nov, 2008. The ‘Ibuki’ will be launched on Japan’s homegrown H2A rocket and sent into orbit along with seven mini satellites on 21 Jan, 2009 from the country’s main space center on the southern Japanese island of Tanegashima.

INTERNET

Vicks VapoRub can harm children under two

CHICAGO, 13 Jan — Vicks VapoRub, a common cold remedy, can cause respiratory distress in children under 2 when inappropriately applied directly under the nose, US researchers said on Tuesday.

They said using the Procter & Gamble Co product in this way can cause a young child’s tiny airways to swell and fill with mucus, triggering severe breathing problems.

“The only problem we’ve seen is in a small child when it has been put under the nose,” Dr Bruce Rubin of Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina, said in a telephone interview.

Rubin said the ingredients in Vicks can

be irritants, causing the body to produce more mucus to protect the airway. And since infants and young children have airways that are much narrower than those of an adult, any increase in mucus or swelling can narrow them severely.

“The company is really clear it should never go under the nose or in the nose for anybody and it shouldn’t be used in children under 2,” said Rubin, whose study appears in the journal Chest.

While the researchers only tested the Vicks product, Rubin said similar products, including generic versions, could cause the same negative effects in infants and toddlers.

Internet

Extinct Tasmanian “tiger” DNA has clues to demise

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan — DNA taken from the hair of two extinct Tasmanian “tigers” suggests the Australian marsupials last seen 70 years ago may have become too inbred to survive as a species, researchers reported on Monday. The researchers used the method they used to study the DNA from extinct woolly mammoths’ hair to get a good comparison of the gene sequences from Tasmanian tigers, formally known as thylacines, and said they hope to study other extinct animals — and perhaps resurrect one or two of them.

“Our goal is to learn how to prevent endangered species from going extinct,” said Webb Miller of Pennsylvania State University, who helped lead the international study. “What I find amazing is that the two specimens are so similar,” said Dr Anders Gotherstrom of Uppsala University in Sweden, who worked on the study. —Internet

This handout photo shows two thylacinus in Washington DC’s National Zoo.

INTERNET



Stanford creates 100 ml dlr energy research centre

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Jan — Stanford University is creating a 100-million-dollar research institute that will focus on energy issues, including the search

for ways to reduce global warming, officials said.

University President John Hennessy announced the creation of the centre, which is to be called the Precourt Institute for Energy, named for Jay Precourt, a Stanford graduate and energy industry executive who donated 50 million dollars for the centre.

“Universities such as Stanford need to focus their full talent on the greatest challenges facing the

world today,” Hennessy said in a news release.

“Energy is certainly one of those issues, posing a threat to our economy, to national security and, through the use of fossil fuels, to our environment.”

Precourt, who holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in petroleum engineering from Stanford, said he welcomed the chance to help reduce carbon emissions and also was concerned about energy security. —Internet

SPORTS

AC Milan's Galliani happy with Beckham debut

ROME, 13 Jan—AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani congratulated former England captain David Beckham following the midfielder's workmanlike debut for the club in the 2-2 draw at AS Roma.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid star was taken off with a minute to go of the Serie A encounter after giving an industrious performance on the right side of a three-man midfield having made a surprise start.

"It went a lot better than we expected," said Galliani of the on-loan LA Galaxy man's first appearance.

However, the Milan chief was less pleased with his team as a whole as they failed to take advantage of leaders Inter Milan's slip at home to Cagliari (they drew 1-1), leaving them still third and nine points adrift.

Internet

Tottenham's King fears relegation



Tottenham Hotspur's Ledley King (right) holds off a challenge from Bosko Balaban (left) of Club Brugge during the UEFA Cup game at White Hart Lane, north London, in 2006. King has told his team-mates they "will go down" from the Premier League unless there is a marked improvement in the north London club's performances.—INTERNET

LONDON, 13 Jan—Tottenham Hotspur captain Ledley King has told his team-mates they "will go down" from the Premier League unless there is a marked improvement in the north London club's performances.

Spurs manager Harry Redknapp accused some of his players of lacking the character for a relegation scrap after Sunday's 1-0 stoppage-time loss

away to Wigan left his side rooted in the bottom three.

Tottenham enjoyed a revival when Redknapp arrived at White Hart Lane from Premier League rivals Portsmouth in October. But although their knockout form has held up - the League Cup holders are on course for the final after a 4-1 semi-final first leg win over Burnley - it has been a different story in the Premier League.

"We have to improve, otherwise we will go down. It is simple," centre-half King told Monday's London Evening Standard. "We need people to stand up and fight for each other, and be counted as men and as players."—Internet

Fiorentina sweating on Mutu and Frey fitness for Milan trip

ROME, 13 Jan—Fiorentina are counting the cost of a disastrous match against Lecce at the weekend as captain Adrian Mutu and goalkeeper Sebastien Frey could both miss Saturday's trip to AC Milan.

Not only did Fiorentina lose 2-1 at home to their lowly rivals on Sunday but Mutu went off with an injured elbow and his replacement Pablo Osvaldo was dismissed late on.

Since then Frey has been diagnosed with damage to a knee that has previously been operated on.

Both he and Mutu are doubtful for the trip to Milan.—Internet



Fiorentina are counting the cost of a disastrous match against Lecce at the weekend as captain Adrian Mutu, seen here in 2008, and goalkeeper Sebastien Frey could both miss Saturday's trip to AC Milan.—INTERNET

Benitez turns fire on Man Utd CEO Gill



Liverpool's Spanish manager Rafael Benitez

LIVERPOOL, 13 Jan—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez, not content with attacking Manchester United counterpart Sir Alex Ferguson, has now criticised his rivals' chief executive David Gill.

In the build-up to last weekend's matches Benitez stunned English football with a series of comments about what he regards as Ferguson's hypocrisy, bullying of officials and serial whingeing.

And on Monday he accused Gill, also a senior figure at England's governing Football Association, of a conflict of interest.

Premier League leaders Liverpool could only manage a goalless draw with Stoke while English, European and world champions United thrashed title rivals Chelsea 3-0.

Although Ferguson's men are five points behind Liverpool, they could be top of the table by the time of Monday's Merseyside derby if they win their two games in hand this week against Wigan and Bolton.

Internet

Federer questions if Murray ready for tennis prime time



Roger Federer is seen here serving to Britain's Andy Murray in Doha, on 9 January. Federer has backed his own chances for lifting a fourth Australian Open title while marvelling that British bookies are tipping untried Murray for the trophy.—INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 13 Jan—Roger Federer has backed his own chances for lifting a fourth Australian Open title while marvelling that British bookies are tipping untried Andy Murray for the trophy. "Murray's the favourite? good for him, but it doesn't help him a lot," said the Swiss player at the presentation of the eight-man Kooyong Classic, considered the top tune-up for the grand slam starting on Monday.

But after losing twice to the Scot this month, once at an unofficial exhibition and in the Doha ATP semi-finals, Federer does give the number four player his due.

"He's put himself into a great position," said the 13-time grand slam champion who could pull level on the all-time best of 14 held by Pete Sampras with a title in Melbourne.—Internet

Cristiano Ronaldo wins FIFA World Footballer of the Year

ZURICH, 13 Jan—Manchester United and Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo was on Monday named FIFA World Footballer of the Year for 2008.

Ronaldo, who is also holder of the prestigious Ballon d'Or for the European Footballer of the Year, beat off competition from 2007 winner Kaka (Brazil), Lionel Messi (Argentina), Fernando Torres (Spain) and Xavi (Spain).

"It's an overwhelming moment in my career and I'd like to dedicate this award to my family, friends and colleagues," he said.

"Winning the Champions League for me was the most memorable moment of 2008," added Ronaldo, who scored in the final but missed a pen-



Portuguese football player Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after receiving FIFA world footballer of the year 2008 award in Zurich.—INTERNET

alty in the penalty shootout against Chelsea.

Ronaldo went out of his way to heap praise on United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, with whom relations became strained during last summer over whether he was going to leave the club for Real Madrid.—Internet

Brazilian star set to join US women's league

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan—Brazilian forward Marta, who won her third FIFA Women's World Player of the Year award for her 2008 heroics, will join the Los Angeles Sol of Women's Professional Soccer for the upcoming season.

Marta, who turns 23 next month, led the Brazilians to the 2007 Women's World Cup final in China, where they lost to Germany, and silver-medal finishes at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics. She most recently played for Umea IK of Sweden.

"Of course I am sad I am leaving, but I am happy because a new project is beginning. It is time to start something new," Marta said.

Internet



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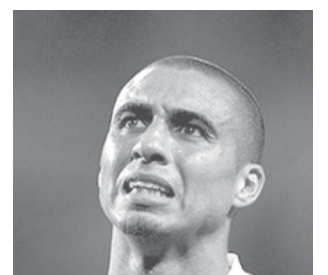
Trezeguet returns to first team training

ROME, 13 Jan—Former France striker David Trezeguet started training with his team-mates again on Monday for the first time since having knee surgery in September, the club said on its website.

The 31-year-old has played only six minutes this season in Juve's opening home match against Udinese on 14 September. Nine days later he was operated on.

According to Juve he will come into first team contention at the end of the month.

Trezeguet - who has fallen out of favour with France coach Raymond Domenech - has been an unqualified success at Juventus since joining the club in 2000, scoring 130 goals in 219 league matches.—Internet



Juventus' French forward David Trezeguet

Slovakia weighs nuclear reactor restart, EU opposed

BRATISLAVA, 13 Jan—Slovakia said on Monday it would decide within hours whether to restart a Soviet-era nuclear reactor, a plan that would put it on a collision course with a highly critical European Union.

The government has begun preparatory work needed to restart the 440 MW unit at the Jaslovske Bohunice power station. Prime Minister Robert Fico said on Monday the decision would depend on whether Slovakia received an assurance that Russian gas supplies would resume.

Last week Bratislava declared a state of emergency after the flow of Russian gas stopped and the government said the Bohunice unit, closed at the end of 2008, had to be put into operation again to maintain the stability of the power grid.

“I will check the situation when I return home, I will speak with the Prime Minister and then I will decide what to do next,” the news agency SITA quoted Economy Minister Lubomir Jahodatek as saying after a meeting of EU energy ministers in Brussels.

MNA/Reuters



Palestinians fetch living articles from their houses destroyed by Israeli strikes in the al Karama area of Gaza City, on 13 Jan, 2009. Israeli soldiers fought heavy battles with local militants in Gaza early Tuesday. Medics said on Monday that over 900 people have been killed and more than 4,100 others wounded since Israeli military operation, on 27 Dec, 2008.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14.1.2009) (Wednesday)

Transmission Times

Local Transmission	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Abroad Transmission (Europe)	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
Abroad Transmission (North America)	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

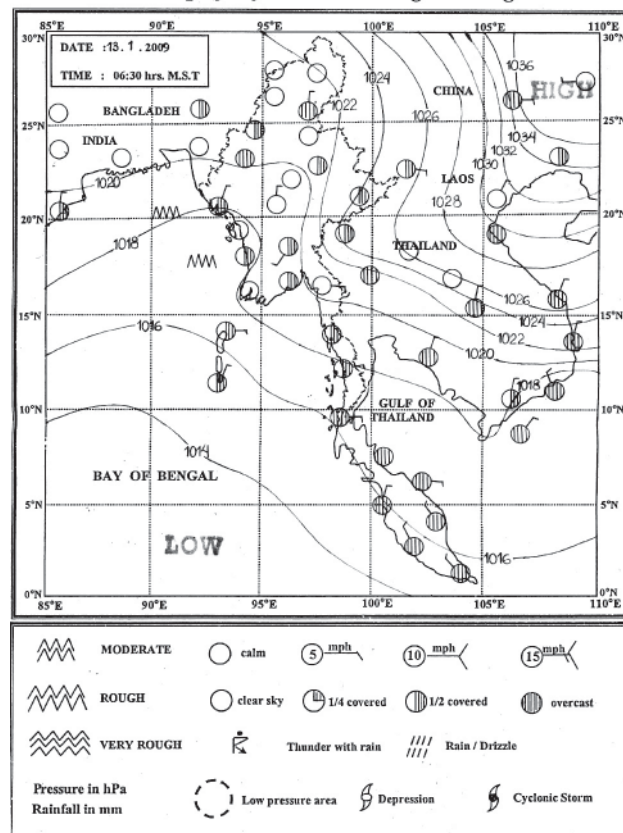
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Nan Pan Market Day
- * Hta Pwe (or) Mogok Gems Market
- * Magic of Cotton Blanket
- * Myanma Bamboo Xylophone (or) Pattala
- * Quality Pearls from Myanmar Oysters
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Abroad Transmissions

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Myanmar's intricate arts and crafts...silk fabric with wavy patterns
- * Starry Emperor Breeding Camp
- * A Day in Yangon (People's Square)
- * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-IV)
- * Travel and Description (Yangon to Thanlyin-KyaukTan)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Nan Pan Market Day
- * Quality Pearls from Myanmar Oysters
- * Beauty of Gall Wood displayed
- * Unforgettable Trip to Ahka Village
- * Myanmar Orchestra (Thichinkhant)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 13 January, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) below January average temperatures in Chin and Kayah States, (3°C) above January average temperatures in Shan State and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (3°C) and Mogok (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 12-1-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 13-1-2009 was 57°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-1-2009 was 59%. Total sunshine hours on 12-1-2009 was (9.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 13-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) m.p.h from East at (10:30) hours MST on 12-1-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 14th January 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-1-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-1-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-1-2009: Generally fair weather.



Wednesday, 14 January
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:00 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. Musical programme

8:20 am

8. International news

8:35 am

9. “နှစ်မြှာနတ်မိမယ်” (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်ကျော်)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm

3. နိုင်ငံစုံပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:35 pm

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs to uphold national spirit

5:10 pm

7. Classical song

5:20 pm

8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်အမျိုးသားစာပေဆုရှင်များ၏ပုံရိပ်များနှင့် ရင်တွင်းစကား

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. မြန်မာလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

6:50 pm

14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:15 pm

15. ရာဇဝါလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:45 pm

16. “အမျိုးနှင့်မျိုး” [နေမျိုးအောင်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဧရာ၊ ဝင်းနိုင်(အနုပညာ)] (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

8:00 pm

17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် “လျှို့ဝှက်သောနှင်း” (လွင်မိုး၊ လူမင်း၊ မိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ နီလာအောင်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

Peace and tranquility, development and emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation inseparable

Special Refresher Course No. 11 for faculty members of universities and colleges opened in CICS (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan – Special Refresher Course No. 11 for faculty members of universities and colleges was opened at Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division yesterday morning.

being utilized for systematic application of the results of science and technology in society, he said.

With the aim of producing human resources that can shape better future of the nation and its people, the government is implementing the 30-year national edu-

cation promotion programme after laying down Our Vision of emerging an education system that can create a constant learning society capable of facing the challenges of knowledge age, he said.

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Minister U Thaung delivers an address at Special Refresher Course No. 11 for faculty members of universities and colleges in PyinOoLwin.—MNA

Every citizen who really wants democracy is responsible for cooperation in making the nation peaceful, stable and developed.

On behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an address.

Minister U Thaung said human resources consisting of brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia play a vital role in building a new peaceful, modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation while the government is making all-round development in every sector.

Discoveries and findings of scientists and scholars in production of basic personal goods, therapies, information technology and space are advancing day by day. Ways and means that ensure management, commerce, banking system and insurance easy and smooth are

Marathon cycling to be held

YANGON, 13 Jan—Myanmar Cycling Federation will hold a 380-mile Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon Marathon cycling from 23 to 26 February. Everyone wishing to participate may register at the office of MCF (Thuwunna) by 21 February. Any kinds of bicycle may be used for competition.

MNA

Hlaingchaung Dam provides irrigation water and clean water

Article, photos: *Khin Maung Than (Industry)*

Apart from large dam projects, the government is implementing medium and small ones across the nation for boosting agricultural production and greening the regions concerned. One of them is Hlaingchaung Dam the Irrigation Depart-

ment has constructed on the Hlaing Creek in Pale Township, Sagaing Division. Upon completion, the project will be able to benefit some 1000 acres of farmlands.

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Control tower of Hlaingchaung Dam near Nwe-in Village, Pale Township, Sagaing Division.